

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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732-727-4343

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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., 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
Mon., May 24 (The Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen Mother of the Church)
7:00 pm + Anthony and Josephine Malara, r/o sons
Tues., May 25 (Weekday)
8:30 am + Joseph Sclafane, r/o Dolores Berardicelli
Wed., May 26 (Weekday)
8:30 am + Frank Matarangelo, r/o Helen Carroll
Thurs., May 27 (Weekday)
8:30 am + Joaquim Capitaz, r/o wife, children, and grandchildren
Fri., May 28 (Weekday)
8:30 am + Sister Ann Patrick, r/o Eileen and Jim Ryan
Sat., May 29 (Weekday)
No 8:30 am Mass
Sat.-Sun., May 29– May 30 (The Most Holy Trinity)
5:00 pm + Eleanor DeLuca, r/o daughters
8:30 am + Lillian Kelly, r/o family
10:00 am + Fernando Medina Sr., Fernando Medina Jr., Manuel and Angelita Medina, r/o the Medina Family
11:30 am + Alphonse D. Iannacone, r/o Peter and Claudia Rao & 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 Delia Boyd, r/o the Maher Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE AND HOST

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of May 8-May 9.....\$6,775.00
Assessment Offering.....\$197.00
Online Giving.....\$1,386.67

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....9
\$6-\$10.....9
\$11-\$20.....19
\$21-\$30.....19
\$31-\$39.....4
\$40 and Over.....73

SPREADING THE WORD

Pentecost Sunday

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.”

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God’s plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! For God’s plan to work you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

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

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

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

INSTALLATION OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All Eucharistic Ministers will be installed on the weekend of June 5th and 6th at all Masses.

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.

MONDAY MASS SUMMER HOURS

Starting Monday, May 31st (Memorial Day) and continuing through Monday, September 6th (Labor Day), all Monday masses will be at 8:30am. There will be no 7:00pm mass.

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 mail 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.



2021 MASS BOOK IS ALMOST FILLED

Mass intentions for the year 2021 are rapidly filling up. However, there are still many available dates for the Blessed Mother Candle, Sanctuary Candle, and Wine and Hosts. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in requesting any of the above.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

*You Don't Have What It Takes
-But You Will*

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called. We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: *Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't.*

We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out.

However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations - and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades?

But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-in-your tracks reason why "we can't" was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire!

God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

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.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST Praise and Worship

Join us for the next meeting of LCSC Praise and Worship which will be held on Saturday, June 12th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center. Please bring your Bibles. All are welcome.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$42,397.75 and payments totaling \$35,464.00 from 171 parishioners. This represents 73.1% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00. Please give generously.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

*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.

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 stberncd@gmail.com.



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:

Knights of Columbus

The St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus are looking for a few Good Men. We are one of more than 16,000 councils headquartered in Catholic Parishes around the world. Knights put their faith into action every day to make life better in the parishes and communities. We offer men the opportunity to grow in their faith while helping others and supporting the Church and become better Catholics, husbands, and fathers. The Knights of Columbus annually contributes nearly \$200 million to worthy charities around the world and donated over 100 million hours of their time. Recently we ran two successful food drives and collected over 3000 pounds of food and toiletries. Our Leave No Neighbor Behind program provides direct outreach to those impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Our founder Blessed Michael McGivney has been beatified by the Church and people around the world seek his intercession through prayer. All practicing Catholic men over 18 years or older are invited to join.



You can join us with our free online membership offer that will remain in effect till June 30, 2021. You can join by going to kofc.org/joinus and use code **MCGIVNEY2020** and receive free membership for one year from joining. Please indicate you would like to join council # 8478. If you have any questions please call/text Chris Duffett at 908-510-1866.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Starting June 1st, the Parish office hours will be as follows:

Saturday-Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 9:00am-2:00pm

Masks are still required. We would appreciate a call to let us know you are on your way in, but appointments are no longer necessary.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next Knights of Columbus meetings will be on Wednesday, June 2nd and June 16th 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. Our last meeting for the summer will be on Monday, June 28th.

THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS

The Green Thumb Brigade would like to thank the parish for the generous donations to the Mary Garden. Her garden is now full. Please visit it when you can. We are still finding plant donations at the garden; these will be used around the property to beautify our church. We would also like to thank the individuals and groups who gave monetary donations. They will be used toward the purchase of a bench to allow people to rest and reflect. Thank you again for your generosity.

-Kathie and members of the Green Thumb Brigade



Birthday Greetings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!! Today we celebrate our empowerment, through the Spirit, to continue the mission of Jesus. We Catholics, followers of Jesus, believe that we are a people, a community of faith, and that each one of us has been lavished with the Spirit's gifts, which are not for our personal aggrandizement, but are to be put to the service of our brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. Do you know someone who seems interested in learning more about Jesus or about our Catholic Faith Family? Bring them to an RCIA Inquiry Session and allow us to help you tell them the Good News.

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, 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 nacsoper@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.



THE JOY OF LOVE & FAMILY CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Metuchen, in collaboration with the other four Roman Catholic Arch/Dioceses in New Jersey, will sponsor “The Joy of Love & Family” a conference series in celebration of the Year of the Family as declared by Pope Francis. Beginning in June, the series of free talks will premiere over six months, covering topics for every stage of family life. More information, including the full speaker line up and talk titles, will be available in the coming weeks, so stay tuned to the diocesan social media pages @diocesemetuchen for updates and visit lightingheartsonfire.org to sign up to receive notifications.



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

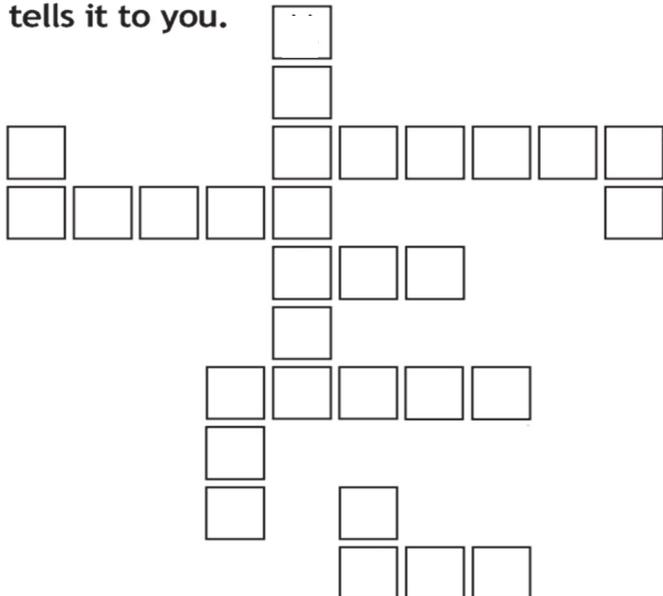


Sharing the Gospel

One day one of your best friends may move away, and you won't see them every day. You can still stay close to your friend by talking on the phone, writing letters, or sending e-mail messages. Jesus knew he would be leaving. He would not see his friends every day. Jesus promised to send his Spirit to them. When they were confused, the Spirit would show them the truth. When they missed him, Jesus would send them messages by the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit, Jesus could always stay close to his friends.

Gospel Game-Fill in the boxes

The Spirit takes my message and tells it to you.



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**Pentecost**
 (OD) 2:00pm.....Compassionate Friends
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass/Novena
 (LC) 7:00pm.....Alt. R
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Music Reh.
Friday
Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
 (Gym) 9:00am.....MFC
SundayThe Most Holy Trinity
Monday (C) 8:30am.....Mass/Novena
*There is no 7:00pm Mass*

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.