St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

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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.-7:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Third Sunday of Advent

THE PEOPLE WERE FILLED WITH EXPECTATION

These words from this Sunday's Gospel reading from St. Luke basically sum up what this Advent season is all about. We can also say that these words are what much of life is about. We live in expectation for many things: a new relationship, a new job or house, a new community or school, new clothes or vehicles, a new place to vacation. The list is long. Expectation is what keeps most people going. The reality though is that none of this will satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart. We so oftentimes hear from psychology and sociology about the depths of many peoples' boredom and loneliness. The question then has to be raised. If we live in expectation then why are so many dissatisfied and also seeking more of the same.

There are a number of answers to this. The most obvious one is that everything and everyone in this world is passing away. Intuitively everyone knows this. The late Fr. Benedict Groeschel used to paraphrase the well-known expression, "most people live lives of quiet desperation" to a more contemporary "most people live lives of noisy desperation." The constant quest for something "other" or "new" is a sign of that desperation. Another answer is that God alone suffices but too many miss this truth. Indifferent to God and His presence we can search after life in the shadows rather than in the light of Jesus Christ. Yet still another answer, and this is equally important, is that our expectation as Christians has already been fulfilled. It is true that we await "a new heaven and a new earth" where our Lord will come in His glory as judge of the living and the dead. It is also true that Christ has already come to us and walked this life with us through the Incarnation, God become one of us "in all things but sin". He also remains with us and reveals Himself to us through Sacred Scripture (the Bible) and Sacred Tradition (the teachings of the Church) guided by the Holy Spirit. Simply put, no Christian who is faithful to his or her Baptismal vocation will experience desperation. People of lived faith have already encountered, or perhaps better to say, allowed God to encounter them in "Emmanuel, God is with us."

As we continue our journey through the season of Advent, we are invited to embrace two sacred truths. One, that we should always nurture that hopeful expectation that our Lord will come again in His glory; and second, nurture our awareness that our hope of new life and salvation has already been fulfilled in our Lord's Incarnation, birth, preaching of the Gospel, and His suffering, death, and Resurrection. If we live in this reality, we will experience both hope and fulfillment and thereupon find our joy complete.

Fr. John Maduri

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 2, 2025

This Month's Winner of $212.50 is
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Mozatto

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24th
4:00 p.m. Family Mass,
8:00pm Spanish Mass &
Midnight Mass at
10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25th
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve
Tuesday, December 31st
5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
11:30 a.m.

This weekend's second collection is a Parish for Electric & Heat.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

9:00am Anthony Gryak by Marie Herinsky

5:00pm Biagia & Frank Salerno by Ilene & Frank Salerno

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

8:30am Mary Grossi by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Vincent Sclafani by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Magnavito
Francine Lazzaro by Buddy & Betty Ann Howe
Rita Hayden by Pam & Tony Cilento
Letizia Palizzotto by her Loving Family

11:30am Alice Cariello by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino
Rita Hayden by Phyllis & Michael Sorrentino

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

,8:30am Jennie & Anthony by Sandra & Nick Burriesci

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

8:30am Martin Mulligan by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

8:30am Victor Juliano by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

8:30am Joseph Logozzo by your loving wife Maria

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

8:30am Kaitlyn Bernhardt by Pop Pop

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

9:00am Carol Vargo by your sister Lynn

5:00pm Stephen Ruggiero by The Baez & Merrick Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

8:30am Maurice Mulligan by Eileen & Robert Magnavito

10:00am Francesca Incorvaia by her loving granddaughter Tiffani & Nico (Birthday)

11:30am Sadie Benvenuto Happy Birthday in Heaven Love your Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Niece
John Hammond Jr. Happy 3rd Anniversary in Heaven
Love your wife Camille, Children & Grandchildren
Thomas Quinn by Stephanie & Joe Warren

Reconciliation Monday

On Monday, December 16th, there will be **reconciliation for parishes in the New York Area. We will have confessions from**

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia
Donated by Mom & Dad

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia
Donated by Mom & Dad

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Kaitlyn Bernhardt
Donated by Her Family

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Tommy Camoia
Donated by Mom & Dad

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Kaitlyn Bernhardt
Donated by Her Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Kaitlyn Bernhardt
Donated by Her Family

Altar Flowers:

In Loving Memory of Kaitlyn Bernhardt
Donated by Her Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

A.B.
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Christine Alamia
Jack Albin
Rosa Andreani
Debra Antoci
Francis Arcati
Marilyn Augello
Anna Barone
Jourdanna Barton
Christine Palumbo Beck
Nicholas Berlingieri
Lizette Borquero
Paul Brienza
Margaret Bracco
Arline Brack
Thomas Caliendo
Diane Camacho
Gary Camarda
Mary Campisi
Elaine Capper
Ana Caraballo
Joseph Carone
Carmine Carriero, Jr.
Domenic Carriero
Jeanne Castello
Clare Cawthon
Danel Cham
Nick Codella
Julia Comer
Sheila Connors
Angela Marie Consenza
Daniel Commisso
Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Francine Danza
Tania Davis
Pamela DeCesare
Phyllis DeCesare
Samantha DiGennaro
Vicky DeGruccio
Maureen DeMarinis
Frances DePace
Ed Desantis
Diane DiAngelo
Rosa Diaz
Rosa DiBerardino
Mildred Diel
Donna Donzella
James Donzella
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Adriana Farrell
Tracy Farrell
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Tina Giberti
Mark Gottlieb
Robin Gottlieb
Nicholas Grillo
John Gullo
Cindy Guzzo
Ken Healy
Gregoria Hernandez
J.H.
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Gianni Incandela
Laura Johnson
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Annette Kyle
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Ariana Lore
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Allan Maloney
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Steven Marinelli
Joseph Marino
Katherine Marra
Andrea Martin
Lurline Martineau
Matthew Mason
Nicole McCallion
Mackenzie McCallion
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Christine McCartney
Kelsey McCartney
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Edna McGuinness
Matt McMahon
Donald Merone
Debbie Miller
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Joseph Mosiello
Tanya Ortiz
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Jo-Ann Piazza
Nicholas Piccio
Jerry Pottak
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Phillip Ramos
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Vito Rita
Jacob and Jaxson Rivera
Antonio Romano
Margaret Romano
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Sal Rubino
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Salvatore Ventrice
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Lily Zemel

The Annual Catholic Appeal calls us collectively to be one family of faith, by living out our covenant with The Lord, we reveal and serve Jesus in so many different ways. The ACA funds Youth Ministry Programs, Vocations and Retired Priest, to name a few.

Everyone benefits from the Ministries and Services of the Diocese throughout their life. You may not realize this to be true but think about it. Do your children go to Religious Education? Have you gone for Pre Cana classes? Were you or someone in your family dealing with an Addiction? Are your children in Catholic School? Have you had to put Mom or Dad into a Nursing Home or perhaps you found affordable living for them? Do your children participate in the CYO programs? I am sure that at least once in your life you sought out spiritual advice from your local Priests. These and many more are ministries, services and programs that are supported by the Diocese of Brooklyn. St. Bernard Parish has NOT reached its Annual goal. Two large donors were unable to donate this year and we need your help! 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! The Appeal ends December 31, 2024 and 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!

Advent Bible Study

"The Infancy Narratives"
Join Joann Roa, Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Brooklyn for the last session as she leads us to a deeper understanding of St. Luke's infancy narratives heralding the birth of the savior
Monday, December 16th
at 7:00pm in the Church Chapel.
For unto us a Savior is born

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

Thursday, December 18th
6:30pm
in the Parish Hall
Food, fun
and Christmas cheer!
Free to all.
There will be a visit by Santa Claus!

For the third week of Advent, the Advent Candle of Joy has been memorialized

In Memory of

Maria Hinners

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

Did You Wrap Your Gift? Would you give a gift to a friend and not wrap it? Would you take a present to a party and not put your name on it? Please treat your weekly gift to God with the care and respect you would any gift that you give. Wrap it in an envelope and put your name on it. It will make you feel so much better about that gift. Try it some Sunday and see if it doesn't make you feel a little prouder of your gift. If you need parish envelopes please call the Rectory at 718-763-5533
Thank You for Your Generosity!

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Matthew 25 Ministry

Advent is here!

That means our **GIVING TREES**

are up and decorated with "ornaments" for children and families in need. The Christmas Elves have worked behind the scenes and we are so thankful to have their continued help.

Gifts need to be back by this weekend. Tags are marked accordingly. Among the recipients of the generous gift of our parish community are *Hour Children* (children of incarcerate women), *Mercy First* (foster children), *Catholic Charities, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel* (Deacon Ruben & Deacon Jorge), *Sisters of Life* (unwed/homeless pregnant women), *some other organizations that have reached out to us and some neighborhood residents.* Our gifts will brighten the lives of many ranging from the yet unborn and their moms through children of all ages and the adults of Mercy Home. Please feel free to purchase a gift now, at your leisure, if the timing is better for you. The sales will be starting quickly. If you choose to purchase a gift ahead of time, please **just label the gift with the age and gender** so we can sort them easily. Many of the requests we receive are not specific so you can get a jump on your Christmas shopping if you like! Additionally, we always receive many requests for teens especially from MERCY FIRST and HOUR CHILDREN. **Gift cards** are always a great idea for that age group! Please remember to bring your gift **UNWRAPPED** and attach the ornament from the tree to it.

Thank You!

Stewardship Thought

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

(PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

THE BRIDGE TO LIFE

Matthew 25 ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Annual Clothing Drive will be
Saturday, January 5th and Sunday, January 6th.

WOMEN & CHILDRENS CLOTHING ONLY
NO MEN'S CLOTHING!

All donations will be going to BRIDGE TO LIFE".
An organization for women & families facing unexpected pregnancies, they provide evidence-based, life-affirming information on pregnancy options. Their hope is that through honest and compassionate counseling, women & families are empowered to choose life for their babies.
Thank you for always being so generous!

St. Bernard Young Adults Christmas Party

December 19th 7:00pm
Food-Beverages-Live Music
Hudson River Yacht Club
Bergen Avenue & Avenue U
You **MUST** Respond to the Rectory
718.763.5533

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of November 30 & December 1, 2024

Saturday November 30th 5:00pm-125
Sunday, December 1st 8:30am-96
Sunday, December st10:00am-111
Sunday, December st11:30am-205
Total-537

For the Military

If you would like to add a loved one that is in active duty in the military, please call the rectory with their name and branch of service and we will add them to a list of military members to pray for. Thank you. Almighty & eternal God, protect these men & women as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.
Shane Cawthon (Army)
Frank Gargano (Army)
Michael Gargano Jr. (Navy)
Marcello Gargano (Army)
Joseph Milone (Marines)
Ryan Moravcik (Army-Cavalry Scout)
Liam O'Connell (Navy)

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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 Fr. Maduri, Fr. Mike, Dcn. Frank, Dcn. Chris or Dcn. Herb.

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. Fr. Maduri.

Consider Leaving a Legacy of Faith

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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