

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

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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 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 Vasilos
Family, r/o Jane and Nick Vasilos

11:30 am + Bonnie Directo, r/o the Perez
Family

Mon., April 26 (Easter Weekday)

7:00 pm + Anthony and Josephine Malara,
r/o sons.

Tues., April 27 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Joaquim Capitaz, r/o wife,
children, grandchildren

Wed., April 28 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + People of the Parish

Thurs., April 29 (St. Catherine of Siena)

8:30 am + Frank Matarangelo, r/o the
Scapolatempore Family

Fri., April 30 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Aldo DePinto, r/o Octavia
Zampella

Sat., May 1 (Easter Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., May 1– May 2 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

5:00 pm 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jim
and Lois Ann Smith

8:30 am + Concetta Zammit and Lucy
Zammit Waters, r/o Nicole
Szczesny

10:00 am + Liam McCarroll, r/o the Vasilos
Family

11:30 am + Jack Giffin, r/o Alice and loving
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 Vincent and Vera Grant, r/o Janice Provenza.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Severino Jr..

WINE & HOSTS

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of April 17-April 18.....\$6,342.00

Assessment Offering.....\$119.00

Online Giving.....\$2,000.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....9

\$6-\$10.....3

\$11-\$20.....15

\$21-\$30.....15

\$31-\$39.....5

\$40 and Over.....65

SPREADING THE WORD

4th Sunday of Easter

“I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.”

JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in “quiet whispers” that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

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

MAY CROWNING

Our May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 2nd, at the 10:00am Mass.



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.



DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

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

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

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.

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:

The Green Thumb Brigade

The mission of the Green Thumb Brigade is to provide a colorful environment to welcome people and inspire them to come inside the church. We plant and maintain the various flower beds around the church. This year we have plans which include the addition of a *Mary Garden*. Anyone with gardening gloves is welcome as are prayers that God sends the rain for the plants and restricts the deer's diet to the Hostas. We can be found on the church grounds most weekdays from late April to late October between 10:30 and noon, weather and church activities permitting. If you are interested in joining the Green Thumb Brigade contact Kathie at 732-721-2772.

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



A MESSAGE FROM SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

He is Risen!

I pray your journey during this Lenten Season was blessed, whether you were preparing for or recalling baptism and penance. Three things we traditionally do during lent are: Give something up. Attend mass and pray. Set goals for ourselves to help those in need. Once again, our parish family and friends truly went above and beyond to meet #3. Our Easter bin overflowed with generous non-perishable food donations, that allowed us to provide food to 19 families. We even had some left-over items to donate to St. Mary's food pantry in South Amboy. Along with the food donations, we received over \$1,600.00 in ShopRite gift cards along with monetary donations through the pink envelopes to purchase an additional \$1,200.00 in food cards for a grand total of \$2,800.00 that we distributed amongst the families during Easter. Your prayers and support of the Social Concerns Ministry makes our hearts fill with pride. Without your help and generosity, the Social Concerns Ministry cannot continue the great work we do, and it is deeply appreciated. Blessings to you all.

– The Social Concerns Ministry

DRIVE THROUGH BABY SHOWER

St. Bernadette Columbiettes is holding a drive through baby shower on the weekend of May 15th and 16th for Life Choices in Metuchen. We are collecting: 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 by the elevator that weekend. We will also be outside Lourdes Center from 10:30am-12:30pm on Sunday, May 16th. Any questions, email Kathy at kjessen5@optonline.net. Thank you!

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.



Belonging to a Family

In the post Easter (Mystagogy) phase of the RCIA process, the neophytes (new Catholics) explore more deeply what it means to "belong" fully to the people of God as a result of their sacramental initiation at the Easter Vigil. An essential element of truly belonging to a community is shared experience. The foundational experience for every Christian is the wondrous love that has made us God's children. During this Easter Season, we, the community, are invited to draw upon the newness of the neophytes' experience as a way to reawake our own appreciation for the mystery of being the beloved children of God, a reality which perhaps has become so familiar that it no longer arouses in us wonder and awe. Isn't there someone in your life with whom you would like to share that reality? Bring them to an RCIA Inquiry Session.

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 Tom O'Leary at 732-721-2772 or visit our website: saintbernadettechurch.net for more information about these classes.

MONSIGNOR'S MUSING

Dear Parishioners,

At the invitation of Father Jim I will be occasionally writing an article for the Parish Bulletin, sharing spiritual thoughts, reflection on a liturgical season, life of a Saint, and Sacred Scripture passages. These reflections are written under the heading "Monsignor's Musing." The dictionary describes "musing" as something shared that is reflective or thoughtful. I hope to accurately convey this definition in my articles. Besides, the title is catchy.

I write to you during the Third Week of the Easter Season. As you know the Easter Season extends for fifty days, concluding with the Solemnity of Pentecost, this year on May 23. Pentecost comes from the Greek word meaning "fifty." Fifty days earlier, "on the first day of the week," it was the day of Jesus' Resurrection and He appeared to ten of the twelve Apostles in the Upper Room. There He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." [John 20:22]

Fifty days later in the Upper Room, the Apostles and many followers, 120 total [Acts 1:15] were gathered in prayer when the Holy Spirit came upon them all. The event is recorded in Acts 2:1-11. By the way, there were skeptics who doubted that the disciples speaking in tongues were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Two verses later we read: "But others (skeptics) said, scoffing, 'They have had too much wine.'" [Acts 2:13] LOL.

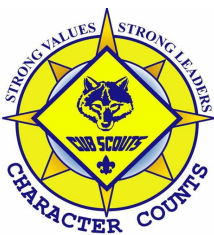
The Holy Spirit entered our soul on the day of our Baptism. We confirmed it some years later on the day of our Confirmation. Every time we bless ourselves we invoke the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We begin and end every Mass and every prayer by invoking the Holy Trinity. Our Profession of Faith, the Nicene Creed, affirms: "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son."

May this joyful season reaffirm our love and obedience to God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Sanctifier. "Happy Easter!"

-Msgr. Andy

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Join us on Monday, April 26th at 6:30pm in the O'Dea Hall for our next meeting.



LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

Praise and Worship

A Virtual Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Join us Saturday, May 8 at 9:15am, Lourdes Center. A pilgrimage is an act of spiritual devotion that will bring you close to Jesus. And a virtual pilgrimage brings aspects of the prayerful, personal and transformational experience that is Pilgrimage to you without the travel. This virtual pilgrimage features the history of this sacred place, especially with regard to Our Lady's 1981 Apparitions. Follow the guides to the local churches and places of prayer. Climb Apparition Hill and make the trek up Cross Mountain. Visit and pray at the Blue Cross and spend a reflective moment at the statue of the Risen Christ and much more. Join us and bring a friend.

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Severino Jr. who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month.



*"But now faith, hope, love,
abide these three; but the
greatest of these is love."*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

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*

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. You may mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at diometuchen.org/BAA.

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.



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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$30,602.75 and payments totaling \$ 21,967.75 from 113 parishioners. This represents 52.8% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00. Please give generously.



Life Choices is hosting a virtual screening of the *Roe V. Wade* movie. Go to RoeVWadeMovie.com/lifechoices. There is a \$12.99 (plus \$1.25 service charge) that does not profit LCRC but helps defray the cost of producing this much-needed film. This offer ends April 30th. Any questions please call our office at 732-516-0911 or go to LifeChoicesRC.com.

**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.

**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. 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. Sessions are Monday, April 26 and Tuesday, April 27, both are 7:00pm - 8:30pm. To register go to diometuchen.org/events.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



KID'S CORNER

Read the Gospel and color



Sharing the Gospel

Without a good shepherd to lead and protect them, sheep would get lost or get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are his precious little lamb. When you get lost or are in danger, Jesus comes to find you and comfort you. Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God and protect you from sin. Jesus gave up his life just to save you. Jesus is your good shepherd.

Gospel Game

Help this lamb find his way into the sheep pen with Jesus.



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
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass/Novena
 (LC) 7:30pm..... Alt. R.
 (LC) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
Wednesday
Thursday (C/OD) 4:00pm...1st Holy Com.
 Rehearsal
Friday (C/OD) 4:00pm.....1st Holy Com.
 Rehearsal
Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Holy Name
 (C) 10:00am.....First Holy
 Communion
 (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
 (LC) 6:00pm.....MFC
Sunday (C) 10:00am.....May Crowning

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.