

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

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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., March 13- March 14 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)
 5:00 pm + June Walsh and Fred Ochs,
 r/o Denise and Gus Poulos
 8:30 am + Concetta Zammit, r/o the children
 10:00 am + The Keaveney and Curran
 Families, r/o Jane and Nick
 Vasilo
 11:30 am + Kuruvilla Sebastian, r/o daughter,
 Tessy Sebastian

Mon., March 15 (Lenten Weekday)
 7:00 pm + Isabelle Masi, r/o Michael and
 Lorraine Cioffi and family

Tues., March 16 (Lenten Weekday)
 8:30 am + Ed Marks, r/o Anne Marks

Wed., March 17 (Lenten Weekday)
 8:30 am + Emmanuel Zammit Sr.,
 r/o brothers and sisters

Thurs., March 18 (Lenten Weekday)
 8:30 am + Arthur Vasil, r/o Sam Kuziw

Fri., March 19 (Saint Joseph)
 8:30 am + Mark Bratuas, r/o the Keefe family

Sat., March 20 (Lenten Weekday)
 No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., March 20- March 21 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
 5:00 pm + Rose and Tom Poulos, r/o Denise
 and Gus Poulos
 8:30 am + Gilbert Fallon and William
 McGoldrick, r/o Gerald and Ann
 Fallon
 10:00 am + People of the Parish
 11:30 am + Fr. Ed Flanagan, r/o Ed and Flor
 Gualberto

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace



STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of March 6– March 7.....\$8,641.00
 Assessment Offering.....\$553.00
 Online Giving.....\$1,790.00
 Snow Removal.....\$103.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....17
 \$6-\$10.....6
 \$11-\$20.....20
 \$21-\$30.....15
 \$31-\$39.....5
 \$40 and Over.....76

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Saturday, March 27th- 5:00pm
 Sunday, March 28th- 8:00am, 10:00am, and
 12:00noon

Holy Thursday, April 1st

7:00pm- Mass of the Lord's Supper
There will be no 8:30am Mass

Good Friday, April 2nd

12:00noon- Stations of the Cross
 3:00pm- Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Passion
 and Death
There will be no 8:30am Mass

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

12:00 noon- Blessing of the Food
 7:30pm- Solemn Vigil of Our Lord's
 Resurrection

There will be no 5:00pm Mass or Confession

Easter Sunday, April 4th

Masses will be celebrated at 8:00am,
 10:00am and 12:00noon

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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm. Stations will be prayed on Good Friday at 12 noon.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

To honor the Year of St. Joseph, we will begin a novena Wednesday, March 10th after all weekday morning masses. The novena will end on Friday, March 19th with the Feast Day of St. Joseph.

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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COLUMBIETTE?

Any Catholic female over the age of 17 is welcomed to join the Columbiettes. We initiate and participate in projects and charities to help make a difference in our Church and community, as well as assist our Knights of Columbus Council. The NJ State Council Columbiettes is sponsoring virtual membership ceremonies on the following Sundays at 1:00pm: March 14th, April 18th, May 16th and June 6th. For more information, please contact President Kathy Jessen via email at kjessen5@optonline.net.

CCD WORKBOOK DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Please plan to drop off your child's CCD workbook on Saturday, March 20th at 11:00am. Workbook pickup will be that same day at 1:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education Office.



FRIDAY MEATLESS MEALS

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council 10281 is holding drive-up meatless dinners, all Fridays during Lent with the exception of Good Friday. Pick up time is from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Members will come to your car, take your order, and bring out your meal. Cost of \$10.00 includes fish and dinner entrees. Bowl of soup is \$2.00. For more information call Carl at 908-601-1693.

SENIORS

Congratulations to newly elected St. Bernadette Seniors Officers for 2021-2023:

President Lois Ann Smith

Vice President Michael Scardilli

Secretary Ann Peel

Treasurer Theresa Cifelli

Sincere thanks and appreciation to Past President Bob Siebert and Treasurer Ray Finer for their years of support and dedication to our club. Our next meeting and Installation of Officers will take place on Monday, April 12 at 1:00pm in O'Dea Hall. New members 55 years of age and older are always welcome. We are in the process of redeveloping our group as a spiritual and social organization and are looking for suggestions for the path we will grow. See you there!

THE LITURGICAL DECORATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!!!

The Liturgical Decorating Committee mission is the decorating of the Church for each Liturgical season. New members are always welcome. The people on this committee donate their time and talents to beautify 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. If you are interested please email at Karenkgumps729@gmail.com or the parish office.



2021 LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS

The following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of “fast and abstinence” are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

LIVE CHRIST, SHARE CHRIST

Praise and Worship

Please join us for a meeting on April 10th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center. Since it is the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and offering prayers of Praise and Worship. All are invited. Bring a friend.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The second collection Palm Sunday weekend, March 27th and 28th, is for the *Retirement Collection of Diocesan Clergy*. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support the Maria Regina residence for out retired diocesan priests. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priests who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years.

2021 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL *Transformed by Christ’s Body and Blood – Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church*

The global pandemic has challenged us to evolve in how we share and communicate the Gospel message, but the message remains the same and it is worth sharing. So, we must continue to journey with others, even if we are physically apart, to make the Good News and His love known to all because that is what will see us through. While our discipleship is to always find new ways to bring His love and the Good News of Jesus Christ we are now called to do more for the Lord and each other. This year, we have seen a large increase in the use of virtual means to connect and engage with one another. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports essential role of the *Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication* as we expand our efforts to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all.

SOUTH AMBOY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 426 EVENTS

Drive-up Fish Fry

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus are holding a drive-up Fish Fry on Friday, March 26th from 4:00pm-7:00pm. No need to get out of your car! Members will take your order and deliver it right to you. Cost of \$12 includes fish, chips, and more!

Visit With The Easter Bunny

Join the Knights of Columbus on Sunday March 28th from 11:00am-2:00pm on the back porch of the K of C building. Bring your camera and snap a picture of your kids with their friendly Easter Bunny.

All events are located at the Knights of Columbus, 308 Fourth Street in South Amboy. For more information on either event, call Gary at 732-512-8923 or Jan at 732-553-9060.

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE

Please return your Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes by March 21st. Thank You!



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.



SPREADING THE WORD

4th Sunday of Lent

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...”

JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

The collection on Holy Thursday, April 1st, will help benefit our Social Concerns Ministry.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S
Sunday.....Fourth Sunday of Lent

.....**Daylight Saving Time**
(OD) 2:00pm.....Compassionate Friends

(C) all Masses.....Columbiettes
Shake the Can

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

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

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

Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C) 7:30pm.....Music Reh

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

Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Carmelites
(LC) 11:00am.....CCD Workbook

drop off
(LC) 1:00pm.....CCD Workbook

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

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

Sunday.....Fifth 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.