

# *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., 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
- Mon., March 22 (Lenten Weekday)**  
 7:00 pm + Elizabeth Savner, r/o JoAnn Walter
- Tues., March 23 (Lenten Weekday)**  
 8:30 am + Joaquim Capitaz, r/o wife, children, and grandchildren
- Wed., March 24 (Lenten Weekday)**  
 8:30 am + Gerald Zammit, r/o brothers and sisters
- Thurs., March 25 (The Annunciation of the Lord)**  
 8:30 am + Norma DeRose, r/o the Alvarado Family
- Fri., March 26 (Lenten Weekday)**  
 8:30 am + James Emmer, r/o the Zampella Family
- Sat., March 27 (Lenten Weekday)**  
 No 8:30 am Mass
- Sat.-Sun., March 27- March 28 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)**
- 5:00 pm + John Zampella, r/o Octavia Zampella  
 8:00 am + Vinnie DeChiara, r/o wife and family  
 10:00 am + Mary Tluchowski and Claire Waldman, r/o Barry and Margaret Waldman  
 12:00 noon + Ira Lacson, Aris Francisco, Bienvenido Valencia, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

*\*Please Pray the Rosary for Peace\**

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of March 13– March 14...\$9,088.00
Assessment Offering.....\$302.00
Online Giving.....\$1,291.67.00
Snow Removal.....\$1,005.00

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....	9
\$6-\$10.....	9
\$11-\$20.....	13
\$21-\$30.....	21
\$31-\$39.....	4
\$40 and Over.....	81

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**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



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### OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 21, 2021

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

It has been a challenging year, but one that we have not been left alone to face. The pandemic has caused much uncertainty and we have all been impacted. I know I join you in praying for brighter days ahead for us all, even as we particularly remember all those who are sick, have lost loved ones or have felt the economic impact of the pandemic.

I have often heard from you throughout this year about how grateful you are for your priests who have striven to serve you throughout this pandemic in creative ways. I am so grateful for them, and all who have collaborated with them to continue to shepherd our beautiful flock in our four counties. In addition to your pastors and parochial vicars, our diocese has 31 retired diocesan priests and more approaching retirement this summer. At the retirement age for the majority of our diocesan priests at 75, their administrative responsibilities end, but their pastoral and sacramental ministry continues. Although retired, as long as they are physically able, I have seen this group so generously continue to help in so many ways. We are fortunate to have been the beneficiaries of their sacred ministry: countless Holy Masses, baptisms, weddings and confessions. They have brought us the healing hand of Christ at the hour of death and they have mourned and prayed with us when we buried our dead. Where would our diocese be without their sacrificial gift of their lives and their spiritual and pastoral leadership? Indeed, their ongoing generosity, even during the pandemic, is nothing but inspirational. The retired priests, who for health reasons cannot minister in the parishes, also are asked to continue to support our local Church through their prayers, sacrifices and example.

We are now asked to share our blessings bestowed upon us so that our retired priests can enjoy their retirement even while continuing as able to celebrate public Mass and assist in your spiritual care. Next weekend, March 27 and 28 we celebrate Palm Sunday, and the faithful of our diocese will have the opportunity to acknowledge these priests by responding to the ***Annual Collection for our Retired Diocesan Priests***. All funds raised through this collection will be used exclusively to support our retired priests.

Your generous response to next week's special collection is a practical way to convey your personal appreciation to our retired priests for their many years of service. Thank you for your continued generosity and grateful heart. Know of my love, prayers and gratitude for you, and asking you to continue to pray for vocations from our local Church to the holy priesthood for service in our diocese!

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

## DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The second collection scheduled for Good Friday, April 2nd is designated for *The Holy Land Collection*. The single beneficiary of this collection is the Commissariat of the Holy Land which is responsible for the preservation of the shrines of the Holy Land and the Sacred Congregation of Oriental Churches.



## 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*

## 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***

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Bernadette Church. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from Fr. Jim encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: [diometuchen.org/BAA](http://diometuchen.org/BAA).

Bishop's Annual Appeal video link:  
[youtube.com/watch?v=SYMONc5S8IA](https://youtube.com/watch?v=SYMONc5S8IA)

## 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.

## SENIORS

Our next meeting and Installation of Officers will take place on Monday, April 12 at 1:00pm in O'Dea Hall. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, lunch will not be served. All members must wear masks and social distancing will be observed. 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!

## 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

### 5th Sunday of Lent

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people."*

**JEREMIAH 31:33**

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

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## 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.



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## HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

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

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday.....	Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....	Mass/Novena (LC) 7:00pm.....Alt. R
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm.....	RCIA
Wednesday.....	
Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....	Cantors (C) 7:30pm.....Music Reh
Friday (C) 7:00pm....	Stations of the Cross
Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....	RCIA Retreat
(C) 10:00am.....	First Penance
(C) 4:00pm.....	Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....	MFC
Sunday .....	Palm Sunday
(C) 8:00am.....	Mass
(C) 10:00am.....	Mass
(C) 12:00pm.....	Mass

## **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.*