

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

Church Bingo Hall

732-721-8833

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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., 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

Mon., April 19 (Easter Weekday)

7:00 pm + Shelbi Alger, r/o Carl and Toni Kellgren

Tues., April 20 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Audrey Gaspar, r/o Denise, Daniel, and William Marks

Wed., April 21 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Mark Bratus, r/o Kathie Hall

Thurs., April 22 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Mary and Charles Taeschler, r/o family

Fri., April 23 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Ekalo and Szaroleta Families, r/o Msgr. Andy

Sat., April 24 (Easter Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., April 24– April 25 (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

5:00 pm + Mary Sidlowski, r/o Octavia Zampella
 8:30 am + Maria Midrano, r/o St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council 8478
 10:00 am Special Intentions for The Vasilo Family, r/o Jane and Nick Vasilo
 11:30 am + Bonnie Directo, r/o the Perez Family

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 Bridgette Maher, r/o the Maher Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Anthony Gugliuzzo, r/o Anne Marks.

WINE & HOSTS

STEWARSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of April 10-April 11.....	\$7,502.00
Assessment Offering.....	\$478.00
Online Giving.....	\$2,111.67

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	13
\$6-\$10.....	5
\$11-\$20.....	14
\$21-\$30.....	29
\$31-\$39.....	4
\$40 and Over.....	158

SPREADING THE WORD

3rd Sunday of Easter

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...”

LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

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

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.

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.

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 10:00am Mass.



MORE THAN JUST A SERMON ON SUNDAY

There's so much more to St. Bernadette Church than just an uplifting homily during Mass on Sundays. There are many opportunities for you to donate your time and talents to your church family. By getting involved, you will better know, love, and live our catholic faith and be a witnessing presence to each other and the world around us. Here's one of our many Parish Ministry Groups:

Lazarus Ministry

The Lazarus Ministry is designed to provide immediate support to a family following the death of a loved one. Parishioners trained for Lazarus Ministry call the family with condolences on behalf of our priests and the parish community and offer to meet with the family in planning the funeral liturgy. At the meeting, the Lazarus Committee members can reflect Christian hope to the grieving family as they help select the appropriate readings and music and decides how the family will participate in the funeral liturgy. The Lazarus Minister is there to offer support and whatever assistance they can and usually attends the funeral Mass. Members possess an understanding of the Rite of Christian Funerals, be compassionate and caring, and perform as the representative of the church. Those that are interested in volunteering with this ministry, will shadow a current member until they are ready to be on their own.



If you would like more information or are interested in joining this, or another ministry, please contact the parish office.

AROUND THE PARISH

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.*

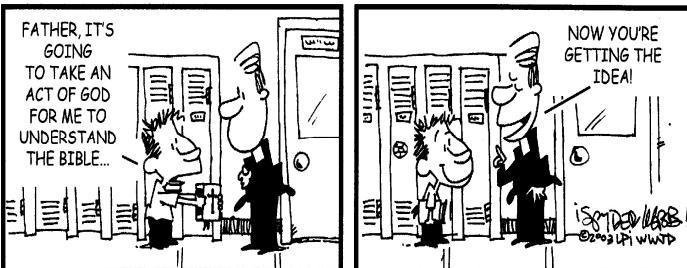
Items may be dropped off in the baby boxes in the front vestibule and by the side door (near the elevator) that weekend and we will be outside Lourdes Center from 10:30am-12:30pm on Sunday, May 16th. Please call Kathy at 732-261-7490 with any questions. St. Bernadette Columbiettes thanks you for your 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 Jessen 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 beautify 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.

AROUND THE PARISH



Praise and Worship

Please join LCSC Praise and Worship on May 8th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center for a special gathering. May is a month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. We will be taking a virtual tour of Medjugorje where Our Blessed Lady appeared to six young people in June 1981 and numerous miracles and healings have occurred. All are invited. Bring a friend.



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!



CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Join us on Monday, April 19th at 6:30pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room for our next meeting.

The Cub Scouts Program is designed for boys and their families to work together to learn new skills, build strong relationships, and become good citizens. For more information contact Nicole Soper at nacsuper@gmail.com.



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.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



LEARN TO MAKE ROSARIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

The Office of Family Life is pleased to announce the creation of the Blue Rosary Guild. The purpose of the Guild is for community members of all ages to make Pocket Rosaries for law enforcement officers, providing

them with support and spiritual strength and promoting devotion to the Rosary among all the faithful. All materials and instructions will be provided and a Zoom virtual tutorial will also be scheduled. Anyone interested should contact Cristina D'Averso Collins, Director of the Office of Family Life at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

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

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal impacts the lives of so many and supports such vital ministries as the formation of our seminarians and deacons, outreach to our youth and young adults, and programs to assist couples through marriage preparation. Our ongoing efforts in evangelization and catechesis, advocacy for human life and dignity, and effectively ministering to people of varied ethnicities and languages all depend on your generosity. In addition, \$1.7 million has been earmarked for our Catholic Charities which is dedicated to providing basic needs and counseling services for those struggling with the hardships of life.

To learn more about the impact of your gift, view the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going to diometuchen.org/BAA or scan the QR code below. This year, the BAA video is being produced in a series of 4 (approximately one per month), so be sure to check it out frequently.



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.

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) in Desmond Hall. At this time, the blood supply is critically low. To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing. 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. For an appointment, go to nybc.org/newjerseydrive - sponsor code 10712 or call 800-933-2566.



VOCATION OF CATECHIST 101

This course will be presented LIVE VIA ZOOM. The course will help catechists explore their call to serve in catechetical ministry. Catechists will have the opportunity to learn more about what catechesis is and to consider their vocation as a catechist. They will learn to see themselves as a "teacher" of the faith and as a missionary disciple who gives witness to their faith and relationship with Jesus in word and deed. We will share how we can create an environment with young people and families that can encounter the Lord, lead others effectively to prayer, and creatively engage our young people in ways that are also adaptable in virtual learning environments. There will also be time for personal prayer and reflection. Sessions are Monday, April 26 and Tuesday, April 27, both are 7:00pm - 8:30pm. To register go to diometuchen.org/events.

KID'S CORNER

Read the Gospel and color



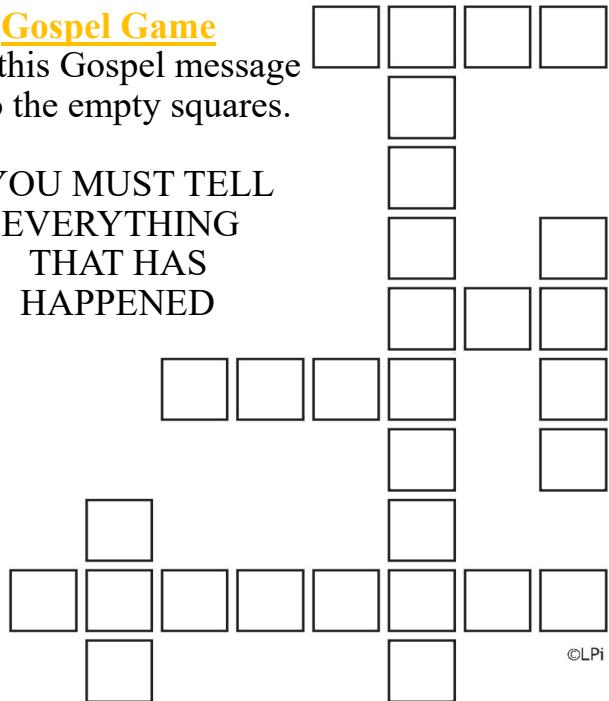
Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus came to his friends after Easter, they could hardly believe he was real. Jesus told his friends it was okay to touch him. Jesus had bones. He had muscles. He had scars from the cross. Jesus even ate a piece of fish to show that his stomach worked okay. Yes, they had all seen Jesus die, but God raised him to life. Moses and King David and the prophets had all written about the Savior. The Scriptures all came true through Jesus. He really is alive. If you believe in Jesus, don't keep it a secret. Tell your friends that Jesus is their savior, too.

Gospel Game

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares.

YOU MUST TELL
EVERYTHING
THAT HAS
HAPPENED



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 (C) 1:00pm..... Baptisms
Monday (C) 7:00pm..... Mass/Novena
(LC) 6:30pm..... Cub Scouts
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm..... RCIA
Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm..... K of C
Thursday.....
Friday
Saturday (LC parking lot) 9:00am..... Clothing Drive
(LC)10:00am..... 1st Holy Communion Practice
(C) 4:00pm..... Confession
(LC) 6:00pm..... MFC
(C)..... Youth Group Bake Sale after all Masses
Sunday (C)..... Youth Group Bake Sale after all Masses