Saint Bernadette Church

Villanova & Princeton Roads
Parlin, New Jersey

Served by:
Rev. James W. Hagerman, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Andrew L. Szaroleta, Senior Priest

We Invite You To Celebrate And Participate

The Eucharist

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days: As Announced

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) is celebrated every Saturday from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Weekday Chapel.

Please keep your distance from one another and **a mask must be worn** at all times while in Church.
Due to distancing, some of the pews are roped off to **limiting seating capacity** at this time.

Parish Offices
20 Villanova Road
Parlin, New Jersey 08859

Office Hours
The parish office will be open ***by appointment only*** on Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Please call ahead before coming.

Parish Office Telephone
732-721-2772
Mass times - ext. 2
Secretary - ext. 3
Fr. Hagerman - ext. 3
Bookkeeper - ext. 4
Msgr. Szaroleta - ext. 5

Maintenance 732-707-4477
Mr. Jeff Spitery

Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Lorna A. Francis 732-727-4343
CCD Email: stbernccd@gmail.com

Director of Music
Mrs. Jill Russo

Church Bingo Hall 732-721-8833
Parish Fax 732-727-5188

Parish Website: saintbernadettechurch.net
Online Donation:
saintbernadettechurch.churchgiving.com

MISSION STATEMENT

"St. Bernadette Parish is a community of faith, energized by the Eucharist, for the support of those in need both spiritually and materially. We invite everyone to join us on this faith-filled journey."

New Members: We welcome all new parishioners and those who wish to return to the Church or to learn more of what we believe as Catholics. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register at the Rectory. If you move to another Parish, or change your address, please notify us.

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat.-Sun., January 2-January 3
(The Epiphany of the Lord)

5:00 pm + David Lapinski, r/o Alice Russo
8:30 am + John Camia, r/o Laraine and Jack Grimaldi
10:00 am + Domenica Dalton, r/o JoAnn Walter
11:30 am + Eladia Lagmay, r/o Edward and Nancy Quilon.

Mon., Jan. 4 (Saint Ann Seton)
7:00 pm + Olga Semler, r/o Toni and Carl Kellgren

Tues., Jan. 5 (Sint John Neumann)
8:30 am + Anthony Pantone, r/o Alice Russo

Wed., Jan. 6 (Christmas Weekday)
8:30 am + Jeffery Gasiewski, r/o the Perez Family

Thurs., Jan. 7 (Christmas Weekday)
8:30 am + Violet Samborski, r/o Marge and Joe Donnelly

Fri., Jan. 8 (Christmas Weekday)
8:30 am + Salvatore Zammit, r/o the children

Sat., Jan. 9 (Christmas Weekday)
No 8:30am Mass

Sat.-Sun., January 9-January 10 (Baptism of the Lord)

5:00 pm + Susan Cuevas, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto
8:30 am + Lois Mayberry, r/o Nancy Jones and family
10:00 am + Peter Caruso, r/o Alice Russo
11:30 am + Robert DeChiara, r/o mom and dad.

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

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STEWARDSHIP…
The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Dec. 19– Dec. 20…….$9,104.00
Assessment Offering....…...…….$81.00
Online Giving…..…….……..$1,170.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

$1-$5…….....…7
$6-$10…….…..4
$11-$20……...……12
$21-$30…….……..……11
$31-$39…….……3
$40 and Over…….…….51

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SPREADING THE WORD
Epiphany of the Lord

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..."
MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Action Pregnancy Center.....732-828-1166
Problem Pregnancy Center 732-449-8676
Drug Abuse 800-322-5525
Alacare 800-300-2118
Natural Family Planning..... 800-334-0699
"Pantry Sunday".....Donations accepted every Sunday
Food Assistance..... 732-721-7418

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK…..

We would like to offer a special Thank You to all of you in our parish community who support the parish through out the year. Your stewardship shows your commitment to God and the Church! Have a Blessed New Year!

Fr. Jim
Msgr. Andy

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LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST
Praise and Worship

Please join us on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 9:15am, in the Lourdes Center Meeting Room, for Morning Prayer and a talk and discussion on "When trials weigh you down". All are invited.

HELP IS NEEDED

The Cleaning Crew has lost several helpers. Our volunteers are in dire need of help. If you can spare an hour or so to share your time to help clean your church after the Friday 8:30 am Mass, it would be greatly appreciated! If you can join us, please the parish office at 732-721-2772.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2021-2022 TUITION ASSISTANCE

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at online.factsmgt.com/aid.

Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than March 31, 2021. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

SHOP RITE CARDS AVAILABLE

Shop Rite Cards – The Altar Rosary Society is now selling Shop Rite cards at the main entrance of the church before and after **all** masses. Please consider purchasing some for you, your family, and friends. 5% of whatever we sell goes directly to the parish.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection for the "Foundation for Catholic Education" collection will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of January 16th and 17th. The entire collection will benefit financial aid to students attending diocesan and parochial elementary and high schools in the Diocese of Metuchen.

GENTLE REMINDER TO LOCK YOUR AUTO AND SAFEGUARD YOUR VALUBLES

We ask God not to lead us into temptation, so we should not lead others in temptation by leaving autos unlocked or valuables visible. Nor should we offer money or rides to panhandlers - even those who, without permission, beg in our parking lot. The Church and State's social service agencies assist those *truly* in need and weed out those who take advantage of others' goodwill. If you see panhandlers or anyone suspicious on or near parish property, please inform a clergyman or staff member.

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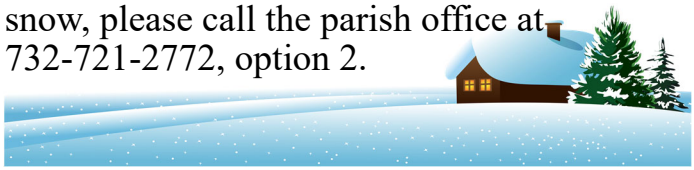
IN CASE OF SNOW…..

For Mass time changes or cancellation due to snow, please call the parish office at 732-721-2772, option 2.



PRAYER OF RENEWAL OF CONSECRATION

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of God, and Mother of the Church of Metuchen, you who were chosen by the Father from all eternity, to offer the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus Christ, as the one pleasing sacrifice back to God; and, whom that same Son, at the moment of his agony gave the Church, you as Mother for ever: listen to the prayers of your children, who cry to you, and intercede for us before your Son in heaven.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, today, we renew our consecration of ourselves to you,
for you do not abandon any person who loves your Son, Jesus, but instead accompany the Christian people in true discipleship.

O most beautiful Virgin, each day we entrust ourselves, and our diocese, to your powerful intercession for you have never forsaken the prayer of faith, but constantly show to your Son the sorrows of your heart, that He may have favor towards all who turn to you.

Help us, Joyful Mother, through your example of living the Gospel, to faithfully proclaim Jesus Christ to be Savior of our lives; and lead us, by your overflowing grace, to return, with you, to the throne of your Son; where, with you as our Queen and Mother, we shall for ever enjoy fellowship with Him and all the saints.

Therefore, assist us in our prayer to the Father, that we, as the Church of Metuchen, may be renewed as missionary disciples, to set hearts on fire here in our Diocese of Metuchen so that, the world may come to know the love of Christ that will transform all people.

Mother of the Americas and Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS & CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

In order for someone to act as a Godparent or a Sponsor for Confirmation, they must have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If they are married, they must have been married in a Catholic Church or in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church. Godparents and Sponsors must also obtain a Letter of Eligibility from their parishes indicating that they are attending Mass on a regular basis and that they fulfill all requirements. For a full list of requirements and other information regarding baptism, please visit our website: saintbernadettechurch.net.

WOULDN'T YOU JUST LIKE TO TAKE A JOURNEY?

Sometimes this time of year gets dreary. Remnants of tinsel cling to discarded Christmas trees at curbsides and we are reminded that nothing in this life lasts forever. Masks, confinement, Covid restrictions – we are starting to get weary. There were those in Jesus' early life who were able to see God's revelation, through him, and then act upon it. The contrast today is dramatic. One response is to ignore the signs and to depend on human power. The other is to journey into unknown territory and to follow unfamiliar routes. We in this Catholic faith community, invite you to journey with us into the unknown, to discover more about God's revelation, through Jesus Christ.

*Our classes have already begun for this year. RCIA is a process for adults who desire to become Catholic as well as for Baptized Christians seeking the same. If you or anyone you know who might be interested in this process, please contact Tom, the parish office at 732-721-2772, or visit our website: saintbernadettechurch.net for more information about these classes.

KID'S CORNER

Read the Gospel and color

Sharing the Gospel

God wants these gifts from you: love, forgiveness, and sharing. The wise men took Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. You may not have these to give to God. You can give God gifts more valuable than gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Forgive someone. It is worth more than a piece of gold. Say NO to bad ways. This is worth more than frankincense. Share with others. This is worth more than myrrh.

Gospel Game

~~WISE MEN~~
STAR
HEROD

MESSIAH
WORSHIP
EXCITED

GIFTS
WARNED
DREAM

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J	I	N	E	G	A	J	W	I	N	G
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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

Looking for the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? Why not give yourselves a *Marriage Encounter Experience*. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions presented on Sunday & Wednesday evenings from January 20th to February 14th. For an application and information, call Tony & Linda Massimo 1-302-220-or email wwme-delmar.org.

LOST AND FOUND

There are several items in our Lost and Found bin located in the vestibule of the Church. Please take a moment to see if any of it is yours. All items not claimed will be donated at the end of January 2021.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 8:00pm in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday……
Monday (C) 7:00pm…….....Mass
(LC) 6:30pm……....Cub Scouts
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm ……....RCIA
Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm……K of C
Thursday ……
Friday ……
Saturday (C) 4:00pm……..…Confession
(LC) 9:15am..……...….LCSC
(LC) 6:00pm……..…..…MFC
Sunday……...……

PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING TO WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES

- Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday masses will be at 8:30 am; 10:00 am; and 11:30 am to allow time for disinfecting and cleaning. Vigil mass will still be recorded and posted on-line for those unable to attend at this time.
- Those in vulnerable groups *should* stay home.
- Those who are sick or symptomatic *must* stay at home.
- Please wash your hands before coming to Church.
- Do not park your vehicles next to each other – allow safe distance in the parking lot. There should be an empty parking space between each parked car.
- Please bring your own hand sanitizers. **Masks *must* be worn at all times.**
- Please sanitize your pew area before and after use.

Seating

- Physical distancing is still in effect thus limiting seating capacity. Some pews will be roped off to facilitate this.
- Families in the same household are allowed to sit together in a pew.
- Once capacity is reached, you will be asked to return after each mass if you desire to receive Holy Communion.

Holy Communion

- Proper distancing must be maintained while coming forth to receive Holy Communion. The floor will be marked accordingly.
- The Priest and Eucharistic Minister will wear a mask.
- There will be no sharing of the Chalice at this time.
- Reception of the Holy Communion will be *only in the hand* during this time – after receiving the Body of Christ, take a step to the side, remove your mask for a moment to consume the Sacred Host, then put your mask back on before returning to your seat.

Worship Service

- **NO missalettes are available at this time.**
- Go to the parish website, saintbernadettechurch.net, scroll down to "Worship Folder", and print out the material beforehand to bring to church.
- Properly dispose of your worship aide after each mass.
- Altar servers are not to be utilized at this time.
- There will be NO Offertory Procession.
- There will be no shaking of the hands at the *sign of peace.* A simple bow or nod to your fellow parishioner is sufficient. No waving of hands or peace signs!

- Volunteers are needed to wipe down door handles, railings, elevator buttons and rest rooms after each Mass. *Please wipe down your pews after the mass.*
- Each individual is responsible to make healthy decisions that are appropriate for themselves and to be considerate towards your fellow parishioner. While the parish is making every effort to minimize the transmission of disease, all risk cannot be eliminated. Your help and participation is vital as well by sanitizing your area before and after you leave the Church.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding at this time!

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect until further notice.