

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
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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., October 1-October 2 (Twenty-
Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm + Concetta Zammit, r/o Flor
and Ed Gualberto

8:30 am + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Flor
and Ed Gualberto

10:00 am + Ruth DSouza, r/o Mildred
Fernandes and family

11:30 am + Salvatore Nardi, r/o Angie
Rico and family

Mon., Oct. 3 (Weekday)

7:00 pm + Ray Barrow, r/o Alice Maher
and family

Tues., Oct. 4 (Saint Francis of Assisi)

8:30 am + Jeanette Testa, r/o Flanagan
family

Wed., Oct. 5 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Mary Furlong, r/o Alice
Maher and family

Thurs., Oct. 6 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Carmelita Balan, r/o Ed and
Flor Gualberto

Fri., Oct. 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)

8:30 am + Bobby Thompson, r/o Bob
and Dora Siebert

Sat., Oct. 8 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., October 8-October 9 (Twenty-
Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm + Bill Paver, r/o family

8:30 am + Knights of Columbus
Memorial Mass

10:00 am + Ricco Sano, r/o Carmela
Diroma

11:30 am + Crescencia Lardizabal, r/o Ed
and Flor Gualberto

Pray the Rosary for peace!

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother
will be lit this week in memory of Robert and
Vincent Miller, r/o the Miller Family.

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated
in memory of Michael Fitzgerald, r/o Alice
Maher.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Sept. 24- Sept. 25.....\$7,631.00
Assessment Offering\$72.00
CCD Offering\$53.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....76
\$6-\$10..... 76
\$11-\$20.....85
\$21-\$30.....34
\$31-\$39..... 4
\$40 and Over.....47

SPREADING THE WORD

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"For God did not give us a spirit of
cowardice but rather of power and love and
self-control." (2 TIMOTHY 1:7)*

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we
bring it out only when we attend Mass or
when we attend a parish event. Being a good
steward requires discipline and striving to put
God first in everything, all the time. The next
time you are at a neighborhood party, at work
or out shopping, would your actions signal to
other that you are a good and faithful servant
of our Lord?

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Social Concerns Committee will conduct our fall clothing drive on Saturday, October 15. Please help us fund our programs by donating clothing, small appliances, household items, toys, small furniture, linens, blankets, curtains, drapes, bedspreads, pillows, handbags, shoes (do not need to be packaged separately). No large furniture will be accepted. We will have a truck available in the parking lot on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Tax receipts will be available. Student Assistants needing community projects may volunteer from 9:00am until 1:00pm or as much time as needed. Call JoAnn at 732-727-5858. We regret that we are **unable** to accept any donations **before October 15**. Donations left on the church property will be discarded.

THRIFT STORE

St. Thomas the Apostle Thrift Store in Old Bridge offers new and gently used items for sale at very reasonable prices. The store carries a wide selection of men's, women's, and children's clothing, shoes, linens, household items, books, DVDs and children's toys. Drop-off hours are accepted during store hours. The store is open Tues., Thurs. and Fri 10am -2pm, and Sat. 10am-1pm. For more information call 732-251-5285.

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION TRICKY TRAY

On Friday November 4th at 5pm, the Foundation for Catholic Education will be holding a tricky tray to support tuition aid for deserving children attending a Catholic school in the Diocese of Metuchen. Admission is \$50 a person and includes dinner and 1 sheet of Tier 1 Tickets. Location: DoubleTree by Hilton in Somerset. For more information email tricky.tray@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-2452.

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 by October 14th will be donated to our Social Concerns Clothing Drive on October 15th. Thank you!

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our Knights of Columbus will be having a Pancake Breakfast on October 23rd from 8:30am-12noon. Come and get your fill of pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea! Adults are \$5.00 and children under 12 are \$3.00.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, October 3, 2016 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

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.

TRIP TO SANDS CASINO

South Amboy Columbiettes are sponsoring a trip to the Sand Casino in Bethlehem PA on Saturday October 15th. The cost is \$30 includes round trip transportation, \$20 slot play, \$5 food vouchers, and refreshments. Motorcoach leaves the Knights of Columbus parking lot at 10am. For more information call Cheryl or Steve at 732-727-1707.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction to entrance of O'Dea Hall and addition of the elevator are going well. We look forward to the completion of this project and wish to thank everyone for their patience and ongoing support of this improvement to our church.

MERCY FORWARD

As the Year of Mercy comes to a close, we ask ourselves: How shall we move forward to be the faces of mercy for each other? Join us for *Mercy Forward*, a panel discussion about some new and needed initiatives of formation, social justice and pastoral care, which are the fruits of this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as proclaimed by Pope Francis. This Adult Faith Formation Event will take place on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 10:00am. For more information or to register for this event, visit diometuchen.org/mercy.

BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey. Training will be on October 13th, 20th, and 27th from 9:30am -3:30 pm at VNA Health Group, Red Bank. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. To register, call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933 or for more information email vnahg.org/volunteering.

VENDORS WANTED

The Rosary-Altar Society of Immaculate Conception Church in Spotswood is in need of vendors for their Fall Festival/Craft Show (formerly Granny Cellar) on Saturday, November 26th. To reserve a space/table, please contact Jay at 609-409-0199 or Maria at 732-254-1775.

SENIORS

The next Senior meeting will be on Monday, October 10th at 12 noon. Old Bridge Drugs will be on hand to administer flu shots for members only. Membership is open to those people 55 and over.

COME PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT!

Bishop James F. Checchio cordially invites ALL the faithful in the Diocese to join him at the *15th Annual Blue Mass For Law Enforcement* to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns from across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset, and Warren counties. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all dedicated local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officials and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12th at 10:30am at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen. For more information call 732-562-2463 or visit diometuchen.org/blue-mass.

GOOD SHEPARD PARISH TRICKY TRAY

Come to Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Hopelawn, on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016 for Tricky Tray. Admission \$15 and includes 25 Tickets, coffee & dessert. Handicapped Access available. Adults only please. Doors open at 12Noon/Drawing begins at 2pm. 4 gift value levels and grand prizes including Broadway show tickets, Caribbean hotel accommodations and Disney Hopper Passes. Pre-event sales include \$12 admission and Bonus Bag Special (\$55 worth of tickets for \$45) if reserved by October 10th. Taking reservations for tables of 6 or more. For more information, contact Marie at 732-442-6916 or the Parish Office at 732-826-4859 or email at gstricktray@gamil.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00pm in O'Dea Hall.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

You are invited to *A Life in Christ* seminar on Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Lourdes Center. Participants are brought to a personal relationship with Jesus and towards a deeper spirit-filled Christian life. This is a free event, the only cost is your time and openness. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Preregistration is required. To register or for more information, please contact Alice Russo (732-727-2579 or alicerusso@optonline.net) or Mildred Fernandes (732-952-382 or mildred.fernandes20@gmail.com) by October 5, 2016.

RCIA

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

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

Come share your time and talents! Our Young People's Choir resumes rehearsals on Tuesday, September 13th. All those in grades 2-8 are welcome. First graders accepted based on reading level. Weekly rehearsals are from 4:30 - 5:45 pm in church. We sing at 10:00am mass each Sunday. Our Adult Choir resumes rehearsals on Thursday, September 8th. All those age 15 or older are welcome to join. Weekly rehearsals are from 7:00-8:00 pm in church. We sing at 5:00 mass each Saturday. Contact Judy Gary at or 732-236-2579 for more information.

"My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul."

PSALM 108:1

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday (C) All Masses.....Baby Bottle Fundraiser Guest Speaker
(C) 10:00am...8th Grade Confirmation Mass
(C) 1:00pm.... Blessing of the Animals
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass
(LC) 8:00pm.....Bapt Prep
Tuesday (C) 4:30pmKids Choir
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
(LC) 7:30pmRCIA
Wednesday (OD)7:00pm.....Parish Council
(LC)8:00pm.....K of C
Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
(OD)6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
(LC) 7:00pm.....Bible Study
Friday (OD) 12 noonBingo
(LC) 7:00pm..... Couples
Saturday (LC) 8:30am..... LCSC Seminar
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
(Gym) 7:00pm.....Couples setup
Sunday (C) 8:30am....K of C Memorial Mass
(Gym) 9:00am.....Couples Retreat