

# *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

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

**CCD Email:** stberncccd@gmail.com

**Director of Music**

Mary Kay Cullinan

**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. 21- Aug. 22 (The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Times)**

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

**Mon., August 23 (Weekday)**

8:30 am + Tony Marro. r/o Barry and Justine Muller and family

\*There is no 7:00pm Mass\*

**Tues., August 24 (Saint Bartholomew)**

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

**Wed., August 25 (Weekday)**

8:30 am + John Flanagan III, r/o the Flanagan Family

**Thurs., August 26 (Weekday)**

8:30 am + Flori Gualberto, r/o Kathie Hall

**Fri., August 27 (Saint Monica**

8:30 am + Ed Marks, r/o Anne Marks

**Sat., August 28 (Saint Augustine)**

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., Aug. 28- Aug. 29 (The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Times)**

5:00 pm + Deceased Members of Dwyer and Kreegan Families, r/o Pat and Dennis Dwyer

8:30 am Carla and Adamo Venturini's 50th Anniversary, r/o Jerry and Ann Fallon

10:00 am + Mark Bratus, r/o Jim and Eileen Ryan

11:30 am+ Consolacion A. Magdangal, r/o Ed Gualberto

*\*Please Pray the Rosary for Peace\**

## BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Constancio and Vicenta Valeña, r/o Martha V. Molato and family.

### WINE & HOSTS

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### STEWARSHIP...

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of Aug. 14-Aug. 15.....\$6,944.00
Assessment Offering.....\$100.00

### Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	8
\$6-\$10.....	6
\$11-\$20.....	13
\$21-\$30.....	16
\$31-\$39.....	4
\$40 and Over.....	61

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### 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.

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### RETURN OF 7:00PM MONDAY MASSES

Starting on Monday, September 13th, our Monday Masses will be returning to their regular time of 7:00pm.

#### 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

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Times

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

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## RCIA

### *A Matter of Choice*

When confronted with the difficulties of believing in Jesus, those who encountered him were forced to decide whether to follow or to abandon this troublesome figure. We make that decision also. Those of us who have chosen to follow Jesus recognize that we do so not on our own power, but because of the generous gift of the Father, who freely draws us into a relationship with Jesus. This relationship is one of faith. Do you recognize the stirring of that gift of faith in someone who is looking for direction? The signs of those stirring are easy to see. Jesus is calling. 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.

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



## AROUND THE PARISH

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### 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.



By now you should have received your raffle ticket books in the mail. If you are interested in another raffle book, we have extras. 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 \$51,017.75 and payments totaling \$49,531.50 from 220 parishioners. This represents 88.0% 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.



### Praise and Worship

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.

## AROUND THE PARISH



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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

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### BLOOD DRIVE

New Jersey Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive, Thursday, September 30, 2021, from 1:30-7:30pm at Most Holy Redeemer Parish (133 Amboy Road) in Desmond Hall. At this time, the blood supply is critically low. To remain in compliance with the federal guidelines for social distancing. 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. For an appointment, go to [nybc.org/newjerseydrive](http://nybc.org/newjerseydrive) - sponsor code 10712 or call 800-933-2566.



### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://lightingheartsonfire.org) where you can also sign up to receive notifications. Stay tuned to diocesan social media pages @diocesemetuchen for continued updates!

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### WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Please welcome the following families and individuals who have joined St. Bernadette Chuch 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*

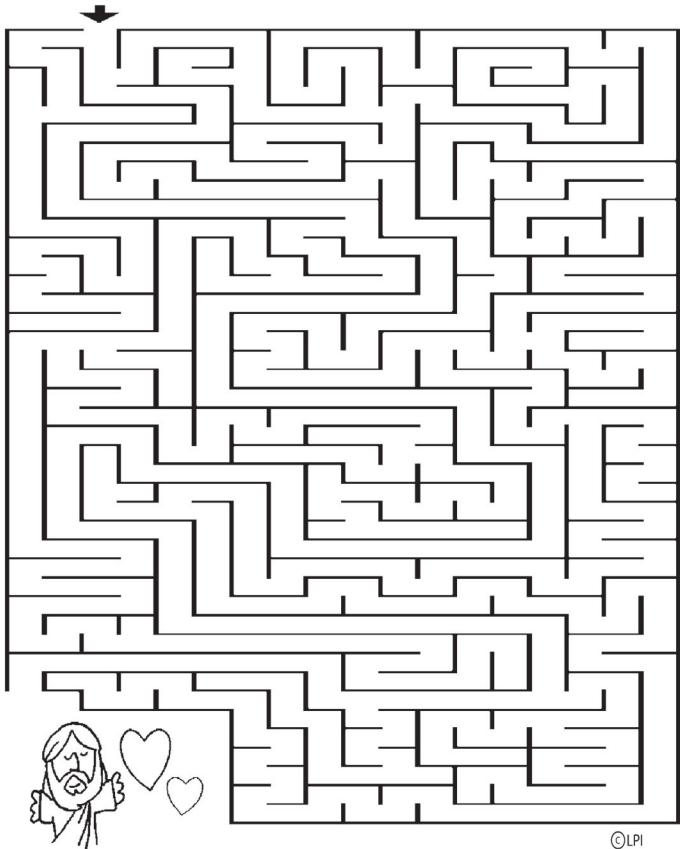


### Sharing the Gospel

After Jesus compared himself to manna, and said that he was sent from heaven, many of his followers turned away from him. They just could not accept what Jesus was saying. It was too hard for them to understand. We have something they did not have. We have the Holy Spirit to help us. Sometimes what we learn might be hard for us to understand, too, but we never need to walk away. We can have faith in Jesus. We can ask him to help us.

### Puzzle

Find your way through the maze to Jesus



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## 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 732-727-4343 or email the religious education office at [stbernccd@gmail.com](mailto:stbernccd@gmail.com).

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday (Gym) 11:00am.....MFC  
(OD).....Community Coffee



Fellowship Hour

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

Monday .....Parish Office Closed

Tuesday .....Parish Office Closed

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

Wednesday.....Parish Office Closed

(LC) 7:00pm.....Virtus Class

Thursday.....Parish Office Closed

(C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh

(OD) 7:00pm.....Finance  
Committee

Friday.....Parish Office Closed

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

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

Sunday .....

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