



## THE SHRINE CHURCH OF *St. Bernadette*

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Brooklyn, N.Y. 11228

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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: 8:00 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.  
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM & 12:00 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: 7:30-7:50 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](http://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.  
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.

**Sunday, December 26th**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 Dec'd Members of the Mignone & Aulisa Families  
 12:00 Peter Balzano

**Monday, December 27th**

7:00 Joan McInerney  
 9:00 Armando Manna

**Tuesday, December 28th**

7:00 Joan Meissner  
 9:00 Tommaso Chieco

**Wednesday, December 29th**

7:00 Dr. Gerard Lacagnino & Family  
 9:00 Brigida Fortunato

**Thursday, December 30th**

7:00 Stanley & Lottie Slomka  
 9:00 David D'Ecclesiis

**Friday, December 31st**

7:00 Thanksgiving for Years of Blessings  
 9:00 Dec'd Member of the Muriale Family  
 5:30 The Weick Family

**Saturday, January 1st**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 In Honor of the Blessed Mother  
 12:00 Angela Realmuto

**Sunday, January 2nd**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
 10:00 Sara & Carl Cunningham  
 12:00 Special Intention Michelle Hassell

**PRAY FOR**

Michael Albano	Weick Family
Louis Battaglia	Santo Zito
O. Beyrouti	
Debbie Bouroudis	
Sarah Brodine	
Cheryl Brown	
Julia Bruzzese	
Nicholas Campanella	
Brain Dowling	
Ray Gangi	
George Guida	
Eleanor Iaverone	
.Janet Maffia	
Joseph McKie	
Nicola Muriale	
Bernadette O'Neill	
Jon Raugalas	
Susan Albi Russo	
Mark Sailor	
Oauline Sciarrino	
Sally Testa	
Joseph Trovato	

**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 26, 2021****Memorial Gift of Bread**

Special Intention for: Michael Albano  
 Requested by: Pat Albano Fischetti



In Memory of: Vincent DiDonato  
 Requested by: Joseph Moringiello

In Memory of: Vincent DiDonato  
 Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. M. Carestia & Family

**Memorial Gift of Wine**

Special Intention for: Michael Albano  
 Requested by: Pat Albano Fischetti

In Memory of: Vincent DiDonato  
 Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. M. Carestia & Family

**Memorial Gift of Flowers**

Special Intention for: Michael Albano  
 Requested by: Pat Albano Fischetti

**Memorial Gift of Altar Candle**

Special Intention for: Michael Albano  
 Requested by: Pat Albano Fischetti



**NEW YEAR MASSES 2021 AT ST. BERNADETTE**

**DECEMBER 31**

**5:30 PM**

**January 1**

**8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 NOON**

*(There is no 5:30 PM Mass on January 1<sup>st</sup>)*

**Parish Registration**

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

Thank you.  
Msgr. Caserta

**REMINDER**

**IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR, THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS.**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>.**

**AND**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>.**

**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>.**

**St. Bernadette Catholic Academy**

The mission of St. Bernadette Catholic Academy is to educate the whole child, fostering and stimulating in students an awareness of their Baptismal gift of Faith, recognition of their own God-given talents, and to empower students to mature into successful Catholic Christian adult citizens.



**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](http://www.futuresineducation.org)**



**The Holy Name Society**

As a spiritual gift to Jesus Christ, The Holy Name Society is asking for volunteers to pledge a daily Rosary for each day during Advent with the intention being for lapsed Catholics, especially those in our family and friends. Make your pledge at the rear of the church after all Sunday masses.

*Shrine Church of St. Bernadette  
2021*

*80+1 Raffle Club*

Two - \$150.00 drawing each week for 40 weeks  
Beginning September 24, 2021 through June 17, 2022

Winners will be re-entered in subsequent drawings

Bonus Drawing - \$1,000.00 on April 16, 2022

Tickets can be purchased through the Rectory,  
School Office or CCD Office  
For information call the Rectory - 718-837-3400

Tickets are \$50.00 each

Don't miss out - Purchase your ticket early!  
Tickets will be sold on an ongoing basis

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday: The Holy Innocents
- Wednesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
- Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Friday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
- Saturday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year's Day; First Saturday

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

**Second Reading** — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

**Gospel** — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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**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.



Diocesan Pilgrimage  
World Meeting of Families, Rome  
Visit to Assisi, Siena & Florence

Join Pope Francis,  
The Office of Family Life  
And the Diocese of Brooklyn

June 20-30, 2022

For a Brochure Call  
Regina Tours  
1-800-Catholi© x 232  
fciraolo@groupist.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage  
Oberammergun  
The Passion Play  
Visit To: Wurzburg  
Rothenburg, Rebensburg, Passau,  
Salzburg & Munich

May 17-26, 2022  
Bishop Octavio Cisneros  
Spiritual Director  
Rev. Frank Schwarz  
Chaplain

For a Brochure Call  
Peters Way Tours  
516-605-1551  
peter@petersway.com

**ST. BERNADETTE CHRISTMAS TREES, WREATHS AND FLOWERS CLUB**  
**TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS, AND FAMILIES WHO DONATED CHRISTMAS TREES,  
WREATHS OR FLOWERS, THANK YOU!!! .**

**Wreaths (In Memory Of)**

Stephen Luppino  
The Pallotta Family  
Frank & Vinnie Girgenti  
Nicola & Lucy Ricci  
Donald rubino  
Angela & Ilario Naimo  
The LeDone family  
The Maresca Family  
Giuseppe Greco  
Joseph & Marie Mottola  
Philip & Rose Giacalone  
Grandpa Gregory Douvelis  
Hon. Anthony & Marianne Cutrona  
Tommaso Chieco  
Stephen Brimision  
Rosemarie Tufariello  
Raymond Yolland  
Robert Rock  
Victoria Papeo  
Karen Ann Gushue  
Miscione & Coviello Families  
Connie & Bobby Rotella  
Nazir & Parvien Edward  
Filomena Fuccio  
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Jack Falcone  
Vincent & Vivian Bovo  
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Sarnicola & Torres Families  
Nucky  
L & C Buonsante & G. Carnevali  
Dec'd Members of Cirigliano & Kieran Families  
Giaquinto & terrone Families  
Serafin (Papi) Lopez  
Jonathan Garcia  
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Jenna Maria Daniels  
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Connie & Joe Durante  
Kathleen & Joseph Hayes  
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Paul Conella  
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Grandma Jenny&Uncle Tom Imparato

**Wreaths (Donated By)**

Dlep Nguyen  
Frank & Marilyn Ranieri  
The Rondinelli Family  
The Fascianella Family  
The Cimino Family  
The Calicchia Family  
The Paplanus Family  
The Cassieri Family  
Fr. Juan Luxama  
Assemblyman Peter Abbate  
Kathy Moringiello  
The Proscia Family  
Adrienne Junsch  
The Guarinello Family  
The Quattrocchi  
The Dorval Family  
The Tripodi Family  
Lauren Pallonetti  
The Zeri Family  
The Marino Family  
Raymond Patella  
Bernadette Hughes  
George & Karen Carey  
Ida Michalski

**Flowers (In Memory Of)**

Frances & Gennaro Formisano  
John D. Barra & John G. Barra  
Stanley 7 Lottie Slomka  
Frank & Elizabeth Cordella  
Joseph Rubino  
Gervasi & Cimino Families  
Patsy Scognomiglio  
Joseph Ciarametaro  
Diane izzo  
Herlihy & Sullivan Families  
Vincent & Palma gressi  
Stephanie DeLorenzo  
O'Hare & Tulemello Families  
Dominick 7 rosemarie Tocchi  
George & Betty Dorval  
Edward & Grace Macri  
Ricci & Prosseda Families  
Vincenza & Cataldo Lobascio  
Benito Cecchini  
John F. Milone Sr.  
Margaret Zazzani & Sons  
Alicia & Harry murphy  
Anne Tafuri

**Flowers (Donated By)**

The Bruno Family  
The Murphy Family  
The Slomka Family  
The Belic & Gergoric families  
The Razzano Family  
The Ingravallo Family  
The Forlano Family  
The Rondinelli Family  
The Calicchia Family  
The Del Seni Family  
The Fascianella Family  
The Raffaele Family  
The Luppino Family  
The Vento Family  
Joseph & Allyssa Tripodi  
The Cutrona Family  
The Tadduni & Romano Families  
The Dorval Family  
The Fortunato Family  
Monica & Michael Occhiogrosso  
The Pavlakos Family  
Mary & Tony Giordano

**Trees (In Memory Of)**

Margaret Orr  
Diane Snolies  
Ann & Jim Cutone  
Paul DeMarco

**Trees (Donated By)**

The LaForgia Family  
The Musacchio Family

Christmas, 2021



Dear Parishioners,

Many of you, I am sure, remember a song from the classic Broadway show, “Mame,” entitled, “We Need a Little Christmas.” That title certainly speaks to our circumstances as individuals and as a society this year. As we emerge from a pandemic, only to confront another surge; as we attempt to make some sense out of news of natural disasters causing so much havoc and sorrow; and as we continue to face senseless acts of violence in our country, especially among the young, it is not difficult to recognize that we need the message of Christmas more than ever.

When human beings face difficulties, regardless of their nature, what we need most is to know that we are not alone. Practical help can come from many sources, but only our faith, family and trusted friends can assure us that we do not face our perils alone.

There is a beautiful verse in the prophet Isaiah in which God says to his people, “My love shall never leave you nor my covenant of peace be shaken ...” (IS 54:10) That spectacular promise is supremely fulfilled in the coming of Jesus, the Messiah and Son of the living God. In Jesus God has irrevocably chosen to accompany us throughout all of the joys and sorrows of life. In Christ, as St. Paul reminds us, God has, “... bestowed on us every spiritual blessing in the heavens.” (EPH 1: 3)

This is the true meaning of Christmas. This is the genuine object of all our preparations. Every Advent prayer we’ve said, every gift we have bought, every light we have strung, should be signs that God is with us and, regardless of what our circumstances may be this Christmas or any other, we are blessed beyond all measure by God’s presence in our lives, the support of beloved family, and the very special place that our trusted and proven friends have in our hearts.

My Christmas prayer for us all and all our world is that these holy days will convince us deeply that we do not walk this journey of life alone. The eternal God, Father and Creator of all, is with us every step of the way. I pray that we all may believe deeply these words of my favorite Christmas hymn, “O Holy Night,”

*The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our friend ...*

Merry, merry Christmas!

*Msgr. Thomas Caserta*



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