

Saint Bernadette Church

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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 8:30 a.m. (Mass/Novena)

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.

∴Masks are recommended for those who are unvaccinated. If you are feeling ill, as always, please refrain from attended mass until you feel better.

Parish Offices

20 Villanova Road
Parlin, New Jersey 08859

Office Hours

Open:

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Closed:

Saturday-Monday

∴Please call ahead before coming.

Parish Office Telephone

732-721-2772

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saintbernadettechurch.net

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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., July 24– July 25 (Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

5:00 pm + Ted Berardicelli, r/o Dolores
8:30 am + Stephen Kelly, r/o Jeanne and Dan Pasquinucci
10:00 am + Stephen Caruso, r/o mom
11:30 am + Carolann Traverso, r/o Raffaelina Tutrone

Mon., July 26 (Saints Joachim and Anne)

8:30 am + People of the Parish
There is no 7:00pm Mass

Tues., July 27 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Lucy Beck, r/o Christina Alvarado

Wed., July 28 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Eathamma Sebastian, r/o Tessy Sebastian

Thurs., July 29 (Saint Martha)

8:30 am In Celebration of Msgr. Andy's 70th birthday

Fri., July 30 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Deceased Members of the Sebastian Family, r/o Tessy Sebastian

Sat., July 31 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., July 31– August 1 (Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

5:00 pm + Pete Caruso, r/o Dennis and Pat Dwyer
8:30 am + Stephen Kole, r/o father
10:00 am + Joseph Smith, r/o Bob and Dora Siebert
11:30 am + Joaquim Capitaz, r/o wife, children, and grandchildren

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace



BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in honor of Karen and Scott Gumprecht's 35th Wedding Anniversary.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in honor of Karen and Scott Gumprecht's 35th Wedding Anniversary.

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Offering of July 17-July 18.....\$8,311.00
Assessment Offering.....\$189.00
Online Giving.....\$1,277.00

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\$1-\$5.....15
\$6-\$10.....14
\$11-\$20.....24
\$21-\$30.....20
\$31-\$39.....6
\$40 and Over.....85

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish office hours will be as follows:

*Saturday-Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 9:00am-2:00pm*

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

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Catholic Charities.....732-324-8200
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SPREADING THE WORD

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” *JOHN 6:9*

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER VACATION

The Parish Office staff will be taking their summer vacation from August 23rd-27th. The office will be closed at that time.

SUMMER ENVELOPES

We thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out-of-town on vacation. As you know, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here. Once again, we appreciate your continued support of our parish.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$50,200.25 and payments totaling \$46,364.00 from 217 parishioners. This represents 86.6% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00.



For over 30 years, this parish undertakes a process known as the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*. It is a process for adults who desire to become Catholic as well as for Baptized Christians seeking the same. The process takes over several months and begins in September. There are weekly gatherings where people come together to share, grow, and understand the Catholic faith. It is a preparation process for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil in the spring. The process is also open to Baptized Catholics who need to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. These are not classes but a faith-sharing group. If you or anyone you know who might be interested in this process, please contact Tom O’Leary at 732-721-7857 or visit our website: saintbernadettechurch.net for more information about these classes.

Come and See!



2022 MASS BOOK

Our 2022 Mass Book is now open. We once again ask that you please limit your Mass requests to no more than three. After three months, please feel free to come in and arrange for additional Masses. The donation for Masses are \$10, Blessed Mother Candles and Sanctuary Candles are \$20, and Wine and Hosts are \$50.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in requesting a Mass Intention, Blessed Mother Candle, Sanctuary Candle, or Wine and Hosts for the 2021 year.

SUMMER AND FALL 50/50 FAIR SHARE RAFFLE



The Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring our annual 50/50 Fair Share Raffle which will begin in July and run through mid-November.

We are doing something very different this year. We will be sending an informational letter and two raffle books to each parish family, as well as selling raffle books at all masses. A full book contains 10 tickets for \$10.00 or you may purchase individual tickets at \$1.00 each. You can return your purchased tickets by dropping them off or mailing them, with a check/cash enclosed, to the parish office. You may also drop them off at mass.

The winning tickets will be drawn on Monday, November 22, 2021. Please take a chance to help your parish and perhaps win some money just in time for the Holiday Season.



WELCOME TO OUR MISSION APPEALS GUEST SPEAKER



*This weekend, July 24th and 25th, we welcome a guest speaker from *The Missionary Fraternity of Mary*, Rev. Cesar Santa Cruz. **The Missionary Fraternity of Mary* was founded in Guatemala in 1985 amidst the chaos at the conclusion of a 35 year civil war and religious persecution. Their mission is dedicated to the needs of the poor, promoting vocations to religious life, preparing youth for lay ministry within the Church, and bringing the good news of Jesus to the marginalized in 41 diocese in 11 different countries.

*For more information please go to their website at missionaryfraternityofmary.org

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Garden State Jazz Orchestra is holding a summer concert series here in Lourdes Center. Their final date is Friday, August 13. Doors upon at 6:00pm with the concert starting at 7:00pm. They will be playing a varied mix of music for our entertainment once again.

Admission will be \$20.00 per-person with children under 12 free. Bring your food, drinks, and friends to enjoy another magical night of song and music. Table reservation flyers that are available at the doors of the Church. Tables seat 8 people comfortably but can hold 10 people. See you there!



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

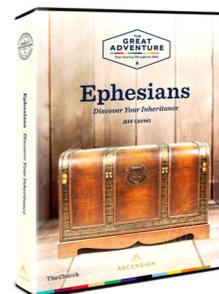
The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, August 2nd at 8:00pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Ephesians was one of the most widely circulated of St. Paul's writings because of its powerful, practical instructions for disciples of Christ. *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* examines many important themes that are still relevant in today's Christian culture and society—the nature of marriage, the purpose and role of the Church, the preeminence of grace in God's plan, and the reality of spiritual warfare.

Bible Study started Tuesday, July 6 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Meeting Room in Lourdes Center. As always, please order the workbook from ascensionpress.com.



BACK TO SCHOOL

The Back-to-school container is in the main vestibule of the church ready to accept your donations of “new” Back-to-school items for our local community children. With your help, our goal is to be able to put together complete school bags for students this year. If you would like to make up a backpack or pencil box with some of the grade appropriate items, that would be greatly appreciated; however, as always, individual donations of the items listed below are much needed and appreciated and will go towards putting together a bag for the student(s).

Most students require the following: backpack, lunch bag, pencil box, #2 pencils, colored pencils, red pens, blue pens, black pens, pocket folders, glue sticks, crayons (24/box), markers, 12” rulers, highlighters, scissors, index cards, 1-subject spiral notebooks, book covers/book sox, composition notebooks and planner. Most especially needed are: loose-leaf filler paper (wide rule), 3-subject notebooks, 5-subject spiral notebooks, report covers/folders, hand sanitizers, and gift cards (Walmart, Shoprite).

Supplies will be given out to students in need on **Thursday September 9th**, at 7 p.m. in the Lourdes Center meeting room. If you have any questions, please call Karen Gumprecht, 732-425-0387. Supplies are needed for grades kindergarten through grade 12. We respectfully ask that you do not donate used items or old office supplies as we cannot distribute them. May God bless you for your generosity.



There will be no meetings in July and August. See you on September 11th. Have a wonderful summer!

SENIORS

There will be no Seniors meeting in August. The next Seniors Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 13th. Have a great summer!

CHURCH GARBAGE AND RECYCLING BINS

Please be reminded that the garbage and recycling bins located behind the Church are not for personal use. They are for the parish buildings and activities only. If you need to dispose of large items (TV's, computers, other electronics, etc), please bring them to the Old Bridge Recycling Center located on Route 516, behind the Old Bridge Animal Shelter, Monday thru Saturday from 7am - 3pm. They will take them for free.

ANNUAL CALENDAR MEETING

All parish organization heads are reminded that the annual calendar meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 4th, at 7:00pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room. Masks are recommended for those that are unvaccinated. Dates and times of all meetings, social events, trips, classes, fundraisers, etc. should be emailed (secy@optonline.net), mailed, or brought to the Parish office no later than Wednesday, July 21st. If you cannot attend, a representative **MUST** be present.



AROUND THE DIOCESE

BLOOD DRIVE

New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive at Most Holy Redeemer Parish (133 Amboy Road, Matawan), Thursday, July 29, from 1:30-7:30pm in Desmond Hall.

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. *Appointments are preferred*. Those wishing to donate blood, please call the parish office at 732-566-9334, or go to nybc.org/newjerseydrive (sponsor code 10712), or call 800-933-2566 to set up an appointment.

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30pm. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend. Registration is required. Please register online at: diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration.



If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold or calling 732-562-1543.

RETRouvaille PROGRAM

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next weekend is August 13 -15, 2021. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748.



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 on June 24, 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, is available on lightingheartsonfire.org where you can also sign up to receive notifications. Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages @diocesemetuchen for continued updates!

KID'S CORNER

Read the Gospel and color

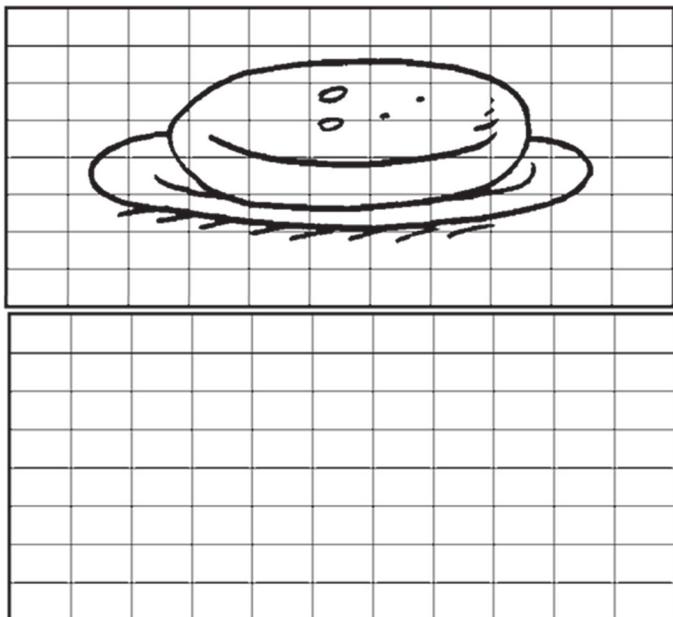


Sharing the Gospel

Jesus seemed to be surrounded by crowds a lot, didn't he? That's because no matter where he went, he helped people, he healed them, and he taught them about God. In today's Gospel reading, one crowd was following Jesus all day, and now they were getting hungry for dinner. Instead of sending them back home, Jesus showed everybody's God's amazing power. Jesus took a boy's lunch and made more than enough food for everybody to eat.

Puzzle

Draw the same bread by following the grid.



2021-2022 CCD SCHOOL YEAR

Registration for the 2021-2022 CCD School year is now open. If your child will be entering first grade in September 2021, please call Mrs. Francis, our CCD Director, at 732-727-4038. **Registrations are by appointment only.** At the time of registration you must present a baptismal certificate and you must be currently registered in St. Bernadette Parish. The fee for one student is \$75 payable on registration.

The CCD registration forms have been mailed home to all current students. If you have not received a registration form, please call Mrs. Francis, our CCD director. If no one is available, leave a message with your child's name and a phone number where you can be reached.

If you have other questions about the 2021-2022 school year, please call Mrs. Francis at 732-727-4038 or email the religious education office at stbernccd@gmail.com.



THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday (C) all masses.....Mission Appeal
Guest Priest

Monday (C) 8:30am.....Mass/Novena

Tuesday (LC) 7:00pm.....Bible Study

Wednesday

Thursday (C) 7:30pm.....Music Reh.

Friday

Saturday (LC) 6:00pm.....MFC

Sunday

Monday (LC) 8:00pm..... Bapt. Prep.

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