

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., Dec 9-Dec 10 (Second Sunday of Advent)

- 5:00 pm + Concetta and Salvatore Zammit, r/o the children
- 8:30 am + Eugene and Janina Waleski, r/o Peter and Irene Caruso
- 10:00 am + Dorothy and Ralph Rizzo, r/o Vincent Rizzo
- 11:30 am + Jacque and Geneveive Caruso, r/o Peter and Irene Caruso

Mon., Dec 11 (Advent Weekday)

- 7:00 pm + Emmanuel Zammit Jr., r/o Lily Zammit

Tues., Dec 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

- 8:30 am + Ann Kilduff, r/o The Kilduff Family

Wed., Dec 13 (Saint Lucy)

- 8:30 am + William Buckler, r/o mother

Thurs., Dec 14 (Saint John of the Cross)

- 8:30 am + People of the Parish

Fri., Dec 15 (Advent Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Loretta J. Hagerman, r/o family

Sat., Dec 16 (Advent Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Dec 16-Dec 17 (Third Sunday of Advent)

- 5:00 pm + Jack Maher, r/o Alice Maher and family
- 8:30 am + Ray Osowski, r/o wife Barbara
- 10:00 am + Arthur and Eleanor DeLuca, r/o daughters
- 11:30 am + John Thomas Joule, r/o wife Dorothy, Erik and family, Krista and family

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 Loretta Hagerman, r/o family.

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Ruth Fleming, r/o the family.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

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| Offering of Dec 2 - Dec 3..... | \$11,686.00 |
| Assessment Offering..... | \$170.00 |
| CCD Offering | \$90.00 |

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

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| \$1-\$5..... | 55 |
| \$6-\$10..... | 66 |
| \$11-\$20..... | 82 |
| \$21-\$30..... | 47 |
| \$31-\$39..... | 9 |
| \$40 and Over..... | 52 |

DEC 24th, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE

8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am

DEC 24th, CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm

DEC 25th, CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

10:00am and 12:00noon

JAN 1st, NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

10:00am

There is no 7:00pm Mass

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

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| Action Pregnancy Center..... | 732-828-1166 |
| Problem Pregnancy Center | 732-449-8676 |
| Drug Abuse | 800-322-5525 |
| Alacare | 800-300-2118 |

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| Natural Family Planning..... | 800-334-0699 |
| "Pantry Sunday"..... | Donations accepted every Sunday |
| Food Assistance..... | 732-721-7418 |

SPREADING THE WORD **Second Sunday of Advent**

“Prepare the way of the Lord...”

MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, does just that— it puts us on the path to holiness and it invites others to be holy, too.

CHRISTMAS DECORATORS NEEDED

On Friday, December 15 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 Thursday December 21st at 6:00pm. We can use everyone who would like to join and beautify the church.

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 an Angel 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 10, in order for them to be distributed on December 11 to all families and organizations. If they are not returned to the church by 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 10, 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 Karen at 732-425-0387.)

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.

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 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 advance for all of your help.

SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi is a series of Masses for nine consecutive days honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary in preparation of the coming of our Lord Jesus. You are invited to celebrate Simbang Gabi on Sunday, December 17th at 7:30pm at St. Bernadette Church. There is a reception after Mass in O’Dea Hall. Please feel free to bring food to share. For more information call George Santos (917-607-4480). Looking forward to seeing you all!

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is preparing for its annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16, 2017 (1:30 pm - 3:30 pm) at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Given the preparation that is necessary for this huge undertaking, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible to reserve a place for you and/or your group (children/young adults with special needs and their families/caregivers). For more information or to make a reservation email catholicswithdisabilites@gmail.com or call 732-765-6432.

**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.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Please welcome the following families and individuals who have joined St. Bernadette over the past month:

- Courtney Abel
- Guisseppina Ciancioi
- Paolo Ciancio
- Patricia Merone
- Mark Paone
- Kyle Pyne
- The Cencia Family
- The Cristino-Scott Family
- The Gonzales 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

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 fee for this program however pre-registration is required.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

There will be no evening Parish Office hours the week of December 10th and the week of December 17th. Please plan accordingly if you need to pick up keys for meetings.

SENIORS

Our Seniors Christmas Party will take place on Monday, December 11, at 12noon– 4pm at The Grand Marquis, 1550 Rt. 9 South, Old Bridge, NJ. There will be music by DJ Gary Morton, 1 Hour Open Bar and choice of three entrees. Members-\$30 and guests of members-\$40. Call Dora at 732-727-0514 or Lois Ann at 732-266-9195 if interested.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TV RAFFLE**

The St. Bernadette's K of C will be raffling off a 50" Samsung 4K Smart TV, with Sound Bar on Monday, December 11th at 8:00pm in the Lourdes Center. Raffle ticket cost is \$10.00. Proceeds will benefit the Council's General Fund. What a great Christmas present! No fighting the holiday crowds. For information and or tickets contact George 908- 420-1134, Richie 732- 887-1481, John 732-374-5094 or Phil 732- 679-2632.

**CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE
ENVELOPES**

Christmas Mass Remembrance envelopes must be received at the parish office no later than Friday, December 15th, in order for names to appear in the Christmas bulletin.

“Advent increases our Hope, a Hope which does not disappoint. The Lord never lets us down.”

Pope Francis



BAKE SALE

Our Catholic Daughters will be hosting a Bake Sale the weekend of December 16 & 17. Cakes and other treats will be available in the vestibule of the church. For more information call Phone Joanne Brigandi 732-947-2255 and Dolores Berardicelli 732-721-3201.

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CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Interfaith Network of Care will be hosting a Caregiver Support Group on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at 3pm in St. Paul's Social Hall located in the basement of the Education Building on West Lakewood behind the Church in Milltown. Please RSVP in advance to 732-247-1655. The group will be ran by Shonda Baker, MSW, Senior Well-Being Specialist, from Oaks Integrated Care. Refreshments will also be provided.

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Monday, December 11th at 6:30 pm in the Lourdes Center. The Cub Scouts Program is designed for boys 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, nacsuper@gmail.com.

BINGO HELP NEEDED

Bingo is an important fundraiser for St. Bernadette Parish. However, we are in need of help from additional volunteers for the Friday Bingo to work on the floor and selling before the Bingo starts at 12:00 noon. For more information, please contact Bob Siebert, 732-727-0514.

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. For more information, please see the brochures found at the front of the Church.



CDA MEETING CANCELATION

There will be no CDA meeting on December 18th at 7:45pm. Our next meeting will be January 15th at 7:45pm.

- THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S**
- Sunday.....2nd Sunday of Advent**
Last day to Drop Off Jesse Tree gifts
 - Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass**
(OD) 12noon.....Seniors
Christmas party
 - (LC) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts**
 - Tuesday (C) 4:30pmKids 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**
(Outside C) 6:00pm.....Tree and
Creche set-up
 - Saturday (LC) 9:00pm.....Carmelites**
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC/Gym) 6:00pm.....Couples
(C) All Masses...CDA Bake Sale
 - Sunday.....3rd Sunday of Advent**
(C) All Masses...CDA Bake Sale
(C)12:45pm.....Baptism
(C)7:30pm.....Simbang Gabi