

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., Dec. 12-Dec. 13 (Third Sunday of Advent)

- 5:00 pm + Michael A. Nealon, r/o the Nealon Family
- 8:30 am + Ray Osowski, r/o wife, Barbara
- 10:00 am + Joseph and Lucille Gogliucci, r/o Barbara and Peter Anderson
- 11:30 am + Aris Francisco, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

Mon., Dec. 14 (Saint John of the Cross)

- 7:00 pm + Joyce Maynard, r/o Skapinetz

Tues., Dec. 15 (Advent Weekday)

- 8:30 am + John Giffin, r/o Ann Kilduff

Wed., Dec. 16 (Advent Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Jack Maher, r/o the Maher Family

Thurs., Dec. 17 (Late Advent Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Alice Palmi, r/o the Keefe Family

Fri., Dec. 18 (Late Advent Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Mary and Charles Taeschler, r/o family

Sat., Dec. 19 (Late Advent Weekday)

There is no 8:30am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Dec. 19-Dec. 20 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

- 5:00 pm + Living and Deceased Members and Friends of the Billetz, Carbajal, Scalia, and Vargas Families, r/o Andrew, Cristina, Keith, and Nelly Billetz
- 8:30 am + Piero DiBenedetto, r/o Fr. Jim, Msgr. Andy, and the staff of St. Bernadette Church
- 10:00 am + Ramón & Visitación Torres and Antonio & Sylvia Torres, r/o Bob and Maria Rotger
- 11:30 am + Arthur and Eleanor DeLuca, r/o daughters

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 Raymond Gaughan r/o wife, Marie.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of the Keller Family, r/o Dennis and Mary Keller.

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of the Smith Family, r/o Dennis and Mary Keller.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Dec. 5– Dec. 6.....	\$9,317.00
Assessment Offering.....	\$72.00
Online Giving.....	\$985.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	16
\$6-\$10.....	6
\$11-\$20.....	18
\$21-\$30.....	12
\$31-\$39.....	4
\$40 and Over.....	47

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

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

Third Sunday of Advent

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

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.

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.



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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, February 1, at 8 p.m. in the meeting room in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at that time.



ADVENT CANDLE SALES

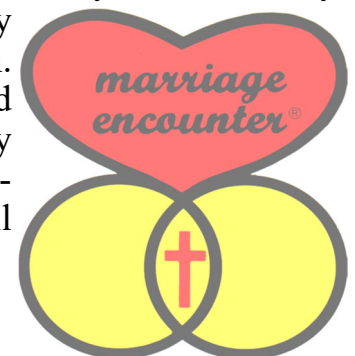
Our Altar Rosary Society will be selling Advent Candle sets during the month of November. The cost is \$10 per box and includes the prayers that are said each week. Look for them in the front lobby after all weekend Masses.

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

Christmas Gift 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 1-302-220-9833 or email wwme-delmar.org.



Dear Parish Family and Friends:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Wow! The Social Concern Ministry is continually amazed by your generosity to our neighbors and local community. When you hear the call to help those in need, you do not hesitate, you simply answer and say Yes! Even as we continue to face trying times during this pandemic, you all continually seek ways to help others less fortunate.

Thank you does not seem enough to express what I feel in my heart or to share with you the words of thanks from the families assisted this Thanksgiving. This year we collected non-perishable food and in lieu of collecting turkeys, we asked if you could kindly consider a Shop Rite gift card. To say the food was bountiful, would be an understatement. You helped us distribute large bags of groceries to our 19 families this year. We collected so much, that we have enough left to help the families again with groceries at Christmas. Also, through your amazing generosity of the gift card collection, we collected \$3,105.00 in gift cards; yes, you read that correctly. The gift cards were distributed accordingly amongst the families. We also received help from other benefactors who assisted families directly; with other food needs and one who provided 3 families, who were not able to prepare a meal or shop this year, with a Thanksgiving dinner and all the trimmings, delivered to them on Thanksgiving Day. To say that your kindness made these families Thanksgiving Day special, would again, be an understatement. Also know that we appreciate your gift of prayer for our families in need, so they receive the assistance they seek. Your generous support is what allows the Social Concerns Ministry to continue the great works we do, and we thank you.

P.S. Thank you to Fr. Jim and Msg. Andy, for your support at the end of each mass by making a special announcement of our Thanksgiving collection.



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 shared missalettes are available in the pews 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!

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.

A PRAYER AS I PUT ON MY MASK

God, Our Father, as I prepare to go out into the world, help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth – let it be “an outward sign of an inward grace” - a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbors, as I love myself.

Jesus, Our Lord, since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes. Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly, not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit, as the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully – and full of care – to all those I meet. May this simple piece of cloth be a shield and banner, and each breath that it holds, be filled with you love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray.



Author Unknown



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.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

The third week of Advent, also known as “Gaudete Sunday,” means we have passed the half-way point and Christmas is drawing near. The word *gaudete* means “rejoice,” and at this point in our Advent journey our hearts should be filled with joy as we ponder the magnitude of Christ’s birth. The third candle symbolizes joy and is called the “Shepherd’s Candle.” To the shepherd’s great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too.



“The shepherds left their flocks in the fields and went with great joy at the news of a Saviour who was born to be Christ the Lord.”

LUKE 2:8-12, 16-18

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.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S
Sunday.....3rd Sunday of Advent**

Last day to Drop Off Jesse Tree gifts

- (C) 2:30pm.....Soc. C gift sort
- (LC) 2:00pm.....MFC
- (OD) 2:00pm.....Compassionate

Friends

- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass
- (OD) 7:00pm.....Soc. C gift dist.

Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA

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

Thursday (C) 7:30pm.....Ensemble Reh

Friday (outside) 10:00am.....Creche and tree set up

Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Carmelites

(C) 4:00pm.....Confession

(LC) 6:00pm.....MFC

(C) 7:00pm.....Simbang Gabi

Sunday.....4th Sunday of Advent

(C) 1:00pm.....Baptism

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.