

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 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

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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., Aug. 14- Aug. 15 (The

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

5:00 pm + Nancy Giesler, r/o family

8:30 am + Linda Kole, r/o husband, Robert

10:00 am + In Remembrance of Rev.

Lawrence Smith (5th Pastor)

11:30 am + People of the Parish

Mon., August 16 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Antonio Felicidadario and Mary

Sidlowski, r/o Ed Gualberto

There is no 7:00pm Mass

Tues., August 17 (Weekday)

8:30 am Christine Kurian, r/o Tessy

Sebastian

Wed., August 18 (Weekday)

8:30 am Riya Kurian, r/o Tessy Sebastian

Thurs., August 19 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Anna Muller, r/o Richard, Hilda,
and Joe

Fri., August 20 (Saint Bernard)

8:30 am + Robert Rotger, r/o Mary Ellen

Brzychey

Sat., August 21 (Saint Pius X)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 21- Aug. 22 (The

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

5:00 pm + Lydia Alvarado, r/o the Alvarado
Family

8:30 am + Mary Taeschler, r/o family

10:00 am + Anthony and Josephine Malara,
r/o sons

11:30 am+ Reynaldo Torres, r/o Ed 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 Claire Waldman and Mary Tluchowski, r/o Barry and Margaret Waldman.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Robert, Vincent, and Sarah Miller, r/o the Miller Family.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Aug. 7-Aug. 8.....\$7,728.00
Assessment Offering.....\$360.00
Online Giving.....\$1,328.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....14
\$6-\$10.....6
\$11-\$20.....17
\$21-\$30.....20
\$31-\$39.....7
\$40 and Over.....75

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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Life Choices Resource Center.....732-516-0911
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Safe Haven.....609-888-7915

SPREADING THE WORD

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"And Mary said, 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior.'"

LUKE 1: 46

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of stewardship. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and generous lives. We do this by putting other's needs before our wants.

RCIA

A Joyful Encounter

Today's gospel describes the meeting between Mary and Elizabeth. When John, the infant in Elizabeth's womb encountered Jesus, the infant in Mary's womb, he leaped with joy in his mother's womb. Is there someone in your life who seems interested in learning more about Jesus – and more about Mary, who carried him in her womb? Wouldn't you like to see your relative or your friend fill with joy in their encounter with Jesus. Invite him/her 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. You only need to attend *ONE* class. If you are interested in attending either class, please call or email the parish office. You will be sent a link to the class 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 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 \$50,865.25 and payments totaling \$49,159.00 from 220 parishioners. This represents 87.7% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00.

BINGO IS BACK!!!

It is our pleasure to announce the return of Tuesday night Bingo! Starting Tuesday, September 7th in O'Dea Hall at 7:30pm, we will have our first Bingo game since March 2020. Please help us spread the word about St. Bernadette Bingo returning. We are looking forward to seeing everybody again.



Be Bingo Volunteer!

Bingo is an important fundraiser for St. Bernadette Parish. Weekly bingo requires people in front of and behind the scenes to successfully operate. No experience necessary! You would work beside a fully training person currently in that position already. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the parish office at 732-721-2772. Please consider volunteering your time and talent to help out this very important fundraiser.



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.

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.



"THOSE WHO SING PRAY TWICE" – St. Augustine

Our Music Ministry would like to invite new members to join in sharing their time and talents with our parish community.

New singers are always welcome in our **Adult Choir**. No previous musical experience is necessary. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. The Adult Choir typically sings at 5:00pm Mass each Saturday and periodically at 8:30am or 10:00am Masses on Sunday. Rehearsals will begin on September 23rd, and continue on a weekly basis.

We are currently seeking adult singers to serve as **cantors/leaders of song**. Cantors are considered by audition only.

Those who are interested in these musical ministries are encouraged to see our Music Director, Mary Kay Cullinan, after any weekend Mass for more information.

Thank you for your interest!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, October 4th at 8:00pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room. Baptismal donations and Certificates of Eligibility for godparents will be accepted at the class.



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.

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!

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Please welcome the following families and individuals who have joined St. Bernadette Church over the past few months:

George Becker
Tabatha McCarthy
Alycia Morin
Silvia Ruiz
The Alvino Family
The DiMaggio Family
The Falco Family
The Faljean Family
The Galante Family
The Nunez/Betances Family
The Rodil Family

“The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity, and the joy that is so characteristic of you. Go. Be not afraid. Serve!”

-Pope Francis

KID'S CORNER

Read the Gospel and color.



Sharing the Gospel

Mary understood God's power. She loved and respected God. Everything Mary had belonged to God. He was happy to share good things with her. God deserves your respect and your love, too. When you are humble like Mary, God will do amazing things through you.

Puzzle

Unscramble the words from today's Gospel

sulo _____

Mythig _____

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hylo _____

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belssde _____

Soivar _____

hmuleb

gerta _ _ _ _ _

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 (C) 1:00pm.....Baptism

Monday

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

Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C

Thursday

Friday

Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Carmelites

(Gym) 11:00am.....MFC

(C) 4:00pm.....Confession

Sunday (Gym) 11:00am.....MFC

(OD).....Community Coffee



*after the 8:30am and 10:00am masses

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