

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 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

Mon., March 29 (Monday of Holy Week)
8:30 am + Jack Noble, r/o wife and family
No 7:00 pm Mass

Tues., March 30 (Tuesday of Holy Week)
8:30 am + Jack Keefe, r/o the Pollock Family

Wed., March 31 (Wednesday of Holy Week)
8:30 am For the Special Intentions of Jesus Adrian Duenas, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

Thurs., April 1 (Thursday of Holy Week)
No 8:30 am Mass
7:00 pm + Living and Deceased Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Metuchen

Fri., April 2 (Friday of the Passion of the Lord)
No 8:30 am Mass
12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm Good Friday Service

Sat., April 3 (Holy Saturday)
No 8:30 am Mass
12:00 noon Blessing of the Food

Sat.-Sun., April 3-April 4 (Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord)
4:00 pm **No Confession**
5:00 pm **No Mass**
7:30 pm + Easter Remembrance Envelopes
8:00 am + Easter Remembrance Envelopes
10:00 am + Easter Remembrance Envelopes
12:00 pm + Easter Remembrance Envelopes

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE SANCTUARY CANDLE WINE & HOSTS PASCHAL CANDLE

This year's Paschal Candle is donated in memory of the Deceased Members of the Harvey & Marks Families, r/o Anne Marks.

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

SPREADING THE WORD

Palm Sunday

“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’”

MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.



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!

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.



Bishop’s Annual Appeal video link:
youtube.com/watch?v=SYMONc5S8IA

OLD PALMS

Your old palm branches may be left in the basket found in the vestibule of the Church.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Please welcome the following families and individuals who have joined St. Bernadette over the past month:

- Meghan Carney
- Marilyn Esposito
- The Bragato Family
- The Erfe Family
- The Gutierrez Family
- The Kokoszka Family
- The Roberto Family

“The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity, and the joy that is so characteristic of you. Go. Be not afraid. Serve!”

-Pope Francis

MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE CARDS

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance cards will be found at the doors of the church starting in April. Please be sure to **PRINT names clearly**. Returns must be received at the Parish Office *no later than Friday, April 30th*, in order for names to appear in the bulletin. What a wonderful way to show your mother how much you love her by having her remembered in Mass on Mother's Day.

A mother's love is something we keep locked deep in our hearts, always knowing it will be there to comfort us.

-Harmony Ferrario

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: April 18th, May 16th and June 6th. For more information, please contact President Kathy Jessen via email at kjessen5@optonline.net.

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.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Rice Bowl donations may be brought to the church starting Palm Sunday and placed in the basket that will be located in the church. Please feel free to cash your coins for paper currency or a check made out to *St. Bernadette Parish* (memo: Rice Bowl) Thank you for your faithful support.

JOIN THE LITURGICAL DECORATING COMMITTEE!!

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 beatify our worship space and enhance our liturgies. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please email at Karenkgumps729@gmail.com or the parish office.

CHRISM MASS

On Tuesday, March 30, 2021, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils, which each parish receives for the rites of anointing.

Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom – which we now call the Chrism Mass – in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries!

The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint infants and adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches.

At the Mass, all the priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. The Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen.

All are strongly encouraged to join *via Livestream* and watch this ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at 11:00am.

diometuchen.org/cathedral-livestream



HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross are prayed on Good Friday at 12 noon.

HOLY WEEK OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, April 1st.....9am-12noon
Friday, April 2nd.....CLOSED

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday**Palm Sunday**
(C) 8:00am.....Mass
(C) 10:00am.....Mass
(C) 12:00noon.....Mass
Monday.....**No 7:00pm Mass/Novena**
(C) 8:30am.....Mass
(OD) 7:00pm.....Soc C. ham dist.
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
(LC-101) 8:00pm.....K of C, 4°
Wednesday.....
Thursday.....**Parish Offices closes**
12:00 noon
.....**No 8:30am Mass**
(C) 7:00pm...Holy Thursday Service
Friday**Parish Office Closed**
.....**No 8:30am Mass**
(C) 12:00 noon....Stations of the Cross
(C) 3:00pm.....Good Friday Service
Saturday**No Confession**
.....**No 5:00pm Mass**
(C) 12:00noon....Blessing of the Food
(C) 7:30pm.....Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday.....**Easter**
(C) 8:00am.....Mass
(C) 10:00am.....Mass
(C) 12:00noon.....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, 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.