

Saint Bernadette Church

*Villanova & Princeton Roads
Parlin, New Jersey*



Served by

Rev. James W. Hagerman, Pastor
Rev. Joseph Kabali, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Donald Zampella

INVITES 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: Tuesday through Friday at 8:30 a.m.

Monday at 7:00 p.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. and upon request.

Parish Offices

20 Villanova Road
Parlin, New Jersey 08859
Telephone: 732-721-2772
Fax: 732-727-5188

Office Hours

Tuesdays-Fridays
9:00 a.m.—2 p.m.
Evenings: Monday and
Thursdays
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Office of Religious Education 732-727-4343

Director of Religious Education:

Mrs. Lorna A. Francis

Director of Music:

Mrs. Judy Gary

Church Hall

732-721-8833

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.

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.”

**ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

Sat.-Sun., December 31-January 1

**(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy
Mother of God)**

5:00 pm + Aloysius Kubacz, r/o Elaine
Kubacz

8:30 am + Robert Moumblow, r/o Ilsa
Tong

10:00 am + Roger Wimmer, r/o Alice
Maher and family

11:30 am + Gioacchino "Jack" Acampora,
r/o Debra and Christina Crupi

**Mon., Jan. 2 (Saints Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen)**

7:00 pm + Anthony and Josephine
Malara, r/o sons

Tues., Jan. 3 (Christmas Weekday)

8:30 am + Thomas Fernandes, r/o Rich
and Karen Abel

Wed., Jan. 4 (Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton)

8:30 am + Andrew Festa, r/o The
Flanagan Family

Thurs., Jan. 5 (Saint John Neumann)

8:30 am + John Yovina, r/o Margaret
Marooney

Fri., Jan. 6 (Christmas Weekday)

8:30 am + Michael Fitzgerald, r/o Bob
and Dora Siebert

Sat., Jan. 7 (Christmas Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., January 8-January 9 (The
Epiphany of The Lord)**

5:00 pm + Maryanne Blihar, r/o Patrick
and Maryann Dugan

8:30 am + Salvatore Zammit, r/o the
children

10:00 am + Ben and Angie Rallo, r/o
Leanora and John Ruzsala

11:30 am + Patricia Jean Thumann, r/o
husband Bill Thumann

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in
memory of Kevin Thonson, r/o Alice Maher.

WINE & HOSTS

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I would like to offer a special Thank You to
all of you in our parish community who
support the parish through out the year. Your
stewardship shows your commitment to God
and the Church! Have a Blessed New Year!

Fr. Jim

**BABY BOTTLE THANK YOU FROM
LIFE CHOICES**

Thanks you for being part of our "baby
bottle" celebration! The program was
successful, the baby bottle in your Parish
collected \$2,316.37. I want to thank you so
vey much for your generous gift to Life
Choices, Inc. Because people like you care
about the families that we serve; we have
awesome joy of holding in our own arms
precious little children who otherwise would
not have been born! Again, thank you so
much for making it possible foe us to help so
many in need. May the good Lord bless you
abundantly!

Sincerely,
Joan Fasanello

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

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

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

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Jan. 2nd.....CLOSED
Monday, Jan. 16th.....CLOSED

**GENTLE REMINDER TO LOCK YOUR
AUTO AND SAFEGUARD YOUR
VALUBLES**

We ask God not to lead us into temptation, so we should not lead others in temptation by leaving autos unlocked or valuables visible. Nor should we offer money or rides to panhandlers - even those who, without permission, beg in our parking lot. The Church and State's social service agencies assist those *truly* in need and weed out those who take advantage of others' goodwill. If you see panhandlers or anyone suspicious on or near parish property, please inform a clergyman or staff member.

UNDECORATORS NEEDED

We will be undecorating the Church on January 8th after the 11:30am Mass. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!

**OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR
HELP!**

Our Social Concerns committee is requesting your assistance to help replenish our Food Pantry. With the greater need of the holidays, as well as the recent decreased in the amount of donations, our Food Pantry items are low. Please consider bringing in donations and help us restock from the holidays. Thank you in advanced for all of your help.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection for the "Together in Charity" will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of January 14 and 15, 2017. The entire collection will benefit Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Periodically we will be showing you how your weekly donations help run our Church. Our JCP&L bill for December was \$2,220.77 and PSE&G bill was \$2,598.00. Your contributions helped keep our CCD classrooms bright and cozy and our Church warm and glowing these past chilly days. Thank you again for your constant support!

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 5th at 6:30 pm in the O'Dea Hall. The Cub Scouts Program is designed for boys (kindergarten thru 4th grade) and their families to work together to learn new skills, build strong relationships, and become good citizens while having fun! For more information call Nicole Soper at 732-470-4659.

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting takes place on Monday, January 23 at 7:45pm in Lourdes Center. All are invited to come to Church at 6:30pm to pray the Rosary and stay for the Novena and Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 4th, in Lourdes Center at 8:00pm

BINGO

Bingo is played at St. Bernadette's on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Friday at 12 noon. Come! Play Bingo and make some new friends!

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431 or send an email: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Our next Praise and Worship meeting will be held on January 14th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center meeting room. We will be showing the inspiring and powerful movie "God Is Not Dead", an American Christian drama film directed by Harold Cronk. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please join us to share faith and fellowship!

BUS TRIP TO RALLY FOR LIFE

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Respect for Life will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Monday, January 23, 2017. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30am and return to the Diocesan Center between 2:00 and 2:30 pm. To reserve a seat or if you have any questions, email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 ext 1543 or 1629.

PARISH PAY

You can also donate on line: Parish Pay.com then type in St. Bernadette's, Parlin then follow direction on the screen. We appreciate your continued support of our parish.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Parishioners who are homebound can have Holy Communion brought to them at home. Please contact the Parish Office by either calling (732-721-2772) or emailing (secy@optonline.net) and leave your name, phone number, and a convenient time we can call. A Eucharistic Minister will contact you.

SENIORS

There is no Seniors meeting for the months of January and February. The next meeting will be March 13th.

SPREADING THE WORD Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." LUKE 2:19

Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said "yes" to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God's providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.

ANGELS UNDERCOVER

Members of the Catholic Daughters have been making quilted and hand crocheted blankets which are given to the Neo-Natal and Pediatric Intensive Care Units at St. Peters' Hospital. Donations to help defray the cost of materials are always appreciated. See Dolores at weekend Masses in the front vestibule or call 732-841-7760. Thank you to those who have contributed in the past.

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring-thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already divorced/separated but both of you wish to try again? The Retrouvaille program sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program begins February 10-February 12, 2017. For more information please call the Family Life Office 732-243-4573. All inquiries are confidential.

HELP IS NEEDED

Our volunteers who clean the Church every Friday morning after mass. If you can spare an hour or so to share your time to help clean your church after the 8:30am Mass, it would be greatly appreciated!

YOUTH GROUP SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Bernadette Youth Group is sponsoring their annual spaghetti dinner/tricky tray on Sunday, January 15, 2017 from 4:00-7:00pm. The menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread and dessert. Takeout orders will be available. Admission for adults is \$6.00 and \$4.00 for kids ten and under. Calling for the tricky tray will begin at 6:15pm. Any questions call 732-727-4343.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS & CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

In order for someone to act as a Godparent or a Sponsor for Confirmation, they must have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If they are married, they must have been married in a Catholic Church or in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church. Godparents and Sponsors must also obtain a Letter of Eligibility from their parishes indicating that they are attending Mass on a regular basis and that they fulfill all requirements. If both Godparents are Catholic, they both must obtain letters.

EYEGLASSES & AMERICAN FLAGS

Our Knights of Columbus are collecting eyeglasses in any condition for Eyes for the Needy. If you have American Flags in any condition, our Knights will see to it that they are disposed of in the proper manner. These items may be placed in the mailbox located on the front veranda of the church. If you have any questions, please call the parish office 732-721-2772.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Our Social Concerns Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 11, at 7:30pm in O’Dea Hall.

COLUMBIETTES

Our Columbiettes will meet on Wednesday, January 11, at 7:30pm in Lourdes Center.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

REMINDER TO ALL PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

The weekly bulletin is sent to the publisher on Tuesday mornings. All information must be in to the parish secretary a minimum of two weeks prior to publication to ensure it is printed in the bulletin. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

- Sunday.....Happy New Year**
- Monday.....Office Closed**
(C) 7pm.....Mass/Novena
- Tuesday (C)4:30.....Kids Choir**
(LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
- Wednesday (LC) 8pm.....K of C**
(LC).....CCD
- Thursday (OD)6:30pm.....Cub Scouts**
(C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C)7:00pm.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD)12:00pm.....Bingo**
- Saturday (LC) 9:15.....Holy Name**
(C) 4pm.....Confession
(Gym) 6pm.....Couples For Christ
- Sunday..... Epiphany**
(C) 12:30pm.....undecorated church

May God be with you through the New Year and fill your life with comfort, love, and cheer. May this day and these days ahead, hold many blessing for you and yours.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!