

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., 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

Mon., Nov. 28 (Advent Weekday)

7:00 pm + Ramon Carrillo, r/o Lagrimas
Carrillo

Tues., Nov. 29 (Advent Weekday)

8:30 am + John O’Pecko, r/o Mom and
family

Wed., Nov. 30 (Saint Andrew)

8:30 am + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Lilly
Zammit

Thurs., Dec. 1 (Advent Weekday)

8:30 am + People of the Parish

Fri., Dec. 2 (Advent Weekday)

8:30 am + Thomas Sasso, r/o Flanagan
Family

Sat., Dec. 3 (Saint Francis Xavier)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., December 3-December 4
(Second Sunday of Advent)**

5:00 pm + Mary and Richard Walsh and
other members of the Walsh
Family r/o Alice and Richard
Walsh

8:30 am + Jackie O’Leary, r/o Catholic
Daughters

10:00 am + Caroline Melchor Carrera, r/o
Ed and Flor Gualberto

11:30 am + Robert Mitchell Mitkowski
Sr., r/o Dr. Edward W. Moskal
II and family

SPREADING THE WORD

1st Sunday of Advent

“For you do not know on which day your
Lord will come.” (MATTHEW 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-
death experiences generally have a greater
appreciation for each day being a gift from
God. The rest of us usually take for granted
that we will be around tomorrow. But when
you start to look at each day as a gift, you
realize all the little miracles that happen daily
and grow in gratitude for all that we have
been given.

**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.*

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

The last time before Christmas for Confession
will be Saturday, December 17, at 4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve- 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Christmas Day- 10 a.m. and 12 noon

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.

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

THANK YOU FROM MONSIGNOR BEHL

I am grateful to you and your fellow parishioners for your kindness on *World Mission Sunday*. St. Bernadette Church's offering of \$1,706.00 will be used to help the church's missionaries be the heart, hands, and the voice of Christ to the suffering poor during 2017.

May our Lord give to you, your families, and your parish as you have given to others so that his good news may be offered worldwide.

MSGR. Behl

CHRISTMAS DECORATORS NEEDED

On Friday, December 9 at 6pm. we will be putting out the Trees and Creche. It's a lot of heavy lifting, so we need some good/strong volunteers. The main church decorating will be on Saturday December 17th at 10:00am. We can use everyone who would like to join and beautify the church.

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 decreased 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.

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.

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.

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.

HAMS AND TURKEYS NEEDED

Social Concerns is now accepting hams and turkeys needed 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.

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 1st 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 contact Jeff Scott at 732-432-7944 or email at jjdbjsscott@comcast.net

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. Let us know the total number of people in your party.

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.

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.)

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.

BAKE SALE

Our Columbiette will be hosting a "Bake Sale" the weekend of December 10 & 11. Cakes and "doggie treats" will be available in the vestibule of the church. Meaning of the Candy Cane with ornaments will also be available and may be ordered by calling Lois Ann 732-721-4596.

NEW LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES

The new schedules for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers can be picked up in the altar servers' sacristy.

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

FUZZIES FOR THE HOMELESS

With the colder weather coming, the homeless need help! Members of the Catholic Daughters (and friends) have made over 1,000 scarves to date which have been donated to Covenant House for distribution. Please consider a donation of cash or 4-ply yarn to help defray the cost of this project. See Dolores at weekend Masses in the front vestibule to donate or call 732-841-7760. A special thank you to all who have helped out in the past.

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 Stewardship Campaign now completed. The people of St. Bernadette Parish are to be thanked for your response. Thank you and God Bless!

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST MEETING CHANGE

The LCSC meeting on December 10th has been changed to December 3rd at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center.

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WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Please welcome the following families who have joined St. Bernadette over the past few months:

- The Egboka Family
- The Figueroa Family
- The Gonzalez Family
- The Haggerty Family
- The Kurdyla Family
- The McNulty Family
- The Scognamillo Family
- The Velasquez Family

“The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity, and the joy that is so characteristic of you. Go. Be not afraid. Serve!”

-Pope Francis

ALTAR ROSRY 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

Christmas Mass Remembrance envelopes must be received at the parish office no later than Friday, December 16th, in order for names to appear in the Christmas bulletin.

SENIORS

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THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

- Sunday1st Sunday of Advent**
(C) 10:00 and 11:30 Masses...Guest Priest
Rev. Jason Pavich
- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass**
(LC) 7:45pm.....Alt R.
- Tuesday (C) 4:30pmKids Choir**
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
(LC) 7:30pmRCIA
- Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm...2nd Grade parent meeting**
- Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors**
(OD) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
(C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD) 12 noonBingo**
- Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....LCSC**
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
(Gym) 7:30pm.....KofC Mystery
Dinner
- Sunday.....2nd Sunday of Advent**