

# The Shrine Church of Saint Bernadette

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“Come here in procession to praise God and sing,  
To wash in these waters and drink at this spring.”

(From the Lourdes Hymn)

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- Deacon Frank DeMichele
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Convent: (718) 259-9844

## Masses

- Sunday: 8a.m., 10a.m., and 12 Noon
- Monday through Friday: 7a.m. and 9a.m.
- Saturday: 8a.m. and Vigil for Sunday at 5:30p.m.
- Holy Days of Obligation (Other Than Sundays):  
7:30p.m. (Vigil–Evening Before),  
7a.m., 9a.m., and 10a.m.

## Devotions

- Monday through Friday: Rosary follows the 9a.m. Mass  
(On Monday, the Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed  
before the Rosary).
- First Friday of the Month: Cenacle at 11a.m. (Includes  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction)
- Seasonal Devotions Throughout the Year  
(Promoted at fitting times in the body of the bulletin)

## Confessions

- Mon-Fri: 6:30a.m.-6:50a.m. and 8:30a.m.-8:50a.m.
- Saturday: 7:30-7:50a.m., 1-2p.m., and 4:30-5:20p.m.
- Other Times By Appointment

## Visits to the Sick

- If someone will be unable to leave home to go to Mass  
for an extended period of time, please let us know so  
that a Priest, Deacon, and/or minister may arrange to  
visit with all appropriate Sacraments and blessings.

## Baptisms. . . Weddings. . . House Blessings. . .

### Becoming Catholic

- We invite you to e-mail, call, or come visit us as soon as  
possible so that we can provide information that is  
most relevant to you.
- Generally, Infant Baptisms are scheduled for the  
third Sunday of each month at 2p.m., and Weddings  
require at least a six-month preparation process.

## Saint Bernadette Catholic Academy

- 1313 83rd Street / (718) 236-1560
- Sister Joan DiRienzo, MPF (Principal)
- Sister Shirlee Tremont, MPF

## Religious Education Office

- 1313 83rd Street / (718) 232-7733
- Sister Josephine Galasso, MPF (Director)

## Follow our Facebook Page:

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We, the faith-filled community of Saint 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 17th

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
10:00 Maria Moringiello  
12:00 David M. Ferraro

### Monday, December 18th

7:00 Victoria Bodolato  
9:00 Antonio & Rosa Zolfo

### Tuesday, December 19th

7:00 Vincent Gravelli  
9:00 Rosaria & Salvatore Sferrazza

### Wednesday, December 20th

7:00 Joseph Maffei  
9:00 Concetta DiBartolo

### Thursday, December 21st

7:00 Special Intention Irene Bodolato  
9:00 Anthony Anastasio

### Friday, December 22nd

7:00 Heather Lamberson  
9:00 Luigi Brucculeri

### Saturday, December 23rd

8:00 Charles Collins WW II  
5:30 Nick Tommasini

### Sunday, December 24th

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
10:00 Evola & Grasso Families  
12:00 Paulette & Vincent Badalamenti  
5:30 Joanne & Theresa Giunto  
12:00 Midnight Mass For the People of the Parish

Jim B.	Gianna
Tara Binet	George Guida
Serafino Bono	Eleanor Iavorne
Debbie Bouroudis	Steve Katapodis
Sarah Brodine	Joan Macey
Clark Burrell	Stephen March
Vita Coraci	Angelina McCarthy
Christina Chiaino	Ann Mogavero
Marylou Chiarello	Anthony Piano
Melody Cruz	Christian Reyes
Albert DeStefano	Frankie Ruggiera
Gloria DeStefano	Joseph Rutyna
Debbie Divino	Pauline Sciarrino
Brian Dowling	Stephen Versace
Patricia Filosa	

### Memorial Gifts For The Week Of December 17, 2023

#### Memorial Gift Of Bread

*In Memory Of: George & Betty Dorval*  
*Requested by: Loving Daughter Marie*



#### Memorial Gift Of Wine

*Special Intention: The Dorval Family*  
*Requested by: The Dorval Family*

#### Memorial Gift Of Flowers

*In Memory Of: Peter Sullivan*  
*Requested by: The Fascianella Family*



### Purgatorial Society

William J. Luft  
Lauren Yourth  
Guido Bartolacci  
Stephen DiNallo



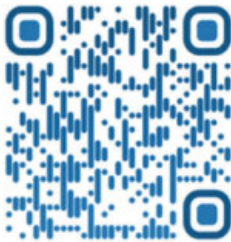
## The Altar Grotto Water flows this week for... (Your Loved One's Name Here).

(Hearing the trickling water behind the altar at Mass reminds us of the constant flow of God's grace. Ask us about a whole new way to remember our loved ones, living or deceased, to soon be included here within our weekly bulletin).

**Sunday Collection**

**Due to the Holiday Season, Sunday Collection has been delayed.**

A fast and convenient option exists to give to our Shrine Church online. Just scan the QR code below with your phone's camera -- or go to our parish's website at [www.stbernadettebrooklyn.com](http://www.stbernadettebrooklyn.com) and click "Give Online" -- and prayerfully consider selecting a "recurring" sacrificial offering. Benefits include fast emailed confirmation of your gifts, being able to choose the frequency (weekly, monthly, or other options) of your gifts and not needing to worry so much about loose cash or handwritten checks, or if you are away from the parish for a time. "One-time" offerings are also welcome. Above all, **thank you** for supporting our parish!



**Upcoming Thursday Evenings of Adoration:**

December 21  
December 28

6:30p.m.—8:30p.m.  
Stay for as short or as long as you like.

Take a breather from the hectic activities of the days leading up to Christmas and spend some time quietly receiving from the Lord in His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, exposed in the Monstrance on the Altar.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, 2024**  
**8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM**  
**Midnight Mass - 12:00 AM**

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2023**  
**8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM**  
**NO EVENING MASS**

**New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31, 2023**  
**8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:00 PM**  
**NO EVENING MASS**

**New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2024**  
**8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM**

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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.





Come pray in our grotto! Conveniently located alongside the church, it is normally open during all scheduled Masses and Confessions, and most weekdays until 4 p.m. (We regret that it may need to be closed from time to time due to severe weather or other irregular circumstances).



Any parishioners with photos of scenes or activities that showcase the beauty and vibrancy of our parish are welcome to send them to: [jcanna@diobrook.org](mailto:jcanna@diobrook.org) for possible inclusion in future bulletins and on parish social media. (Please note that there is no set timeline or basis for inclusion of photos; it is entirely at the discretion of parish staff).

### 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.



### Results of Summer Supplement Collection

Number of Donations: 83  
Total Contribution: \$7,270.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this collection that helps our Shrine Church mitigate summer deficits. As the Lord looks upon your sacrifices for our parish, may His blessings and His peace fill your hearts this Advent and Christmas!

Father Jeremy

### Advent Reconciliation Monday

The priests of Saint Bernadette are glad to participate in the annual tradition throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn, as well as our neighboring dioceses, in offering expanded hours for Confession shortly before Christmas. A priest will be hearing Confessions on **Monday, December 18th, from 2p.m. to 4p.m. and from 6p.m. to 9p.m.** inside the church. Even if it has been many years since your last Confession, you can always ask the priest to help guide you through it!



Once again St. Bernadette Church will be sponsoring a "Giving Tree" those less fortunate than ourselves.

Your donations will go to the following organization, Catholic Charities, Hour Children and Providence House.

Please pick an ornament from the tree and return to St. Bernadette Church no later than Sunday, December 16th.

The organizations request Gifts Cards (i.e., Amazon, Target, Walmart, etc.), Monetary Gifts are also accepted. Please put gift cards in a clearly marked card or envelope.

If you choose to give a gift, they request they be returned UNWRAPPED.

Wishing you all a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!





## PUT TRUE POWER AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

JOIN OUR ADVENT / CHRISTMAS ROSARY CAMPAIGN BY COMMITTING TO PRAY ONE 5 DECADE ROSARY PER DAY AT HOME, AT YOUR CONVENIENCE. SIGN UP AND YOUR ROSARY WILL HAVE THE COMBINED EFFECT OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF HAIL MARYS. BEGIN DECEMBER 3RD AND END ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 6TH. YOU CAN SIGN UP AFTER MASS WITH HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEMBERS IN THE REAR OF THE CHURCH. ADVENT CHRISTMAS CARDS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES. SEND ONE TO YOUR LOVED ONES THAT YOU PRAYED FOR WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. 8 CARDS AND ENVELOPES FOR \$10.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

## 80 + 1 RAFFLE WINNERS

**Congratulations!**

### Week # 12 - December 8, 2023

John Greco

Frank & Esther Piscitelli

## Church of St. Bernadette 2023

### 80+ 1 Raffle Club



Two - \$150.00 drawings each week for 40 weeks  
Beginning September 22, 2023 through June 21, 2024  
Winners will be re-entered in subsequent drawings

**Bonus Drawing - \$1,000.00 on April 16, 2024**

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

Tickets are \$50.00 each  
Checks Payable to St. Bernadette Church

**Don't miss out - Purchase your raffle early!**  
**Raffles will be sold on an ongoing basis**

Mailing Address  
8201 - 13th Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11228



As we prepare for this upcoming Christmas Season, St. Bernadette Church is now accepting donations for Christmas Trees & Wreaths. The offering is **\$250.00** for the 5ft trees (white lights) and **\$500.00** for the big trees (blue lights), and **\$50.00** for the wreaths. This year there are (12) large wreaths in the Church, the offering is **\$100**. They can be purchased at the rectory during regular hours, Monday thru Friday. All trees and wreaths are **available and placed on a first come first serve basis.**



## 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 **\$30.00** 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.





# Christmas IS COMING!



As we prepare for this upcoming Christmas Season, St. Bernadette Church will once again be organizing Christmas Trees & Wreaths available for purchase in Memory Of or in Honor Of a loved one. **Please make your selection/s below and return this form with your check made payable to St. Bernadette Church, to our church Rectory no later than Monday, December 11, 2023. If you would like to purchase a 50/50 Raffle Tickets, please contact our Rectory at (718) 837-3400! Come join us for the Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Grotto on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 7:00pm.**



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**Please select your choice/s (you may purchase as many as you like) below:**

Large Christmas Tree decorated with Blue Lights **\$500 each**  
(Larger Trees planted in the Church gardens)  
Number of Items: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate 5ft Christmas Tree decorated with White Lights **\$250 each**  
Number of Items: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Tree: \_\_\_\_\_

Large Christmas Wreath in Church decorated with a Red Ribbon (12) **\$100 each**  
Number of Items: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Wreath: **NONE LEFT**

Christmas Wreath decorated with a Red Ribbon **\$50 each**  
Number of Items: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name on Wreath: \_\_\_\_\_

**Trees will be located in both gardens on the sides of the Church. Wreaths will be displayed on the fence around the Church property. All trees or wreaths are available and placed on a first come first serve basis.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of items: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check number: \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for your support and God Bless you always!***

***Fr. Jeremy***

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