

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

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Mrs. Lorna A. Francis 732-727-4343

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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 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

Mon., March 8 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 pm + People of the Parish

Tues., March 9 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Julia Ann Speicher, r/o the Stone Family

Wed., March 10 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Emanuel Calon Rodriguez, r/o the Bautista Family

Thurs., March 11 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Carlote Drake, r/o the Keefe Family

Fri., March 12 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + People of the Parish

Sat., March 13 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

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, Tessa Sebastian

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE SANCTUARY CANDLE WINE AND HOST

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Feb. 27- Feb. 28.....	\$7,080.00
Assessment Offering.....	\$65.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,190.00
Snow Removal.....	\$2,314.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	8
\$6-\$10.....	8
\$11-\$20.....	11
\$21-\$30.....	10
\$31-\$39.....	5
\$40 and Over.....	65

SPREADING THE WORD

3rd Sunday of Lent

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...”

EXODUS 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

REMINDER!!!!

Remember that Daylight Saving Time starts March 14th.



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

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE

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

SHAKE THE CAN FOR VOCATIONS

Our Columbiettes will be having a Shake the Can fundraiser for Vocations after all Masses on March 13th and 14th. They will be at the doors of the church collecting monetary donations. Your support goes towards helping seminarians and postulants who have received the call for their vocation to be the religious life. Thank you and God bless you.

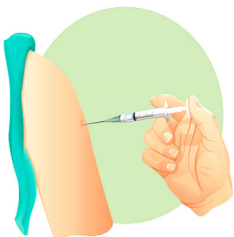
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COLUMBIETTE?

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.

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 is a link to help you register for a vaccination.

A comprehensive list of all vaccination sites in Middlesex and Monmouth Counties can also be found on our website.



***New Jersey COVID-19 Information Hub**
covid19.nj.gov

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. 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.

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 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; 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 [Karen kgumps729@gmail.com](mailto:kgumps729@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.



**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.

RCIA

Who is this Jesus?

Some people look for signs- and some people look for wisdom. But we Christians look to Jesus as the power of God and the wisdom of God. Would you, or someone you know, like to know more about this Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Catholic Church. Would you like to learn more about our loving and merciful God, our Saints, what it is like to be a member of the Catholic faith family? We invite you 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. If you or anyone you know who might be interested in this process, please contact the Parish Office or visit our website: saintbernadettechurch.net for more information about these classes.

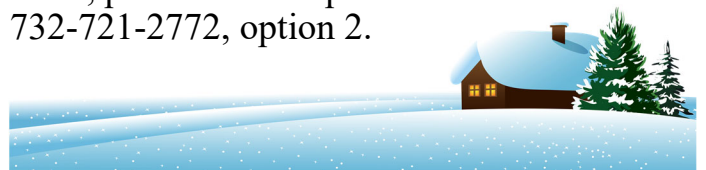
SENIORS

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 at 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.

IN CASE OF SNOW.....

For Mass time changes or cancellation due to snow, please call the parish office at 732-721-2772, option 2.



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.

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.



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.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST Praise and Worship

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.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

- Sunday**.....Third Sunday of Lent
- Monday (C) 7:00pm**.....Mass/Novena
- (OD) 1:00pm**.....Seniors
- (LC) 6:30pm**.....Cub Scouts
- (OD) 7:45pm**.....CDA
- Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm**.....RCIA
- Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm**.....Columbiettes
- (OD) 7:30 pm**.....Soc. C.
- Thursday**.....
- Friday (C) 7:00pm**.....Stations of the Cross
- Saturday (LC) 9:15am**.....LCSC
- (OD) 10:30am**.....Cub Scouts
- (C) 4:00pm**.....Confession
- (LC) 6:00pm**..... MFC
- (C) all Masses**.....Columbiettes
Shake the Can
- Sunday**.....Fourth Sunday of Lent
-**Daylight Saving Time**
- (OD) 2:00pm**.....Compassionate Friends
- (C) all Masses**.....Columbiettes
Shake the Can

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.