

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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Masses

- Sunday: 8a.m., 10a.m., and 12 Noon
- Monday through Friday: 7a.m. and 9a.m.
- Saturday: 8a.m., then Vigil for Sunday at 5:30p.m.
- Holy Days of Obligation (Except Sundays or Christmas):
7:30p.m. Vigil (on the evening before),
then on the Holy Day itself at 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)
- Adoration (The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for
adoration on Thursday evenings from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m.)

Confessions

- Monday through Friday: 8:30a.m.-8:50a.m.
(Also 6:30a.m.-6:50a.m. on Friday)
- Saturday: 7:30-7:50a.m., 1:00-1:30p.m., 4:50-5:20p.m.
- Also by appointment at mutual convenience

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 1:30p.m., and Weddings
require at least a six-month preparation process.

Saint Bernadette Catholic Academy

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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.



Sunday, January 7th

8:00 For the People of the Parish
 10:00 Herlihy & Oliveri Families
 12:00 Anthony Accardo

Monday, January 8th

7:00 Marie & Martin Goode
 9:00 Giulia Muriale

Tuesday, January 9th

7:00 Joseph De Michele Sr.
 9:00 Di Mauro Family

Wednesday, January 10th

7:00 Joseph Cardamone
 9:00 Fortunato & Matuszewski

Thursday, January 11th

7:00 Joseph De Michele Sr.
 9:00 Carmelo DiBartolo

Friday, January 12th

7:00 Ferdinando Pizzuto
 9:00 Brigida & Salvatore Fortunato

Saturday, January 13th

8:00 Pietro Armetta
 5:30 Ignace Fascianella

Sunday, January 14th

8:00 For the People of the Parish
 10:00 Peter Balzano
 12:00 Lorene Peyton

Rest In Peace

Giuseppe DiMaggio
 Giulia Gorizia
 Michael Signorile

PRAY FOR

Tara Binet
 Serafino Bono
 Debbie Bouroudis
 Sarah Brodine
 Clark Burrell
 Vita Coraci
 Christina Chiaino
 Marylou Chiarello
 Melody Cruz
 Albert DeStefano
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 Debbie Divino
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 Joan Macey
 Stephen March
 Angelina McCarthy
 Ann Mogavero
 Anthony Piano
 Christian Reyes
 Frankie Ruggiera
 Joseph Rutyna
 Pauline Sciarrino
 Stephen Versace

Memorial Gifts For The Week Of January 7, 2024

Memorial Gift of Bread

In Memory Of: Rosalie DiPretoro
 Requested by: Loving Sister Fran



Memorial Gift of Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory of: Giuseppe DiMaggio
 Requested by: Kristen Farley



What a wonderful way to remember and honor our loved ones, living or deceased, with our weekly Memorial Gifts.



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

Weekend of December 9-10, 2023
 Plate Offering: \$5,174
 Online Giving: \$370
Total: \$5,544

Weekend of December 16-17, 2023
 Plate Offering: \$8,104
 Online Giving: \$745
Total: \$8,849

Weekend of December 23-24, 2023
 Plate Offering: \$8,878
 Online Giving: \$260
Total: \$9,138

Weekend of December 31-1, 2024
 Plate Offering: \$5,404
 Online Giving: \$1,297
Total: \$6,701

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 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!



Quiet Adoration Every Thursday Evening

6:30p.m.—8:30p.m.
 Stay for as short or as long as you like. Spend some time quietly receiving from the Lord in His Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, exposed in the Monstrance on the Altar.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:
 Your light has come,
 the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm:
 Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

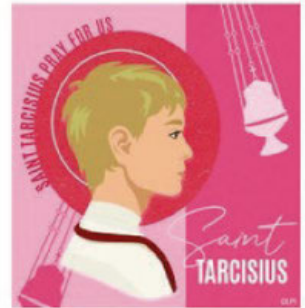
Second Reading:
 It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel:
 "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

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Live The Liturgy
 Inspiration of the Week

Though the magi did not know where the star of Bethlehem would lead, they trusted that God would be with them along the way. Let us all embrace that same faith as we go about the journey God has planned for us this year.



Saint of the week

St. Tarcisus was a 12-year-old boy who lived in 3rd-century Rome. Although much of what is known of him is from a poem written by Pope Damasus (366-384), he is considered an important martyr who protected the Eucharist from desecration with his life.

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,
 With thanksgiving we entrust our year to You: whatever it holds, whoever we encounter, wherever we traverse. What You supply is gift. May our comings and goings be aligned with Your will. Amen.

Observances for the week of January 7, 2024

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord
- Monday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Saturday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rectory Office Closed?

If able, please use the drop-off box to the left of the rectory door on 13th Avenue. We check this box regularly each day.



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).



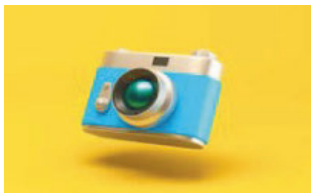
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul Gives Back

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Thank You for your participation.



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 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).



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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.
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 ON THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 6TH.
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 8 CARDS AND ENVELOPES FOR \$10.

WHEN DO WE TAKE THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS DOWN?

Anna told me that there is lots of free space in this week's bulletin. You may want to grab a cup of coffee for this one!

The question of when a practicing Catholic should take down Christmas decorations has been an annual conversation topic throughout my own life even since childhood. The short answer, of course, is that Christmas decorations for one's home are not a requirement to avoid sin, so obviously one may feel free to do as one wishes, especially with regard to one's own property. The deeper question is. . .when does Christmas officially end?

Fortunately or unfortunately, there are multiple answers. January 6 is the traditional date of the Epiphany, when we focus on the arrival of the Magi. In the United States, as part of an attempt to minimize weekday obligations to attend Mass (I've been hearing it from many people about the two days of obligation in a row because Christmas was a Monday this year!), we "round" Epiphany to a nearby Sunday, which this year is January 7.

Furthermore, the Church's official Christmas season, that is the last day before we just go back to Ordinary Time readings and begin wearing the normal green vestments again, is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Usually that occurs the next Sunday after the Epiphany, but if Epiphany is late, like it is this year, it just occurs one day later. So for 2024, the Church's official celebration of Christmas ends on Monday, January 8.

But there's more. Some, like myself, wish to observe a 40-day period to allow the Christmas mysteries to "unfold" within their hearts. This period is not official and need not be "forced" on other Catholics, but it has a natural end on February 2nd, which is not only Groundhog Day, but the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. That's also known as "Candlemas Day" because we bless candles used throughout the year that day. The Presentation is also the Fourth Joyful Mystery (Jesus' birth being the Third Joyful Mystery) so the theme of Jesus' childhood is still prevalent. I still remember my first time celebrating Candlemas as a teenager in High School and taking in the beauty of that day's liturgy.

Nowadays, what I do personally is gradually reduce -- **but not fully eliminate** -- my exposure to Christmas music and decorations throughout January. Perhaps in late January I only listen to my absolute favorite songs for just a little while each day and keep just a few small decorations out to help me bear in mind the Christmas mystery that has only recently passed, and to remember that there is still one more "Christmassy" feast coming up on February 2nd. I know that flowers don't always last so long and sometimes you get a warm day when you want to get a jump on taking the larger decorations down. But to the extent possible I recommend leaving at least some signs of Christmas out until February 2nd. A suggestion. . .in no way a requirement!

But here's the deeper issue. Where I do become heavily concerned is when Catholics seem to be excited about taking decorations down, as if Christmas really began in November and concludes at or around New Year's Day. This thought pattern, much like the secular thought pattern, is that the main event for any season is also the end of that season. Once Jesus is born--this mentality would dictate--then it's all done. **But in the mind of the Church, it's the complete opposite!** Both at Christmas and at Easter, seasons **begin** with the main event, and we take the following days to "unfold" the event. Yes, Lent prepares us for Easter, but Easter is a 50-day season ending at Pentecost. Advent prepares us for Christmas, but now Christmas is its own season with its own graces to provide. It's more of a worldly phenomenon to spend many weeks preparing for something, to get it exactly right, so that we can "finally relax" afterward. And of course for those who did so much work getting ready for Christmas, this relaxation is more than merited!

But may I offer some advice in that relaxation? Wait to take things down. Enjoy the decorations you put up. Enjoy the spirit of Christmas. The gifts are exchanged, the big parties are over. Now just sit and enjoy! Don't be in a rush to get rid of the real Christmas!

And if you get some criticism for being slow to take decorations down, don't be afraid to let people know that, for you, Christmas **started** on December 25th.

Fr. Jeremy

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