



THE SHRINE CHURCH OF *St. Bernadette*

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*Looking for a Catholic community?
St. Bernadette Church would like to welcome those who are searching for God
and meaning in their lives.
You are warmly invited to join us for worship in a faith-filled community.
Our priests are available for individual consultation.
Just call the rectory (718 - 837-3400)
to schedule an appointment.*

MASSES:

Saturday: 7:00, 9:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 A.M. & 12:30 P.M.
Daily: 7:00, 9:00 A.M.
Eves of Holydays: 7:30 P.M.
Holydays: 7:00, 9:00 & 10:00 A.M.

CONFESSIONS:

Monday to Friday: 6:30-6:50 A.M., 8:30-8:50 A.M.
Saturday: 6:30-6:50 A.M., 8:30-8:50 A.M.,
1:00 to 2:00 P.M., 4:30-5:20 P.M.

DEVOTIONS:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mon. after the 9:00 A.M.
Mass. Rosary - Mon.-Sat. after the 9:00A.M. Mass.

MARRIAGES:

Please call the Rectory Office at least 6 months in advance of the marriage date to make an appt. with a priest to discuss marriage plans. Please log on to www.pre-cana.org for complete information about marriage preparations in the Diocese.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday.
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Closed Saturday, Sunday, and Legal Holidays.
Sick Calls Anytime.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

For information and availability options please call (718) 894-4888

BAPTISMS:

Baptisms are scheduled on the Third Sunday of the month at 2:00 P.M. A Preparation Session is required for parents to attend on the Preceding Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Registration of Baptism is necessary prior to preparation and date of Baptism. A Birth Certificate is also needed at the time of registration. Parents are required to make appointment before both the preparation meeting and the date of Baptism.

Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith-filled community of St. Bernadette, under the guidance of our Blessed Mother, pass on our Catholic heritage to future generations by following Christ's example of caring for His people. We accomplish this through the loving actions of welcoming and serving one another's spiritual and social needs.



PRAY FOR

Sunday, December 9th

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Ann Pariante
11:00 Stafana Oddo
12:30 Carmina & Nicola Vecchiarelli

Monday, December 10th

7:00 Antonio Berlingieri
9:00 Stephen Luppino

Tuesday, December 11th

7:00 David O'Neill
9:00 Petronilla Pietanza

Wednesday, December 12th

7:00 Elvira Berlingieri
9:00 Teresa Romeo

Thursday, December 13th

7:00 Lucy Fortunato
9:00 Dr. Laurence deFazio

Friday, December 14th

7:00 Patricia Fried
9:00 Peter Idone

Saturday, December 15th

7:00 Lucia Berlingieri
9:00 The Fruhman Family
5:30 Raymond & Russell Petrcelli

Sunday, December 16th

8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Antonio De Dona
11:00 Peter Balzano
12:30 Marianne & Rosario Ragonese

Anna	Louis Mallory Meringolo
Linda Anthony	Hillary Modlin
Debbie Bouroudis	Robert Morrор
Sarah Brodine	John Quigg
Julia Bruzzese	Patricia Registro
Madeline Buonpane	Maria Rossillo
Nicky Castagna	Susan Albi Russo
Agatha Cilmi	Mark Sailor
Madeline Crupi	Sophia Sakovsky
Michelle Curreri	Geri Sanatapola
Philip DeFonte	Ralph Sangiorgio
Cathy Deterro	Maria Sanyenero
Joseph Francis Garbriele	Adrienne Schiavone
AnnMarie Gavigan	Lottie Slomka
Joseph & Veronica Gorini	Eric Spring
Baby Brenden Gregory	Linda Swalling
George Guida	Tommy
Gene Horton	Jeniffer Torre
Alexandra Iallonardo	Lyn Vincenti
Gina Iallonardo	John Faro Vitale
Peter Iallonardo	Weick Family
Eleanor Iaverone	
Martin Johnson Jr.	
Patricia Laudano	
Eloisa Lyons	
Janet Maffia	
Joseph McKie	
Carl McLaughlin	

In the event of recovery or improvement, please contact the rectory. A persons name will be removed after several weeks unless notification to remain is received.

Memorial Gifts for the Week of December 9, 2018

Memorial Gift of Altar Candle

In Memory of: Francesco Fiorenza
Requested by: Pasqua Ragonese



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Purgatorial Society

Alfio Vicelich
Maria Baio
Vivian Jaworouski
Frank Venturelli
George Leonardos

Sunday Collection

Weekly Goal:
\$7,500
Amount Received:
\$6,201
Shortfall:
\$1,299

Such recurring deficits continue to be alarming. Think of making a small sacrifice each week - a latte, bringing lunch instead of eating out, half a pack of cigarettes a week (better for your health), or any other money saving gesture - and putting that savings into your weekend envelope. It might seem trivial, but every little effort mounts up. It also is a good means to practice some simple penance and self-denial. God will definitely bless you for it. Please keep up with your weekly giving. Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Msgr. Caserta

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018**

God has commanded
that every lofty mountain be made low.
— *Baruch 5:*



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Parish Registration

To our St. Bernadette Community, if you are not already a registered parishioner, please stop by the rectory office and speak to Anna to register. If you are not registered, or not using your weekly envelopes, we can not issue any letters of recommendations, or sponsorship certificate, etc.

Thank you.
Msgr. Caserta



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St. Bernadette traditional Giving Tree Program has begun. Kindly take an ornament, purchase the gift indicated on it, and return the **unwrapped** gift by Wednesday, December 19, to the Rectory during regular business hours. Your donations will go to the following organization, Heart Share, Hour Children and Providence House.

Wishing you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas.

80 + 1 RAFFLE WINNERS

Week # 11

Jennifer Jansen
Joseph Tarulli

Next Drawing is Friday, December 7, 2018.

“GOOD LUCK”

Once again St. Bernadette’s will have a **Christmas Tree Memorial Garden** around our **Nativity Scene** in the Grotto, and if necessary, in the Garden of the Angels on the Sacred Heart side of the Church. Parishioners are invite to purchase a tree in memory or honor of a loved one. The trees will be decorated with white lights and carry a large memorial card with the person’s or family ‘s name. The trees will provide a lovely Christmas remembrance for loved ones. The cost of each tree is **\$200.00**. Please stop be the rectory as soon as possible to purchase your tree. The number will be strictly limited and available on first come first served basis (Trees will be placed in alphabetical order).

There will be a gala tree lighting ceremony in the **Grotto on Wednesday, December 12th, at 7:30 P.M.** Join us after the ceremony for light refreshments and our 50/50 raffle in the Auditorium



ST. BERNADETTE’S CHRISTMAS FLOWER CLUB

The Flower Club of St. Bernadette is now accepting donations for the **Christmas** decoration of our church. The offering is **\$25.00** per plant and may be bought at the rectory from Monday through Friday during the usual office hours. At the end of the year, we will publish a list of donors and you will be remembered in the Masses and prayers of the parish during Christmas season. In this time of rising costs, the parish counts, even more, on your generosity to continue our tradition of a beautifully decorated church in which to celebrate the birth of our Savior.



ANNOUNCING: St. Bernadette Parish 50/50 Raffle to be drawn at our **Christmas Tree Lighting Reception** in Torregrossa Hall on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

Raffles are \$20 each. The winner will be awarded 50% of the raffle sales. The proceeds will benefit **St. Bernadette Church**. The winner need not be present at the drawing.

Raffles may be purchased on the weekends after the most Masses beginning Saturday, November 17th. For further information please call: 718-236-1560. You may also complete the order form (flyer in rear of church and send it to the school office or rectory and your raffle stubs will be sent to you.

Polish Christmas tradition of sharing Oplatki (Christmas Wafers)

Oplatki are thin square wafers, similar to the bread used for hosts at Mass, but not consecrated. This tradition comes from Eastern Europe, around the area of Poland. The wafers may be embossed with a Christmas manger scene.

Ideally, oplatki are used at the main meal eaten on Christmas Eve. By tradition, the table in the home is set with some straw under the tablecloth to represent the straw in the manger. Children look out for the first star that appears around dusk. This signals the beginning of the Christmas Eve meal. All the members of the family gather around the table. The head of the household may say a prayer of blessing. Then this person begins to distribute the wafer by breaking off a small piece for him/herself. This person offers the remainder of the wafer to the next person, who in turn breaks off his/her piece and shares with the next person.

Alternately, it may be divided in another way. The first person may offer the wafer to the second person, who holds it while the first person breaks off his or her piece. The second person then gives it to the third person who holds it while the second breaks off a piece.

The wafer becomes increasingly smaller as it is passed around the table and each person present takes a small piece. After all present have received a piece of the wafer, a short prayer may be said reminding all of the Incarnation. Then everyone eats their pieces. When this is done, the meal itself begins. The wafer is of the same consistency as the bread used to make hosts for Mass. This is no coincidence. Rather, the oplatki reminds one of the Mass and the bread which will become the Body of Christ. The family around the table is reminded of the community around the altar, the table of the Lord..

As we sit for a common meal, so we are reminded that Jesus gave us the Sacrament of the Eucharist to be food for our souls, the bread from heaven. And the sharing of the one wafer calls to mind unity and reconciliation. It is not unlike the sharing of the sign of peace at Mass. The breaking of the wafer also calls to mind the breaking of the consecrated Host by the priest right before Communion.

Oplatki will be distributed in our parish on the Third Sunday of Advent (December 16th) after Messes.

St. Cecilia Society

St. Bernadette Church is pleased to announce the establishment of the St. Cecilia Society. Named after the patron saint of church music, the society's aim is to help with the cost of guest musicians and soloists for special occasions like Christmas, Holy Week, and other solemn ceremonies. A gift to the society will be acknowledged in the bulletin and may be made for the living or the deceased. As costs for special musicians continue to rise, your gift will keep beautiful music part of our worship here at St. Bernadette. As always your generosity will be greatly appreciated and your loved ones will be remembered in the prayers of the parish. To make a donation to the society please call or visit the rectory during usual business hours.

ST. BERNADETTE HOLY NAME SOCIETY

COME AND JOIN US

All men who are interested please contact Anna in the rectory at 718-837-3400, Monday—Friday between 9:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 4:00. This society will be one that is both Fraternal and Spiritual. Come and join our St. Bernadette community. We will aim to both raise funds for our church as well as have a good time doing it.

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

A new opportunity for community and enjoyment at St. Bernadette: Join fellow parishioners on Monday evenings at 8:00 PM for the football game and refreshments. There is a \$25.00 fee payable at the door and no reservations are needed.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back

St. Bernadette can share in the profits. For each car, truck or van, running or not, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will give back to our church \$50/\$100 per vehicle. Maybe you don't have a vehicle, but a family member, friend or neighbor has an old or neglected vehicle in their driveway that they would like to dispose of. Call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul @ 718-491-2525
Thank You for your participation.



**Join us on a
Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage
To
The Holy Land**

**Bishop Neil Tiedemann
Spiritual Director
and
Msgr. Kieran Harrington
Chaplain
March 7—15, 2019**

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samantha@pwwtours.com**

Give the Gift of Education- Be an angel to a student! As an angel, you enable a student who is at risk financially, to remain in his or her Catholic school. 100% of your contribution is directed to the tuition, with the parents or guardians contributing their part. Your tax-deductible contributions can be made in honor or in memory of someone you hold dear, while assisting a child who might not otherwise be able to afford the benefit that a catholic school education offers. For further information please contact **St. Bernadette School Principal, Sr. Joan @ 718-236-1560 or Futures in Education Foundation @ www.futuresineducation.org**



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