

# 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 7:00 p.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

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:**

stbernccd@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., Sept. 11– Sept. 12 (The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times)**

- 5:00 pm + Gordon Horvath, r/o Marge Horvath and family
- 8:30 am + Linda Kole, r/o husband, Robert
- 10:00 am + Larry Hawk, r/o the Vasilo Family
- 11:30 am + Mercedes C. Aguilar, r/o Ed Gualberto

**Mon., September 13 (Saint John Chrysostom)**

- 7:00 pm Charles and Betty Winker, r/o Ann Kilduff

**Tues., September 14 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)**

- 8:30 am + Peter Caruso, r/o Michael and Lorraine Ciioffi

**Wed., September 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows)**

- 8:30 am + Thomas and Ann Kilduff, r/o family

**Thurs., September 16 (Saint Cornelius)**

- 8:30 am + Ethel Goldberg, r/o the Pollock Family

**Fri., September 17 (Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Mildred Fernandes, r/o Irene Caruso

**Sat., September 18 (Weekday)**

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., Sept. 18– Sept. 19 (The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times)**

- 5:00 pm + People of the Parish
- 8:30 am + Lawrence Colella, r/o Roseann Colella
- 10:00 am + Theresa Keaveney, r/o the Vassilo Family
- 11:30 am + Adelina Lacson, r/o the Perez 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 Raymond Gaughan, r/o wife, Marie

**WINE & HOSTS**

This week’s Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of the Deceased Members of the Czurczak and Dzioba families, r/o the family.

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of Sept. 4-Sept. 5.....	\$10,104.00
Assessment Offering.....	\$701.00
Online Giving.....	\$852.00

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....	13
\$6-\$10.....	14
\$11-\$20.....	17
\$21-\$30.....	19
\$31-\$39.....	6
\$40 and Over.....	66

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**SPREADING THE WORD**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”*

MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.

**HOTLINES-OUTREACH**

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### COUNTDOWN TO CHOIR

\*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>**. The Choir will begin singing at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*Thank you for your interest!*

### SENIORS

\*St Bernadette Senior’s Club will meet on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in O’Dea Hall. Lunch at 11:30am with our meeting at 12:00 noon. Sandwich, dessert and beverage will be \$5.00 and Bingo will be played immediately following our meeting for those who wish to play \$1.00 per board. New Members 55 years or older are always welcome! Dues are \$7.00.

\*We will be holding a Social and Meeting for those who work during the day and wish to participate on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Dinner, dessert and beverage \$10.00. Stay and play games or just socialize afterwards.

\*Thank you to the following members for agreeing to Chair a committee: Catholic Action- Kathleen Fitzgerald, Historian- Larry Butts, Hospitality- Dora Siebert, Coffee-Tony Donnataria, 50/50- Alice Russo, Amateur Art- Nick & Theresa Cifelli.

\*We are still seeking ideas to make our meetings more interesting and enjoyable. Your ideas matter and are appreciated! Any questions or to join, please contact Lois Ann (loisann613@aol.com).

### RETURN OF 7:00PM MONDAY MASSES

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

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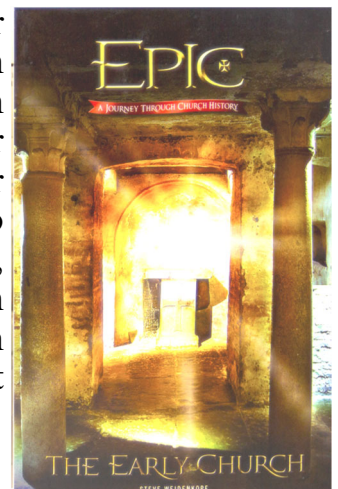
### ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASS

#### *Epic: The Early Church*

*An Exciting Study of the Church’s First Five Hundred Years*

Discover the extraordinary story of the Church’s beginnings—a time of courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. St. John Paul II said, “Christ is the foundation and center of history; he is its meaning and ultimate goal.” *Epic: The Early Church* encourages you to grow closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of his Church. Here you will get to know the people and events that shaped its first five hundred years. You will see how the Church Fathers boldly confronted early challenges to the Faith—challenges similar to the ones we face today. You will learn the stories behind the first ecumenical councils and the Roman persecutions and meet many of the men and women who gave their lives to defend the Faith. The heroic stories of the early leaders and martyrs of the Church will strengthen and affirm your own walk of faith.

Beginning September 23rd, join us on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the Lourdes Center for this 10-week class. For more information or to order the workbook, please go to our church website or to Ascension Press directly at [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com).





Live Share *Christ*

### Praise and Worship

Join us for our "Welcome Back" meeting on September 11th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center. In remembrance of the Anniversary of 9/11 we will be praying the Patriotic Rosary.

### ALTAR ROSARY MEETING



The next Altar Rosary meeting will be held on Monday, September 27th at 7:30pm in the Lourdes Center.



For over 31 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 732-721-2772 or visit our website: [saintbernadettechurch.net](http://saintbernadettechurch.net) for more information about these classes. Someone will follow-up with a phone call to answer any other questions one may have.

### BINGO IS BACK!!!

It is our pleasure to announce the return of Tuesday night Bingo! Join us in O'Dea Hall at 7:30pm. 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 trained 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.

### SUMMER AND FALL 50/50 FAIR SHARE RAFFLE

The Altar Rosary Society is sponsoring our annual 50/50 Fair Share Raffle.



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.

### 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.

### DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a second collection on the weekend of September 11th and 12th. This collection is the annual Holy Father's Collection and all proceeds are designated for that singular purpose.

### 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 are 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.

The session is scheduled for Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 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 to the class posted on the Diocese registration site.



Starting on September 26th, the Children's Liturgy will take place during the 10:00am and the 11:30am Masses, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. The Liturgy acknowledges the baptismal dignity of children through celebration of the Sunday Liturgy of the Word geared to the child's age and development and is conducted in a manner to allow children to hear, and reflect on the Word of God and its meaning in their young lives.

*"Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."*

*Mark 10:14*

Looking for a rewarding experience to share God's word? We are looking for people interested in teaching the Children's Liturgy of the Word. No experience necessary, you will be trained by current teachers. If you are interested, please contact the parish office at 732-721-2772.

### YOUTH GROUP FOOD DRIVE

St. Bernadette's Youth Group will be conducting a door to door nonperishable food drive throughout Madison Park on Saturday, September 18th between the hours of 9:00am -12:00noon. If you are interested in participating, please leave your unexpired, non-perishable food items in a bag labeled **St. Bernadette Youth Group** at the curb. The youth group members will come around to pick up your donations. Youth Group members will not enter your home. This food drive will benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you in advanced for your generous donations!

**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.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$51,017.75 and payments totaling \$50,631.50 from 220 parishioners. This represents 88.0% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

With the fall season starting up, why not treat yourself to a Marriage Encounter Experience? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. Join us from the comfort of your home via Zoom for eight evening sessions, 7:00-9:30pm, presented on Monday and Thursday evenings from September 27th-October 21st. For an application call Tom & Ruth DeFalco 732-904-9636 or visit us at: [wwme.org](http://wwme.org) for more information.

**CRAFT FAIR/FLEA MARKET**

Mother Seton Regional HS (One Valley Rd., Clark) is having an Outdoor craft fair/flea market on Saturday, August 28 from 9:00am - 3:00pm. For more information contact Elaine at 732-877-6884.

**LIFE CHAIN**

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by participants of all faiths, especially the Christian community, that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. The next Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. For a list of locations and times, please go to the Diocese of Metuchen website ([diometuchen.org/events/life-chain](http://diometuchen.org/events/life-chain)).



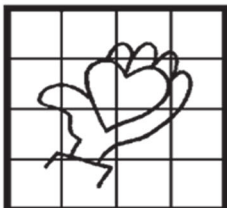
**KID'S CORNER**

Read the Gospel and color



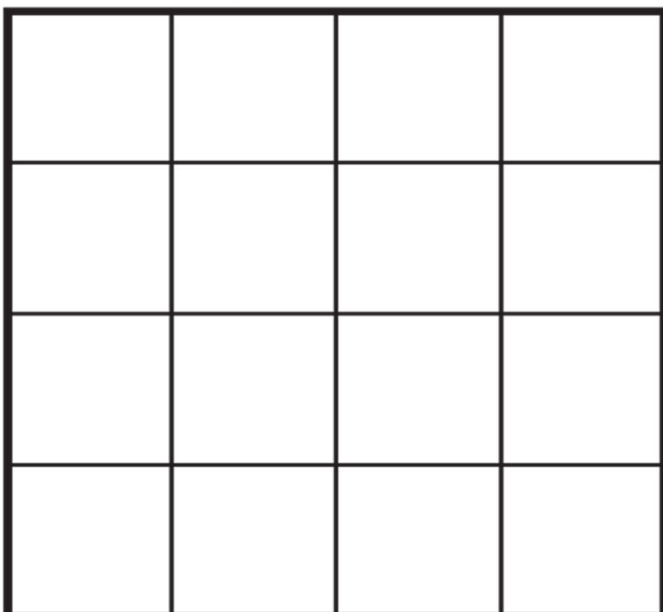
**Sharing the Gospel**

Jesus was the king, the Messiah that God's people had been waiting for. In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were confused. If Jesus was the king, why was he saying he would die soon? Jesus' friends did not understand yet that by dying on the cross, Jesus would save them from their sins.



**Puzzle**

Enlarge the picture square by square



**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 (OD) 2:00pm**.....Compassionate Friends
  - Monday (C) 7:00pm**.....Mass/Novena
  - (OD) 12:00 noon** .....Seniors
  - (LC) 7:00pm**.....Virtus class
  - Tuesday (OD) 7:30pm**.....Bingo
  - (LC) 7:30pm**.....RCIA
  - Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm**.....K of C
  - Thursday**.....
  - Friday**.....
  - Saturday (LC) 9:00am**.....Carmelites
  - (C) 4:00pm**.....Confession
  - (LC) 6:00pm**.....MFC
  - 9:00am-1:00pm**.....Youth Group
  - Food Drive, Madison Park neighborhood pick up
  - Sunday (C) 1:00pm**.....Baptism

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