

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. and upon request.

Parish Offices

20 Villanova Road
Parlin, New Jersey 08859

Office Hours

Days:
Tuesday - Friday
9:00 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Evenings:
Monday and Thursday
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Parish Office Telephone

732-721-2772
Mass times - ext. 2
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Fr. Hagerman - ext. 3
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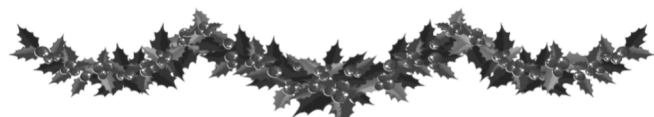
saintbernadettechurch.net

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., November 30-December 1
(First Sunday of Advent)**

- 5:00 pm + Emmanuel Zammit Jr., r/o Lilly Zammit
- 8:30 am + Muriel Smith, r/o Bill and Porter Keller
- 10:00 am + Jacque and Genevieve Caruso, r/o Peter and Irene Caruso
- 11:30 am + Betty Barkly, r/o Eileen and Jim Ryan

Mon., December 2 (Advent Weekday)
7:00 pm + Tommy Sasso, r/o the Flanagan Family

Tues., December 3 (Saint Francis Xavier)
8:30 am + Joann Lee, r/o Sheila Christensen

Wed., December 4 (Advent Weekday)
8:30 am + Michael Czurczak, r/o family

Thurs., December 5 (Advent Weekday)
8:30 am + Joan White, r/o Ann Kilduff

Fri., December 6 (Advent Weekday)
8:30 am + Tareke Chtaih, r/o mom

Sat., December 7 (Saint Ambrose)
No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., December 7-December 8
(Second Sunday of Advent)**

- 5:00 pm + Ruth Fleming, r/o her children
- 8:30 am + Raymond Osowski, r/o wife, Barbara
- 10:00 am + Dorothy and Ralph Rizzo, r/o Vincent Rizzo
- 11:30 am + Maximino and Leonor Castaneda, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

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 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st, and January 1st. There will be no evening office hours on Thursday for the month of December. *Please plan accordingly if you need to pick up keys for meetings.*

For a complete listing of holiday office hours, please visit the church website or call the main office before coming.

**ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIME
AVAILABLE**

During the Advent Season, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) will be heard after the 10:00am Sunday Mass from 11:00am-11:30am. This is in addition to the regular confession time on Saturdays from 4:00pm-4:30pm.

“Everyone say to himself: 'When was the last time I went to confession?' And if it has been a long time, don't lose another day! Go, the priest will be good. And Jesus, (will be) there, [...] Jesus receives you. He will receive you with so much love!”

Pope Francis

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**

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

MATTHEW 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

**OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
THANKS YOU**

St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 8478 would like to extend a thank you for supporting their recent TV Raffle held on October 13th. The winner was a very appreciative fireman from the Madison Park Fire Department. Funds from this highly successful raffle will be used for buying Coats for Kids, Veterans Assistance, and Habitat for Humanity Programs to name a few. They could not have done this without your support. Thank you again!

CHILDRENS LITURGY

We will have a Children's Liturgy at the 10:00am and 11:30am Masses every Sunday during Advent. All children ages 5-13 welcome.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of December 7th & 8th. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support religious Sisters and Brothers of the United States.

LCSC

Praise and Worship

Experience the Nativity of Jesus through the scriptures (LUKE 2: 1-20) at the Live Christ Share Christ, Praise and Worship Prayer meeting on Saturday, December 14th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center. Jesus is the reason for the season. All are invited. Please join us and bring a friend.

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP!

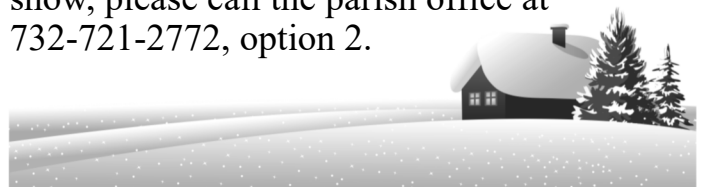
Our Social Concerns committee is requesting your assistance to help replenish our Food Pantry. With the greater need of the holidays approaching, our Food Pantry items are low. Please consider bringing in donations and help us prepare for the upcoming holidays. Holiday type food items greatly appreciated.

JESSE TREE

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 15th**, in order for them to be distributed on December 16th to all families and organizations. If they are not returned to the church by 1:00pm on Sunday, December 15th, they will not get to the intended receiver. Please note: if a tag (i.e. Salvation Army) indicates two gifts, *please only give one or the other*. If you have any questions, please call Karen at 732-425-0387.

IN CASE OF SNOW.....

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





“Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.”

Pope Francis

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Dinner Dance Fundraiser on November 3rd. Everybody had a good time dancing to the many different types of music. And the show the professional dancers put on was extraordinary. Through the hard work and dedication of Flor & Ed Gualberto close to \$5,500. was raised for our church. We also wish to thank Alice Russo, Nancy Jones, Ilsa Tong, Elisa Boasi, Thomas and Matthew Herbert, Enry Sunga, Aurora Alcala, Linda Metz, Kathie Hall, Lilly Zammit, Maria Zamora, Mary Ellen Brzychcy, Martha Molato, and our wonderful Maintenance Crew. It was a tremendous success and we are already anticipating next year’s dance.



Holy Name Society

Christmas Breakfast Social

The Holy Name Society invites you to join them for their Christmas Breakfast Social on Saturday, December 7th at 9:00am at the Ocean Bay Diner, 1803 RT. 35 South, South Amboy. All are invited and welcome. This includes children of all ages as well. No tickets or reservations are required. For more information, call Dennis at 732-525-2515. This is a *No Host* social. For menu and prices visit [facebook.com/OceanBayDinerSayreville](https://www.facebook.com/OceanBayDinerSayreville) and click on the menu tab on the left side of the page.



Looking for something to do on a Sunday night? Come join the St. Bernadette Youth Group! We meet 2 times a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 6:30-8:00pm in the Lourdes Center. *Membership is open to all 5th through 12th graders.* We are involved in a variety of community outreach and service projects through the year as well as going on field trips, and just generally having fun. Friendships made in youth group can grow into lifetime friendships. Our next meetings are December 8th and December 22nd. For more information, please call the Religious Education office at 732-727-4343.

HAMS AND TURKEYS NEEDED

Social Concerns is now accepting hams and turkeys needed for Christmas. Please hand them directly to an usher for proper storage. Thank you!

Attention Ushers: Please place hams in refrigerator and turkeys in freezer.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 8:00pm in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

POINSETTIA PICK UP

Poinsettias may be picked up in Lourdes Center Room 101 on Monday, December 2nd. Flowers may be picked up between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. Any questions please call Lois Ann 732-721-4596.



CHRISTMAS BUTTONS



"It's OK to say Merry Christmas to Me" and "Keep Christ in Christmas" buttons will be sold by the Catholic Daughters during December in the front vestibule at \$2.00 per button.

BAKE SALE

Our Columbiette will be having a bake sale the weekend of December 7th and 8th. Cakes and "doggie treats" will be available in the vestibule of the church. Meaning of the Candy Cane ornaments will also be available and may be ordered by calling Lois Ann 732-721-4596.



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.



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 Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00pm at St. Bernadette Church. There is a reception after Mass in O'Dea Hall. Please feel free to bring food to share. For more information, call George Santos at 917-607-4480.



ADVENT CANDLE SALES

Our Altar Rosary Society will be selling Advent Candle sets. Advent begins December 1st. 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

Christmas Mass Remembrance envelopes must be received at the parish office *no later than Monday, December 9th*, in order for names to appear in the Christmas bulletin.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sunday.....1st Sunday of Advent
 (C) 10:00am and 11:30 Mass....
 Children's Liturgy
 (C) 11:00am.....Confession

Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass
 (LC) 8:00pm.....Bapt. Prep
 (LC-101) 6:00pm.....Poinsettia p/u
 (OD) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts

Tuesday (OD) 7:30pmBingo
 (LC) 7:30pmRCIA

Wednesday (LC)CCD
 (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C

Thursday (LC)CCD
 (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
 (C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
 (LC) 7:00pm.....Bible Study

Friday (OD) 12:00noon.....Bingo
 (LC) 7:00pm.....CFL Youth

Saturday (off site) 9:00pm.....Holy Name
 Christmas Breakfast
 (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
 (Gym) 6:00pm.....Couples
 (C) all Masses.....Columbiette

Bake Sale

Sunday.....2nd Sunday of Advent
 (C) 10:00am and 11:30 Mass.....

Children's Liturgy
 (C) 11:00am.....Confession
 (LC/Gym) 6:00pm.....Youth Group
 all Masses.....Columbiette

Bake Sale

COVER SHEET

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