

# *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:** stberncccd@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. 26-Dec. 27 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)**

5:00 pm + Lester Francis, r/o Norman McArthur  
8:30 am + Zammit and Chevere family members, r/o family  
10:00 am + Lester Francis, r/o wife, children, and grandchildren  
11:30 am + Margaret Zampella Buonauro, r/o Octavia Zampella

**Mon., Dec. 28 (The Holy Innocents)**

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

**Tues., Dec. 29 (Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)**

8:30 am + Richard Mabee, r/o Michael and Lisa Vicino

**Wed., Dec. 30 (Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)**

8:30 am + Thomas Hall, r/o Kathie Hall

**Thurs., Dec. 31 (Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)**

8:30 am + Joseph Russo, r/o Alice Russo

5:00 pm + Aloysius Kubacz, r/o Elaine Kubacz

**Fri., Jan. 1 (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)**

10:00 am + People of the Parish

*There is no 8:30am Mass*

**Sat., Jan. 2 (Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen)**

*No 8:30am Mass*

**Sat.-Sun., January 2-January 3 (The Epiphany of the Lord)**

5:00 pm + David Lapinski, r/o Alice Russo  
8:30 am + John Camia, r/o Laraine and Jack Grimaldi

10:00 am + Domenica Dalton, r/o JoAnn Walter

11:30 am + Eladia Lagmay, r/o Edward and Nancy Quilon.

*\*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 Thomas Hall, r/o Kathie Hall.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Anthony and Josephine Malara, r/o sons.

**WINE & HOSTS**

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Thomas Hall, r/o Kathie Hall.

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**STEWARSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of Dec. 12– Dec. 13.....\$11,064.00
Assessment Offering.....\$276.00
Online Giving.....\$1,485.00

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....	10
\$6-\$10.....	6
\$11-\$20.....	16
\$21-\$30.....	17
\$31-\$39.....	4
\$40 and Over.....	71

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**DEC 31st VIGIL MASS**

5:00pm

**JAN 1st, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

10:00am

*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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

We would like to offer a special Thank You to all of you in our parish community who support the parish through out the year. Your stewardship shows your commitment to God and the Church! Have a Blessed New Year!

*Fr. Jim  
Msgr. Andy*

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## SPREADING THE WORD The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."*

*COLOSSIANS 3:13*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

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## LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST Praise and Worship

Please join us on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 9:15am, in the Lourdes Center Meeting Room, for Morning Prayer and a talk and discussion on "When trials weigh you down". 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 the parish office at 732-721-2772.

## 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.



## DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection for the "Together in Charity" will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of January 2nd and 3rd, 2021. The entire collection will benefit Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.

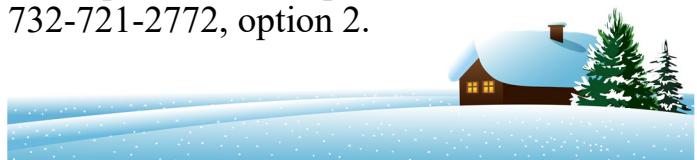
## GENTLE REMINDER TO LOCK YOUR AUTO AND SAFEGUARD YOUR VALUBLES

We ask God not to lead us into temptation, so we should not lead others in temptation by leaving autos unlocked or valuables visible. Nor should we offer money or rides to panhandlers - even those who, without permission, beg in our parking lot. The Church and State's social service agencies assist those *truly* in need and weed out those who take advantage of others' goodwill. If you see panhandlers or anyone suspicious on or near parish property, please inform a clergyman or staff member.

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## IN CASE OF SNOW.....

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



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS & CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

In order for someone to act as a Godparent or a Sponsor for Confirmation, they must have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If they are married, they must have been married in a Catholic Church or in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church. Godparents and Sponsors must also obtain a Letter of Eligibility from their parishes indicating that they are attending Mass on a regular basis and that they fulfill all requirements. For a full list of requirements and other information regarding baptism, please visit our website: saintbernadettechurch.net.

## TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION

On the weekend of January 2/3, 2021 the annual "Together in Charity" collection will be taken up at all Masses. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2020, over 48% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis.

## RCIA

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.

## KID'S CORNER

Read the Gospel and color

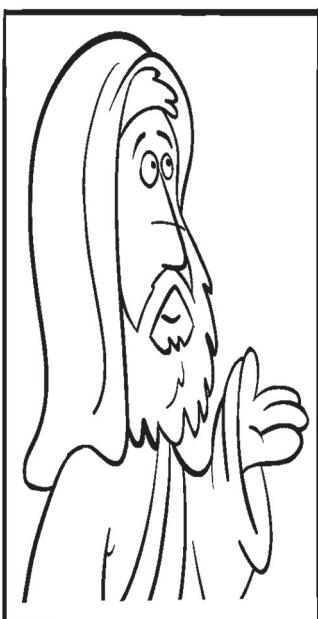


### Sharing the Gospel

Mary and Joseph went to the temple and presented the baby Jesus to God. Two older people recognized that Jesus was the Messiah. They gave him special blessings. They thanked God for this child. Just like Mary and Joseph, your parents gave thanks to God when you were born. They were very happy God gave you to them. They had you baptized in church, and presented you as a gift to God, too.

### Gospel Game

Spot 8 differences in the picture below



## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

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-or email [wwme-delmar.org](mailto:wwme-delmar.org).

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday.....	
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....	Mass
Tuesday (C) 7:30pm.....	Ensemble Reh
Wednesday.....	
Thursday (C) 8:30am.....	Mass
(C) 5:00pm.....	Vigil Mass
Friday (C) 10:00am.....	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
	.....there is no 8:30am Mass
Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....	Confession
(LC) 9:00am.....	Holy Name
(LC) 6:00pm.....	MFC
Sunday.....	

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*May God be with you through the New Year  
and fill your life with comfort, love, and  
cheer.*

*May this day and these days ahead, hold  
many blessing for you and yours.*

*Happy New Year!!!!*

## **PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING TO WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES**

- Mass Times: 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.*