

Saint Bernadette Church

*Villanova & Princeton Roads
Parlin, New Jersey*



Served by:

Rev. James W. Hagerman, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Andrew L. Szaroleta, Senior Priest
Deacon Donald Zampella

*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.

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. and upon request.

Parish Offices

20 Villanova Road
Parlin, New Jersey 08859

Office Hours

Days:

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Evenings:

Monday and Thursday

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Parish Office Telephone

732-721-2772

Mass times - ext. 2

Secretary - ext. 3

Fr. Hagerman - ext. 3

Bookkeeper - ext. 4

Msgr. Szaroleta - ext. 5

Parish Fax

732-727-5188

Office of Religious Education 732-727-4343

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Lorna A. Francis

Director of Music

Mrs. Judy Gary

Church Bingo Hall

732-721-8833

Parish Website

saintbernadettechurch.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., Jan. 20-Jan. 21 (Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 5:00 pm + Stephen Caruso, r/o McCormack Family
- 8:30 am + Maureen Maresca, r/o Domenick Maresca and family
- 10:00 am + Michael and Kathleen Bourke, r/o Jim and Bridget Bourke
- 11:30 am + Matthew Settembrino, r/o godmother

Mon., Jan 22 (Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children)

- 7:00 pm + Prucilla Mankiw, r/o Flanagan Family

Tues., Jan 23 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Stephen Caruso, r/o Helen and Ed Irwin

Wed., Jan. 24 (Saint Francis de Sales)

- 8:30 am + Heliodora Figueroa, r/o the Potts Family

Thurs., Jan. 25 (The Conversion of Saint Paul)

- 8:30 am + Lois Farabaugh Mayberry, r/o The Jones Family

Fri., Jan. 26 (Saint Timothy and Saint Titus)

- 8:30 am + Alice Maher, r/o Pat Criscola

Sat., Jan. 27 (Weekday)

- No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 27-Jan. 28 (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 5:00 pm + Vincent Zalasar, r/o Lisa Zalasar
- 8:30 am + Matthew Corey, r/o Edward Moore
- 10:00 am + Thomas Nugent, r/o Margaret Marooney
- 11:30 am + Roberto Villajuan, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Raymond Gaughan Jr., r/o mother Marie.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE AND HOST

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Jan 13– Jan 14.....\$9,113.00
 Assessment Offering.....\$279.00
 CCD Offering\$36.00

BLESSING OF THE THROATS

In honor of the Feast of St. Blaise, the Blessing of the Throats will take place at the 8:30am Mass on Friday February 2nd.

SPACE IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Come join Fr. Jim on an all inclusive trip to the Holy Land, May 8-17, 2018. Price is \$3,495 per person which includes air fare, hotels, and dinners. *You need to sign up by the end of the month to guarantee a spot.* Brochures may be found at the front of the Church.



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

SPREADING THE WORD

Third Sunday in Ordinary time

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.”

MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to “*Follow me*” is a call to all Christians! The call is the here and now, in our present circumstances not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God had a much better plan in store for each of us.

BIBLE STUDY

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

The Great Adventure Faith Journey continues!

Bible study continues with the Gospel of Matthew. Our group will begin on Thursday, February 15 in Lourdes Center Meeting Room beginning at 7:00pm Please call the Office to registrar so adequate books and supplies may be ordered. All are invited to attend!

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.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a contribution statement for your 2017 church donations, we ask that you please place your request in writing and include your name, address, and envelope number. Please include with your request a stamped, self-addressed envelope. You may place your request in the collection basket marked “Attention: Jo” also with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

SENIORS

There is no Seniors meeting for the month of February. The next meeting is March 12th.

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting takes place on Monday, January 22 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Our Lady of Victories School, located in Sayreville, is having an open house. Join them for a continental breakfast and tours from 10-12 noon on Sunday, January 28th. School is for grades PK3 thru 8. For more information call 732-254-1676.

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.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection for the *Foundation for Catholic Education Collection* will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of January 27th and 28st. The entire collection will benefit this foundation.

Catholic Press Month The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, "The Catholic Spirit", is taking place the weekend of February 3rd and 4th. "The Catholic Spirit" is now beginning its 23rd successful year of publishing and has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your collection packet. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

LOST AND FOUND

There are several items in our Lost and Found bin located in the vestibule of the Church. Please take a moment to see if any of it is yours. All items not claimed will be donated at the end of January 2018. Thank you!

HANDMAN MINISTRY

There are many ways to serve the Church. One important way is the giving of your time and talents. We are looking for parishioners with skills in the area of Painting, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, and HVAC to becoming part of our Handyman Ministry. Call the Parish Office, 732-721-2772, to be placed on our "on-call" list for when a minor problem arises that you could assist with.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

1 PETER 4:10

"SOUPER" BOWL 2018

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

It is 28 years since the nationwide "Souper Bowl of Caring" was founded and has since raised more than \$10 million in cash and food for organizations that fight hunger. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. St. Bernadette's CCD students and Youth Group members will be at the doors of the church accepting donations on the weekend of *February 3rd and 4th* learning what it's like to make a positive difference in the world. Please be a part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Your \$1 donation in their soup pots is just the ticket to assist local families. Our own previous best score to beat: \$1,200! Thank you on behalf of those who benefit from your kindness.

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains immortal.

-Albert Pike

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 (Rediscovery) 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 9-11, 2018. All inquiries are confidential. For more details please call the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

**YOUTH GROUP
SPAGHETTI DINNER**

St. Bernadette Youth Group is sponsoring their annual spaghetti dinner/tricky tray on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 4:00-6:00pm. No dinners will be served after 6:00pm. Calling for the tricky tray will begin at 6:30pm. The menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread and dessert. Takeout orders will be available. Handicap Accessible! Admission for adults is \$6.00 and \$5.00 for kids ten and under. Any questions call 732-727-4343.



CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 26th 6:30 pm in the Lourdes Center. 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 contact Nicole Soper at nacsuper@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The next CDA meeting will be February 19th at 7:45pm in O’Dea Hall.

FREE THROW CONTEST

Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Free Throw Contest on Monday, January 29th. It will be at 7:00pm in the Lourdes Center gym and is open for all boys and girls ages 9 thru 14. Please bring a copy of the child’s birth certificate.

SHOPRITE FOOD AND GIFT CARDS

ShopRite cards are available for purchase before and after all weekend Masses. St. Bernadette receives 5% from all card purchases. Checks are accepted. This is a great way to financially support your parish without it costing you anything.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Parish Council meeting on February 7th at 7:00pm in O’Dea Hall. All Parish group are encouraged to attend.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

For a truly meaningful New Year’s Resolution, one that lasts long after the Champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 26-28. Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

For registration email aweekendforyourmarriage.org or call 732-904-9636 for more information.



THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

- Sunday (C) 12:45pm**.....Baptism
- (OD) 5:00pm**.....Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner
- Monday (C) 7:00pm**.....Mass
- (LC) 7:45pm**Alt. R
- Tuesday (C) 4:30pm**Kids Choir
- (OD) 7:30pm**Bingo
- (LC) 7:30pm**RCIA
- Wednesday (LC)**CCD
- Thursday (LC)**CCD
- (C) 6:30pm**.....Cantors
- (C) 7:00pm**.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD) 12:00noon**.....Bingo
- (LC) 6:30pm**.....Cub Scouts
- Saturday (C) 4:00pm**.....Confession
- (LC) 6:00pm**.....Couples
- Sunday (LC/Gym) 6:00pm**.....Youth Group