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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December, 29, 2024

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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.-7:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS - RECTORY CLOSED

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

MODELING THE HOLY FAMILY

Virtually everyone is part of a family. The nuclear family of parents and children has been the backbone of all societies for millennia. It is in the family that husbands and wives witness to their children the gift of self-donating love, where children learn the importance of reconciliation and forgiveness, where children learn to see the good in others, and where God's love is made manifest in concrete form.

For some this ideal of family life may seem to be just that, and ideal but not a reality. We know that there are families who struggle for a myriad of reasons. It is clear that everyone is tainted by the after effects of original sin. As a result, our ability for unconditional love is imperfect. Nevertheless, we are called to the strive for the ideal where, with the perennial teaching of the Church, the family and the home become a "little church" where God's love is made visible in the love of the members.

What too many Catholics forget is that we are part of two families, the other being members of the family of God, the household of faith, which is the Church. Far too many see the Church as something outside of themselves. It is a place we go to, or ignore. It is an entity or an institution that can be entered into or looked at from the outside. Yet the Church is not something. It is a living, breathing organism because it is united to Christ her Head. As the head is alive so is the body. St. Paul fleshes this out when he tells us that Christ is the groom and the Church His bride. Equally so we are members of this Body, each member building up the others in charity and truth.

The family of the Church, just as the nuclear family of the home, is only as strong as the members. If married people are indifferent to each other, if children are largely absent from the family unit, and if a cavalier attitude pervades the members of a family, the family will inevitably be weak. Similarly, if we are indifferent to the family of the Church, if we absent ourselves from the community of faith, and if we have a cavalier attitude toward sin, the family of the Church will also inevitably be weak.

It is no surprise that the strongest families of the home are also the families who are actively involved in the family of the Church. Each family is enriched by the other. The Sacraments of the Church, particularly the Eucharist, the hearing of the Word of God in Scripture, the support of the community of believers, gives guidance and strength for families to return to their homes with a renewed sense of Christian charity and resolve. At the same time the bonds of family love and devotion become a model of what the Church should be as the body and bride of Christ on earth.

In many places both the nuclear family and the family of the Church are in crisis. While that may sound somewhat depressing, the reality is that every crisis is an invitation to renewal and new life and vitality. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family we look to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model for all family life. At the same time, we are invited to strengthen the bonds of our own families and those of the family of the Church. Each of us has an important role to play in each of these families. The extent to which we embrace our respective vocations that God has called us to, is the extent to which our families and the Church will experience renewal.

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

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve
Tuesday,
December 31, 2024
at 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.
This is a Holy Day of Obligation
Rectory will be closed New Year's Day

Baby's 1st Christmas

On Sunday, January 12th ,2025 we will have a special blessing at the 11:30 a.m. Mass for all infants baptized in our parish during 2024. 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 Groundskeeping.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

9:00am Patrick Sorrentino by Stephanie Puleo

5:00pm Thomas Quinn by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
Clement Pollio by Connie Carriero
Jeanette Savino by Meryl & Josephine

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

8:30am Patrick Sorrentino by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hinners

10:00am Patrick Sorrentino by Lloyd & AnnMarie Spangen

11:30am Sandra Mohamad by St. Bernard Friends

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

8:30am Robert Perasso by his loving Family

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

8:30am James Pietrosh by Veronica Obdyke & Family

5:00pm Calogero Candela by Charles & Mary Candela

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

9:00am Annette Mastromarino Love, Sandra, Stephen, Matthew & Christopher
Harry Fallon by The Fallon Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

8:30am Mary Tuohy & Dolores DePaolis by Amy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025

8:30am Ron Muschello by AnnMarie & Lloyd Spangen

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

9:00am Anthony Brannan Jr. by Rita Damato

5:00pm Neil Sorrentino by Meryl

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

8:30am Robert Herinsky by his wife Marie
Maryann Thiel Love Aunt Janine
Toni Ann Seddio by her Family
Christina Sarni by your daughter MaryAnn

10:00am Marguerite H. Lopez by Rita Damato

11:30am Matthew J. Rao by Rosann & Anthony Cetta

Purgatorial Society

Robert Beranato
Joseph Corozzo
Karen Filosa

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of Sandra Mohamad
Donated by St. Bernard Friends

Altar Wine:

n Loving Memory of Sandra Mohamad
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Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Silverio Migliaccio
Donated by The Migliaccio Family

Tabernacle Candle:

In Loving Memory of Frank C. Bernie
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Church Bells:

n Loving Memory of Sandra Mohamad
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Mackenzie McCallion
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Kelsey McCartney
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Dear Parishioners:
On behalf of Fr. Michael Tedone, Fr. Dominick Peprah, our deacons, and our entire parish staff I extend to you and your loved ones many prayers for a very happy and blessed new year filled with all good gifts from heaven.
Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. John Maduri
Pastor

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 Fr. Mike, Fr. Dominic, Deacon Frank, Deacon Chris, Deacon Herb, the Parish Staff and myself. It is truly appreciated more than words can express!
Fr. John Maduri

Happy New Year!

Mrs. Melissa Wagner, Mrs. Sandra Arcati, Mrs. Angela Zito, Mrs. Sonia Palmeri, Mrs. Michele Obdyke & Ms. Amanda Goldberg

The School of Religion will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Commitment Mass for Confirmation Candidates and Communion children will be on Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 10:00am Mass-light breakfast to follow in the Parish Hall.

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 4, 2025 at 7:00pm

The Giving Tree

We would like to express a huge THANK YOU to the secret "*Elves*" who work tirelessly behind the scenes to arrange, organize, sort and pack the overwhelming amount of gifts that our generous parishioners donate to those less fortunate. Preparations began in September with the making of the ornaments to hang on the trees and coordinating with organizations. We all know that many hands make light work and we give thanks to the "Official" Elf Team **Francesca Zito, Gail Gibbons, Joan Rodriguez & Diane Silvestri** who work quietly and selflessly. In addition **Michael & Sheri Dogali & Josephine DeLuca** and many anonymous parishioners all pitched in to help keep everything running smoothly. Of course, there always has to be a Chief Elf, so we also extend our appreciation to **Ellen Morris** who coordinates everyone year after year to help those in need.
We collected 46 full black bags filled with toys and 59 gift cards.
God Bless you all for your kind and giving hearts!

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!

Stewardship Thought

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." *(1 John 3:1)*

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

THE BRIDGE TO LIFE

Matthew 25 ANNUAL CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Annual Clothing Drive will be
Saturday, January 4th and Sunday, January 5th.

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!

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS

We welcome back all our college students who have been away for the semester and those still here for college who have just finished the semester.

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance
Weekend of December 14 & December 15, 2024

Saturday December 14th 5:00pm-108
Sunday, December 15h 8:30am-76
Sunday, December 15th 10:00am-125
Sunday, December 15th11:30am-200
Total-509

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)
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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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