

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. 6-Jan. 7 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

- 5:00 pm + Alice Maher, r/o John and Marie McCormack
- 8:30 am + Ann and Joseph Tagliaboschi, r/o Jerry and sons
- 10:00 am + Frances B. Stoneburg, r/o Edward Lynskey
- 11:30 am + Alice Maher, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

Mon., Jan 8 (The Baptism of the Lord)

- 7:00 pm + Salvatore Zammit, r/o the children

Tues., Jan 9 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Juliette Prosper, r/o Fr. Jim

Wed., Jan. 10 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Stephen Caruso, r/o Ralphie Tutrone

Thurs., Jan. 11 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Gerald Zammit, r/o brothers and sisters

Fri., Jan. 12 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Alice Maher, r/o St. Bernadette Seniors

Sat., Jan. 13 (Christmas Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Jan. 13-Jan. 14 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 5:00 pm + Loretta Hagerman, r/o John and Marie McCormack
- 8:30 am + Stephen Scardilli, r/o Scardilli Family
- 10:00 am + Juliette Prosper, r/o Fr. Jim
- 11:30 am Lucille and Raymond Finer (65th Wedding anniversary)

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 Pamela Del Duca, r/o her parents.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Dec 30- Dec 31.....\$9,536.00
 Assessment Offering.....\$20.00
 CCD Offering\$60.00

SPREADING THE WORD

Epiphany of the Lord

"...they fell down and worshipped hi,. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold., frankincense and myrrh...."

MATTHEW 2:11

Notice the order of the events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE WOMEN'S RETREAT

The annual women's retreat at San Alfonso will be the weekend of April 20-22, 2018. All meals and conferences are included! You do not have to belong to any organization to attend. Registration forms may be found in the Columbiette Mailbox in the vestibule of the church. \$220.00 for the entire weekend! Please consider joining us! Contact Lois Ann Smith with any questions: 732-266-9195 or LoisAnn613@aol.com.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK OPEN HOUSE

Come and explore everything that Saint Ambrose School has to offer for students in PreK to 8th grade. Full Day Pre-K and Kindergarten are available. Extended care is offered from 6:30am-6:30pm. Visitation is on January 28th from 10:00am-2:00pm or on February 1st from 6:30pm-8:30pm. For more information call 732-679-4700 ext. 1010.

UNDECORATORS NEEDED

We will be undecorating the Church on January 7th after the 11:30am Mass. Any and all help is greatly appreciated!

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Our Social Concerns Committee will meet on Wednesday, January 10, at 7:30pm in O'Dea Hall.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

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

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!

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS HELP!

Our Social Concerns committee is requesting your assistance to help replenish our Food Pantry. With the greater need from the holidays our Food Pantry items are low. Please consider bringing in donations and help us prepare for the upcoming Easter holiday. Holiday type food items greatly appreciated.

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!

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

Please join us for the next meeting of LCSC Praise and Worship which will be held on Saturday, January 13th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center. Our speaker will be Monsignor Andy. With the Season of Lent commencing four weeks from this date, he will lead a discussion on the vices known as the “seven capital sins”, as outlined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Come and bring a friend.

COLUMBIETTES

Our Columbiettes will meet on Wednesday, January 10, at 7:30pm in Lourdes Center.

SENIORS

There is no Seniors meeting for the months of January and February. The next meeting will be March 12, 2018.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection for the Foundation for Catholic Education Collection will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of January 20th and 21st. The entire collection will benefit this foundation.

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).

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on January 15, 2018.

A JOURNEY THROUGH GREIF

Grief is a long process of untangling ourselves after the loss of a cherished loved one. *Who am I now? How do I find the strength to go on?* The program is offered as a support for all persons who have recently lost a loved one and are struggling with the mourning process. Let us help you as you help yourself. The group will be meeting Monday evenings (7:30pm-9:00pm) for seven weeks from January 15 - February 26, 2018. Meetings are located at St. Thomas Parish Hall (Old Bridge). For more information contact Deacon Patrick at 732-251-4000 ext. 8218. There is no program fee but pre-registration is required.

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.

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.”

**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. 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 8th 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.

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.

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.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAS**

The next CDA meeting will be January 15th at 7:45pm in O’Dea Hall.

**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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

- Sunday**.....**Epiphany**
(C) 12:30pm....undecorated church
- Monday (C) 7:00pm**.....Mass
(LC) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
- Tuesday (C) 4:30pm**Kids Choir
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
(LC) 7:30pmRCIA
- Wednesday (LC)**CCD
(LC) 7:30pm.....Columbiettes
(OD) 7:30pm.....Soc. C
- Thursday (LC)**CCD
(C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD) 12:00noon**.....Bingo
- Saturday (LC) 9:15am**.....LCSC
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC/Gym) 6:00pm.....Couples
- Sunday**.....
(LC) 6:00pm.....Youth Group