

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 attending 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

Mass times - ext. 2

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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 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

Mon., August 2 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Robert Chevere, r/o the Chevere
Family

There is no 7:00pm Mass

Tues., August 3 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Lucille Finer, r/o Bob and Dora
Siebert

Wed., August 4 (Saint John Vianney)

8:30 am + Ramón & Visitación Torres and
Antonio & Silvia Torres, r/o
Maria Rotger

Thurs., August 5 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Anne Dwyer, r/o Dennis and Pat
Dwyer

Fri., August 6 (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

8:30 am + Mary Hall, r/o Kathie Hall

Sat., August 7 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 7- Aug. 8 (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

5:00 pm + Rich Nieratka, r/o Karen
Nieratka

8:30 am + James Emmer, r/o Jo and JoAnn
Walter

10:00 am + In Remembrance of Deacon
David Tutrone

11:30 am + Carlito Rapada, r/o Ed and Flor
Gualberto

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 Mary Hall, r/o Kathie Hall.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Mary Hall, r/o Kathie Hall.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of July 24-July 25.....\$7,828.00
Assessment Offering.....\$35.00
Online Giving.....\$1,107.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....7
\$6-\$10.....4
\$11-\$20.....13
\$21-\$30.....15
\$31-\$39.....4
\$40 and Over.....52

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
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

SPREADING THE WORD

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not."

EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

RCIA

Feeding the Hungry

Jesus tells us, "I myself am the bread of life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall thirst again." That's the Good News! Is there someone in your life who is aware that Jesus is calling him/her to come closer to Him? Does he/she have a hunger or a thirst for a relationship with Jesus through the Catholic Church? Invite your relative or your friend to an RCIA Inquiry Session. Inquiry Sessions do not ask for commitments, they are a place to ask questions about God/Jesus or about the Catholic Faith. Inquiry Sessions are opened to anyone who is unbaptized, baptized into another Christian Denomination, or baptized Catholic but has not received BOTH sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. 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.

Come and See!

VIRTUS TRAINING

Protecting God's Children

VIRTUS is a training program that identifies best practices programs designed to help prevent wrongdoing and promote "rightdoing" within religious organizations. The *VIRTUS* programs empower organizations and people to better control risk and improve the lives of all those who interact with the Church.

We will be offering *VIRTUS* training at St. Bernadette Parish for anyone in our parish who will be working with or around children. Whether you are a volunteer or a paid employee of St. Bernadette's...*if you work or are required to be around minor children you **MUST** attend a VIRTUS Training Session* and complete the requirements for fingerprinting.

Sessions will be scheduled for Wednesday, August 25th and Monday, September 13th from 7:00pm- 9:00pm. If you are interested in attending either class, please call or email the parish office. You will be sent a link as soon as the class is posted on the Diocese registration site.



COFFEE ANYONE?

It seems like coffee and a good conversation go hand and hand. On August 22nd, join us in O'Dea Hall right after the 8:30am and 10:00am Masses for our *Community Coffee*. Spend some time getting to know those you share Mass with in this relaxed informal setting. Light refreshments will be provided. Children are invited as well! Whether you like coffee, tea, or just a glass of water, stop by and join us.



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.



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 \$50,300.25 and payments totaling 47,119.00 from 220 parishioners. This represents 86.7% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00.



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



MASS Intentions

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.

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, 732-721-2772. 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 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!

**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.

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. If you cannot attend, a representative **MUST** be present.



SHARE PICTURES OF YOUR FAMILY WITH THE DIOCESE

As we celebrate the Year “Amoris Laetitia Family,” the diocesan Office of Communications and Public Relations is compiling a digital family photo album. We invite you to share a photo of your family- a photo of your domestic church by which our local Church of Metuchen is constantly enriched. Consider sharing your family’s photo with us by sending your photo to communications@diometuchen.org, so we can together bear witness to the love of God through our “family of families.”

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

Just one day earlier, Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over five thousand people. In today's Gospel, some of those people came looking for Jesus, hoping to get another free lunch. They didn't understand that Jesus wants all people to believe in him. Through faith in Jesus, you can live forever. In heaven you will never be hungry or thirsty again.

Puzzle

Unscramble words from today's Gospel

fodo _____

mrcael _____

mnana _ _ _ _ _

berad _____

lfie _____

cmose _____

hurgy

fatih _____

thritys _____

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 732-721-2772 or email the religious education office at stbernced@gmail.com.



THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday
Monday (LC) 8:00pm..... Bapt. Prep.
Tuesday (LC) 7:00pm.....Bible Study
Wednesday (OD) 7:00pm.....Calendar mtg
Thursday (C) 7:00pm.....Wedding Reh.
Friday (C) 3:00pm.....Wedding
Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Holy Name
 (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
 (LC) 6:00pm.....MFC
Sunday (C) 1:00pm.....Special Baptism
 (OD) 2:00pm.....Compassionate Friends

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