

**St. Bernard
of Clairvaux Church
November 26, 2023**

**Solemnity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**



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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. - 4:00 p.m.

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Introduction to the Liturgy of the Word
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We are given the ultimate moment of reflection on who we say we are and how our actions define us in the Gospel passage today. We see that our actions here on earth have eternal consequences. In today's Gospel, Jesus is talking to the disciples about what will happen when the Son of Man, who is Jesus himself, comes at the end of time. This passage comes toward the end of Jesus' ministry, shortly before he celebrates the Last Supper and is crucified. He is giving the disciples instructions about what will come next and what God is looking for in their life of discipleship. The path of discipleship is hard, but the consequences or effect of good discipleship is eternal life with God. As we have heard over the past several weeks, not everyone who claims to have faith in God actually reflects the faith in their actions. For example, there are Pharisees who say one thing about their faith but do something different. But we also know that there are disciples, at that time and today, who are honestly trying to find the way to holiness, even if they are not always successful. Jesus describes this beautiful moment when the Son of God comes in all grandeur and glory. This is his moment to separate those who are truly his disciples and those who are merely imposters. At the heart of this moment is that the sheep saw Jesus in everyone they encountered. They knew that to serve God meant to serve their neighbor. They took a chance to be hospitable and kind to everyone, no matter their status or how they could be repaid. These are the true disciples of Jesus. These are the ones that we are called to be like. It is important to remember that the motivation for our actions is as important as our actions. We show love and care for strangers because we love God and we are following Jesus. The effects of these actions raise up the poor, give witness to the Good News, and draw us closer to God.

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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 December 5th, 2023

This Month's Winner of \$237.50 is
 Karen Young



**ROSARIAN CHRISTMAS
 LUNCHEON**

Sunday, December 10th, 2023
 Mass at 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Luncheon
 Dolce Vita Restaurant
 at 12:30 p.m.

\$75 per person All are Welcome.
 Join us for a fun filled afternoon to start off the
 Christmas season! 50/50 & Raffles
 Make your reservation at the Parish House.
 Flyers are at the back of Church!

Merry Christmas One & All

Friends of Scout Troop 76 will be selling
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 Starting November 25th and every
 Saturday & Sunday after every Mass outside of
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 Deliveries available on Sunday's



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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

SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Tree Lighting
 The lighting of our Parish
 Christmas display
 will take place
 on Saturday, December 9th
 following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.



All are invited to attend, sing Christmas Carols
 with us and enjoy some nice hot chocolate & zeppole
 as we turn on the lights for the beginning
 of the Christmas season.
 We will also have a special visit from Santa himself!

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023

9:00 am Donald Joseph Merone by The Sarubbi Family

5:00 pm Carmine Celeste by his Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

8:30am Louis & Clara Esposito by Michele Esposito

10:00am Antoni Gorzelany by Daughter

11:30am Happy Birthday Ted Love Maureen
Nunzio Mastromarino by The Diaz Family (Birthday in Heaven)
Rosa Teresa Patrizio by Renee & Thomas Sorrentino

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

8:30 am Happy Birthday Fran Fallon & Patric Hanley
Love Joe Fallon & Family
Happy Birthday John DeMarinis Love Mom & Dad

People of the Parish

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

8:30 am Rose & Edward Kowalczyk by Michele Esposito

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023

8:30 am Ferraro & Preziosi Families by Amy & Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

8:30 am Edward Moore by Tina (Happy Heavenly Birthday)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

8:30am Ugo Capalbo by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

Purgatorial Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

9:00am Bruce Granatstein by Tina Moore & Family

5:00pm Jean & Lou Belisario by The Belisario Family
Bill Reinhardt by The Belisario Family
Alan Howe by his Grandchildren
Mario Raineri by wife Maryann & Grandchildren

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

8:30am Gloria Cibrano by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino
Gerald Jerry Longobardi by Terry & Thomas Sorrentino

10:00am Phyllis Guido Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino
Jennifer Sciara by Teresa & Thomas Sorrentino

11:30am Antonio Filippazzo by his Grandchildren

St. Bernard Weekly Mass Attendance Weekend of November 11th & November 12th, 2023

Saturday November 11th 5:00pm
- 142

Sunday, November 12th 8:30am
- 99

Sunday, November 12th 10:00am
- 145

Sunday, November 12th 11:30am
- 230

Total Weekend Attendance - 616



Altar Bread:

*In Loving Memory of David Faillace
Donated by St. Bernard Friends*

Altar Wine:

*In Loving Memory of Fosco Lenzini
Donated by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hinnars*

Altar Candle:

*In Loving Memory of Patricia Reinhardt
Donated by The MacBride Family*

Tabernacle Candle:

*In Loving Memory of Pietro & Anna Esposito
Donated by Your Loving Children*

Tabernacle Candle:

*In Loving Memory of Deceased Members of
Carsten, Moore & Granatstein Families
Donated by The Granatstein Family*

Church Bells:

*In Loving Memory of David Faillace
Donated by St. Bernard Friends*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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



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

Judith Anne Manolescu Always In Our Hearts

Robbie, Joe & Jules

Donated by Rob & Jen Evangelista

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.

Advent Series

To help prepare for Christmas we will have our Advent Series on

Wednesdays,

December 6th, December 13th & December 20th at 7:00pm in the Church.

The nights will reflect about Isaiah, Mary & John the Baptist.



**Saint Bernard Parish Youth Ministry Program
Hosts An Advent Wreath Workshop**

It will be an evening of family & friendship! Bring your children, bring the grandparents!

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Thursday, November 30, 2023

from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Cost is \$25.00

You will get: a brass ring, 4 battery operated candles (3 purple and 1 pink), balsam branch, pipe cleaners, and 4 ribbons (3 purple and 1 pink), prayer card, & instructions. *You may bring other decorations

(i.e. pine cones, extra ribbons). You may want to bring your own cutting shear to cut the balsam branches. At

the request of many pet owners, this year we have ARTIFICIAL branches. Reserve Your Kit EARLY but no

later than November 16, Drop an envelope with payment to the Rectory or School, labeled with your

Family name & the words Advent Wreath Workshop. Please indicate on the envelope if you would like

Artificial Branches.

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

Every first Tuesday starting In Church 7:00 pm Come one, come all. Join us each month or whenever the Spirit moves you



If you have already made your pledge to the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated!

You have helped us reach goal in pledges!

We encourage all donors to fulfill your pledge!

THERE ARE ABOUT 5-6 WEEKS LEFT TO THE END OF THE APPEAL!

If you have not made your donation - Please support the 2023 Annual Catholic

Appeal – All Funds raised now COME BACK TO OUR PARISH FOR OUR USE.

We can use these funds for some needed repairs. We can use these funds to enhance some of our programs and ministries. We can use these funds to add to the vibrancy of our beautiful Parish!

(The cost of a NY Yankees Ballgame for a family of 4 including tickets, 4 hot dogs, 2 sodas, 2 beers and parking is app. \$324. If only 100 families gave the cost of attending 1 game that would be almost

\$32,400 coming back to our parish!)

YOU CAN SCAN HERE FROM YOUR PHONE

AND YOU WILL BE GUIDED THROUGH THE DONATION PROCESS!

THERE ARE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF CHURCH TO USE TO MAKE YOUR

DONATION. YOU CAN MAIL THEM IN OR DROP OFF AT THE PARISH HOUSE OR

PUT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET! Thank you!



A Global Day of Giving

**There is Black Friday then Cyber Monday!
And then there is GIVING TUESDAY!**



November 28, 2023 is Giving Tuesday! This day, the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, marks the beginning of the charitable season. Charities, communities, businesses and compassionate individuals all unite to *give back!* This day acts as a movement celebrating giving and generosity. This is a time for all of us to think about ways to **GIVE BACK.**

Share your time, talent and treasure with your parish of St. Bernard in support of all of our Parish Ministries.

Our parish is proud to participate in this effort and you can help by making your donation. Now, more than ever, we need your support! Giving Tuesday is officially November 28, 2023 but there's no reason you can't give before or after that date!

Your donation is 100% tax-deductible to the extent allowed by the IRS, and all proceeds will benefit the ministries of our parish.

REMEMBER - Kindness is teachable and it's contagious!



Advent is almost here! 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 10th.**

Among the recipients of the generous gift of our parish community are *Hour Children* (children of incarcerated women), *Mercy First* (foster children), *Catholic Charities*, *Our Lady of Mt. Carmel* (Deacon Mendez), *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.

We need a volunteer (s) to drop off the gifts to Sisters of Life on or around Dec. 11th. The gifts need to be **dropped off in Manhattan.** An SUV or van will most likely be needed. If anyone is interested, please contact the Parish House and leave your name and number. Thank You!



Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
 Join us on
 Tuesday, December 12th
 at 6:00 pm to celebrate
 our 7th Anniversary
 Spanish Mass.
 There will be Live Mariachi!

Perform a Random Act of Kindness

Think of how you can use your unique talents to make a positive difference for your Church, your Neighbors and your Community!

CHILDREN:

Help a neighbor with yard work or shoveling.

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

Stewardship Thought

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.



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.

www.facebook.com/Stbernardkofc
 Interested in joining our council?
 Please contact our Recruitment
 Director,
 Edward McCarthy 917-681-7936



Parish Phone Numbers

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EMAIL: sbchurchbrooklyn@aol.com
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Gift Shop Hours

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
 Diaconate, 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

When you next update your estate plans, please consider
 continuing your lifelong stewardship by leaving a bequest to St.
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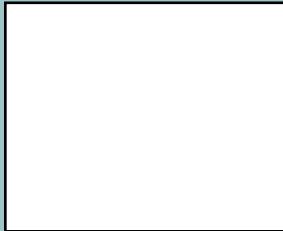
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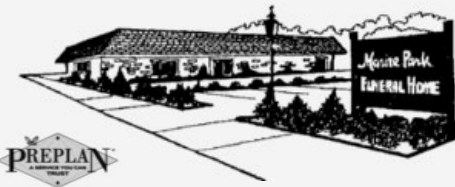
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