

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.

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Online Donation:

saintbernadettechurch.churchgiving.com



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 Spitery

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., April 10-April 11 (Divine Mercy)

8:30 am + Sister Charlene Taeschler, r/o family

10:00 am + Teresita Santos, r/o Praise and Worship

11:30 am + People of the Parish

Mon., April 12 (Easter Weekday)

7:00 pm + Peter Caruso, r/o Irene

Tues., April 13 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Joan M. White, r/o Tim White and family

Wed., April 14 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Crystal Cesar Capuy, r/o the Perez Family

Thurs., April 15 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + James Emmer, r/o Irene Caruso

Fri., April 16 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Charlotte Drake, r/o Jackie and Joe Potts

Sat., April 17 (Easter Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., April 17– April 18 (Third Sunday of Easter)

5:00 pm + Joseph and Mary Bodnar, r/o Marge Horvath and family

8:30 am + Anne Molloy and Catherine Mullins, r/o Gerald and Ann Fallon

10:00 am + Bruno Serafin, r/o Mike Lavecchia

11:30 am + Cesar Quilon, r/o Edward and Nancy Quilon

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Steve and Sally Billie, r/o Janice Provenza.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Mary "Lovie" Rosinski, r/o Adam Rosinski Sr.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Mar. 27– Mar. 28.....\$2,511.00
Assessment Offering.....\$142.00
Online Giving.....\$1,198.30
Palm Sunday.....\$6,640.00

Easter Sunday.....\$18,879.00
Assessment Offering.....\$327.00

SPREADING THE WORD

Divine Mercy Sunday

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..."

ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

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

MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE CARDS

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance cards will be found at the doors of the church. 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.



RETURNING YOUR RICE BOWLS

Rice Bowl donations may be brought to the church and placed in the basket 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.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Parishioners who are homebound can have Holy Communion brought to them at home. Please contact the Parish Office by either calling (732-721-2772) or emailing (secy@optonline.net) and leave your name, phone number, and a convenient time we can call. A Eucharistic Minister will contact you.



ASCENSION THURSDAY

Masses for Ascension Thursday, May 13th, a Holy Day, will be celebrated at 8:30am and at 7:00pm. There is no Vigil Mass.

"While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven."

LUKE 24:51

MAY CROWNING

Our May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 2nd, at the 10 a.m. Mass.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, June 7th, at 8:00pm in the meeting room in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at that time.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS & CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

In order for someone to act as a Godparent or a Sponsor for Confirmation, they must have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If they are married, they must have been married in a Catholic Church or in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church. Godparents and Sponsors must also obtain a Letter of Eligibility from their parishes indicating that they are attending Mass on a regular basis and that they fulfill all requirements. If both Godparents are Catholic, they both must obtain letters.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

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

Victoria Emery

Phillip White

The Kelly Family

The Urena 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

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Monday, April 12th at 6:30pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room.

**ST. BERNADETTE COLUMBIETTES
DRIVE THROUGH BABY SHOWER**

St. Bernadette Columbiettes is holding a drive through baby shower on the weekend of May 15th and 16th. The following items are being collected and will be donated to Life Choices in Metuchen: diapers (all sizes but especially larger sizes), Pull-ups, wipes, new summer clothing- newborn to size 3T, gift cards, and checks made payable to Life Choices Resource Center. *Due to COVID-19, these are the only items that can be accepted.*

Items may be dropped off in the baby boxes in the front vestibule and by the side door (near the elevator) that weekend and we will be outside Lourdes Center from 10:30am-12:30pm on Sunday, May 16th. Please email Kathy at kjessen5@optonline.net with any questions. St. Bernadette Columbiettes thanks you for your generosity and support.

**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 via email at kjessen5@optonline.net.

**ALTAR ROSARY
MEETING**

The next Altar Rosary meeting will be held on Monday, April 26th at 7:30pm in the Lourdes Center. Join us for the mass at 7:00pm, stay for the Novena and meeting.



**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 April 11th and May 9th. All Covid precautions will be taken at each meeting. Please wear a mask and we will be practicing social distancing.

*For more information about our group and how we can help you, please email Barbara at barbie51@aol.com.

**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 Karen kgumps729@gmail.com or the parish office.



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.

Clothing Drive



St. Bernadette's Church, Social Concerns Ministry will conduct our spring clothing drive on **Saturday, April 24th**. 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 (20 Villanova Road, Parlin) on Saturday, April 24th from **9:00am until 1:00pm**. Tax receipts will be available.

If you cannot make this date, please know that St. Bernadette's Church has clothing bins on the church property as well (all year round) that accepts donations, however, nothing large or breakable as nothing is to be left outside of the bins or on the church property. St. Bernadette's, Social Concerns Ministry and Catholic Charities benefit from the donations made to these bins (50/50). Always know that your donations, big or small benefit many people in need. For questions, email at Karen kgumps729@gmail.com

BAKE SALE

Our Youth Group will be having a Bake Sale after all masses the weekend of April 24th and 25th. Indulge your sweet tooth while supporting our youth!



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!



Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is an organization dedicated to bringing praise and adoration to the Holy Name of Jesus. We meet at Lourdes Center on the first Saturday of each month at 9:00am. After a period of fellowship, the meeting is opened to the reading of Scripture, usually the Gospel for the next Sunday. Our meeting is then opened to the sharing of our faith through our discussion of the Gospel.

Membership in the Holy Name Society is open to all men 18 years of age and older who are in good standing with the Catholic Church. For more information or to join please contact Dennis Dwyer at dbdwyer5210@optonline.net.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The second collection scheduled for the weekend of April 24th and 25th and is designated for *Catholic Relief Services*. The proceeds will benefit the Native and Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services.

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***

A vocation to the priesthood is both challenging and rewarding. A priest is called to be a witness of Christ. He is a minister of the sacraments, proclaimer of the word, teacher of the faith, and steward of the Church. He accompanies the faithful through this world, leading the way to the eternal kingdom of heaven.

Discernment of a vocation to the priesthood requires specialized guidance to navigate the spiritual formation and academic demands of the seminary. While the Diocese of Metuchen has been blessed with an increase in the number of men studying for the priesthood—currently 24—the expense of educating and preparing our future priests is also rising. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal will help provide men with the opportunity to successfully complete their journey through the seminary and ensure the future of our Church. Please give as generously as your means allow.



LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS VIRTUAL RETREAT

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life will sponsor a Life-Giving Wounds retreat, designed for anyone over the age of 18 whose parents are no longer together. The virtual retreat will be conducted over the course of 3 Saturdays: April 17th, April 24th and May 1st. On the first 2 Saturdays, participants will attend via Zoom from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on the 3rd Saturday, a Mass will be celebrated for all adult children of divorce. For more information and to register, please visit: diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce.

BLOOD DRIVE

New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, Thursday, April 22, 2021, from 1:30-7:30pm at Most Holy Redeemer Parish (133 Amboy Road, Matawan) in Desmond Hall. At this time, the blood supply is critically low- **PLEASE HELP**. To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing.

Donor Requirements:

- *Must wear a mask or face covering
- *Will have their temperature taken.
- *Must be 14 days symptom-free if recovered from COVID-19
- *May NOT donate if they have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- *May NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions.

Please be aware that we do not test for COVID-19. Remember to eat, drink, and bring your Donor ID or ID with your name and photo. Appointments recommended. Walk-ins are accommodated only if space allows.

For an appointment, go to nybc.org/newjerseydrive - sponsor code 10712 or call 800-933-2566.



KID'S CORNER

Read the Gospel and color



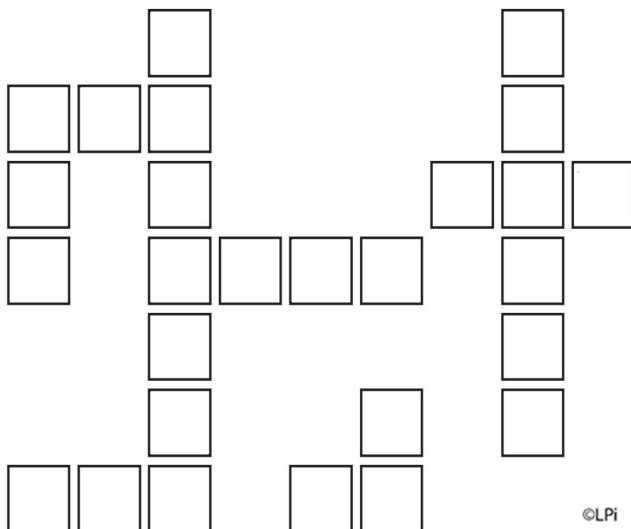
Sharing the Gospel

In today's Gospel, Thomas had a hard time believing his friends. Jesus was alive! They saw Jesus! Well, Thomas could not believe it. He needed proof. Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. Thomas wanted to touch Jesus' scars on his hands and his side. Once Thomas did that, then he would believe. You may have doubting friends like Thomas. Be patient with them. Do not get angry with them. Love them instead, and gently tell the truth about Jesus. Ask Jesus to open their hearts, so they can believe in him, too.

Gospel Game

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

THOMAS REPLIED, "YOU ARE MY LORD AND MY GOD"



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ST. BERNADETTE BLESSED PASCHAL CANDLE VOTIVES

Thanks to our pastor, Fr. Jim, we are able to offer Blessed Paschal Candle Votives made from the Paschal candles that have been on our altar in the past year. The votives may be found in the front vestibule of our church. They are available for the small donation of \$3.00 which will benefit our Social Concerns committee.

Thank you in advance for your support!



SHOP RITE CARDS AVAILABLE

Shop Rite Cards – The Altar Rosary Society is selling Shop Rite cards at the main entrance of the church before and after all masses. Please consider purchasing some for you, your family, and friends. 5% of whatever we sell goes directly to the parish.



THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sunday (OD) 2:00pm.....Compassionate Friends
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
Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Carmelites (C) 4:00pm.....Confession (LC) 6:00pm..... MFC
Sunday (C) 1:00pm..... Baptisms