

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. and upon request.

Parish Offices

20 Villanova Road
Parlin, New Jersey 08859

Office Hours

Days:

Tuesday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Evenings:

Monday and Thursday
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Parish Office Telephone

732-721-2772

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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 21-March 22 (The Fourth Sunday of Lent)

- 5:00 pm + Irene P. Nealon, r/o the Nealon Family
- 8:30 am + Margaret McDermott, r/o the Tong and Gonzalsz Families
- 10:00 am + Mary Tluchowski and Claire Waldman, r/o the Waldman Family
- 11:30 am + Vedasto Santos, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

Mon., March 23 (Lenten Weekday)

- 7:00 pm + Mildred Fernandes, r/o Peter and Janet Cote

Tues., March 24 (Lenten Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Gerald Zammit, r/o brothers and sisters

Wed., March 25 (The Annunciation of the Lord)

- 8:30 am + Frank Diamond, r/o Frank and Barbara Falco

Thurs., March 26 (Lenten Weekend)

- 8:30 am + Mildred Fernandes, r/o Jerry and Ann Fallon

Fri., March 27 (Lenten Weekday)

- 8:30 am + John Zampella Sr., r/o Octavia Zampella

Sat., March 28 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., March 28-March 29 (The Fifth Sunday of Lent)

- 5:00 pm + People of the Parish
- 8:30 am + Catherine and Walter Travers, r/o daughter, Marilyn
- 10:00 am + Jack Noble, r/o wife and family
- 11:30 am + Albert Barry Muller, r/o the Muller Family

Pray the Rosary for peace!

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of March. 14-March 15...\$4,100.00
 Assessment Offering.....\$65.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....7
 \$6-\$10.....5
 \$11-\$20.....6
 \$21-\$30.....7
 \$31-\$39.....6
 \$40 and Over.....40

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Saturday, April 4th- 5:00pm
 Sunday, April 5th- 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00noon

Holy Thursday, April 9th

7:00pm- Mass of the Lord's Supper
 8:30pm to 11:00pm- Adoration at the Altar of Reposition

Good Friday, April 10th

12:00noon- Stations of the Cross
 3:00pm- Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Passion and Death

Holy Saturday, April 11th

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

Easter Sunday, April 12th

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

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

SPREADING THE WORD
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.”

1 SAMUEL 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be no Stations of the Cross in the month of March.



2020 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.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

The collection on Holy Thursday, April 18th, will help benefit our Social Concerns Ministry.

EASTER HAMS NEEDED

Donations of hams will be greatly appreciated for Easter. *We do not need turkeys this year.* Please hand them directly to an usher for proper storage in the refrigerator. Thank you.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

Praise and Worship

In observance of Holy Week, there will be no Live Christ Share Christ meeting scheduled for the month of April.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 8:00pm in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

RIGHT TO LIFE BABY SHOWER

St Bernadette Columbiettes are collecting for our Annual Birthright Baby Shower through March 29th. Donations may be placed in the Pack’n Play near the Altar Servers Sacristy. This year’s donations will go to *Life Choices Resource Center* in Metuchen which supports babies and mothers. Thank you in advance for you generosity.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The second collection Palm Sunday weekend, April 4th and 5th, is for the *Retirement Collection of Diocesan Clergy*. The proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support the Maris 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.

Murder Mystery Dinner

The St Bernadette Knights of Columbus are hosting a Dinner and Murder Mystery Show on Saturday, April 18th at 7:00pm. Beer, wine, soda, and coffee included. For tickets and info call Mike at 908-770-6041. Tickets are \$40 and will not be sold at the door.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Social Concerns Ministry will conduct our Spring clothing drive on Saturday, April 18th. Please help us fund our programs by donating clothing, small appliances, household items, toys, reading books, small furniture, linens, blankets, curtains, drapes, bedspreads, pillows, handbags, shoes (do not need to be packaged separately). No large appliances or furniture will be accepted. We will have a truck available in the parking lot on Saturday, April 18th, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Students who need service hours should call Karen to schedule your time in advance of the day at 732-425-0387. Tax receipts will be available. **We regret that we are unable to accept any donations before April 18th, therefore, any donations left on the church property will be discarded.**

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL *Stepping Forward In Faith: Grace In Action*

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating ***Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend.*** Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

THANK YOU!!!!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who attended their Pancake Breakfast on March 1st. It was a great success because of you!

SENIORS TRIP TO HERSHEY

The Jamesburg Seniors are sponsoring a one-day bus trip to the Hershey Museum & Chocolate World on Thursday, April 23, 2020. The bus will leave Jamesburg Senior Center at 8:00am and return to Jamesburg at 6:00pm. The cost of \$115.00 will include museum tour, chocolate tasting, and buffet lunch at Hotel Hershey. Some seats are still available. Contact Liz Labun at 732-251-2173 if you are interested.

RICE BOWLS

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for parishes, schools and families. Participating Catholics fast, pray and give during Lent, following Jesus' call to live in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable. CRS Rice Bowl offers a variety of resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, individuals, parishes and schools. A cardboard or homemade Rice Bowl is the traditional tool used to collect your Lenten alms. Rice Bowls can be found at the end of your pews. 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. A calendar is provided with each cardboard Rice Bowl to provide inspiration for your Lenten journey. Daily reflections, weekly prayers, meatless recipes and stories of hope from around the world will inspire you through the 40 days of Lent. CRS Rice Bowl supports hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in communities around the world, as well as in your own local community. Rice Bowl donations may be brought to the church on Palm Sunday and placed in the basket that will be located in the church.

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE

Please return your Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes by March 30th.

BINGO HELP NEEDED

Bingo is an important fundraiser for St. Bernadette Parish. However, we are in desperate need of help from additional volunteers. Weekly bingo requires people in front of and behind the scenes to successfully operate. No experience necessary! You would work beside a fully training person currently in that position already. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bob Siebert, 732-727-0514. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to help out this very important fundraiser.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Looking for a rewarding experience to share God's word? We are looking for people interested in teaching the Children's Liturgy of the Word. No experience necessary, you will be trained by current teachers. If you are interested, please contact Nick at nicholas.vasilo@trammo.com or Donna at 732-803-8803.

SENIORS

The next Seniors Club meeting will be held on Monday, April 13th in O'Dea Hall. Lunch at 11:30 am, followed by the meeting at 12:00 noon. Tickets for the Annual Seniors Picnic on Wed., June 10th, at the Lourdes Center, will be available. Cost will be \$12.00 for Members and \$20.00 for non-members. Picnic will feature full picnic menu, beer, wine, soft drinks & door prizes. DJ Joey S. will be doing the music & games. Membership is open to anyone 55 or over. For more information, call Bob Siebert at 732-727-0514.

ADDITIONAL CONFESSION TIME AVAILABLE

During the Lent Season, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) will be heard after the 10:00am Sunday Mass from 11:00am-11:30am. This is in addition to the regular confession time on Saturdays from 4:00pm-4:30pm.

IN THIS COLD, FLU, AND OTHER VIRUSES SEASON, PLEASE:

- ☞ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60%–95% alcohol, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- ☞ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ☞ If you are not feeling well, *stay home!*
- ☞ At the *Sign of Peace*, try an “elbow bump” instead of a handshake, flash a peace sign with your fingers, or just make direct eye contact with the person, give them a big smile and say “Peace Be With You”!

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday (C) 4pm	Confession
Sunday	

In light of the ongoing concern with the Corona Virus, all parish activities will be cancelled for the rest of the month of March. This includes all gatherings of any size in the gym, Lourdes Center meeting room and O'Dea Hall.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 732-721-2772.