

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.

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Online Donation:
saintbernadettechurch.churchgiving.com



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

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. 28-Nov. 29 (First Sunday of Advent)

5:00 pm + Ramon Carrillo, r/o Lagrimas
Carrillo

8:30 am + Mildred Fernandes, r/o Myra and
Kenny D'Silva

10:00 am + Mildred Fernandes, r/o St.
Bernadette Seniors

11:30 am + Joann Lee, r/o Foster Overmere
Mon., Nov. 30 (Saint Andrew)

7:00 pm + Emmanuel Zammit Jr., Lilly
Zammit

Tues., Dec. 1 (Advent Weekday)

8:30 am + Lucille Della Pietro, r/o Toni and
Carl Kellgren

Wed., Dec. 2 (Advent Weekday)

8:30 am + John and Helen Faley, r/o sister,
Helen Erdek

Thurs., Dec. 3 (Advent Weekday)

8:30 am + Ryan Dillion, r/o Sheila
Christensen

Fri., Dec. 4 (Advent Weekday)

8:30 am + Pamela Palmieri, r/o the Skapinetz
family

Sat., Dec. 5 (Advent Weekday)

There is no 8:30am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Dec. 5-Dec. 6 (Second Sunday of Advent)

5:00 pm + Gerald Kane, r/o Tom and Mary
Alice Maher

8:30 am + Lucille and Carmen Della Pietro,
r/o Toni and Carl Kellgren

10:00 am + Dorothy and Ralph Rizzo,
r/o Vincent Rizzo

11:30 am + Mildred Fernandes, r/o Linette
and Rudy Lewis

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

DEC 24th, CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm
No 8:30am Mass

DEC 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

10:00am and 12:00noon
No 8:30am Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed December 24th, 25th, 28th, 31st, and January 1st. *Please plan accordingly if you need to pick up keys for meetings.*

RCIA

*At the core of the Catholic faith stands Christ, God who became man. He became man so that we could know God, could feel the power of his presence, and could learn to make him the center of our lives. There's a beautiful phrase in Scripture that we love to use. In the Gospel of Luke, the shepherds tell Mary and Joseph about how they saw angels proclaiming the birth of Christ. "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Lk 2:19). Catholics believe that Christ is the answer to all of our questions and problems. Your job as an inquirer is to ask those fundamental questions, understand how Catholics believe that Christ is the answer to them, and see if you agree.

*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.

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

First Sunday of Advent

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."

MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

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.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

We celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Saturday, December 12. Come join us at 9:15am in Lourdes Center meeting room to view a 58 minute documentary narrated by Jim Caviezel.



In 1531 in Mexico, the Virgin Mary appeared to an indigenous convert named Juan Diego. As a result, Our Lady of Guadalupe's image was miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's cloak. Featuring interviews with leading theologians, historians and scientists, this film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image, and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world. 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 call the parish office.

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

-PSALMS 51:10



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

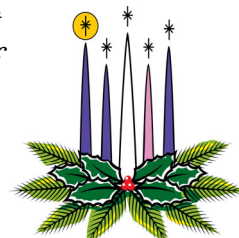
The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 8:00pm in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

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, scroll down to "Worship Folder" link, and print out the material beforehand to bring to church. Thank you.

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

When we light the first Advent candle, we are saying that we will not allow darkness to overcome the light. We are saying that good triumphs over evil and that all shall be redeemed. We are saying that we are sons and daughters of a risen King and that we choose hope.





BAKE SALE

Our Columbiette will be hosting a "Bake Sale" the weekend of December 5th and 6th. Satisfy your sweet tooth while supporting our Columbiettes.

POINSETTIA SALE

St Bernadette Columbiettes are sponsoring a Poinsettia Plant sale beginning this weekend. 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.

Thank you for your support!



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.



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.



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 FLOWERS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Christmas Flowers offering envelopes will be placed in front of the tabernacle. Please be sure to return your envelopes as soon as possible. Your donations help cover the cost of our Christmas flowers which, as with everything, increases each year.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 8th at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

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.



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.



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!

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of December 12th & 13th. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support religious Sisters and Brothers of the United States.



OPEN YOUR HEART AND HOME TO A FOSTER CHILD

*Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen is seeking loving families to foster children of all ages, who have been abused, neglected or have had multiple out of home placements. The goal for the children in this program is to leave foster care and achieve permanency through reunification with their families, adoption, or independent living. Catholic Charities provides these resilient children with individual and family therapy, assistance with educational and medical needs, and independent living skills.

*Applicants must have adequate space for a child and complete a home study which includes background checks, references, interviews, and a home inspection. All families receive initial and ongoing specialized training, 24-hour emergency access to staff, respite services, monthly reimbursement for the child's expenses and support from experienced families.

*For more information about the program, please visit www.ccdom.org or contact Miguelina Nunez at 866-247-4663 or at mnunez@ccdom.org.



THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sunday1st Sunday of Advent
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Vigil Mass/Novena
(LC-101) 6:00pm...Poinsettia p/u
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
Thursday
Friday.....
Saturday (LC) 9:00pm.....Holy Name
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....MFC
(C) All Masses.....Columbiettes
 Bake Sale
Sunday.....2nd Sunday of Advent
(C) All Masses.....Columbiettes
 Bake Sale

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, 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.