

# 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 Spiteri

## 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., Nov. 14-Nov. 15 (Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm + In Remembrance of Rev. Thomas O’Dea, first pastor of St. Bernadette Church

8:30 am + Mary Helen Keevins, r/o the Keevins Family

10:00 am + Mildred Fernandes, r/o LCSC Praise and Worship

11:30 am + People of the Parish

**Mon., Nov. 16 (Weekday)**

7:00 pm + Samuel Obeng, r/o the Cleaning Crew

**Tues., Nov. 17 (Saint Elizabeth of Hungary)**

8:30 am + Peter Caruso, r/o Kathie Hall

**Wed., Nov. 18 (Weekday)**

8:30 am + Lourdes Mangona, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

**Thurs., Nov. 19 (Weekday)**

8:30 am + Catherine Sweltz, r/o The Stone Family

**Fri., Nov. 20 (Weekday)**

8:30 am + Anna DeBernadro and Celia DeBernardo, r/o Laraine Grimaldi

**Sat., Nov. 21 (The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

*There is no 8:30am Mass*

**Sat.-Sun., Nov. 21-Nov. 22 (Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm + Bernard and Brian Campbell, r/o Noreen Kelly

8:30 am + Palma Scamardella, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Scamardella

10:00 am + Nelson Rojas Sr., r/o wife and family

11:30 am + Veronica Bacani, Trifino Cantor, and Sotero Sunga Sr., r/o family

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Mary Helen Keevins, r/o the Keevins Family.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of John Billie, r/o the Billie and Provenza Families.

**WINE AND HOST**

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of Nov. 7– Nov. 8.....\$9,525.00  
Assessment Offering.....\$296.00  
Online Giving.....\$1,320.00

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....7  
\$6-\$10.....9  
\$11-\$20.....13  
\$21-\$30.....14  
\$31-\$39.....2  
\$40 and Over.....77

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**DIOCESE COLLECTIONS**

The collection for the *Works of Mercy Campaign - The Campaign for Human Development* will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of November 21 & 22. The proceeds will benefit the local needs of those within the Diocese of Metuchen community by addressing the social issues of poverty and hunger.

**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

**SPREADING THE WORD**

**33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.”*

*MATTHEW 25:21*

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

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**INSTALLATION OF LECTORS**

All Lectors will be installed on the weekend of November 21st and 22nd at all Masses.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 8:00pm in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.



**THANKSGIVING COLLECTION**

The collection on Thanksgiving Day will help benefit our Social Concerns Ministry.

**TAKE A BREAKING BREAD MUSIC BOOK HOME WITH YOU!!**

You may take home a Breaking Bread music book for your personal use. Please clearly mark your name on the front. Also be reminded that there are *NO missalettes* available at this time. Please go to the parish website, [saintbernadettechurch.net](http://saintbernadettechurch.net), scroll down to “Worship Folder” link, and print out the material beforehand to bring to church. Thank you.

**SIMBANG GABI**

Simbang Gabi is a series of Masses for nine consecutive days honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in preparation of the coming of our Lord Jesus. You are invited to celebrate Simbang Gabi on Saturday, December 19th, at 7:00pm at St. Bernadette Church. Seating are limited, only the capacity of church is 100-125, its first come first serve. There will be a live streaming. For more information, email [georgesantos695@gmail.com](mailto:georgesantos695@gmail.com)



**CAR AND GIFT CARD RAFFLE**

Please support New Jersey Right to Life's Annual Car and ShopRite Gift Card Raffle by purchasing a raffle ticket after Masses on November 14th and 15th for \$10. Proceeds will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. 1st Prize: 2021 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$41,045, 2nd prize: \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card, 3rd Prize: \$750 ShopRite Gift Card, and 4th Prize: \$500 ShopRite Gift Card. For more information or for ticket purchases email [middlesexNJRTL@gmail.com](mailto:middlesexNJRTL@gmail.com).

**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 call the parish office.

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.*

*-PSALMS 51:10*





### ALTAR ROSARY MEETING

The next Altar Rosary meeting will be held on Monday, November 23rd, in the Lourdes Center meeting room at 7:30pm after Mass.

### SENIORS MEETING

The December Seniors meeting is cancelled. The next Seniors Meeting will be on Monday, March 8, 2021, when the Election Nomination process will resume.

### THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

Dear St. Bernadette's parish family and friends, our Social Concerns Ministry will be doing a special collection of non-perishable food items this year for the families that we will be assisting in our community at Thanksgiving, so they too can enjoy a complete meal of prayer and thanks with their families. There will be a bin in the vestibule with a list of needed items on it. These items will be made into baskets that will be given to our families on our distribution night in November.

#### No Turkeys are being collected this year.

This is will be a non-perishable collection. In leu of turkey donation please consider donation a gift card instead.

Here is a list of the items we would like to put in each basket:

*Stuffing Mix, Yams, Green beans, Corn, Cranberry Sauce, Applesauce, Turkey Gravy, Cornbread mix, Chicken broth (for stuffing)*

We thank you in advance for your continued support of this special and much needed ministry. Let us always be mindful to thank God for the goodness he has bestowed upon us and answer yes when we are called to serve. God Bless you all.



### JESSE TREE SOCIAL CONCERNS

Our Jesse Tree will be located near the tabernacle. If you would like to participate in assisting families and individuals in need for Christmas, please take a tag, purchase the gift, wrap the gift and replace the tag on the outside of the gift, and return it to the church.

It is very important that all gifts be returned to the church by *Sunday, December 13th*, in order for them to be distributed on December 14th to all families and organizations. If they are not returned to the church by 12:00pm on Sunday, December 13th, they will not get to the intended receiver.

Please note: Due to COVID-19 the Salvation Army is not doing their traditional Angel Tree tags this year, instead they are doing an Amazon gift registry; more details will be provided as they become available. If you have any questions, please call Karen at 732-721-2772.



### CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

Christmas Mass Remembrance envelopes must be received at the parish office *no later than Friday, December 11th*, in order for names to appear in the Christmas bulletin.



**ADVENT CANDLE SALES**

Our Altar Rosary Society will be selling Advent Candle sets during the month of November. Advent begins November 29th.



The cost is \$10 per box and includes the prayers that are said each week. Look for them in the front lobby after all weekend Masses.

**POINSETTIA SALE**

St Bernadette Columbiettes are sponsoring a Poinsettia Plant sale beginning this weekend. Mail-in orders due by November 22nd and phone orders due by November 29th. 6 inch potted plants are \$5 and 8 inch potted plants are \$20. Red, white and pink varieties available. Plants may be picked up in room 101 in Lourdes Center on Monday, November 30 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. For orders email [secy@optonline.net](mailto:secy@optonline.net).



*Thank you for your support!*

**THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS**

The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 26th in honor of Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Friday, November 27th for normal business hours.

**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. We are very happy to be able to give \$50,000 to Father Jim to go towards replacing the roof, and we could not have done this without your help.



**RCIA**

*The Care of Gifts Entrusted to Us*

Our gospel today reminds us that we are stewards of God’s gifts. Our spouses, children, friends, neighbors, fellow workers are all gifts that come from God and they have been entrusted to us. In the end, we decide how we will care for these gifts, or use them. Is there someone in your life who has been inquiring about God, Jesus, the Catholic Church? Do you care enough about them to invite them to an RCIA Inquiry Session where their inquiries can be addressed? RCIA is a process for adults who desire to become Catholic as well as for Baptized Christians seeking the same. Our classes have already begun for this year but 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](http://saintbernadettechurch.net) for more information about these classes.

**WALK TO BETHLEHEM CANCELED**

The third annual family walk to Bethlehem has been canceled for this year. Please consider visiting other churches on your own to enjoy their Christmas displays and perhaps doing a scripture reading, Christmas Carol, or silent prayer. Hopefully we will be able to do this special event again next year!

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- THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S**
- Sunday (LC) 11:00am.....YG
  - (C) 12:45pm.....Baptism
  - Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass/Novena
  - Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
  - Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
  - Thursday (C) 5:00pm...Confirmation Reh.
  - Friday.....
  - Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Carmelites
  - (C) 10:00am.....Confirmation
  - (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
  - (C) All Masses.....Installation of Lectors
  - Sunday (C) All Masses.....Installation of Lectors

## PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING TO WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES

- Masses will return to 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](http://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.*