

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., December 10-December 11
(Third Sunday of Advent)**

- 5:00 pm + Vito Carulli, r/o wife Marie
- 8:30 am + Mary C. Edgerton, r/o Pat and Rich Robertson
- 10:00 am + Dorothy and Ralph Rizzo, r/o Vincent Rizzo
- 11:30 am + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Lilly Zammit

Mon., Dec. 12 (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

- 7:00 pm + Ann Kilduff, r/o Ann Kilduff

Tues., Dec. 13 (Saint Lucy)

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

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

- 8:30 am + Octavio Madeira, r/o Joe, Eleonora, and Angela Tramontana

Thurs., Dec. 15 (Advent Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Fernando Media Jr., Medina Family

Fri., Dec. 16 (Advent Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Daniel Donnelly, r/o Donnelly Family

Sat., Dec. 17 (Late Advent Weekday)

- No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., December 17-December 18
(Fourth 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 + Eleanor and Arthur Deluca, r/o daughters
- 11:30 am + Lilly Zammit-Waters, r/o Nicole Szczesny

“Pray the Rosary for Peace”

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Daniel Donnelly, r/o Donnelly Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Raymond Gaughan, r/o wife, Maria.

WINE & HOSTS

This week’s Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of the deceased members of the Maher and Mackenrott families, r/o Alice Maher and family.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Dec. 3– Dec. 4.....	\$9,558.00
Assessment Offering	\$177.00
CCD Offering	\$70.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	59
\$6-\$10.....	77
\$11-\$20.....	72
\$21-\$30.....	44
\$31-\$39.....	7
\$40 and Over.....	61

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

Please note the change in times for the Christmas day Masses.

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

SPREADING THE WORD

3rd Sunday of Advent

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things that many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE YOUTH GROUP

A special thank you to all you supported our Youth Group Bake Sale on October 29th and 30th. Your support was greatly appreciated!

COUPLES FOR CHRIST CHRISTMAS PARTY

Couples for Christ will be having their Christmas party on December 17th in the gym from 6pm-11pm.

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 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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, January 2, 2017 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.

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.

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 22nd 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 jjdbjscott@comcast.net

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Friday, Dec. 23.....9am-12noon
Monday, Dec 26.....CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 30.....9am-12noon
Monday, Jan 2.....CLOSED

MARK YOUR BINGO CALENDARS

There will be NO bingo played on Friday, December 23rd.

COLUMBIETTES

Our Columbiettes will meet Wednesday, Dec.14th, in Lourdes Center at 7:30pm

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 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 10-February 12, 2017. For more information please call the Family Life Office 732-243-4573. All inquiries are confidential.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE/HOLIDAY BAKING PARTY

St. John Vianney is offering an adult class in which you will learn how to make melted snowman cookies, classic peanut butter blossom kiss cookies, and salted nut bars which go great with holiday cocktails. At the end of the class you will get to take home your cookies, a printed copy of the recipes/supplies used, instructions on what was learned, and memories that will last a lifetime. Class will be held on Tuesday, December 13th from 6:00 -8:30pm, cost is \$50.00. To register log on to sjvhs.com

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.

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.

SENIORS

There is no Senior's meeting this month. The Seniors Christmas Party on December 12th will be in place of the regular meeting.

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. If you have any questions, please call the parish office 732 -721-2772.

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the St. Bernadette Dinner Dance Fundraiser. Through the hard work and dedication of Flor & Ed Gualberto more than \$5,000 was raised towards our renovation of the church. It was a tremendous success and we are already anticipating next year's dance. We also wish to thank Lois Ann & Jim Smith, Martha Molato, Mary Ellen Brzychcy, Maria Zamora, Linda Metz, and Lilly Zammit.

CHRISTMAS DECORATORS NEEDED

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.

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 the 4th night of Simbang Gabi on Monday, December 19th at 7:00 at St. Bernadette Church. There is a reception after Mass in O'Dea Hall. For more information call George Santos (917-607-4480) or Flor Gualberto (732-713-0730).

HELP IS NEEDED

Our volunteers who clean the Church every Friday morning after mass are in need of help. If you can spare an hour or so to share your time to help clean your church after the 8:30am Mass, it would be greatly appreciated!

BINGO

Bingo is played at St. Bernadette's on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Friday at 12 noon. Volunteers are always welcomed! Come! Play Bingo and make some new friends!

NEW LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES

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

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Forgive and you will be forgiven."

LUKE 6:37

With a pink candle in the Advent wreath, the third week is a time to start feeling the joy of Christmas. However, it is hard to feel true joy if our hearts are cold with bitterness or resentment. One of the important steps to both joy and mercy is to forgive. Forgiving is not easy. For some crazy reason, we like to hang on to our anger and hurt. However, carrying this baggage is no way to approach the Christ Child in the manger. Our Advent season should be a time to embrace merciful forgiveness.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

- Sunday.....3rd Sunday of Advent**
All Masses.....Columbiette Bake Sale
(off site)1:00pm.....Alt. R Christmas
Lunch
- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass**
(off site) 12:00noon.....Seniors
Christmas Party
- Tuesday (C) 4:30pmKids Choir**
(C)6:30pm.....Cantors
(C)7:00pm.....Music Reh
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
(LC) 7:30pmRCIA
- Wednesday (LC)7:30pm.....Columbiettes**
(OD) 7:30pm.....Social C
- Thursday(C)6:30pm.....Cantors**
(C)7:00pm.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD) 12 noonBingo**
- Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Carmelites**
(C)10:00am.....Decorate Church
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(GYM, LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
Christmas party
- Sunday.....4th Sunday of Advent**
(C) 12:45pm.....Baptisms