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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 31, 2023

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays: 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.
Spanish-Once a Month on Saturday's at 7:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday - Friday at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

Summer

Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days

8:30 a.m. and Evening Mass at 7:30 p.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Rectory Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m.-4:00p.m.
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Today's reading presents us with an interesting juxtaposition. On the one hand, we hear at the end of the Gospel that the child Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom." Put another way, Jesus learned and grew up, just like all humans do. But while it seems that Jesus shared those life experiences with us all, the reading also points out that some people were able to tell that he was the Messiah, even as an infant. It seems that people like Simeon and the prophetess Anna are able to tell that there is something different about Jesus, and they can identify him as the Christ. Today's Gospel passage tells us that Simeon and Anna were people of great faith. Each in their own way had a relationship with God and were open to listening to the Spirit guiding them. They already had faith and trusted that God would fulfill his promise of salvation. Because they were open to God, when they encountered Jesus, they were able to recognize him as God's fulfillment of the promise. How do you think Mary and Joseph reacted to the presence of Jesus? God had shared his plan of salvation with them, through the words of the angel and what they knew through their faith. But Jesus was fully divine and fully human. What was he like as child, learning to read and write? Interacting with his parents, relatives, and neighbors? Helping with the chores? We don't know the specific answer to these types of questions, but as the Son of God, all of Jesus' actions must have reflected the grace of divine love. There must have been so many ordinary moments of life for the Holy family that were made extraordinary because of Jesus' presence and Mary and Joseph's openness to God.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for your kind words, generous gifts, cards and donations sent to St. Bernard, as well as to me, Fr. Mike, Fr. Dominic, Deacon Frank, Deacon Chris, Deacon Herb and the entire Parish Staff.
It is truly appreciated more than words can express!
Msgr. Grimaldi

On behalf of myself, Fr. Mike, Fr. Dominic, Deacon Frank, Deacon Chris & Deacon Herb, we wish you and your families a Blessed & Safe New Year filled with Health & Happiness!

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Day
Monday, January 1, 2024
at 11:30 a.m.
This is not a Holy Day of Obligation

Rectory will be closed New Year's Day

Join Our Deacons For an 8 part series on our Faith:

The Liturgy, Precepts of the Church,
Biblical Way to Pray the Mass, The Cardinal Virtues,
Corporal Works of Mercy, Spiritual Works of Mercy,
The Our Father & The Beatitudes
This Tuesday, January 2nd is our fourth part about Precepts of the Church
7:00 pm in Church-Come one, come all.
Join us each month or whenever the Spirit moves you

BLESSING OF INFANTS

On Sunday, January 7, 2024 we will have a special blessing at the 11:30 a.m. Mass for all infants baptized in our parish during 2023. If your baby was baptized in another church this year and would like to attend you are also welcome.

This weekend's second collection is a Parish Collection for New Years Offering.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023	
9:00 am	Daniel Urlich by AnnMarie & Lloyd Spangen
5:00 pm	Yolanda Quinn by Doreen & Anthony Joseph Jimenez by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino Carmela Buonanno by deacon & Mrs. Wagner (1st Anniversary in Heaven) Robert Perasso by his Family
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023	
8:30am	Toni Ann Seddio by Mark & Robin Hoorwitz
10:00am	John Lindner by St. Bernard's Friends (Anniversary)
11:30am	Karen Fogel by Fran & Eddie
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024	
11:30am	Annette Mastromarino Love Sandra, Stephen, Matthew & Christopher Harry Fallon by The Fallon Family People of the Parish
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2024	
8:30 am	Jennifer Sciara by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hinners
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024	
8:30 am	Teresa Scollo by Ilene & Frank Salerno
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024	
8:30 am	Mary Touhy & Dolores DePaolis by Amy Ferraro
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024	
8:30am	Neil Sorrentino by Your loving wife Meryl Purgatorial Mass
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024	
9:00am	Toni Ann Seddio-Beloved Daughter (Anniversary in Heaven)
5:00pm	Alejandra Hall by Veronica Hall
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024	
8:30am	Christina Sarni by daughter Maryann
10:00am	Rosetta Grillo by her loving husband Nick, Children & Grandchildren (Birthday in Heaven)
11:30am	Matthew J. Rao by Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cetta

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Forgiveness is an act of kindness you do for your own benefit, not others'. It is for your peace of mind and no one else's
Let KINDNESS be your plan for your New Year's Resolution!

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of John Lindner
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Graziano
(1st Anniversary in Heaven)

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of John Lindner
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Nick Graziano
(1st Anniversary in Heaven)

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Joseph Jimenez
Donated by The Lamar Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of John Lindner
Donated by St. Bernard Friends
(1st Anniversary in Heaven)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B.
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Elaine Capper
Ana Caraballo
Joseph Carone
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Leonard Carriero
Domenic Carriero
Clare Cawthon
Nick & Sarah Codella
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
John Curte
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Joan Darragh
Tania Davis
Pamela DeCesare
Vicky DeGruccio
Frances DePace
Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
Gia Marie Duffy
Stephen J. Esposito
Aiden Estrella
John Fahey
Kevin Fahey
Pat Fallon
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Tracy Farrell
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Anthony Filippazzo
Marisa Fullam
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Patricia Gallagher
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Thomas Garziniti
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Ellen Gentile
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Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
Maria Hinners
June Honovich
CarolAnn Howe
Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
William Kenney
Ann Klauss
Kiera Sophie
Stella Kinsella
Annette Kyle
Angelina Larrymore
Roberto Lastra
Salvatore Leone
Greyson Livia
Barbara Lopez
Ariana Lore
Joseph Malk
Allan Maloney
Baby Salvatore Manniello
Yolanda Maranga
Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Andrea Martin
Lurline Martineau
Matthew Mason
Nicole McCallion
Mackenzie McCallion
Eddie Boy McCarthy
Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
Nancy McCormick
Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon
Donald Merone
Debbie Miller
Brian Morgan
Daniel Morrissey
Joseph Mosiello
Tanya Ortiz
A.Passaro
Rose Patrizio
Sandra Pena
Jo-Ann Piazza
Nicholas Piccio
Clement Pollio
William Prussing
Corinne Ramaglia
Alexa Ramos
Phillip Ramos
Antonio Reda
Jacob and Jaxson Rivera
Antonio Romano
Margaret Romano
Craig Rosen
Aida Rosiello
Sal Rubino
Gasper Sacco
Joseph Sanfratello
Robert Sansone
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Joanne Sarnicola
Laura Scattereggia
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Michael Skody
Alexandra Smith
Aurora Sorrentino
Sue Ann Spotts
Troy Tamburo
Cigdem Tanriverdi
Linda Testagrose
William A. Thomas
Ryan Torgerson
Jennifer Tortorici
Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

Happy New Year!
Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Mrs. Sandra Arcati,
Mrs. Michele Obdyke & Ms. Amanda Goldberg
School of Religion returns Wednesday, January 3, 2024
Parents will pick up progress reports from
4:00pm to 4:45pm in the Parish Hall.
Commitment Mass for Confirmation Candidates and Communion
children Sunday, January 7, 2024-10:00am Mass
Light breakfast to follow in the Parish Hall.

The Rosary Society of St. Bernard's Parish Wishes
Everyone a Blessed New Year Filled With Health,
Happiness, Peace, Love & Joy! !
Come Pray The Rosary With us The First Sunday of Every Month at
9:30 am in Church! All Are Welcome!

Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph
We Entrust Our Families To Your Sacred Heart

In Thanksgiving for John & Frances Bertucelli
By Daughters & Families
Donated by Constance O'Rourke

If you would like to add to any of our Holy Family Memorials "In Memory of" or "In honor of" your loved ones, forms are available in the church & Rectory.

Feast of the Three Kings

The Epiphany is celebrated 12 days after Christmas and is the time when we remember the three Wise Men (or three kings) who visited Jesus. The Three Kings found baby Jesus by following a star across the desert to Bethlehem. The three kings named Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar followed the star of Bethlehem across the desert to meet the baby Jesus.
They offered symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.
The gold representing his royal standing; the frankincense his divine birth; and the myrrh his mortality.

In Honor of ***El Día de los Tres Reyes*** we will have a special Mass in Spanish
Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 7:00pm

OUR NEIGHBORS CORNER-MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Come journey with us on Sunday afternoons at 3:00pm deep into our Catholic faith. Bishop Robert Barron will guide us through art and architecture, music and nature to the foundational truths of CATHOLICISM. Each film is an hour in length; after it there will be time for discussion of what we have just heard and seen
January 7, 2024-March 10, 2024
Come for all of these presentations, or come for those you are free to attend. This will be a special way to make "the Lord's Day" holy. We will meet each Sunday at 3:00pm in the lounge of the Parish Center at Mary Queen of Heaven Church

SAVE THE DATE FOR
St. Bernard Church 7th Annual Card Party
"Off To The Races"
Saturday, March 23, 2024
More info to follow

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE

If you are interested in reserving a Block or Heart, on the Holy Family Shrine in Honor or in Memory of a loved one, or if you have questions, you can contact Rita at 917-698-5506.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

to all those who made a gift to the **Bishop's** Annual Catholic Appeal! We encourage all those who made a pledge to **please fulfill it**. If you have not made a gift, you can still make an end-of-year gift! All donations received over our goal will come right back to our parish for our use with Ministries and Services.
God Bless all our Parishioners for your Generosity and Kindness always!

PLEASE HELP US UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION SO THAT YOU CAN BE REACHED WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION, WHEN NECESSARY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CHANGE TO YOUR DATA OR ADD INFORMATION, LIKE YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM WHICH IS LOCATED AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR IN THE PARISH HOUSE AND RETURN IT TO US. IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO EMAIL THE FORM TO YOU, PLEASE EMAIL US AT PA101028@DIOBROOK.ORG THANK YOU!

Monthly 50/50 Raffle

Contribution is $25 and the proceeds will be used for the ongoing renovation and rebuilding of the parish facilities. Winner takes home half the amount collected for the given month. Simply drop your entry at the rectory or in the weekly collection basket.
The next winner will be picked on January 2nd, 2024

This Month's Winner of $312.50 is
Mr. & Mrs. Reed Perlowitz

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

We welcome all our college students back from school. There will be a gathering for all college students on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish House.

Stewardship Thought

"…as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." - Colossians 3:13
Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Bereavement Ministry
Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, January 13, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory
For more information please call
Barbara at 917-686-5444 or
Maureen at 347-436-5192

St. Joseph Novena

begins Tuesday,
January 16th, 2024
following the
8:30 a.m. mass.

YEAR OF THE SUNDAY MASS

This year in St. Bernard's is the Year of the Sunday Mass. Since 2017, the diocese of Brooklyn has seen 37% decrease in Mass attendance. This has happened in our parish too. The Sunday Eucharist is the most important event each week in our parish. We hear God's word. We receive Jesus himself in Communion. We are sent into the world to live as disciples. We all know people on our block and in our family that are not coming to Mass. Pray for them and give them an invitation to come with you. Share WHY you come. We will be trying different strategies this year. One is using social media better.
We now have an Instagram page. Check it out: St.bernardchurch.
We'll be telling you more in the coming weeks

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
"Doing good while having fun"
St. Bernard's Council **#14269**
Council meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday's of the month at the Hudson River Yacht Club, starting at 7:30pm.
Check out our Facebook page for the most up to date listing of events.
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Interested in joining our council? Please contact our Recruitment Director,
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Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Devotions

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
MONDAYS
Novena after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
ROSARY
Monday - Friday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday after 9:00 a.m. Mass
FIRST FRIDAYS
Exposition: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Chapel

Baptisms

Scheduled for the fourth Sunday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Parents are required to schedule an appointment with a Priest or Deacon at least six weeks prior to Baptism.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made with a Priest or Deacon at least 6 months before the wedding.
Pre-Cana information can be found at **www.pre-cana.org.**

Sick Calls

Please call the Rectory to arrange a Communion call to the sick or elderly, or a pastoral visit to a hospitalized loved one.

Vocations

Anyone seeking information regarding the Priesthood, Permanent Deaconate, Religious Life or to serve in our Parish as a Lay Minister should speak to Msgr. Grimaldi, Fr. Mike, Dcn. Frank. or Dcn. Chris.

Parish Membership

All new families are welcome to the Parish and encouraged to become actively involved in parish societies and activities. New parishioners should register at the Rectory as soon as possible. Parishioners are asked to use the weekly envelopes in making their contributions.

Catholics Come Home

Please feel free to invite those who have been away from our parish to attend Mass with you. If there is anyone you know of that is upset with the church and feels that my speaking to them would be of help, please let me know so that I may speak with them. Msgr. Grimaldi.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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