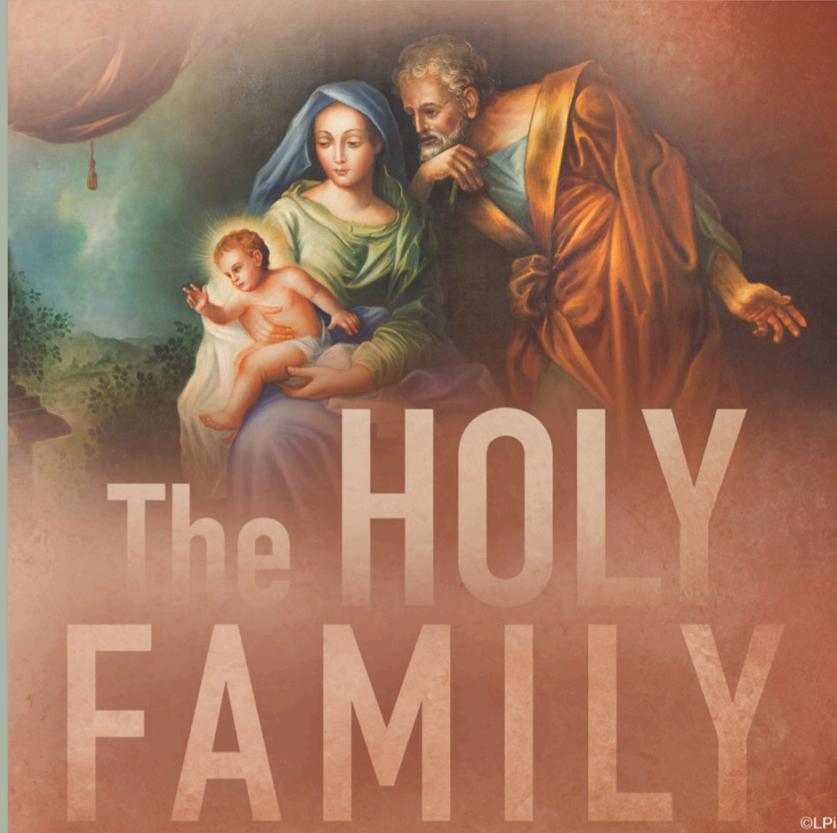




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Mass Schedule/ Horario de Misas

Saturday Masses/

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5:30 pm

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9:30 am

11:30 am (Spanish / Español)

Confessions:

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4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

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GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 26, 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

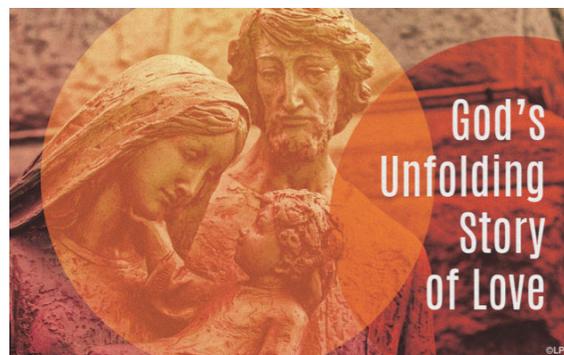
26 de diciembre de 2021

La Sagrada Familia

Hoy es un día para celebrar a la familia – a la nuestra y a las familias de todo el mundo, de celebrar y gozar a los hijos, nietos y parientes cercanos y lejanos. Dios quiso nacer en una familia y por medio de ella, se nos ofrece una oportunidad para conocerle mejor y amarle más. Recordemos que es en la familia donde se forjan los santos y santas de Dios. Y es también en ella donde están los vicios y malas acciones. ¡Cuidado padres de familia! Aprender de la familia de Nazaret es importante.

Cada día del año es una oportunidad para continuar la búsqueda de Dios, de Jesús, en nuestro hogar. Podemos vislumbrar, en la Liturgia de hoy, a tres figuras importantes del hogar de Nazaret: una mujer con su pequeño y su esposo, listos para hacer la voluntad de Dios, para orar y platicar en familia. El papa Francisco nos dice que: "Realmente, hoy es un día hermoso... hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. El término sagrada coloca a esta familia en el ámbito de la santidad, que es un don de Dios, pero, al mismo tiempo, es una adhesión libre y responsable al plan de Dios" (12-29-2019). Sé, y busco cuál es el plan de Dios para mi hogar o ¿ni siquiera me importa ese diálogo entre esposa, esposo e hijos? El tiempo de confinamiento debió ser una oportunidad para crecer en gracia y sabiduría en la familia. ¿Lo ve usted así? Padres de familia, la mejor herencia para sus hijos y nietos es fomentar la fe, la educación, el amor y la unidad en el hogar.

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Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow – a day at a time

Sunday, Dec 26, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Bless the children

Holy families aren't necessarily picture-perfect. But they are faithful and consistent in their values and goals. Like Mary and Joseph and biblical parents before them, holy families consecrate their children early and often to the care of God. They do this by baptizing them and seeing to their sacramental preparation. They do this by praying for and with their little ones. They provide them a religious education and share faith-filled practices of compassion and charity. All the children in our lives look to us for love and acceptance, guidance and Christian example. Teach the children well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52 (17A); or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52 (17C). "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever."

Monday, Dec 27, 2021

FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

He lived to tell the tale

John the Apostle is credited with being the author of the Gospel of John. He is also believed to have been the "Beloved Disciple" of Jesus mentioned in that gospel and is presumed to have outlived the other apostles, perhaps being the only one to die of natural causes rather than martyrdom. Imagine being the last survivor, and the heartache he endured on losing his peers to violent deaths for their faith. Perhaps it was John's job to live to tell the story—"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name"—as he says in his final line. Take John's mission to heart and embrace his good word today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8 (697). "Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed."

Tuesday, Dec 28, 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Children deserve protection

Nowadays when we think of Christmas pageants, we envision adorable children in bathrobes dressed as shepherds. But in the Middle Ages, religious pageants were a serious business. The whole community gathered to enact mystery plays that told the stories of birth, death, resurrection, and the lives of the saints. It's from such a mystery play that we get the haunting words and melody of "The Coventry Carol"—a song about King Herod's slaughter of the Holy Innocents that asks plaintively, "What may we do to preserve . . . this poor youngling for whom we sing?" Pray today for children who continue to suffer and face certain death without our help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698). "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children."

Wednesday, Dec 29, 2021

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF NATIVITY OF THE LORD; MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

Choose God

Everyone must at times make the choice of serving God or something less. Today we remember Saint Thomas Becket, bishop of Canterbury.

Thomas was faced with such a dilemma when his friend the king, Henry II, continuously tried to interfere with church matters. Allowing the king to interfere with the church would have allowed Thomas to be in the king's good graces. Instead, Thomas chose to serve God above anything and anyone else, even at the cost of martyrdom. "When is constancy required," Thomas writes, "except under persecution. Are not friends then proved? If they always yield, how can they ever succeed? They must, one time or other, make a stand."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). "And you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Thursday, Dec 30, 2021

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Take your time to absorb Christmas

Today we continue as a church to honor the feast of our Savior's birth. It is day six in the octave of Christmas—the eight-day liturgical focus on the birth of Christ. The entrance of the Christ into human history is such a significant event that the church notes its magnitude by keeping our gaze on it through the specified readings, psalms, and prayers during these eight days. Take a moment today to allow the wonder of God-among-us to continue to sink in.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). "She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem."

Friday, Dec 31, 2021

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Out with the new, in with the old

The end of the year gives us pause to reflect on the past and change for the future. Typically, we find something new to embrace or resolve to do. But if it's true that there's really nothing new under the sun, then perhaps we should look to the old! This is exactly what the church does, as it moves into the new year, not with any newfound epiphany, but instead with a commitment to the very old-school value of peace. As we anticipate the World Day of Peace tomorrow, January 1, what are some deeply held and long-standing values that you would like to deepen during the coming year? How might you go old school?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). "In the beginning was the Word."

Saturday, Jan 01, 2022

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD; WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Rocking with Mother Mary

People in every age have their particular way to celebrate the new year. These days we might change old eating habits to be healthier; get on track financially; spend more time with family. But maybe this year it could be about what young Catholics refer to as "rocking with Mary," that is, getting to know the mother of Jesus on a deeper level. Understanding her courage, strength, and faithfulness can help us realize our own potential as bearers of the Good News. On her feast day and in the days ahead, reflect on Mary and strive to imitate her in bringing Good News to the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

New Year's Schedule



New Year's Eve
December 31st 5:30 pm - English Mass

New Year's, January 1st
9:30 am (English)
11:30 am (Spanish)

Celebrating the Virgin of the Cloud

The Virgin of the Cloud Devotional group of the Church of St. Bernard invites our parish to join us in praying the rosary during a novena that will continue through December 31st at 7:30pm in the Church. On Saturday, January 1st a mass will be celebrated during the 11:30 am Spanish Mass, followed by a light reception.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This Friday, January 7th is the first Friday of the Month. Please join the Community at 7:00pm for an hour of prayer with Christ during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the Benediction.



Sacrament of Marriage

If you are thinking about marriage, please contact the Rectory at least six months before the wedding date to set-up an appointment.



Remember the Church of St. Bernard in Your Will

Remember the Church of St. Bernard in your will. If you would like to speak to a gift planning specialist about how to include St. Bernard in your will or living trust, call (646) 7943317 or email plannedgiving@archny.org

thank you

We wish to thank all Thrift Shop Volunteers and all those who donated items. The St. Bernard Thrift Shop profit for the month of December was \$3,603.

Religious Education Program

Reminder:

There will be no Religious Education classes on December 29th and 30th.



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We want to offer you fast and simple ways to support your parish. Please consider signing up for online giving.

- Online giving allows you to budget your time and money through scheduled and recurring payments.
- You will no longer need to worry about carrying bulky checkbooks or envelopes to church.
- It will help our parish minimize weekly fluctuations in offertory.
- It will allow us to thoughtfully plan our parish budget and help sustain the efforts of our thriving ministries.

For more information or for help creating a profile please call the rectory at 914-949-2111.

Create your online giving profile today!



Renew + Rebuild

Total Amount Pledged: \$707,112
Total Amount in Payments: \$348,111

We hope that all of our parishioners will make every effort to complete their pledges so that we are able to accomplish our parish project. Thank you very much.

Horario de año nuevo



Víspera de Año Nuevo
31 de diciembre 5:30 pm - Misa en inglés

Año nuevo, 1 de enero
9:30 am (inglés)
11:30 am (español)
11:30 am (Spanish)

Celebrando a la Virgen de la Nube

El grupo devocional Virgen de la Nube de la Iglesia de San Bernardo invita a nuestra parroquia a unirse a nosotros para rezar el rosario durante una novena que continuará hasta el 31 de diciembre a las 7:30 pm en la Iglesia. El sábado 1 de enero se celebrará una misa durante la misa en español de las 11:30 am, seguida de una recepción ligera.

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento

Este viernes 7 de enero es el primer viernes del mes. Únase a la Comunidad a las 7:00 pm para una hora de oración con Cristo durante la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento.

Sacramento del Matrimonio

Si está pensando en casarse, comuníquese con la Rectoría al menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda para programar una cita.

Recuerde a la Iglesia de San Bernardo en su voluntad

Recuerde la Iglesia de San Bernardo en su testamento. Si desea hablar con un especialista en planificación de donaciones sobre cómo incluir a San Bernardo en su testamento o fideicomiso en vida, llame al (646) 7943317 o envíe un correo electrónico a planninggiving@archny.org

Thank you

Deseamos agradecer a todos los Voluntarios de Thrift Shop y a todos aquellos que donaron artículos. La ganancia de la tienda de segunda mano de St. Bernard del mes de diciembre fue de \$ 3,603.

Programa de educación religiosa

Recordatorio:

No habrá clases de educación religiosa el 29 y 30 de diciembre.



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Queremos ofrecerle formas rápidas y sencillas de apoyar a su parroquia. Considere registrarse para realizar donaciones en línea.

- Las donaciones en línea le permiten presupuestar su tiempo y dinero a través de pagos programados y recurrentes.
- Ya no tendrá que preocuparse por llevar abultados talonarios de cheques o sobres a la iglesia.
- Ayudará a nuestra parroquia a minimizar las fluctuaciones semanales en el ofertorio.
- Nos permitirá planificar cuidadosamente el presupuesto de nuestra parroquia y ayudar a sostener los esfuerzos de nuestros prósperos ministerios.

Para obtener más información o ayuda para crear un perfil, llame a la rectoría al 914-949-2111.

¡Cree su perfil de donaciones en línea!

Renovar + Reconstruir

Monto total comprometido: \$ 707,112

Monto total en pagos: \$ 348,111

Esperamos que todos nuestros feligreses puedan completar sus promesas para que podamos lograr nuestro proyecto parroquial. Muchas gracias.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 25, 2021

9:30 William Morris

11:30 Teresa Ramos Marin &
Magola Marin de Ramos

Sunday, December 26, 2021

9:30 Dorothy Anne King

11:30 Martha Tineo

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

9:00 Thomas Courtney

Thursday, December 30, 2021

9:00 Ramos Marin Family (Living)

Friday, December 31, 2021

5:00 Ramos Marin Family (Living)

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:30 Maria Romero Perez

11:30 Evangelina Quiñonez

Sunday, January 2, 2022

9:30 Francisco Loja Tafur

11:30 Agustina Vazquez Garcia and
Froilan Hidalgo Aguilar

Prayer for the Sick / Oración para los Enfermos

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and those who serve them. /
Recemos por todas las personas de nuestra parroquia que se encuentran enfermas.

William Fargelli
Bernie Levine
Elie Rodriguez

Jerrie Duffy
Jennie Magnotta
Vicky Rebatta



Sunday's Collection:

Today's Second Collection is for Snow Plowing. Next week's Second Collection will be for the Maintenance. Thank you for your generous support to our parish.

La Segunda Colecta de hoy será para el Arado de Nieve. La Segunda Colecta de la próxima semana sera para el Mantenimiento. Gracias por sus generosas contribuciones a nuestra parroquia.

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Weekly Collections

Due to the early deadline from the bulletin the total for last week's Collections will be posted in a future bulletin.

Debido a la fecha límite anticipada del boletín, el total de las colecciones de la semana pasada se publicará en un boletín futuro.

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Reserving Announced Masses

To request a Mass be offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the Rectoría 914-949-2111. Mass offering is \$15. Reservando Misas Anunciadas. / Para solicitar una Misa para un ser querido, vivo o fallecido, por favor comuníquese con la Rectoría al 914-949-2111. El ofrecimiento para la misa es \$15.

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