

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

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732-721-8833

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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., May 15– May 16 (The Solemnity of the Ascension)

5:00 pm + Miguel Chevere Sr., r/o the Chevere Family

8:30 am + Maureen Maresca, r/o Michael and Juanita Maresca

10:00 am + Julio & Sylvia Fuentes and Leandro & Asunción Rivera, r/o Bob and Maria Rotger

11:30 am + Jack Giffin, r/o Eileen and Jim Ryan

Mon., May 17 (Easter Week)

7:00 pm + Libby Flynn, r/o the Maher Family

Tues., May 18 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Ed Marks, r/o Anne Marks

Wed., May 19 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Eugene Valesio, r/o Leonard and Ellen Viggiano

Thurs., May 20 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Mary Taeschler, r/o Fr. Jim

Fri., May 21 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am Rev. Msgr. Andrew L. Szaroleta's 44th Ordination Anniversary

Sat., May 22 (Easter Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., May 22– May 23 (Pentecost)

5:00 pm + Mia and Zoe Drum, r/o Nana Marie

8:30 am + People of the Parish

10:00 am + Peter Caruso, r/o Joe and Jo Ann Walter

11:30 am + Jack Keefe, r/o Joseph and Jackie Potts

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 Grace Mackenrott, r/o the Maher Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Norma L. Valeña, r/o Martha V. Molato and family.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of May 8-May 9.....\$12,268.00
Assessment Offering.....\$774.00
Online Giving.....\$1,295.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....14
\$6-\$10.....7
\$11-\$20.....12
\$21-\$30.....20
\$31-\$39.....7
\$40 and Over.....69

SPREADING THE WORD

Ascension of Our Lord

“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

1 JOHN 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with 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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Ascension of the Lord

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!

ASK A PRIEST

Question:

What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?



Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the "canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS

Father's Day Mass Remembrance Cards can be found at the doors of the church or you may write your father's name on a piece of paper and put it with your donation in an envelope marked "*Father's Day Mass Remembrance*". Names must be received at the Parish Office no later than *Monday, June 7th*, in order for names to appear in the bulletin. We ask that you *clearly print* your requests on the envelope.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, June 7th at 8:00pm in Lourdes Center. Godparent certificates may be handed in at this time.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$41,827.50 and payments totaling \$32,839.00 from 167 parishioners. This represents 72.1% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00. Please give generously.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

*The second collection scheduled for this weekend, May 15th and 16th and is designated for *Collection for the Development of the People*. The proceeds will benefit the Church in Latin America, the Church in Eastern Europe and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal.

*The collection for the *Catholic Communication Campaign* will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of May 29th and 30th. The proceeds will benefit the Catholic Communication Campaign (national and local level) as well as the Catholic University of America.

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. 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:

Carmelites

Secular Carmelites strive to develop their spiritual life by fostering a life of prayer. They attend monthly community meetings and receive the Sacraments frequently. Seculars pray morning and evening prayer and embrace a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order invites those faithful, who have a desire to deepen their spiritual life through prayer to inquire by attending a meeting.



The Carmelites welcome those of the faithful who undertake to live, in the world, and evangelical life and follow the example and teaching of the Carmelite Saints. Secular Carmelites come from all walks of life each one trying to respond to God's call to "meditate on the Lord's law, day and night". As Secular Carmelites, we try to show God's love in our everyday lives, wherever God leads us, and with the people God gives us.

We meet the 3rd Saturday of every month Lourdes Center from 9:00am-1:00pm. If this sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, please e-mail Charmaine Cortis Fidalgo at sicutervus17274@gmail.com.



MUSIC REHEARSALS ARE BACK!

Our choir rehearsals have started on a limited basis. For a current schedule of practice times or if you are interested in joining the choir, please contact with Jo Ann or the parish office.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Mass for Memorial Day, Monday, May 31st, will be at 8:30am. There will be no 7:00pm Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Wednesday, May 19th at 8:00pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room.



ALTAR ROSARY

The next Altar Rosary meeting will be held on Monday, May 24th at 7:00pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room.



CCD QUESTIONS FOR UPCOMING YEAR?

If you have questions for the 2021-2022 school year, email Mrs. Francis in the religious education office at stbernccd@gmail.com.



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.

RCIA

Carrying on The Mission

The early Church was preoccupied with the utter need for the mission of Jesus to be carried on through the work of his disciples. All of us, who have heard the Good News, have been called to share in the ministry and mission of Jesus. We are instruments of the gospel's spread, just as surely as were the apostles. When you think about your family, your workplace, your neighborhood, isn't there someone to whom you feel called to tell the Good News about Christ's love, compassion, forgiveness and peace. Bring them to an RCIA Inquiry Session so that their questions may be answered and where they will learn more about the Good News as told through the Catholic Faith.

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.

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 17th and June 7th at 6:30pm in O'Dea Hall.

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.



TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS FOR VACCINE APPOINTMENTS

The Diocese of Metuchen has provided a link to aide Seniors in getting an appointment as well as securing transportation to that vaccination appointment. KMM has developed a COVID-19 transportation finder dedicated to sites located in Middlesex County. Go to the following website to find transportation options available to almost 40 vaccination sites in Middlesex County.

Website: kmm.org/transportation

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT

The Catholic Spirit is the official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen, covering the Catholic communities in Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties.



While it is not currently being distributed in hard copy form, you can still access all of its articles and interviews on-line. Go to issuu.com/diometuchen/docs to find all current and past issues of The Catholic Spirit.



Join Sara Sharlow (Diocesan Director of the Office of RCIA) every Monday at 11:00am, as she leads us in a prayerful gathering of Lectio Divina.

Start your week with prayer, community, and hope. We look forward to sharing this time with you! *Remember to have your bible with you!*

Join us by your computer: *Meeting ID:* 891 1895 4693 *Password:* Gy665Z

or

Join us by Phone: (929) 436-2866, *Meeting ID:* 891 1895 4693 *Password:* 430337



WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA, USA
Our Lady's Blue Army

FIRST SATURDAYS WITH *St. Joseph*

SATURDAY, JUNE 5

Virtual presentation by Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle

The Holy Family: A Solution to the Breakdown of the Family

Premiering 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. ET on BlueArmy.com/YearofStJoseph

SAINT JOHN VIANNEY HIGH SCHOOL
SPRING MEGA CASH RAFFLE



Please consider participating in the Mega Cash Raffle

There will be three prizes:

1ST PRIZE: 25%

2ND PRIZE: 15%

3RD PRIZE: 10%

DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 4, 2021

**Tickets are eligible for all three prizes
Donation of \$100 per ticket with a maximum of 500 tickets being sold

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT
WWW.SJVHS.COM**

This will be the last school-wide fundraiser for this school year.

KID'S CORNER

Read the Gospel and color



Sharing the Gospel

Every day when you are in school, your teachers help you learn. You get better at following directions. You get better at listening. You get better at remembering what you learned. Over the school year, your teacher gets you ready for the next grade. In today's Gospel, Jesus prayed for his friends. Jesus spent the last three years teaching his friends how to follow God and how to love others. His time to teach was almost over. Jesus prayed that his friends would stay close to God. Jesus asked God to protect them as they shared his teachings with the whole world.

Gospel Game

Find the path to Heaven



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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 (C) all masses.....Solemnity of Ascension

- (LC parking lot) 10:30am..... Columbiette Baby Shower drop off
- (LC) 12:30pm.....Columbiettes
- (C) 1:00pm.....Baptism
- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass/Novena
- (OD) 6:30pm.....Cub Scout
- Tuesday
- Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
- (OD) 7:30pm.....Soc. C
- Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Music Reh.
- Friday
- Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
- (Gym) 6:00pm.....MFC
- Sunday
- (OD) 2:00pm.....Compassionate Friends

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.