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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

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Church Bingo Hall

732-721-8833

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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. 4– Sept. 5 (The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Times)

5:00 pm + John and Lydia Alvarado, r/o the Alvarado Family
 8:30 am + Joan M. White, r/o Tim White and family
 10:00 am + Ralph V. Rizzo, r/o Vincent Rizzo
 11:30 am + Carino DeRubeis, r/o Adalgisa DeRubeis

Mon., September 6 (Weekday)

8:30 am + For the Nation
There is no 7:00pm Mass

Tues., September 7 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Anne Buenviaje, r/o Jess and Ning Buenviaje

Wed., September 8 (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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

Thurs., September 9 (Saint Peter Claver)

8:30 am Zachary Sarroca, r/o Lourdes Sarroca

Fri., September 10 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Deacon Donald Zampella, r/o wife and family

Sat., September 11 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

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

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 Vincenzo, Anna, and Aldo DePinto, r/o Octavia Zampella.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Carino DeRubeis, r/o Adalgisa DeRubeis.

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Nellie Hunt, r/o Joanne Fingerlin and Carole Conroy.

STEWARSHIP...

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Offering of Aug. 28-Aug. 29.....	\$8,178.00
Assessment Offering.....	\$287.00
Online Giving.....	\$922.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	5
\$6-\$10.....	10
\$11-\$20.....	19
\$21-\$30.....	16
\$31-\$39.....	11
\$40 and Over.....	54

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
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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?"

JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

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 13th 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.



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 for more information about these classes. Someone will follow-up with a phone call to answer any other questions one may have. Come and See!

RETURN OF 7:00PM MONDAY MASSES

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

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.

AROUND THE PARISH



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.



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

SENIORS

The next Seniors Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 13th. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

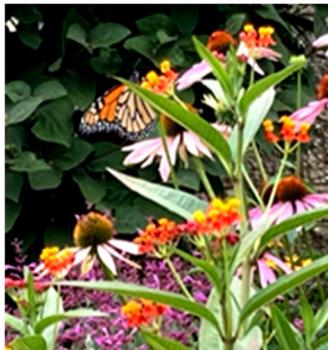
ST. BERNADETTE HAS A MONARCH WAYSTATION!

Monarch Waystations are places that provide food for monarchs to produce successive generations and fuel for their migration. Without milkweeds throughout the spring and summer, monarchs would not be able to



produce the successive generations that lead to their migration each fall. Without nectar from flowers these monarch butterflies would be unable to make their long journey to overwintering grounds in Mexico.

We are very excited and grateful that our Green Thumb Brigade has worked so hard to help one of God's beautiful and amazing creatures!



AROUND THE PARISH

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.

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.

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.



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!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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 - 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.



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.



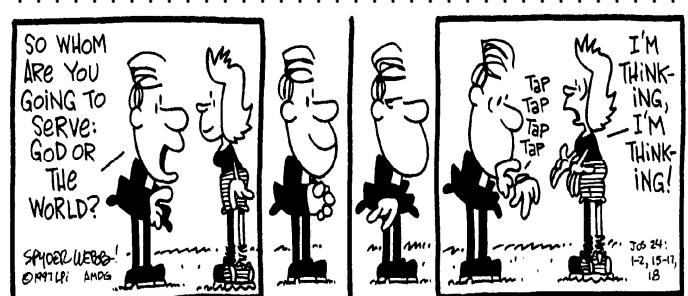
Inspire Family Life Center (51 Mt. Bethel Road, Warren, NJ), a brand new, pro-life pregnancy resource center, will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, September 12th from 10am -1pm. Come and see Inspire's beautiful facility and learn more about their life-changing Mission & Vision, how they will impact our local communities and how you can get involved. Please RSVP to info@inspirefamilylifecenter.com or send a text to 732-595-2392.

Visit InspireFamilyLifeCenter.com for more details.

*"We help mothers LOVE life.
We help families LIVE life!"*

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

With summer winding down, 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 for more information.



KID'S CORNER*Read the Gospel and color***Sharing the Gospel**

Imagine what it would be like to be deaf—unable to hear music, voices or anything. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus did something amazing. Jesus healed a deaf man, so that for the first time he could hear and talk clearly. What would you listen to? What would you say?

Puzzle

Find the words from today's gospel

GALILEE	TOUCH	SPIT
DEAF	FINGERS	TONGUE
TALK	EARS	AMAZED

**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 stberncced@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S	
Sunday	
Monday	Labor Day
(C) 8:30am	Mass (there is no 7:00pm Mass)
Tuesday (OD) 7:30pm.....	Bingo
Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm.....	Columbiette
(OD) 7:30pm.....	Soc. C
Thursday (C) 7:00pm.....	Music Reh.
(LC) 7:00pm.....	Soc. C Back to school distr.
Friday.....	
Saturday (LC) 9:15am.....	LCSC
(LC) 12:00noon.....	CFL
(C) 4:00pm.....	Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....	MFC
Sunday (OD) 2:00pm.....	Compassionate Friends
(C) 1:00pm.....	Special Baptism

<p>Carmen F. Spezzi Funeral Home 15 Cherry Lane, Parlin Christine O. Spezzi, Mgr., NJ Lic. No. 3674 (732) 721-1290</p>	<p>Maliszewski Memorial Home 121 Main Street, Sayreville Carmen F. Spezzi, Mgr., NJ Lic. No. 3139 (732) 254-1428</p>
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