

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

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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., 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

Mon., May 3 (Saints Phillip and James)

- 7:00 pm + Miguel Francisco Mendez Jr., r/o Carl and Toni Kellgren

Tues., May 4 (Easter Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Peter Caruso, r/o Irene

Wed., May 5 (Easter Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Francis Matarangelo, r/o Mary Jean and Warren Rappleyea

Thurs., May 6 (Easter Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Mark Bratus, r/o Jo and Jo Ann Walter

Fri., May 7 (Easter Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Charles Zerafa, r/o Theresa Zerafa

Sat., May 8 (Easter Weekday)

- No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., May 8– May 9 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

- 5:00 pm + Mother’s Day Envelope Intentions
- 8:30 am + Mother’s Day Envelope Intentions
- 10:00 am + Mother’s Day Envelope Intentions
- 11:30 am + Mother’s Day Envelope Intentions

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 Irma Tornetti, r/o daughter.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of April 24-April 25.....	\$6,431.00
Assessment Offering.....	\$55.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,050.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	11
\$6-\$10.....	3
\$11-\$20.....	16
\$21-\$30.....	14
\$31-\$39.....	7
\$40 and Over.....	53

SPREADING THE WORD

5th Sunday of Easter

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”

1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Catholic Charities.....	732-324-8200	Life Choices Resource Center.....	732-516-0911
Food Assistance.....	732-721-7418	Life Call.....	800-662-2678
Mental Health and Addiction.....	732-745-4186	Safe Haven.....	609-888-7915
Depression.....	855-654-6735		

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION DATE CHANGE



Masses for The Solemnity of the Ascension, a Holy Day, will now be celebrated on Sunday, May 16th at all Masses (replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter). This change is for this year only. 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.



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.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The second collection scheduled for the weekend of 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.



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 two of our many Parish Ministry Groups:

Missionary Families of Christ – MFC

Missionary Families of Christ USA (formerly known as Couples for Christ) was founded in 1983 in the Philippines by Frank Padilla. We strive to be God’s holy warriors, as we commit to renew the temporal order through our work in defending faith, family and life. We are a servant to the Church, working to renew her children through every generation and throughout the world, until the Lord returns once again. We are an evangelistic and missionary community committed to become families empowered by the holy spirit to renew the face of the earth. All are welcome to join our MFC community.



Live Christ Share Christ – LCSC

Our mission is to evangelize and members are brought to a personal relationship with Jesus and towards a deeper spirit-filled Christian Life. Our hope is for every Catholic to meet Christ, to live Christ and to share Christ as well as to energize and equip the laity in the power of the Holy Spirit. We meet the second Saturday of every month at 9:00am. All are welcome to join our Live Christ, Share Christ family.



If you would like more information or are interested in joining either one of these ministries, please contact George Santos at georgesantos695@gmail.com.

CCD QUESTIONS FOR UPCOMING YEAR?

If you have questions for the 2021-2022 school year, please call Mrs. Francis at 732-727-4343 or email the religious education office at stberncdd@gmail.com

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

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to Jim and Lois Ann Smith 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



Bearing Fruit

To be a follower of Jesus is to be in communion with the word of God, to be at peace and filled with the Spirit, and to bear fruit. This calls for nourishment, connectedness, evaluation and reflection. In seeking to understand the will of God in our lives, each of us is in relationship with the word of God, the company of believers, and the world in which we live. We are called to be church not for our own comfort and wholeness, but for the world. Isn't there someone in your world who wants to know more about being a follower of Jesus in the Catholic Church? 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 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 3rd and 10th at 6:30pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room.

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.



HELP US CREATE A MARY GARDEN

The ground is prepared, and Mary is waiting. Would you like to donate a flower for her garden?

☞ If you haven't heard of a Mary-themed garden, you might wonder what it is. The tradition of naming flowers after the Virgin Mary began centuries ago. During the Middle Ages, missionaries in Europe began to unite plants named after Mary in "Mary Gardens." Traditionally a statue of the Virgin Mary as the focal point, then groups Mary garden plants around it. The plants represent some aspect of Mary's clothing, home, person, or symbolize aspects of spiritual life.

☞ The Green Thumb Brigade is accepting plant donations for the St. Bernadette Mary Garden. They can be brought to the church parking lot on Saturday, May 8 between 10 and noon. Here is a list of flowers we would like to plant:

Bleeding Heart – Mary's Heart

Daisy – Mary's Flower

Forget-Me-Not – Eyes of Mary

Foxglove – Our Lady's Fingers

Maidenhair Fern – Our Lady's Hair

Thistle – Our Lady's Milk Drops

Fuchsia – Our Lady's Eardrops

Parsley – Our Lady's Lace

Columbine – Our Lady's Shoes

Caladium – Queen's Mantle

Larkspur – Our Lady's Spurs

Bluebell – Our Lady's Thimble

Geranium – Madonna's Pins

Marigold – Mary's Gold

Thrift – Our Lady's Cushion

English Daisy – Mary's Loves

Bachelor Buttons – Mary's Crown

Tulip – Mary's Prayer

Daffodil – Mary's Star

Iris – Mary's Sword of Sorrow

Pansy – Our Lady's Delight

Petunia – Our Lady's Praises

Periwinkle – Virgin Flower

Zinnia – The Virgin



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.

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 with any questions at kjessen5@optonline.net. St. Bernadette Columbiettes thanks you for your generosity and support.



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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Faith in Action

Governor Murphy announced his proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 on February 23, 2021. The Budget process is now in the hands of the Legislature. We are asking the Legislature for increases in the per-pupil amounts for the nonpublic transportation ceiling and the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative. Specifically, we are asking for the nonpublic school transportation ceiling to be raised to \$1,150.00 and for the per-pupil amount for nonpublic school technology to be increased to \$45.00. For more information or how to get involved, please visit njcatholic.org/faith-in-action

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.



YOUNG COUPLES' BIBLE STUDY

All young engaged and married couples are invited to explore the Biblical foundations of the Catholic faith. Led by Family Life Director, Cristina D'Averso-Collins and her husband, Brian, the group will meet every other Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. on Zoom. All that is needed is a Bible! For details or to join, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

Bible Study



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$34,792.75 and payments totaling \$26,329.00 from 136 parishioners. This represents 60% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00. Please give generously.



