

Saint Bernadette Parish



Schedule of Masses

Saturday, The Lord's Day Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 8:30 AM

Holy Days: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Confession

Saturday: 4:00 PM

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From the Pastor:

My Friends in the Lord Jesus,

As one-year ends, so the new year begins. Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year 2018. We conclude this liturgical year as it began by reflecting on Christ the King, savior of the world. We call upon him to come, anticipating an encounter with him, at any moment, at every moment.

So, this means that the Season of Advent begins next weekend! Can it be that Christmas is only few weeks away! The First Sunday of Advent is also the start of the new liturgical year of grace, 2019. Advent is a four week season prior to Christmas. Most of us recognize this season as preparation for Christmas. Certainly our shopping centers make the urgency for Christmas rush, gift shopping, house decorations, and festive gatherings and meals a real part of this time of year. Hectic yet joyful, but prayerful too!

However, the Season of Advent has three dimensions. The first three weeks of Advent focus our attention on the Second Coming of the Lord. This is usually expressed in the first reading and in the gospel of Mass. We prepare our hearts to meet the Lord at a time unexpected. The readings help us to prepare for this inevitable encounter, as we wait and prepare ourselves to meet the Lord.

The second dimension is our present relationship with Jesus. Advent helps us to reflect on our dignity as sons and daughters of God. The Lord abides within us, making us his dwelling place. Everyday we encounter the Lord in the depths of our being. It is there that we develop a deeper prayer life, a closer walk, a strengthening of trust in Jesus, who became a human person out of love for us.

The third dimension of the Season of Advent begins on December 17. The shift in focus is dramatic. The liturgy directs our attention acutely to Bethlehem. This last week of Advent is an immediate preparation for the celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus. It is during this week that we will once again contemplate the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph, husband and wife, who have responded out of love to God's request. Mary, ever virgin and mother of God, and Joseph her chaste spouse, who by the Holy Spirit have formed the Holy Family. We will hear voices of angels, and declaration of shepherds proclaiming glad tidings of great joy, the birth of the Savior, Christ the Lord.

Let us enter Advent prayerfully. Although a season of festivity, let us also take time to reflect on its purpose. Advent is that annual season of preparation for encountering the Lord, at Bethlehem, in our hearts, and when he comes again.

Fr. Ron

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 24

5:00 PM † Anthony Mocerino, *By Steve & MaryLou Stupik*
† Lyn King, *By Maureen Walker*

Sunday, November 25

9:00 AM † Ron Fiske, *By the Mikitarian Family*
† Joshua Byrne, *By the Mikitarian Family*
11:00 AM † Yolanda Cutillo, *By her children*

Monday, November 26

8:30 AM † James and Anna LaGorga, *By the Rame Family*

Tuesday, November 27

8:30 AM † Marie Glynn, *By the Lien Family*

Wednesday, November 28

8:30 AM † Bruce Campbell, *By John and Barbara Kane*

Thursday, November 29

8:30 AM † Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 30

8:30 AM The People of St. Bernadette Parish

Saturday, December 1

5:00 PM † Mark Duggan, *By Mary Ellen Duggan*
† Ruth Stone, *By Judi Winning*

Sunday, December 2

9:00 AM † Alice O'Shea, 4th Anniversary, *By the Family*
† Ron Fiske, *By Pat Englund*
11:00 AM † Carlo and Julie Dinovo, *By the Dinovo Family*

Sacrament and Pastoral Information

Holy Baptism & the

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Fr. Falco to make arrangements for
Infant Baptisms as well as for adult Baptism,
Eucharist & Confirmation.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please inform a pastoral staff member of the needs
of those who may be ill, hospitalized or elderly.
We are privileged to serve the infirmed.

Holy Orders/Consecrated Religious Life

Contact Fr. Ron Falco for information on the
priesthood or the permanent diaconate.

Christian Marriage

Contact Fr. Ron Falco for preparation for
Christian marriage and wedding plans.

First Communion & Confirmation

Contact Mrs. Boland for registration.

Parish Events this week...

Saturday, November 24

Confession: 4:00 PM

Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday, November 25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Mass: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, November 26

K of C Meeting 7PM

Wednesday, November 28

SFO Monthly Meeting 7PM

Thursday, November 29

Prayer Group 7PM

Saturday, December 1

Confession: 4:00 PM

Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 2

First Sunday of Advent

Mass: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Coffee and Conversation 10:00 AM

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour 10:00 AM

Altar Server Training 12:30 PM

Religious Education:

1st Reconciliation: 10:15-12:00 PM

Gr. 3-8: 10:15-11:45

Gr. 9 & 10: 6-8:00 PM

Confirmation: 6:00-8:00 PM

Masses, Feasts & Gospels

SUNDAY John 18:33b-37

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

MONDAY Luke 21:1-4

Weekday

Last Week in Ordinary Time

TUESDAY Luke 21:5-11

Weekday

WEDNESDAY Luke 21:12-19

Weekday

THURSDAY Luke 21:20-28

Weekday

FRIDAY Matthew 4:18-22

Saint Andrew, Apostle

SATURDAY Luke 21:34-36

Weekday

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’” (John 18:36)

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

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Mom's Group

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Monthly Food Collection

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St. Bernadette Choir

Jay Maenhout 508-485-4191

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Sr. Muriel Audette 508-393-1290

Prayer Group

Mike Thome 508-393-9096

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Respect for Life

Evelyn & Russ Lindquist 508-393-9199

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Fr. Ron Falco 508-393-2838

Women's Faith Sharing

Peg Lien 508-393-7180

Youth Ministry

Lori Howard 508-393-2838

Offertory Collection

Weekend of November 18

**Figures were not available at time of printing.
Please see the bulletin next week.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Faith and Finances

During the last week of November, 2018, the roof on Fr. Falco's rectory on Main Street will be replaced. The cost of the new roof is \$13,900.00.

Liturgical Roles December 1 & 2

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>EMC</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5:00 PM	M. Duggan	W. Soboyejo J. Winnin D. Lizotte	H. Lowe P. Quinn D. Soboyejo
9:00 AM	K. Conway	P. Lien B. Breyfogle M. Leonard	C. Arcona A. Arcona A. Arcona
11:00 AM	J. Andrasko	B. Conboy MJ Pierson E. Rame	A. Rame G. Conboy T. Conboy

Altar Society Ministry - December 1

M. Walker J. Foster A. Wall

Praying With Our Parish

Please remember in your prayers ...

Colleen, Mary, Lynn, Joanne, Bobby, Carol, Tori, Stephen, Eileen, Anna, Kenny, Lynn, Betsy, Elizabeth, Robin, Christopher, Don, Janice, Theresa, Kathryn, Tiffany, Diane, Mark, Betty, Eleanor, Jessie, Meaghan, Sue, Sheila, Peter, Gary, Kelly, Mike, Kathy, Charlotte, Bert, Bill, Pat, Karen, Jerry, Walter, Ruth, Maggie, Jean, Charlie, Judy, Katie, Mary, Richard, Leo, Joan, Julie, John, Agnes, Beth, Jackie, Ethan, Jack, Honor, Patricia, Fran, Jane, Meg, Alfred, Maro, Chris, Kenneth, Henry, Jenny, Vincent, Jeff, Dottie, Allison, Sharon, Maureen, Robert, Jeannette, Nancy, Andrew, Steve, Chet, Joe, Silvia, Anthony, Marsha, Betty, Roy, Craig, Barbara, Tom, Nicole, Aubri, Jeannine, Ed, Deirdre, Jeff, Amy, Emma, Cathy, Christina, David, Mary, Cheryl, Gilda

**Please call the parish office for those in need of prayers,
a home visit or are in the hospital or nursing home.
Thank You!**



Remembrance Book

A *Book of Remembrance* is displayed in the front of the church and all are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the book. They will be remembered at all the Masses during the month of November.



Youth Ministry News

December 16 ~ Amplify

January 18 ~ March for Life

Youth Ministry cell phone # 774-258-1891

E-mail: youth-ministry@stb-parish.net

Religious Education News



Upcoming Classes:

First Reconciliation: December 2 (Last Class) 10:15AM-12PM
First Reconciliation/Advent Penance Service
December 15 at 10AM

Gr. 3-8: December 2, 16 10:15AM-11:45AM

Gr. 9 & 10: December 2, 9, 16

Confirmation: December 2 & 16

Christmas Pageant December 16 at 11AM Mass

www.stb-parish.org
508-393-7445



Coffee Hour



Join us NEXT Sunday!

Holy Grounds Coffee Hour

December 2 at 10AM

Hosted by the Youth Ministry!

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Join the global day of giving!

Following Black Friday and Cyber Monday, **#Giving Tuesday** will kick off the charitable season, when many volunteer in their local community or focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Please remember Saint Bernadette Parish on November 27th, #Giving Tuesday!

Go to www.stb-parish.org and click on the "OnLine Giving" link.



What better way to start the day than with morning Mass! It brings us many blessings and special graces. This week, Mass will be celebrated **Monday - Friday at 8:30.** The Rosary begins at 8:00 am.

The following feast days will be celebrated this week:

Friday: Saint Andrew

Please Join

St. Bernadette Parish Families

On a trip to the

Christmas Festival of Lights

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette

947 Park Street, Attleboro, MA

Sunday, December 9th

Hosted by the FUN Committee!

Meet at the Shrine or carpool from St. Bernadette parking lot.

St. Bernadette Children's Christmas Pageant



We invite children age 4 through Grade 8 to participate in the Christmas Pageant at the 11AM Mass on Sunday, December 16th.
What a wonderful way for our children to experience the real meaning of Christmas!

Please visit the parish website to sign up or volunteer:

www.stb-parish.net/christmaspageant

Rehearsals will be on the following dates at 5:00 PM in the church:

Tuesday, November 27th —parts will be determined at this first rehearsal

Tuesday, December 4th

Tuesday, December 11th

Friday, December 14th —Last Rehearsal

We are in need of Adult and teen volunteers to help us!

Please contact Ginny Boland if you have any questions
Tel: 508-393-2838 or email: ginnyboland@stb-parish.net



Sharing our Blessings

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Stewardship is Discipleship

Week 4: Sunday Reflection

Today we start week four of our five-week stewardship renewal program, Sharing Our Blessings 2018. Set aside 10-20 minutes to read the scripture passage below, reflect on it, and pray with it. This Wednesday you will receive an action item via Flocknote that encourages you to make an account of your finances and consider an increased gift to the parish.

Reflection:

Read Matthew 25: 14-30. Note that the first two servants doubled what they had been given and gave back not a portion, but the entirety of the original sum and the profit. On a very basic level, what are they left with, materially? Contrast this with the third servant, who hides the money and merely returns it. How does this betray a lack of trust in his master? Now turn to your own life, and imagine yourself as the servant and Christ as the master. Given what you have received from God in terms of time, talent, and treasure, how have you used it? To what extent have you been faithful, working with what you have been given for God's glory and others' benefit? To what have you been unfaithful, either leaving your gifts unused or for less important ends?

Week 4: Wednesday Action Item

This is the fourth of five action items for Sharing Our Blessings 2018. Once you have completed the Sunday reflection, considering the following:

1. In this Sunday's reflections, you saw the difference between the faithful servants, who took their master's money, invested it, and returned everything to their master. Consider your time, talent, and treasure. Whose is it, ultimately? How will you be called to make an account of these things before God?
2. Take the time to examine your finances over the past few years. What percentage of your annual income goes toward building up the local church, especially via parish offertory? Is it 1%? 5%? 10%? More?
3. Now think about the coming year. What would it look like for you to "stretch" when it comes to your offering to the parish? What if you were donating one hour's worth of your weekly income to your parish - along with one hour of your time in worship as a community and maybe one hour of volunteering? Write down that dollar amount next to the previous one. Is it a stretch? Should it be more? Only you can decide.
4. Now act. Visit the parish's online giving portal and consider making a 12-month commitment to a new offertory level that is meaningful and sacrificial to you, that helps you orient one more area of your life toward radical trust in God.

Join us!

Growing in Faith Together



Leaving after 9AM Mass...

Coming in early for the 11AM Mass...

Dropping off Children for Religious Education...

*Come in and join us for Coffee and Conversation
at 10:00 AM in the Conference room of the Pastoral Center!*

Next Sunday * December 2nd ~ Prayer**

January 13th ~ Getting the Most out of Mass

February 3rd ~ The Eucharist

March 10th ~ Sin and Reconciliation

Contact Ginny Boland with questions at ginnyboland@stb-parish.net

The Giving Tree

This weekend, our Giving Tree will be displayed at all Masses, and our parish will again be blessed with the opportunity of experiencing a deeper spirit of Christmas!

Each tag on the tree represents a SPECIFIC item for a person in a family in need. There are no restrictions on the number of tags you may take. Whatever your heart is moved to do will be greatly appreciated! This program was developed to be a family experience and is an opportunity for your children to experience sacrificing some of their own money to help another person. We hope that you will shop, wrap, and return your gift together. While your own children's gifts are still wrapped and under your tree, you will know that they already received the most valuable gift of all. You have provided them the opportunity to feel compassion. You will have given them the direct experience of reaching out to help another person.

Each tag will have an identification number to ensure that the needed item reaches the proper person. Do not include your name. This program is anonymous and strictly confidential - both ways.

Please return gifts under the tree by

Sunday, December 9th at 12 noon.

Call Marcia Roman at 508-393-8763 if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.



Advent Penance Service

Saturday, December 15th at 10:00 AM

This Advent, come prepare yourself for Christmas
at our annual Advent Penance Service.

Please join the children who will be receiving the
Sacrament of Reconciliation for their first time.

Visiting priests will be attending this Penance Service to hear confessions

All are welcome to attend.

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