

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 Spitere

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. 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

Mon., March 1 (Lenten Weekday)

- 7:00 pm + Amalia Malchiodi, r/o Tom and Mary Alice Maher

Tues., March 2 (Lenten Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Piero DiBenedetto, r/o Jo Keefe and family

Wed., March 3 (Lenten Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Jo Ann Lee, r/o Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta

Thurs., March 4 (Lenten Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Joseph Avaltroni, r/o the Keefe Family

Fri., March 5 (Lenten Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Jack Keefe, r/o Stacy Neglio and family

Sat., March 6 (Lenten Weekday)

- No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., March 6- March 7 (Third
Sunday of Lent)**

- 5:00 pm + Gordon Horvath, r/o Marge Horvath and family
- 8:30 am + Elizabeth & Gilbert Fallon and Helen & William McGoldrick, r/o Gerald and Ann Fallon
- 10:00 am + Gabriel Manuel Barboza, r/o Barry and Margaret Waldman
- 11:30 am + Teresita Santos, r/o the Parez Family

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

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

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

- Offering of Feb. 20– Feb. 21.....\$6,434.00
- Assessment Offering.....\$67.00
- Online Giving.....\$970.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

- \$1-\$5.....7
- \$6-\$10.....8
- \$11-\$20.....18
- \$21-\$30.....14
- \$31-\$39.....4
- \$40 and Over.....55

SPREADING THE WORD

2nd Sunday of Lent

“Here I am!’ he answered.”

GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, *“Here I am, Lord,”* when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say *“Here I am, Lord,”* when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
SCHEDULED**

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

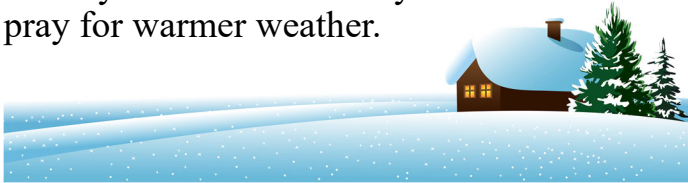
HOTLINES-OUTREACH

- 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

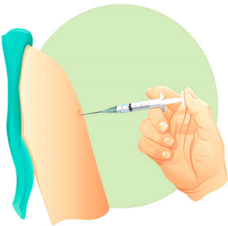
SNOW REMOVAL COLLECTION

Due to the multiple snow storms and the increasing cost of snow removal, we are estimating the bill to remove our snow will be at least \$15,000 - \$20,000. This has put our parish in a financial crunch. We are already struggling with the fiscal impact the pandemic has had on our parish (suspension of Bingo, decreased Mass attendance and contributions). Therefore the Bishop has authorized us to have a second collection to assist with the impact of these costs. This collection will be taken up this weekend, February 27-28 at all Masses. If you wish to mail in your donation please label the envelope "Snow Removal Collection". We thank you in advance for your donations and pray for warmer weather.



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 email at Karenkgumps729@gmail.com 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.

IRISH DRIVE-UP BREAKFAST

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will have a drive up-up Irish Breakfast on Sunday, March 14th from 9:00am-1:00pm at the K of C parking lot at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. No need to get out of your car! Members will be there to take your order to your vehicle. Cost of \$10 includes eggs, bacon, sausage, and more. For more information, call Gary at 732-512-8923 or Jan at 732-553-9060.



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.

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.

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 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.



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.

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.



THANK YOU!

St. Bernadette's Church's 2021 Collection

raised:

\$330

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



tacklehunger.org

February 7, 2021

Alison Reese

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Executive Director
Souper Bowl of Caring

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.....Second Sunday of Lent

Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass
(LC) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts

Tuesday (LC) 7:30pmRCIA

Wednesday (OD) 7:00pm....Parish Council meeting
(LC) 8:00pm.....K of C

Thursday

Friday (C) 7:00pm....Stations of the Cross

Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Holy Name
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....MFC

Sunday.....Third Sunday of Lent

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.