

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

CCD Email: stberncccd@gmail.com

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., Sept. 19-Sept. 20 (Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**
- 5:00 pm + Deacon Donald Zampella,
r/o Irene Caruso
- 8:30 am + Michael Comerford, r/o Mary and
Michael Campbell
- 10:00 am + Mildred Fernandes, r/o Alice
Russo
- 11:30 am + Roger Wimmer, r/o Agnes and
family
- Mon., Sept. 21 (Saint Matthew)**
- 7:00 pm + Anthony and Josephine Malara,
r/o sons
- Tues., Sept. 22 (Weekday)**
- 8:30 am + Alfeo G. Molato Jr., r/o wife and
children
- Wed., Sept. 23 (Saint Pius of Pietreicina)**
- 8:30 am + People of the Parish
- Thurs., Sept. 24 (Weekday)**
- 8:30 am + Anna DiBenedetto, r/o Fr. Jim and
Msgr. Andy
- Fri., Sept. 25 (Weekday)**
- 8:30 am + Rosario Pagano, r/o Anna Covello
- Sat., Sept. 26 (Weekday)**
- There is no 8:30am Mass*
- Sat.-Sun., Sept. 26-Sept. 27 (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**
- 5:00 pm + Tina LaRosa, r/o Brian and
Doreen Corley and family
- 8:30 am + Stanley Tluchowski and Matt
Waldman, r/o the Waldman
Family
- 10:00 am + Kathryn Connors and Nan Ther,
r/o the Connors Family
- 11:30 am + Eileen Murray, r/o mom, Angie
Murray

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Sept. 12– Sept. 13.....	\$5,442.00
Assessment Offering.....	\$195.00
Online Giving.....	\$897.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	7
\$6-\$10.....	5
\$11-\$20.....	14
\$21-\$30.....	26
\$31-\$39.....	7
\$40 and Over.....	81

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The Peter's Pence Collection will be taken up as a second collection on the weekend of October 3rd and 4th. This collection is the annual Holy Father's Collection and all proceeds are designated for that singular purpose. Please be as generous as possible.

SPREADING THE WORD

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

"So the last will be first and the first last."

MATTHEW 20:16

You've heard the saying "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you to all the parishioners who stopped by and made a donation to the Knights of Columbus food drive. As a result of your generosity, we were able to give 2,239 pounds of non perishable food items and toiletries to both the St. Lawrence food pantry and Old Bridge food bank.



LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS FALL RETREAT

Life-Giving Wounds, a Catholic apostolate dedicated to the spiritual healing of adult children of divorce or separation, will host an online retreat this Fall. Taking place over seven Thursday evenings, from Oct. 1 to Nov. 12, the retreat will include six live presentations, guided small group discussions, an evening of live-streamed Eucharistic Adoration with live music, a retreat guide and journal. \$75 early-bird, \$100 after Sept. 20, \$50 college students. For more information and registration visit lifegivingwounds.org/onlineretreat.

ST. BERNADETTE CHURCH T-SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

Show off your church spirit to others by picking up our new *St. Bernadette Church*



T-Shirts. Great for Diocese sponsored events, parish group meetings, parish group field trips, or just running about town.

Shirts are \$20 each and available in white with gold lettering or grey with maroon lettering.

Contact the parish office if you are interested.



For over 30 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. Classes begin Tuesday, September 15th at 7:30pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room.

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. Someone will follow-up with a phone call to answer any other questions one may have. Come and See!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, October 5, 2020 at 8:00 pm in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting. If you are interested in having your child baptized, please contact the parish office or go to our website for more information.





WOW! LOOK AT ALL THOSE FLOWERS!

You may have noticed the grounds of St. Bernadette's are looking more and more beautiful every week. This is all thanks to our Green Thumb Brigade. They have been weeding, planting flowers, and generally just beautifying the church property for the past few months. A big thank you to Christina Alvarado, Kathie Hall, Carl Kellgren, Ian Kellgren, Katarina 'Kat' Kellgren, and Liam Kellgren. We truly appreciate all that you have done!



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.

RAFFLE TICKETS AND SHOPRITE GIFT CARDS

The Altar Rosary Society will be selling Shop Rite gift cards and raffle tickets for their 50/50 share raffle before and after the 10:00am mass beginning on Sunday, August 30th in the church vestibule.



ST. PADRE PIO

We will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio on Wednesday, September 23 at the 8:30am mass. All people present will be anointed with a special oil blessed by a relic of the saint. Together, let us seek St. Padre Pio's intercession for God's healing and grace!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Hello, St. Bernadette! My name is Jill Russo, and I am delighted to be serving you as your new Director of Music. I know that it can be an adjustment when you have a new staff member, so let me tell you a little about myself.

I am a Jersey Girl, born and raised in Ocean County, and grew up in Brick Township. I attended college in Boston at Berklee College of Music for two years, majoring in Vocal Jazz Performance. I ended up leaving Boston to pursue a job opportunity back in Millstone, NJ as a Director of Music at St. Joseph's Church. From there, I have worked at several churches in New Jersey as a Director of Music, (and one in Colorado!), and have thoroughly enjoyed using my time and talents in liturgical music! I have been a Monmouth County Representative for the National Association of Pastoral Musicians Trenton Chapter for several years, and have attended many, many NPM Conventions throughout my career in Liturgical Music. I am excited to be working in the Diocese of Metuchen again! (I was also an accompanist for St. Matthew the Apostle in Edison when I first moved back to NJ from Colorado).

When I'm not working, you can find me walking my Siberian Husky, Opie, around town in Highlands, jogging by the beach, or performing in local bars and venues with my husband, Chris. He plays drums for several Jersey Shore bands and teaches drum instruction in his studio in Keyport. We recently got married in April during the pandemic. (which will make for a great story for our future kids!) We live in Highlands with our two cats and our dog, and enjoy performing, travelling, and local restaurants.

I am very excited to be a part of the St. Bernadette community and look forward to getting to know you and continuing to praise our Lord in sung prayer!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On October 4th at 1:00pm, we will be having a special Blessing of the Animals ceremony. This is in conjunction with celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. On this day we remember St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures great and small.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on October 7th from 7:00pm-8:00pm in O'Dea Hall. Please wear your mask.

DINNER DANCE CANCELLATION

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions, we need to cancel our annual St. Bernadette's Dinner/Dance fundraiser. So keep practicing your waltz and your two-step, and we'll see you next year!

SOCIAL CONCERN CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Social Concerns Ministry will conduct our fall clothing drive on Saturday, October 24th. Please help us fund our programs by donating clothing, small appliances, household items, toys, reading books, small furniture, linens, blankets, curtains, drapes, bedspreads, pillows, handbags, shoes (do not need to be packaged separately). **NO large appliances or furniture will be accepted.** We will have a truck available in the parking lot on Saturday, October 24th, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Students who need service hours may volunteer from 9:00am until 1:00pm or as much time as needed, please call Karen at 732-425-0387. Tax receipts will be available. **We regret that we are unable to accept any donations before October 24th, therefore, any donations left on the church property will be discarded.**



2020 CCD CLASSES

Given the current guidelines from the Diocese and the State of New Jersey, we have made some changes to the format of our religious education classes for the 2020-2021 year. They are as follows:

• Grades 1st- 6th: All registered CCD students will be assigned a teacher and given a workbook for home instruction. Lessons will be done at home with workbooks being turned in periodically.

• Grades 7th and 8th: All registered CCD students will have weekly Zoom meetings with their assigned class and teacher.

• Books for all classes will be given out on September 19th. Parents will be contacted for specific times.

If you have not registered for CCD yet, please do so ASAP. 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.



THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sunday (C) 12:45pm.....Baptism
Monday (C) 7:00pm....Vigil Mass/Novena
(LC) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
Wednesday.....
Thursday
Friday.....
Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....MFC
Sunday