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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Sunday 9:00am to 12:00pm

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE LORDS DAY

All Masses celebrated in the Main Church

Saturday (Mglt) 5:00pm

Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am
11:45am 1:00pm & 5:00pm

Sunday Lower Church 8:45am (Italian)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses celebrated in the Main Church

Monday – Friday 6:30am & 8:30am

Saturday 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Main Church

Monday – Friday following the 8:30am Mass

SERVED BY:

Very Rev., Brendan A. Fitzgerald, Pastor

Rev. Joseph Akunaeziri, Parochial Vicar

Rev. John Smart, In Residence

Rev. Kevin O'Reilly, Weekend Assistant

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Deacon Sal Mazzella

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BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at a 2:00pm ceremony in the Main Church. Baptism Instruction is currently suspended. Please schedule baptism through the rectory office. Private Baptism available upon request.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the Rectory at least six months in advance and make an appointment with the priest you want to perform your marriage. That priest will guide you through all preparation. Diocesan regulations require a marriage preparation program for all couples.

ROSARY

Monday - Friday at 8:00am

ADORATION

Fridays 9:30am to 6:00pm

SICK CALLS & ANOINTING OF SICK

Anytime by request

(Communal Anointing in the Fall)

NEW PARISHIONERS

Our warmest welcome.

To register, please call the parish office at 718 324-1478.

If you have a question about the Catholic faith, we will always do our best to help.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Barnabas Parish, a Roman Catholic parish, exists to live and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcome all as we reach out to the entire community through prayer, sacrament, education and support.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

Christmas

December 25, 2020



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Dear Parishioners,

Saint Paul in his letter to the 1 Thessalonians 5:18 tell us: "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

2020 has been a difficult year for everyone but, as we finish this year we give thanks to God for the blessings we have received in the midst of our trials. In particular, for the people who have lessened our burdens and brightened our days, those who have truly brought the light of Christ into our world.

I pray for an abundance of blessings for you and your family as we enter our new year with hope and confidence that the bright star of Bethlehem will lead us into a deeper awareness of Emmanuel, God with Us.

*Fr. Brendan A. Fitzgerald
Pastor*



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



You are invited to take a Christmas Flower envelope (available in the vestibule of the Main Church) and make a donation for poinsettias and decorations for our church this Christmas.

The donation will act as a reminder to all of us of those who have gone home to the Eternal Lord as well as those who are unable to be with us this Christmas.

The names of your loved ones will appear in one of our January bulletins

Bread and Wine Memorials

All 60 daily Masses in one month	\$100.00
All 9 Sabbath weekend Masses in one week	\$ 75.00
Four Sabbath weekend Masses in one month	\$ 50.00
All 15 daily Masses in one week	\$ 25.00
One Sabbath Weekend Mass in one week	\$ 15.00



Sanctuary Lamp Memorial

Weekly \$10.00



December 2020

Gifts of Bread and Wine

60 Daily Masses: James Hanlon (2nd Anniversary)
Requested by: O'Shea Family & Friends

Sanctuary Lamp

Peggy Kelly

Requested by: Fran Mauro



OFFICE CLOSED

The rectory office will be closed on Christmas Day and on Monday, December 28th. If a priest is needed in an emergency please call 718 324-1478.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

King David plans to build a temple to honor God. But God tells Nathan the Prophet that instead he will give David rest from his enemies, and ensure that both his house and community will be protected forever.

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

In this letter of Paul to the Romans, he explains that the gospel reveals the mystery that had been hidden for many ages. Now it has been made known to all, so that they may believe, obey, and give glory through Jesus Christ forever.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

The Virgin Mary is approached by the angel Gabriel, who tells her that she has been chosen to bear the Son of God. Mary is first afraid, yet shows her unquestioning faith when she simply says, "Let it be done to me as you say."

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Christmas Confessions

Reconciliation Monday

December 21st

4:00pm to 8:00pm in the Main Church

On Monday December 21st from 4-8pm the priests of the parish will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

This is an incentive that was initiated a number of years ago throughout the three dioceses of the downstate New York Region (The Archdiocese of New York, the Diocese of Brooklyn, and the Diocese of Rockville Centre) in an opportunity to offer all Catholics an opportunity to prayerfully prepare their hearts for the coming celebration of Christmas.

We will also have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the main church throughout the evening.

Please consider taking this opportunity to prepare your heart for the coming of the Savior and come home to confession!

Tithing & Stewardship

December 13th \$13,449.03
Retired Religious \$ 3,363.65



Thank you for your contributions

Christmas is a special time of giving. This giving includes prayerful and generous donations to our own parish. Each worshipper is asked to give thanks to God for our parish by a generous show of support in the Christmas collection.



COLLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS

Christmas Masses will begin at 4pm



First Collection – Christmas Collection

Second Collection – Special Project Collection

Our special project this year will go to help offset expenses in light of decreased offertory during pandemic.
Thank You.

The Poor At Christmas You have an opportunity to help the unfortunate right in our own parish. The Poor Box donations are given to St. Barnabas parishioners who have fallen on hard times. Please know that your anonymous donations are encouraged especially at Christmas time. The Poor Boxes are situated by the church and chapel doors.

Tiding and Stewardship

Please continue to support the parish if you cannot come to Mass. Our bills and overheads have not gone away.

**ALL MASSES ARE STREAMED
LIVE ON FACEBOOK**



Envelopes can be mailed or dropped off through the mailbox at the rectory.
You can also sign up to online giving by going to our website stbarnabasbronx.org and click on **GiveOnline**.



Christmas Mass & Confession Schedule



CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 21st through Thursday, December 24th
following the 8:30am Mass

Monday, December 21st RECONCILIATION MONDAY
4:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday Evening, December 23rd
7:30pm – 8:30pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:00pm - Main Church
4:10pm - Lower Church

7:30pm - Main Church
7:40pm - Lower Church

Midnight - Main Church
12:10am - Lower Church

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

7:30am - Main Church
8:45am - Lower Church (Italian)
9:00am - Main Church

10:30am - Main Church
10:40am - Lower Church

11:45am - Main Church
12noon - Lower Church

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, December 21

- 6:30 Marie Albert Lombardi (8TH Anniversary)
And Intentions of Dolores & Joe Matthews
- 8:30 Breeda Devane, James Devane
And Michael Brennan

TUESDAY, December 22

- 6:30 Intentions of Patricia Shalvey
Mary McKenna and James McKenna
- 8:30 Cathal & Michael Mooney
Barney Daly & Domenica LaStisa (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, December 23

- 6:30 Deceased mem. Of the Martin Family
Bernie Reilly and Intentions of Rita King
- 8:30 Frank McGurk
Michael, Nora, Michael Jr. & Sean Kennedy

THURSDAY, December 24

- 6:30 Soul in Purgatory
Dermot Breen & Christina Casey
- 8:30 Patrick & Sean Tallon
Brian Brady (2nd Anniversary)
Denis Mahoney and Martin Coyne

FRIDAY, December 25



SATURDAY, December 26

- 12noon Souls in Purgatory
Deceased mem. of Heenan, Foran, Renaud,
White, Fie and Molohan Families
- 5:00pm (Vigil) Michael Roche, John Cloherty
Patrick and Michael Mahoney

Professional Counselling Service Available

If you feel the need to avail of counselling, St. Barnabas is pleased to introduce a confidential service available for a nominal fee of \$10.00 per session to our parishioners. The program is the Parish Counseling Network (PCN). Parishioners are entitled to 6 sessions with a Professional Clinician who can help with a variety of individual and inter-personal issues. Please contact your parish priests or deacons for more information to access services.



Baptismal Instruction Classes have been postponed until further notice

Parents wishing to have their children baptized at Saint Barnabas are asked to call the rectory to schedule a date.



Did you miss the TACHS Exam?
Saint Barnabas High School is offering an **ONLINE Admission Test** on Friday, January 15, 2021 at 5:00pm. For more information call Gina Nieves, Director of Admission at 718-325-800 ext. 20 or email admissions@stbarnabashigh.com.

Lectio Divina Reflection

Today's Gospel is **Luke 1:26-38**. Accepting God's message has a profound effect on Mary's life. How has God's message to you changed your life?

Lectio Divina is a tool in your faith toolbox to help you tackle the problems in your life. Sessions are available virtually on Zoom -Sunday mornings, 8:45 to 9:45am. You may join us in person, by phone, or computer. All are welcome to participate from the comfort of your own home. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/228349778> or you may call by phone at +16465588656, 228349778# US (New York). Meeting ID: 228 349 778, Passcode 1Sunday. We will meet in person simultaneously in Considine Center Room 1-6. Wear your mask please. Contact Helen at mccocchiara@mindspring.com or 914-606-1489 if you have any questions.



THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We rejoice and wish lasting happiness to the following couple who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage here at St. Barnabas:

Maureen Casey and Gerard Heneghan

Prayer Requests For The Sick & Endangered

Please submit names of all those who are in need of prayer, cut this box out and return to the rectory office.

Name: _____

Please pray for:

Trevor McKay

Martin Heller



Rest in Peace

Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, benefactors, relatives, members of the Armed Forces, for those who are most forgotten and for those who recently died especially. **Bridget O'Shaughnessy, Thomas McKee and Carol O'Connor**

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