

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 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

Maintenance 732-707-4477
Mr. Jeff Spiteri

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Lorna A. Francis 732-727-4343

Director of Music

Mrs. Judy Gary

Church Bingo Hall

732-721-8833

Parish Fax

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., Aug. 15-Aug. 16 (Twentieth
Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- 5:00 pm + In remembrance of Rev.
Lawrence Smith
- 8:30 am + Linda Kole, r/o husband, Robert
- 10:00 am + Michael Fitzgerald, r/o Mary
Fitzgerald
- 11:30 am + Wilfredo Cantor, Michael Cantor,
and Veronica Bacani, r/o family

Mon., Aug. 17 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Anthony and Josephine Malara,
r/o sons

Tues., Aug. 18 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Carino DeRubeis, r/o wife

Wed., Aug. 19 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + People of the Parish

Thurs., Aug. 20 (Saint Bernard)

- 8:30 am + Deacon Donald Zampella,
r/o Andy

Fri., Aug. 21 (Saint Pius X)

- 8:30 am + Fernando Medina Sr., Fernando
Medina Jr., and Corazon Miller,
r/o the Medina Family

**Sat., Aug. 22 (The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary)**

There is no 8:30am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., Aug. 22-Aug. 23 (Twenty-First
Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- 5:00 pm + Donald Moran and Joan
Schulman, r/o Marilyn
- 8:30 am + Teresita Sabelino, r/o the Medina
Family
- 10:00 am + Dale Marchall, r/o the Quiapo
Family
- 11:30 am + Fernando Medina Sr. and
Fernando Medina Jr., r/o the
Medina 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 Carmen and Lucille Della Pietro, r/o Carl and Toni Kellgren.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Daniel Donnelly, r/o Marge and Joe Donnelly.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Aug. 8– Aug. 9.....\$7,274.00
 Assessment Offering.....\$71.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....7
 \$6-\$10.....8
 \$11-\$20.....8
 \$21-\$30.....15
 \$31-\$39.....4
 \$40 and Over.....81

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.

Remember you can always donate online at saintbernadettechurch.churchgiving.com

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Action Pregnancy Center..... 732-828-1166
 Problem Pregnancy Center 732-449-8676
 Drug Abuse 800-322-5525
 Alacare 800-300-2118

Natural Family Planning..... 800-334-0699
 "Pantry Sunday".....Donations accepted every Sunday
 Food Assistance..... 732-721-7418

SPREADING THE WORD

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.”

ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

SEPTEMBER SENIORS MEETING

The first Seniors will be meeting will be September 14th at 1:00pm in O’Dea Hall. Due to new restrictions, lunch will not be served at this meeting. *All members must wear a masked* and social distancing will be enforced. The election process for all Executive Board positions will take place at this meeting. Regrettably, there will be no flu shots offered this year.

ANNUAL CALENDAR MEETING

All parish organization heads are reminded that the annual calendar meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 19th, at 7:00pm in the O’Dea Hall. Masks must be worn. Dates and times of all meetings, social events, trips, classes, fundraisers, etc. should have been emailed (secy@optonline.net), mailed, or brought to the Parish office by now. If you cannot attend, a representative **MUST** be present.

WORSHIP FOLDER FOR MASSES

NO missalettes are available at this time

Please go to the parish website, saintbernadettechurch.net, scroll down to “Worship Folder” link, and print out the material beforehand to bring to church. Properly dispose of your worship aide after each mass. Thank you.



LCSC meetings will resume on Saturday, September 12th. *All members must wear a masked* and social distancing will be enforced.

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 Tuesday, September 8, 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.

ASK A PRIEST

Question: Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?



Answer: Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received. One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called “tithing,” in which 10 percent of a person’s goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, “The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities” (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice “tithing” in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. We also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, “As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces” (4:10).

THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY’S

Dear Parishioners of St. Bernadette’s:

We, the members of the Saint Mary Food Pantry, South Amboy, want to take a moment to thank you for all your efforts and support of our food pantry. We appreciate the food and the camaraderie you offer through the Social Concerns Committee. In this difficult time, we find ourselves in, your help means more than ever. We are working with the Office of Emergency Management to provide food to our local communities. Your contributions are very much appreciated. Thank you all.

-The Members of Saint Mary Food Pantry.



An Invitation to a Special Meal

Jesus describes himself as the bread of life. We Christians believe that the bread which Jesus gives (himself) is spiritual bread; he gives eternal spiritual life. Jesus' desire is that all come and sit at that table where we can eat that broken bread and drink that poured-out wine which somehow, by the grace of God, brings us into contact with the love and the life of Jesus. Invite your relative or your friend to an RCIA Inquiry Session. RCIA sessions do not assume a commitment to join the Catholic Church, but instead are an opportunity to ask questions about God, Jesus, and the Catholic Faith. Inquiry sessions are for those who wish to explore, inquire, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. All who are unbaptized, baptized in another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received Eucharist or Confirmation are invited. If you or anyone you know who might be interested in this process, please contact the office by either calling (732-721-2772) or emailing (secy@optonline.net) and leave a name and a phone number and a good time to call. Come and See!

KID'S CORNER

Read the Gospel and color

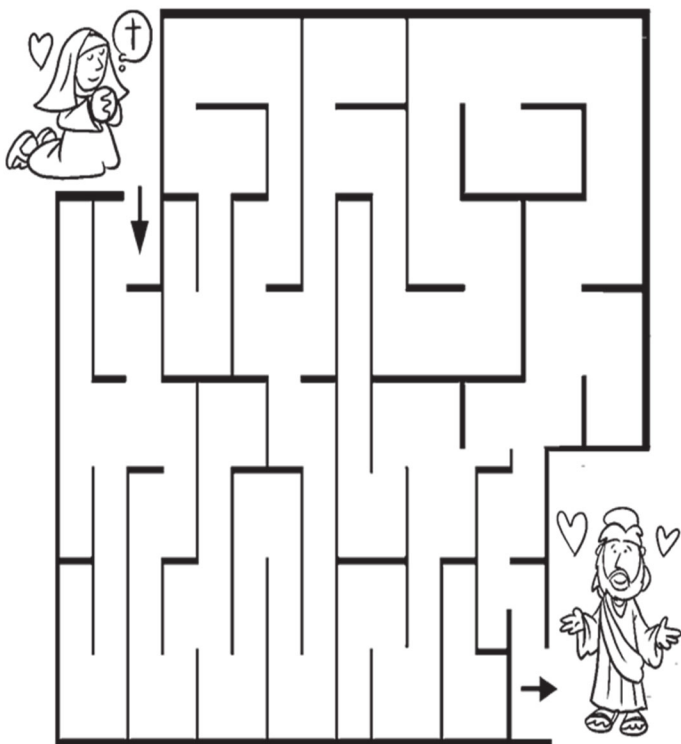


Sharing the Gospel

Jesus met a woman who had amazing faith. She was brave. She was loud. She did not care what anybody else thought. Jesus was the Savior, and she knew he could heal her daughter. Jesus can help you with any problem you have, too. Be brave. Keep asking Jesus for help. God is strong. He can do anything.

Gospel Games

Help this woman find Jesus.



PARISH OFFICE SUMMER VACATION

The Parish Office staff will be taking their summer vacation from August 24th-28th. The office will be closed at that time.

CCD

Registration for the 2020-2021 CCD School year is now open. If your child will be entering first grade in September 2020, 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. *Forms have been mailed home to all current students. If you have not received your forms, please call the Religious Education Office.*

Please Note: Due to the ever changing regulations and unpredictable circumstances surrounding the CoVid-19 virus, we are unsure how CCD will be conducted for the 2020-2021 school year. Please register as you normally would and we will continue to update you as new information becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding!

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sunday (C) 1:00pm.....Baptism
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday (OD) 7:00pm.....Calendar mtg
Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
Friday (LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
Sunday

PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING TO WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES

- Masses will return to 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 the month of August for those unable to attend at this time.
- Those in vulnerable groups *should* stay home.
- If you have been around someone who has contracted the Coronavirus, you 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.**
- Temperature checks will be given before entering the Church.
- Please sanitize your pew area before and after use.

Seating

- Physical distancing is still in effect thus limiting seating capacity. 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.