

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., November 19-November 20 (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

5:00 pm + Mary Helen Keevins, r/o The Family

8:30 am + Mark Zogby, r/o Uncle Donnie and Aunt Maureen Maresca

10:00 am + The Geletei Family, r/o Paula Geletei

11:30 am + Veronica Cantor, Marcos Cantor, and Trifino Cantor, r/o family

Mon., Nov. 21 (The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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

Tues., Nov. 22 (Saint Cecilia)

8:30 am + Helen S. Guempel, r/o daughter

Wed., Nov. 23 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Genevieve Lo Rio, r/o Mary and Mike Campbell

Thurs., Nov. 24 (Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc)

8:30 am + People of the Parish

Fri., Nov. 25 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Nelson Rojas, r/o wife and family

Sat., Nov. 26 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., November 26-November 27 (First Sunday of Advent)

5:00 pm + Mary, Owen, and Michael Dugan, r/o Alice and Richard Walsh

8:30 am + Violeta Damito, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

10:00 am + Gloria Deane, r/o Deacon Don and Octavia Zampella

11:30 am + Joseph Di Roma, r/o Rubin Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Andy and Dolores Billetz, r/o Andrew, Cristina, and Keith Billetz.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Bernard and Brian Campbell, r/o Noreen Kelly.

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory Charles (Chuck) Winkler, r/o Tom Maher.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Nov. 12- Nov. 13.....	\$8,987.00
Assessment Offering	\$116.00
CCD Offering	\$64.00
Renovation Offering.....	\$2,419.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	50
\$6-\$10.....	70
\$11-\$20.....	94
\$21-\$30.....	44
\$31-\$39.....	9
\$40 and Over.....	56

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday December 8, will be celebrated at 8:30am and at 7:00pm. *There will be no Vigil Mass on December 7th.*

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

NO BINGO

There is no Bingo on Friday, November 25th.

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 24th in honor of Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Friday, November 25th for normal business hours.

SPREADING THE WORD

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." (COLOSSIANS 1:12)

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead.

ALTAR ROSARY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Altar Rosary Society will be having their annual Christmas luncheon on December 11th at 1:00pm at Pucinellas. Cost is approximately \$25.

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 approaching, as well as the recent decrease in the amount of donations, our Food Pantry items are low. Please consider bringing in donations and help us prepare for the upcoming holidays. Holiday type food items greatly appreciated. Thank you in advanced for all of your help.

GUEST SPEAKER

On Sunday, November 27th we welcome Rev. Jason Pavich. He is Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen, the Director of the St. John Vianney House of Discernment, and a part-time chaplain at Rutgers University. Fr. Jason will be speaking at the 10:00am and 11:30am Masses about Vocations.

HAMS AND TURKEYS NEEDED

Social Concerns is now accepting hams and turkeys needed for Thanksgiving and for Christmas. Please hand them directly to an usher for proper storage. Thank you!
Attention Ushers: Please place hams in refrigerator and turkeys in freezer.

BREAKFAST AT APPLEBEE'S

St. Bernadette Church will be having a Fundraiser Breakfast on Saturday, November 26 at the Applebee's (251 Woodbridge Center Drive- Woodbridge Mall) from 8:00am - 10:00 am (last seating at 9:45). Cost is \$10/plate regardless of age. Pre-fix Breakfast includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage and beverage. \$6 of every ticket goes directly to the Parish. To purchase tickets, contact Nick 732-727-5186 or Karen 732-721-5208. Only 300 tickets will be sold. Come and join us for a great breakfast at an amazing price while helping our Parish at the same time!

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION

The collection on Thanksgiving Day will help benefit our Social Concerns Ministry.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is sponsoring a "Christmas Party" for children and young adults with special needs on Saturday, December 17, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm at the St. John Neumann Piscataway, NJ. To register please email catholicswithdisabilities@email.com or call 732-765-6432 as soon as possible.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The annual *Retirement Fund for Religious* collection will be taken up as a second collection on the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. The Proceeds from this collection will be designated exclusively to support retired religious Sisters and Brothers of the United States. Please be as generous as possible.

POINTSETTIA SALE

The Columbiettes are sponsoring a Poinsettia Sale. Place your order for Poinsettias using the form found in last week's bulletin or you may pick up an extra form in the organization rack in the main vestibule. You may also call 732-721-4596 or 732-266-9195. All orders are due by Sunday November 27th. Thank you in advance for your support!

JESSE TREE

Our Jesse Tree is located near the tabernacle. If you would like to participate in this program assisting families and individuals in need, please take a tag, purchase the gift, wrap the gift and replace the tag on the outside of the gift and return it to the church. It is very important that all gifts be returned to the church by Sunday, December 11, in order for them to be distributed on December 12 to all families and organizations. If they are not returned to the church by 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, they will not get to the intended receiver.

(Please note: the Salvation Army children's tags indicate two gifts but the intention is to please give only "one or the other" Please call JoAnn at 732-727-5858.)

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERING ENVELOPES

Christmas Flowers offering envelopes will be placed in front of the tabernacle. Please be sure to return your envelopes as soon as possible. Your donations help cover the cost of our Christmas flowers which, as with everything, increases each year.

SENIORS

Our Seniors Christmas Party will take place on Monday, December 12, at 12noon- 4pm at the Grand Marquis, Route 9 South, Old Bridge. Members-\$30 and guests of members-\$40. Call Dora at 732-727-0514 or Lois Ann at 732-266-9195 by Sunday, December 4, if interested

HANDYMAN 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 become 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

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.

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops has defined Stewardship as: "A life of total accountability and responsibility, acknowledging God as Creator and owner of all." As we journey through Advent toward the celebration of God's greatest gift to us — our Lord Jesus Christ, let us reflect upon this past year and how we lived out our commitment to Jesus and the Church.

Were we the good stewards that we are called to be? Did we give back with increase a portion of what we have received from our abundantly generous God? Have we grown in our faith and shared our time, talent and treasure with others?

"If one of you wants to be great, he must be the servant of the rest, and if one of you wants to be first, he must be the slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, He came to serve and to give His life to redeem many people."

MARK 11:43-45

ADVENT CANDLE SALES

Our Alter Rosary Society will be selling Advent Candle sets during the month of November. The cost is \$10 per box and includes the prayers that are said each week. Look for them in the front lobby and at the side door before and after all weekend Masses.

THANK YOU!!

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank the parishioners of St. Bernadette's Church for their support for Eyes for the Needy. We have recently taken 297 pairs of donated eye glasses to Eyes for the Needy. They have provided glasses to over 8 million people in financial need in the United States as well as distributed used glasses to the disadvantaged in developing countries. If you have other used eyeglasses donations, please drop off them in the mail box located on the veranda of the church. Thank you again to all who have help us support this worthy cause.

SAINT BERNADETTE CANDLES

St. Bernadette Candles are available at the doors of the church for a donation of \$10. These candles have been blessed with Holy Water from Lourdes. This is a wonderful way to honor our Blessed Mother and our Patron during this special month!

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

In the spirit of the holiday season the St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus again will be hosting a murder mystery show. This year's show is entitled *Santa's Slay*.

The show will be on December 3rd at 8:00 pm in the Lourdes Center. World of Foods will be supplying the food. The show with beer, wine, soda etc. and dessert are included in your \$35.00 ticket.

Plan on getting your tickets early as we are expecting a sellout. The last day to purchase your tickets is November 25th. No tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets contact Rich at (732)-887-1481, Jim at (732)-742-9568 or Mike at (908)-770-6042.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday (C) All Masses.....Installation
of Lectors
(C) 12:45pm.....Baptisms
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass
Tuesday (C) 4:30pmKids Choir
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
(LC) 7:30pmRCIA
Wednesday**No CCD**
Thursday.....**Parish Offices Closed**
.....**No CCD**
Friday**No Bingo**
Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(Gym) 6:00pm.....Couples
Sunday**1st Sunday of Advent**
(C) 10:00 and 11:30 Masses...Guest Priest
Rev. Jason Pavich