St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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.
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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Second Sunday of Advent

A VOICE IN THE DESERT

The words we hear in today's Gospel from St. Luke remind us of the times in which our Lord lived. The world around him had in fact become a spiritual and moral wasteland. The Roman Empire, once the envy of the known world for its sense of justice, law and order, and political integrity, had grown weary and corrupt under the burden of its power and wealth. Many of the Emperors and their Courts had become corrupt by power, the Empire's sense of justice was largely forgotten, and violence and vulgarity of the cruelest and crudest kind was meted out as entertainment. A population raised in that environment easily saw the abnormal as normal. To be sure there were Roman citizens, the early Christians, and the Jewish people who had their consciences formed by moral truth and basic human decency and reason. While they were oftentimes persecuted and martyred for their faith, they persevered honorably as the Empire began its early stages of collapse.

It is not a stretch to say that we are in similar times today. Many people of faith feel as if they are in a spiritual and moral desert where not only is faith in God, Christ, and Church rejected but also reason and common sense. In the midst of all this we are called, as was the Baptist, to prepare the way of the Lord. This preparation has one goal, "that all flesh shall see the saving power of God." This is why the first reading from the prophet Baruch tells us at the very first line, "take off your robe of mourning and misery, put on the splendor of glory from God forever."

No matter how much our society and culture decline, people of faith know that the "splendor of glory from God" rests upon them. This hope is fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. No matter what the world throws at us no one can take that greatest of gifts away from us. Yet it is important to remember that the Lord calls the faithful to not just accept the gift but to proclaim the gift: "The Kingdom of God is at hand."

The faithful remnant in ancient Rome tried to stem the tide of a prideful empire. Knowing the words from the Book of Genesis, "pride precedes the fall", they valiantly proclaimed by word and example, the glory of God in Christ. They were a people filled with hope and nothing and no one could take that from them.

We are called to take the gift of hope, born of the gift of faith in Emmanuel, God is with us, to all those we meet. The Roman Empire eventually fell under its own weight of moral corruption and they could not see it until it was too late. Yet the early Christians laid the foundations of something greater, a society built on the love of God expressed through Jesus Christ and His Church. People of faith may not be successful as the early Christians were not, at least not in the eyes of the world around them. However, they scattered the seeds that would eventually bring forth the harvest of faith and hope, charity, justice and truth. We do not know where our efforts will lead us, but if we nurture the gift of hope we have received in faith, we can take great comfort in knowing we have been faithful and that the glory of God shines upon us as His gracious gift.

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 Diocesan Collection for Religious Retirement.
Thank you always for your generosity! It is greatly appreciated!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

9:00 am Frances Marzocchi by Pat Rochford

5:00 pm Rose Giberti by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

8:30am Filomena DeVito by sister Rose & Children
Frances Marzocchi by Mrs. Rosemary Somma & Family
Phil Kelly Sr. by Betty Ann & Buddy Howe

10:00am Clement Pollio by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
Giuseppe Torani by your loving Family (Happy 2nd Anniversary in Heaven)

11:30am Alice Cariello by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino
Rita Hayden by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

8:30 am Jean Liberatore by Martha-Jean Rosiello

7:30pm Salvatore Ciccotto Happy Birthday in Heaven Love your Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren & Great Great Grandchildren

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

8:30 am Buddy Ferraro by your wife Amy

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

8:30 am Louis Tedone
John McCarthy by his Family (Birthday in Heaven)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

8:30 am Victims of Sandy Hook

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

8:30am Victor Juliano by Stephanie Puleo

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 Sclafanai 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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9th we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:30am and 7:30pm

Memorials

Altar Bread:

In Loving Memory of
Bernard & Jennie Maduri
Donated by Patricia

Altar Wine:

In Loving Memory of Anthony Cincotta
Donated by his Wife Helene

Altar Candles:

In Loving Memory of Michael Moore
Donated by The Granatstein Family

Church Bells:

In Loving Memory of Maria Hinners
Donated by St. Bernard Friends

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Nick Codella
Julia Comer
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Janet Commisso
Angela Marie Cosenza
Irma Cruz
Samantha Curreri
Gabriella Cutrone
Josephine Dai
Francine Danza
Tania Davis
Pamela DeCesare
Phyllis DeCesare
Samantha DiGennaro
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Maureen DeMarinis
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Geraldine Ventrice
Salvatore Ventrice
Stephen Wiegand
Thomas Yorke
Lily Zemel

Advent Morning Retreat

With Sr. Ave Clark O.P.
Saturday, December 14, 2024
9:30am St. Bernard Church Chapel
A time of waiting and watching, a season where we focus on the light that will enter the darkness. Let's prepare alongside each other, by becoming present to the here and now.

Advent Bible Study

"The Infancy Narratives"
Join Joann Roa, Director of Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Brooklyn as she leads us to a deeper understanding of St. Luke's infancy narratives heralding the birth of the savior
Mondays, December 9th & 16th
at 7:00pm in the Church Chapel.
For unto us a Savior is born

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Novena Nights of Preparation
in Spanish
Tuesday, December 10th 7:00pm
Wednesday, December 11th 7:00pm
St. Bernard

Thursday, December 12th 6:30pm
Procession, Mass & Fiesta
St. Thomas Aquinas 1550 Hendrickson Street

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!

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!
All are welcome!

For the second week of Advent, the Advent Candle of Love has been memorialized

In Memory of

Clement Pollio

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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.

Bereavement Ministry
Working Our Way Through Grief
A journey from grief to healing for people coping with the loss of a loved one.
Saturday, December 14, 2024
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Rectory
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Barbara at 917-686-5444 or
Maureen at 347-436-5192

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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 December 8th** and others on **December 15th**. Tags are marked accordingly. Please check the back of the tag for return by date. 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

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value.."

(PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2024
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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 and ***help us reach our goal!***

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!

Reconciliation Monday

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

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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Weekdays 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
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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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