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St. Bernadette Church would like to welcome those who are searching for God  
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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:  
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### **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, October 23rd**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
10:00 Antonio & Margaret Balzano  
12:00 Evelyn & Francis Giaquinto

**Monday, October 24th**

7:00 William Ledone  
9:00 Dr. Laurence deFazio

**Tuesday, October 25th**

7:00 St. Michael & St. Anthony  
9:00 Michele & Rita Merola

**Wednesday, October 26th**

7:00 John Ferraro  
9:00 Elvira D'Agnese

**Thursday, October 27th**

7:00 Rosa Barbuto  
9:00 Tommaso Chieco

**Friday, October 28th**

7:00 Special Intention Margaret DeAngelis  
9:00 Rozalia Matuszewski

**Saturday, October 29**

8:00 Adriana Lacona  
5:30 Margaret & Arthur Bitetti

**Sunday, October 30th**

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
10:00 Roseann Turco  
12:00 John Barra

**Purgatorial Society**

Joseph Tocci  
Jushua Philips  
Vito Montalto

**PRAY FOR**

Michael Albano	Susan Albi Russo
Anna	Mark Sailor
George Anthony Jr.	Elizabeth Soto
Louis Battaglia	Nicky Taverniti
Debbie Bouroudis	Sally Testa
Sarah Brodine	Joseph Trovato
Cheryl Brown	Weick Family
Nicholas Campanella	Marco Wilen
Christina Chiaino	Elaine W.
Marylou Chiarello	
Marie Desiderio	
Brian Dowling	
Josephine Giagnorio	
George Guida	
Marco Jamie Jardina	
Stephen March	
Joseph McKie	
Ann Mogavero	
Nicola Muriale	
Bernadette O'Neill	
Anthony Pelle	
Jon Raugalas	

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 Gift for the Week of October 23, 2022**

**Memorial Gift of Bread**

In Memory of: Iris Moran  
Requested by: The Cutrona Family

**Memorial Gift of Wine**

In Memory of: Iris Moran  
Requested by: Kathy & Melanie



**Rest in Peace**

Dominick Cagiano



**Sunday Collection**

Weekly Goal:  
\$7,500  
Amount Received:  
\$3,284  
Shortfall:  
\$4,216

Such recurring deficits continue to be alarming. Please keep up with your weekly giving.

Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Msgr. Caserta

**October Devotions**

**Our Parish will have October Devotions each Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Please plan to attend this traditional way of honoring Our Lady during the month of the Rosary.**



**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 23, 2022**

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;  
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw  
till the Most High responds.

— *Sirach 35:17-18a*

**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**

**MADE RIGHT BEFORE GOD**

Although the opening lines of today’s first reading claim that the Lord “knows no favorites” (Sirach 35:15) and is “not unduly partial toward the weak” (35:16), the remainder of the passage makes it clear that the Lord does indeed pay special attention to the weak, the oppressed, and the orphans and widows. The psalmist reiterates: “The Lord hears the cry of the poor” (see Psalm 34:18). In the Gospel, Jesus claims that a tax collector is more justified in his prayer for mercy than the Pharisee, whose prayer was an account of his own righteous deeds. Jesus’ point could not have been clearer: tax collectors in the Jewish society of Jesus’ day were not just lowly; they were considered outcasts and cheaters. They collected taxes for the hated Romans and almost certainly collected enough to assure a generous income for themselves. Tax collectors were among society’s outcasts; didn’t this one just admit his own sinfulness? How could a tax collector be “justified” (that is, made right) before God, while the Pharisee was not? Why would God even listen to the prayer of a tax collector? This surely was a surprise, upsetting common assumptions about righteousness.

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**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.



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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

**Psalms** — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

**Gospel** — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Mission Sunday

Monday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Friday: Ss. Simon and Jude

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



Come join our Monday Night men's football evenings. There will be good food, the game and an opportunity for men's fellowship. The gatherings will take place in the cafeteria. Please enter by the side entrance on 82nd Street.

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever



**RADIO BINGO NIGHT**



St. Bernadette will be hosting their 2nd Radio Bingo Night on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Come join us for a night of fun, games and dancing! \$45 admission fee includes sandwiches, snacks, dessert, soda, water, coffee, bingo games & tons of fun. Enjoy songs from the fifties through today when "name that tune" meets "bingo". Doors open at 6:30pm. Checks can be made payable to St. Bernadette Church and submitted to the rectory by Monday, October 24, 2022. Please see the flyers in the back of church for more details.

**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

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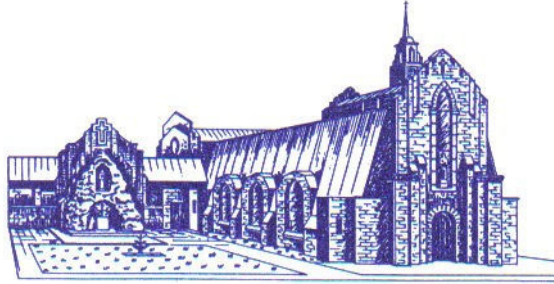


**St. Cecilia Society**

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.

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

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# *St. Bernadette Catholic Academy*



We have been so excited for this new school year! So many new and exciting adventures on the horizon for our SBCA family.

In September our families gathered for our in-person Back to School Night! It was so wonderful to see all our families (existing and new), faculty, and staff gather together for a beginning of school celebration meeting which began with our Home Academy Association, followed by our faculty meeting with the parents and preparing for a wonderful school year.

***New this year!!*** SBCA is proud to announce our first installment of Think Tank Thursdays! This new addition to our curriculum gives our 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to select elective courses they wish to participate in. The course choices include Crime Scene Investigation/Forensics, Fashion, Robotics, Speech & Debate, and Visual Arts.

***New this year!!*** We are thrilled to announce that our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students will be performing in the musical ***Seussical Jr. in 2023!*** Auditions were held and the cast has been set! Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Our Home Academy Association (HAA) have been so busy hosting various fundraisers from our Wrapping Paper Drive to a parent MOHO (Mother's Only Hanging Out), Gentlemen's Night Out and so much more! We are forever grateful for all their hard work and dedication to our school and look forward to all upcoming events!

SBCA always gives back, and we are so proud of our students who raised over \$2,000 for Childhood Cancer Awareness. All proceeds were distributed to the ***Gianna Nicole Heart of Hope Foundation*** which helps and supports families of children with cancer.

Congratulations to all our newly appointed Student Council Officers! You are true leaders, and we wish you all the best in this new school year.

Congratulations to all our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday October 21, 2022! May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and bless you as you begin this very special journey in your lives.

***Be sure to stay tuned for the next edition of our school spotlight.....***

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