

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., Feb. 20–Feb. 21 (First Sunday of
Lent)**

5:00 pm + Hannah Campbell, r/o Noreen
Kelly

8:30 am + Matthew Settembrino, r/o
godmother

10:00 am + Norma DeRose, r/o Alice Russo

11:30 am + Fernando Medina Jr., Fernando
Medina Sr., Juan and Feliza
Quimson, r/o the Medina Family

**Mon., Feb. 22 (The Chair of Saint Peter the
Apostle)**

7:00 pm + Jennie Schneider, r/o Tom and
Mary Alice Maher

Tues., Feb. 23 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Dolores Robinson, r/o the Kuziw
Family

Wed., Feb. 24 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + People of the Parish

Thurs., Feb. 25 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Dolores Robinson, r/o the Maydan
Family

Fri., Feb. 26 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Rev. Francis Russo (second pastor
of St. Bernadette)

Sat., Feb. 27 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., Feb. 27–Feb. 28 (Second Sunday
of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Ruth Sharp, r/o Denise and Gus
Poulos

8:30 am + Richard Iungermann, r/o Gerald
and Ann Fallon

10:00 am + Mary Sidlowski, r/o Joe, Jo Ann,
and Joseph Walter

11:30 am + Linda Leemann, r/o Carl and Toni
Kellgren

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
SANCTUARY CANDLE
WINE AND HOST**

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Feb. 13– Feb. 14.....\$6,908.00
Assessment Offering.....\$151.00
Online Giving.....\$2,178.67

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....5
\$6-\$10.....3
\$11-\$20.....12
\$21-\$30.....26
\$31-\$39.....11
\$40 and Over.....68

SPREADING THE WORD

1st Sunday of Lent

*“After John had been arrested, Jesus came
to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God....”
MARK 1:14*

Do you ever think about how difficult it must
have been for Jesus to come into Galilee,
knowing that John had just been arrested for
teaching the same message that Jesus was
proclaiming. It must have taken great love
and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had
sent Him here on earth to do. In the same
way, following a life of stewardship takes
great love and trust from us. We must be
willing to surrender completely to God,
trusting that God will always give us all that
we need to fulfill His plan for us.

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Catholic Charities.....732-324-8200
Food Assistance.....732-721-7418
Mental Health and Addiction.....732-745-4186
Depression.....855-654-6735

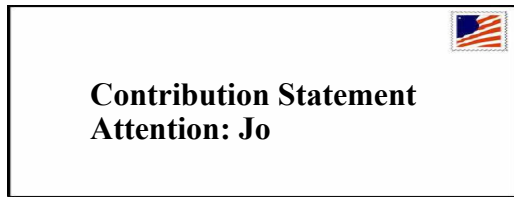
Life Choices Resource Center.....732-516-0911
Life Call.....800-662-2678
Safe Haven.....609-888-7915

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
SCHEDULED**

The Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd at 7:00pm in O’Dea Hall.

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

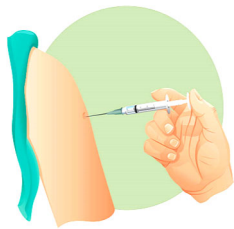
If you wish to receive a contribution statement for your 2020 church donations, we ask that you please place your request in writing and include your name, address, and envelope number.



*Please include with your request a stamped, self-addressed envelope. You may place your request in the collection basket marked “Attention: Jo” also with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

**COVID-19 VACCINATION
INFORMATION**

We all want our life to get back to normal, especially being able to all worship together in Church. One step in that direction is to get vaccinated if you are able to. Below are four links to help you register for a vaccination. These links, as well as more information, can also be found on our website.



***New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub**
covid19.nj.gov

***RWJ Barnabas Health**
rwjbh.org/patients-visitors/what-you-need-to-know-about-covid-19/

***Visiting Nurse Association**
vnachc.org

***CentraState Healthcare System**
centrastatevac.wpengine.com



The holy season of Lent is here. Please come and join us on Saturday, March 13th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center for a reflection on the Stations of the Cross, when Our Lord suffered his Passion and here and now, when our world is experiencing such difficult times. All are invited. Bring a friend.

**THE LITURGICAL DECORATING
COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!!**

The Liturgical Decorating Committee mission is the decorating of the Church for each Liturgical season. We are looking for a person (or persons) to be the new head of this committee. Beginning with the penitential purple of Advent, throughout the seasons of Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time, we are in need of someone to take the lead in decorating our Church's beautiful Sanctuary.

New members are also always welcome. Older teens and adults are welcome to help! The people on this committee donate their time and talents to beatify our worship space and enhance our liturgies. We need your gifts of artistic flair, flower arranging, maybe a bit of brawn to carry storage tubs and to climb ladders, and housekeeping skills for altar linen care and cleaning. The time commitment is about 1-2 hours per month; more at special times such as Christmas and Easter. Time commitment can be flexible according to your schedule.

If you are interested or if you have any questions, please contact Karen or the parish office.

ON-LINE CONTRIBUTION NOTICE

If you are using the on-line website for your weekly contributions, please make sure you are also a registered member of the Church, otherwise your contribution can not be recorded. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.



**The
Compassionate
Friends**
Supporting Family After a Child Dies

*Losing a child or sibling suddenly takes all meaning out of our lives. The Compassionate Friends is a family bereavement group for those who have lost a child or sibling. We are here to help you.

*The Central New Jersey Chapter of The Compassionate Friends will meet on the second Sunday of each month in O'Dea Hall. The meetings will be from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Our next meetings will take place on March 14th and April 11th. All Covid precautions will be taken at each meeting. Please wear a mask and we will be practicing social distancing.

*For more information about our group and how we can help you, please email Barbara at barbie51@aol.com.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, "The Catholic Spirit", is taking place during the month of February. "The Catholic Spirit" is now beginning its 26th successful year of publishing and has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic. Please support their good work by using the envelope for Catholic Press Month in your collection packet. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Donations for The Catholic Spirit will supplement the newspaper's free distribution to the parish.



A New Beginning

Lent can often be a new beginning. Have you or someone you know been coming to Mass even though you are not part of the Catholic family. Do you feel the Spirit urging you to consider being a member of this family. Now might be the time to Come and See. RCIA is a process for adults who desire to become Catholic, for baptized Catholic who have never received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, or for baptized Christians seeking the same. Our classes have already begun for this year. If you or anyone you know who might be interested in this process, please contact Tom O'Leary or visit our website: saintbernadettechurch.net for more information about these classes.

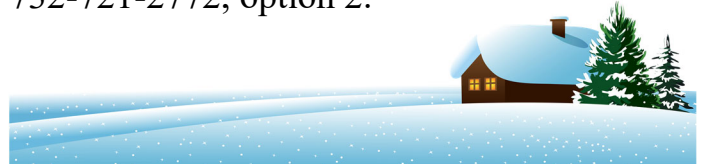
SENIORS

The next Seniors Meeting will be on Monday, March 8th, at 1:00pm, in O'Dea Hall. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, lunch will not be served at this meeting. All members must wear masks and social distancing will be observed. All Executive Board positions are open for nomination. Interested members should contact Nomination Committee Chair Ann Peel at or Co-Chair Terry Cifelli prior to the meeting.

In case of inclement weather, on the 8th the meeting will be postponed to Monday, March 15th at 1:00pm.

IN CASE OF SNOW.....

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



CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meetings will be Monday, March 1st 6:30pm in the Lourdes Center. For more information contact Nicole Soper at nacsuper@gmail.com.

EASTER FOOD COLLECTION

*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 Easter, 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. Please have all items donated by Sunday, March 21st.

*This is a non-perishable collection; *hams will not be collected this year.* In lieu of a ham, please consider donating a gift card.

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

Applesauce

Instant mashed potatoes (no fresh potatoes please)

Canned veggies (Green beans, peas, asparagus, corn, yams)

Box of roll/bread/biscuit mix (Jiffy or Krusteaz, any variety)

*Box cake mix (vanilla or chocolate)
Frosting (vanilla or chocolate)*

*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.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Our Sayreville-South Amboy Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays during the month of February in the parking lot by Lourdes Center. Please stop by and support the scouts as they raise funds for community projects, awards, and trips. This sale also helps them learn the 5 Basic Skills of Entrepreneurship which will guide them as they grow. Thank you in advance for your support!

NEW LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES

The new schedules for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers can be picked up by the sign in book in the altar servers' sacristy.

RICE BOWL DISTRIBUTION

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for parishes, schools and families. CRS Rice Bowl supports hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in communities around the world, as well as in our local community. Rice Bowls can be found in baskets at the entrance doors starting the Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We ask each family to please take one and use it to collect your heartfelt and generous donations for so many who struggle to survive. Rice Bowl donations may be brought to the church on Palm Sunday and placed in the basket that will be located in the church.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass
(LC) 7:00pm.....Alt. R.
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pmRCIA
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday (C) 7:00pm....Stations of the Cross
Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....MFC
Sunday

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, 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.