

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. (Mass/Novena)

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.

∴Masks are recommended for those who are unvaccinated. If you are feeling ill, as always, please refrain from attending mass until you feel better.

Parish Offices

20 Villanova Road
Parlin, New Jersey 08859

Office Hours

Open:

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Closed:

Saturday-Monday

∴Please call ahead before coming.

Parish Office Telephone

732-721-2772

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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., Oct. 2– Oct. 3 (The Twenty-
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Times)**

5:00 pm + Salvatore Zammit, r/o the children

8:30 am + Dennis Callahan, r/o Alice Russo

10:00 am + Stanley Tluchowski and Matt Waldman, r/o Barry and Margaret Waldman

11:30 am + Katherine Szaroleta, r/o children

Mon., October 4 (Saint Francis of Assisi)

7:00 pm + Anthony and Josephine Malara, r/o sons

Tues., October 5 (Weekday)

8:30 am + People of the Parish

Wed., October 6 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Julio & Sylvia Fuentes and Leandro & Asunción Rivera, r/o Bob and Maria Rotger

Thurs., October 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)

8:30 am + Prayer service only

Fri., October 8 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Kevin Morgan, r/o the White Family

Sat., October 9 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., Oct. 9– Oct. 10 (The Twenty-
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Times)**

5:00 pm + Angelina Flanagan, r/o the Flanagan Family

8:30 am + Emmanuel Zammit Sr., r/o brothers and sisters

10:00 am + Domenick Maresca, r/o Michael and Juanita Maresca

11:30 am + Vincent DeChiara, r/o Dita Nunez

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Maura Fitzgerald-Ferramo, r/o Betty Miller and family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

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\$11-\$20.....16
\$21-\$30.....15
\$31-\$39.....7
\$40 and Over.....60

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick may be requested by contacting the parish office. Catholic Chaplains are assigned by the Diocese of Metuchen to our area hospitals. They are there to respond to the critical needs of Catholic patients, particularly the Anointing of the Sick and Dying. Personnel at the Nurse's Station will contact the Chaplain on-call when requested by the family.



Arrangements for bringing Holy Communion to our homebound may be made by contacting our parish office.

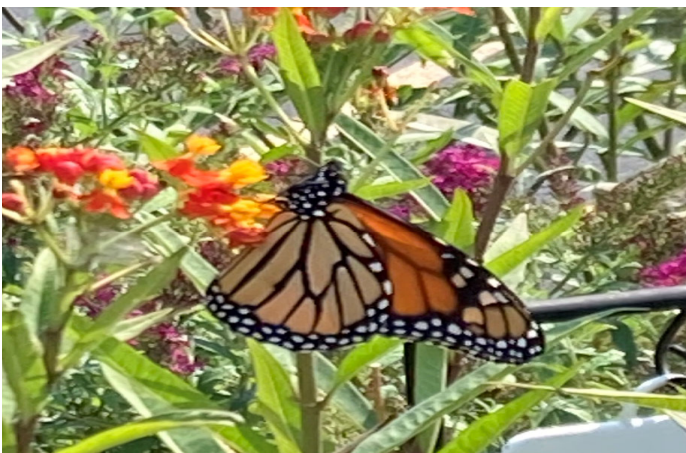
HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Catholic Charities.....732-324-8200
Food Assistance.....732-721-7418
Mental Health and Addiction.....732-745-4186
Depression.....855-654-6735

Life Choices Resource Center.....732-516-0911
Life Call.....800-662-2678
Safe Haven.....609-888-7915

ST. BERNADETTE MONARCH UPDATE

Recently three stages of the Monarch Butterflies were noticed: the adult butterfly, the caterpillar, and the chrysalis. There are twelve chrysalis on the wall of Lourdes center. In ten to fourteen days, a butterfly should emerge from the chrysalis. Stop by a take a look at them. But please, *do not touch the chrysalises*. Let's allow them to turn into beautiful butterflies!



PRAYER SERVICE DATES

A Prayer Service will be held on the following dates: *October 7th, 13th and 14th*. There will be no Mass scheduled on those days.

SPREADING THE WORD

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.”

GENESIS 2:19

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

COME JOIN THE CHOIR!

Our Music Ministry would like to invite new members to join in sharing their time and talents with our parish community. New singers are always welcome in our **Adult Choir**. No previous musical experience is necessary. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. The Adult Choir typically sings at 5:00pm Mass each Saturday and periodically at 8:30am or 10:00am Masses on Sunday. The Choir will begin singing at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, October 2nd.

Thank you for your interest!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$51,142.75 and payments totaling \$50,852.75 from 220 parishioners. This represents 88.2% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00.



Scripture tells us that in the beginning, God created a new and pure world, a world of harmony and love. Deep in the human heart is the longing for that world of harmony and love to be restored. Jesus came to remind us of that perfection. Again and again, he presents to us the image of God's reign - a place without divisions and separations between people. If you, or someone you know would like to hear more about Jesus and about his image of God's reign, we invite you to join us at an Inquiry Session. Inquiry sessions do not assume a commitment to join the Catholic Faith family. Inquiry sessions are opportunities to ask questions about God, Jesus, the Catholic Faith Family. RCIA is a process for adults who desire to become Catholic as well as for Baptized Christians seeking the same. There are weekly gatherings where people come together to share, grow, and understand the Catholic faith. RCIA is also open to Baptized Catholics who need to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. These are not classes but a faith-sharing group. If you or anyone you know who might be interested in this process, please contact Tom O'Leary at 732-721-2772 or visit our website: saintbernadettechurch.net.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On October 3rd at 1:00pm, we will be having a special Blessing of the Animals ceremony. This is in conjunction with celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. On this day we remember St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures great and small.



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY



October 16, 2021 at 12:00 noon by the Mary Garden. Bring chair, Rosary, and a friend. We hope to see you all there!

BINGO IS BACK!!!

It is our pleasure to announce the return of Tuesday night Bingo! Join us in O'Dea Hall at 7:30pm.



SOCIAL CONCERNS CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Social Concerns Ministry will conduct our fall clothing drive on Saturday, October 23rd. Please help us fund our programs by donating clothing, small appliances, household items, toys, reading books, small furniture, linens, blankets, curtains, drapes, bedspreads, pillows, handbags, shoes (do not need to be packaged separately). **NO large appliances or furniture will be accepted.** We will have a truck available in the parking lot on Saturday, October 23rd, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Students who need service hours may volunteer from 9:00am until 1:00pm, please call Karen at 732-425-0387. Tax receipts will be available. **We regret that we are unable to accept any donations before October 23rd, therefore, any donations left on the church property will be discarded.**

SUMMER AND FALL 50/50 FAIR SHARE RAFFLE

The Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring our annual 50/50 Fair Share Raffle. A full book contains 10 tickets for \$10.00 or you may purchase individual tickets at \$1.00 each. You can return your purchased tickets by dropping them off or mailing them, with a check/cash enclosed, to the parish office, or drop them off at mass. The winning tickets will be drawn on Monday, November 22, 2021.

SHOP RITE CARDS AVAILABLE

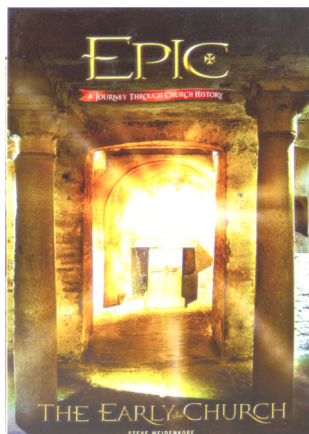
The Altar Rosary Society is selling Shop Rite cards at the main entrance of the church before and after **all** masses. Please consider purchasing some for you, your family, and friends. 5% of whatever we sell goes directly to the parish.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS*****Epic: The Early Church***

An Exciting Study of the Church's First Five Hundred Years

Discover the extraordinary story of the Church's beginnings—a time of courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. St. John Paul II said, "Christ is the foundation and center of history; he is its meaning and ultimate goal." *Epic: The Early Church* encourages you to grow closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of his Church. Here you will get to know the people and events that shaped its first five hundred years. You will see how the Church Fathers boldly confronted early challenges to the Faith—challenges similar to the ones we face today. You will learn the stories behind the first ecumenical councils and the Roman persecutions and meet many of the men and women who gave their lives to defend the Faith. The heroic stories of the early leaders and martyrs of the Church will strengthen and affirm your own walk of faith.

Join us on Thursdays at 7:00pm for this 10-week class. For more information or to order the workbook, please go to our church website or to Ascension Press directly at ascensionpress.com.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS
CHANGE OF LOCATION**

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 8:00 pm in *Day Chapel located in the Church*. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting. If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact the parish office or go to our website for more information.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The sacrament of the *Anointing of the Sick* will be celebrated on Monday, October 11th at 11:00am in the Church. Let us come together to pray for family and friends who are in need of God's healing grace! All are welcome.



Children's Liturgy will take place during the 10:00am and the 11:30am Masses, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The Liturgy acknowledges the baptismal dignity of children through celebration of the Sunday Liturgy of the Word geared to the child's age and development and is conducted in a manner to allow children to hear, and reflect on the Word of God and its meaning in their young lives.

Looking for a rewarding experience to share God's word? We are looking for people interested in teaching the Children's Liturgy of the Word. No experience necessary, you will be trained by current teachers. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 732-721-2772.

CHAMPIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES VIRTUAL GALA

In place of the traditional dinner, our 2021 Champions for Catholic Charities will again be celebrated through a *Virtual Gala*—a pre-recorded video scheduled to premiere on Thursday, October 28th at 7:00pm. There is no fee to join the celebration and viewers will have the opportunity to hear testimonials from a few of the people whose lives have been transformed by Catholic Charities. We rely upon the generosity of our faithful supporters so that we can together fulfill the mission of Catholic Charities. For donations, sponsorship opportunities and links to the October 28th Virtual Gala premiere, go to diometuchen.org/champions by phone to 732-562-2432.



THE Catholic Spirit
NEWSPAPER OF THE DIOCESE OF METUCHEN, NEW JERSEY

The most recent edition of *The Catholic Spirit*, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen, is now available. This edition features a special supplement on deacon milestones and also special coverage of newly-installed pastors. You can read the full edition online by visiting clicking the link below, where you can browse through stories individually or view the full paper as it appears in print.

THE JOY OF LOVE & FAMILY CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Metuchen will sponsor “The Joy of Love & Family,” a conference series in celebration of the Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis. The series of free talks will premiere over six months, covering topics for every stage of family life. More information is available on lightingheartsonfire.org. Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages @diocesemetuchen for continued updates!



The Diocesan Youth Day will be held on October 23rd from 9:30am-3:30pm at St. Josephs Parish in Hillsborough. The day will cost \$20 includes time for fun, food, community, prayer, speakers, and a visit from Bishop Checchio! Please spread to youth ministers and families with teenagers and begin registering the teens of your parishes today! For more information, go to lightingheartsonfire.org/ behold.

LECTIO DIVINA SCRIPTURE SHARING

You are invited to share scripture with a small group of people on Monday mornings 11:00am- 11:30am. We reflect and share on the Gospel of that day. It is an investment of only one-half hour of your time, and we can assure you that the fruits of that one-half hour will be abundant. Make a commitment for just one Monday, and if you like it, come back the next Monday. Start your week with prayer, community, and hope. We look forward to sharing this time with you! Bring your bible with you! Learn more about how to join this meeting by visiting: diometuchen.org/onechurchtogether.

LIFE CHAIN

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. The next Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 3rd. For a list of locations and times, please go to the Diocese of Metuchen website (diometuchen.org/events/life-chain).

KID'S CORNER

Read the Gospel and color



Sharing the Gospel

In the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve, he created marriage to be good and holy. God wanted husbands and wives to love God and to help one another. Because of sin, some marriages started to fall apart. Divorce is difficult for everyone. God always wants marriage to be good and holy.

Puzzle

Unscramble the words from today's gospel

- Jssue _ _ _ _ _
- marrdie _ _ _ _ _
- dvrcoie _ _ _ _ _
- Mssoe _ _ _ _ _
- hsbndua _ _ _ _ _
- jndoie _ _ _ _ _
- wfie _ _ _ _ _
- lwa _ _ _ _ _
- pprsae _ _ _ _ _

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on October 6th from 7:00pm-8:00pm in O'Dea Hall. Please wear your mask.

SENIORS


*The next Senior's Club will meet on Monday, October 11th in O'Dea Hall. Lunch at 11:30am with our meeting at 12:00 noon. Sandwich, dessert and beverage will be \$5.00. New Members 55 years or older are always welcome! Dues are \$7.00.

*We are still seeking ideas to make our meetings more interesting and enjoyable. Your ideas matter and are appreciated! Any questions or to join, please contact Lois Ann Smith (732-266-9195).

- THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S**
- Sunday (outside LC) 1:00pm.....**Blessing of the Animals
 - (C) All Masses.....**Columbiette Membership drive
 - Monday (C) 7:00pm.....**Mass/Novena
 - (Day Chapel) 8:00pm...**Bapt. Prep
 - (OD) 6:30pm.....**Cub Scouts
 - Tuesday (OD) 7:30pm.....**Bingo
 - (Day Chapel) 7:30pm.....**RCIA
 - Wednesday (OD) 7:00pm....**Parish Council meeting
 - (OD) 8:00pm.....**K of C
 - Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....**Cantors
 - (C) 7:00pm.....**Music Rehearsal
 - (OD) 7:00pm.....**Adult Faith Formation Class
 - Friday**
 - Saturday (Day Chapel) 10:00am.....**LCSC
 - (C) 4:00pm.....**Confession
 - Sunday (C) 10:00am and 11:30 Mass.....**Children's Liturgy
 - (OD) 2:00pm.....**Compassionate Friends

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