

# 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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- Rev. Jeremy Canna (Pastor)
- Rev. Juan Luxama (Parochial Vicar)
- Deacon Frank DeMichele
- Ortenzia (Anna) Muriale (Administrative Assistant)
- Alex Violette (Director of Music)

## 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 only)
- 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

- 1313 83rd Street / (718) 236-1560
- Jeanne Shannon (Principal)

## Religious Education Office

- 1313 83rd Street / (718) 232-7733
- Maria Cordi (Coordinator)

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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, October 27th

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
10:00 Vincent Gravelli  
12:00 Dawn Romano

## Monday, October 28th

7:00 John Cassidy  
9:00 Tommaso Chieco

## Tuesday, October 29th

7:00 Sam Davis & Family  
9:00 Ferdinando Pizzuto

## Wednesday, October 30th

7:00 Catherine Lorenzo  
9:00 Mr. Michele & Rita Merola

## Thursday, October 31st

7:00 Santo Zito  
9:00 Margaret Orr  
7:30 Vigil Mass

## Friday, November 1st

7:00 For All The Forgotten Souls  
9:00 Purgatorial Society  
10:00 In Honor Of The Blessed Mother

## Saturday, November 2nd

8:00 All Souls  
5:30 All Souls

## Sunday, November 3rd

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
10:00 Michelle Spinelli  
12:00 AnnMarie Del Giudice

Anna  
Serafino Bono  
Debbie Bouroudis  
Sarah Brodine  
Clark Burrell  
Lenny Caglianone  
Tara Carusso  
Charlie  
Vita Coraci  
Christina Chiaino  
Marylou Chiarello  
John Curry  
Gloria DeStefano  
Albert Destefano  
George Guida  
Jeanne Friedman  
Eleanor Iavorne  
Steve Katapodis

Joan Macey  
Stephen March  
Angelina McCarthy  
Ann Mogavero  
Roger Ohara  
Dorofer Pennetti  
Anthony Piano  
Thespina  
George Russo  
Christian Reyes  
Frankie Ruggiera  
Joseph Rutyna  
Pauline Sciarino  
Patrina Seminara  
Linda Swalling  
Anthony Tama  
Faith Wobbe  
Nicodemo Zavaglia

### Memorial Gift For The Week Of October 27, 2024

#### Memorial Gift of Bread

In Memory of: Faffaele Iacopetta  
Requested by: Gioconda DeMaria



In Memory of: Vincenzo Iacopetta  
Requested by: Gioconda DeMaria

#### Memorial Gift of Wine

In Memory of: Dean Waldron Smith  
Requested by: Edward & Beverly Slomka

#### Rest In Peace

Giuseppina Palumbo  
Anne Barone  
Rita Spucces



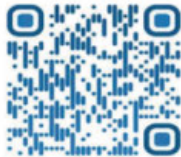
*The Altar Grotto Water flows this week for:*

*ASK US IN THE RECTORY ABOUT THIS  
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**Sunday Collection**

Weekend of October 19-20, 2024  
Plate Offering: \$3,020  
Online Giving: \$485  
**Total: \$3,505**

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!



**NO QUIET ADORATION FOR THE REST OF OCTOBER**

Due to preparations in the church for the Vigil Mass for All Saints Day, we regret that Thursday Quiet Adoration is canceled on October 31st. We look forward to resuming Adoration as usual on Thursday, November 7th. We apologize for any inconvenience. When we resume, please consider spending time with our Lord in the stillness of the Blessed Sacrament.

Since All Saints is a Solemnity, Catholics can feel free to dispense with their usual Friday penances for this week!

A reminder that "Friday itself remains. . . a time when those who seek perfection will be mindful of their personal sins and the sins of mankind which they are called upon to help expiate in union with Christ Crucified. . . Friday should be in each week something of what Lent is in the entire year. For this reason we urge all to prepare for that weekly Easter that comes with each Sunday by freely making of every Friday a day of self-denial and mortification in prayerful remembrance of the passion of Jesus Christ" (from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Statement on Penance and Abstinence #22-23).

Abstinence from meat, a practice still kept by many on Fridays, is one possibility--but not the only one--for observing a Friday penance.

Friday, November 1st, is All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass schedule for the holy day is as follows: October 31st at 7:30 pm Vigil Mass, on Friday, November 1st at 7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 10:00 am.

Saturday, November 2nd, is All Souls Day, the commemoration of all our faithful departed. Masses on All Souls Day will be as follows: 8:00 am and 5:30 pm.

**80+ 1 Raffle Club Winners**

**Congratulations!**



**Week# 5-October 18, 2024**

Richard Meneses  
Rosemary & James Purrazzella

**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL**

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 on every Monday at 7:30 P.M. in the cafeteria, there is a \$30.00 fee. Please enter by the side entrance on 82nd street, parking lot will be open for parking.

For more information please call Mike Caso at 718-909-4503



Once again St. Bernadette's will have a **Christmas Tree Memorial Garden** and **Christmas Wreaths**, 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, wreath 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 wreaths will be decorated with a red bow and a memorial card. Lights are not available for the wreaths. The trees and wreaths will provide a lovely Christmas remembrance for loved ones. The cost of each tree is **\$250.00** and **\$60.00** for each wreath. Also we the in Church (12) large **Wreaths \$125.00**. each. Please stop be the rectory as soon as possible to purchase your tree and wreath. The number will be strictly limited and available on first come first served basis.



The Flower Club of St. Bernadette is now accepting donations for the **Christmas Flowers** 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.

**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.



**Rectory Office Closed?**

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

**Grotto Restoration Work Progress Status-9-22-24**

We have secured the services of a restoration artist that will fix the broken fingers on our St. Bernadette statue and will repaint it as we recommended. This will avoid us having to order a new one as previously reported.

Progress has been made on the purchase of the LED candle rack for the back of the Grotto altar. A prototype was approved and ordered. It will contain 68 blue LED candles. Expected delivery and installation will take about two months. Some electrical outlets will have to be modified to accommodate the rack. An electrician has been advised.



**PARKING FOR MASS?**

Schoolyard parking is available for Saturday evening and Sunday Masses only. Please take the time to come to a complete stop before the sidewalk and check carefully for pedestrians and other hazards, especially when exiting. Remember to proceed to your vehicle promptly after the Mass that you attend as the driveway gate must be kept closed at most times for the safety and security of our parish and school.



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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.



**“CABRINI CORNER”**

The website at Saint Frances Cabrini:

<https://stfrancescabrini-brooklyn.org/>

The Rectory phone number of Saint Frances Cabrini:

718-236-9165

A bus to the Saint Frances Cabrini Shrine on Saturday, November 9th, and Dinner Dance at Sirico's on Sunday, November 10th, are both sponsored by Saint Frances Cabrini parish. Call 718 - 236 - 9165 for more information.

## Summer Supplement Collection

Dear Parishioners of our Shrine Church,

What a turbulent year it has been for all of us here since last Fall!

Both Deacon Anthony Martucci and longtime music director Joseph McLaughlin passed away following their receiving of some difficult diagnoses only a few months in advance.

The Religious Teachers Filippini have discerned, following Sister Joan's wish to conclude her time as Principal of our Academy, that they did not have a sufficient replacement and could not continue to serve us, and our Academy Board of Directors has since hired our new principal, Ms. Shannon.

But alongside all of the above, there has been constant activity in the Grotto. Deacon Anthony is hopefully smiling down from Heaven regarding that! Our "Altar Angels" are routinely doing supplemental cleaning on our Shrine Church. We've been working on some of the pews that need repair, and the Holy Name Society is seemingly unstoppable with the events that it plans. Almost every Thursday evening throughout the year, parishioners and friends are spending intimate quiet time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Finance Council has been given a reboot, and we have had to hire a new Religious Education Coordinator, a new Director of Music, and even get someone to monitor our website (Joseph McLaughlin used to do that)!

Of course, as you may expect, parish expenses just keep going up and up! Especially in New York City, there are ever stricter building compliance requirements, alongside the usual costs of utilities, office supplies, maintenance. . .the list goes on and on!

While the parish thankfully has multiple sources of income, the regular collections taken on a weekly basis in our Shrine Church and online are simply too low in amount for there to be a strong vision of long-term growth. I personally ask that you take some time to prayerfully consider the following:

- 1) Saint Bernadette Catholic Academy ranks extremely well in enrollment within the Diocese of Brooklyn. We have an excellent school here on 83rd Street that we should all be thankful for!
- 2) However, Saint Bernadette Parish (a separate corporation from the Academy) operates with its own separate accounts and budgets. Reserves for the parish have gradually become depleted over the years. And despite our energetic fundraising activities and other efforts, there has been an overall shortfall of \$37,193.83 over the last year (September 2023 — August 2024).
- 3) While Catholic Churches often benefit from the usual tax-exemptions that you would expect, we still carry very large recurring expenses such as utilities, insurance, salaries and benefits, and more! Our staff and key volunteers are routinely and creatively seeking ways to reduce these expenses, but the majority of them are essentials.

Therefore, we must view and discern our weekly/monthly offerings not so much as "tipping God," but rather as a genuine sacrifice of funds that we sometimes may miss a little bit. I ask everyone to take a special Summer Supplement envelope to be distributed at Mass this weekend and return it with as generous of a one-time offering as possible—especially bearing in mind the time-away that parishioners often deservedly take during the heat of summer—along with your regular weekly offering, next weekend so that we can continue to do great things as a parish. You can also always drop them off at the Rectory. Thank you for showing your love for our Shrine Church in this special way.

Fr. Jeremy



# 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 9, 2024. 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 11, 2024, 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) **\$125 each**  
Number of Items: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Wreath: \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Wreath decorated with a Red Ribbon **\$60 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Fr. Jeremy*



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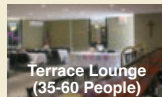
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