

# *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](http://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 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

**Mon., Dec 18 (Late Advent Weekday)**

- 7:00 pm + Stephen Caruso, r/o Mary Fitsimmons

**Tues., Dec 19 (Late Advent Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Salvador Ardala, r/o Lagrimas Carrillo

**Wed., Dec 20 (Late Advent Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Eugene Galanti, r/o The Morgan Family

**Thurs., Dec 21 (Saint Peter Canisius)**

- 8:30 am + Michael A. Nealon, r/o family

**Fri., Dec 22 (Late Advent Weekday)**

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

**Sat., Dec 23 (Late Advent Weekday)**

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., Dec 23-Dec 24 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

- 5:00 pm + Lucy Zammit Waters, r/o Nicole Szczesny
- 8:30 am + Concetta Zammit and Lucy Zammit Waters, r/o Nicole Szczesny
- 10:00 am + Nelson Rojas Sr. r/o wife and family
- 11:30 am + Deceased Members of the Quimson and Medina Families, r/o Medina Family
- 4:00 pm Christmas Envelope Intentions
- 6:00 pm Christmas Envelope Intentions
- 10:00 pm Christmas Envelope Intentions

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Alexander John Schpakow, r/o his loving family.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Alexander John Schpakow, r/o his loving family.

**WINE & HOSTS**

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of the Maher Family, r/o Alice Maher and family.

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of Dec 9- Dec 10.....\$8,844.00  
 Assessment Offering.....\$497.00  
 CCD Offering .....\$61.00

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**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*

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*\*Please Pray the Rosary for Peace\**

**HOTLINES-OUTREACH**

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

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

## **SPREADING THE WORD**

### **Third Sunday of Advent**

*“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”*

*1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18*

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

## **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!

## **“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” BUTTONS**

Our Catholic Daughters will be selling Christmas buttons in the vestibule after all Masses this December. Please see Dolores Berardicelli if you are interested in purchasing one.

## **GENTLE REMINDER TO LOCK YOUR AUTO AND SAFEGUARD YOUR VALUBLES**

We ask God not to lead us into temptation, so we should not lead others in temptation by leaving autos unlocked or valuables visible. Nor should we offer money or rides to panhandlers - even those who, without permission, beg in our parking lot. The Church and State’s social service agencies assist those *truly* in need and weed out those who take advantage of others’ goodwill. If you see panhandlers or anyone suspicious on or near parish property, please inform a clergyman or staff member.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATORS NEEDED**

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.

## **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

## **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!

## **COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

The South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 are holding a comedy night Saturday, January 6, 2018 to benefit hurricane relief. Doors open at 7:00pm and the show starts at 8:00pm. Dinner and show tickets are \$35.00 in advance, \$45.00 at the door. Comedians feature Donna Vaicels, Tim Hayes, and Sean Morton. For ticket reservations call 201-240-1091.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

There will be no evening Parish Office hours the December 11th, 14th, and 18th. Please plan accordingly if you need to pick up keys for meetings. The office will be closed on December 26th.

### HAM AND TURKEY THANK YOU

Social Concerns would like to thank everyone who donated hams and turkeys for Thanksgiving and Christmas. A special thank you to Mr. Danny Passafiume who donated 25 hams & 45 turkeys! Everyone's generosity was greatly appreciated and helped to make the holidays a bit brighter for local families in need.

### SENIORS

There is no Seniors meeting for the months of January and February. The next meeting will be March 12, 2018.

### DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection for the "Together in Charity" will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of January 6 and 7, 2018. The entire collection will benefit Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.

### 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.

### MEETING/ACTIVITY CANCELATIONS

The following groups will not be having their regularly scheduled meetings due to the Christmas holiday:

No Altar Rosary on December 25th

No Kids Choir on December 26th

NO RCIA on December 26th

No CCD on December 27th or 28th

No Cantors on December 28th

No Music rehearsal on December 28th

### 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.

### SAVE THE DATE WOMEN'S RETREAT

The annual women's retreat at San Alfonso will be the weekend of April 20-22, 2018. All meals and conferences are included! You do not have to belong to any organization to attend. Registration forms may be found in the Columbiette Mailbox in the vestibule of the church. \$220.00 for the entire weekend! Please consider joining us! Contact Lois Ann Smith with any questions: 732-266-9195 or LoisAnn613@aol.com.

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*"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open the doors of Hope."*

Pope Benedict XVI



### LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

Please join us for the next meeting of LCSC Praise and Worship which will be held on Saturday, January 13th at 9.15 A.M. in the Lourdes Center. Monsignor Andy will speak about the seven capital sins, present some slides and for anyone who wishes, he will offer to hear the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Bring a friend.

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### PARISH PAY IS NOW "WE SHARE"

If you have a Parish Pay account, your account has already been transferred. If you would like to set one up, please visit the [saintbernadettechurch.churchgiving.com](http://saintbernadettechurch.churchgiving.com). or call the parish office if you have any questions. We appreciate your continued support of our parish.

### CUB SCOUT PACK 101

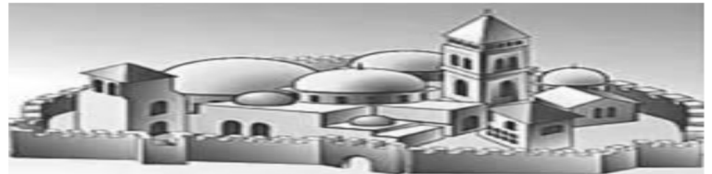
Our next meeting will be Monday, December 18th at 6:30 pm in the Lourdes Center. The Cub Scouts Program is designed for boys (kindergarten thru 4th grade) and their families to work together to learn new skills, build strong relationships, and become good citizens while having fun! For more information contact Nicole Soper at [nacsuper@gmail.com](mailto:nacsuper@gmail.com).

### EYEGASSES & 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.

### SPACE IS RUNNING OUT FOR THE 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. You need to sign up by the end of the month to guarantee a spot. 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.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

- Sunday.....3rd Sunday of Advent**
  - (C) All Masses....CDA Bake Sale
  - (C) 12:45pm.....Baptism
  - (C) 7:30pm.....Simbang Gabi
- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass**
  - (LC) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
- Tuesday (C) 4:30pm .....Kids Choir**
  - (OD) 7:30pm .....Bingo
  - (LC) 7:30pm .....RCIA
- Wednesday (LC) .....No CCD**
  - (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
- Thursday (LC) .....No CCD**
  - (C) 6:00pm.....Decorate Church
  - (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
  - (C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD) 12:00noon.....Bingo**
- Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession**
  - (LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
- Sunday.....4th Sunday of Advent**
  - (C) Advent Masses.....
  - 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am
  - (C) Christmas Eve Masses.....
  - 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm
- Monday .....Christmas Day**
  - (C) Christmas Masses.....
  - 10:00am and 12noon
  - .....Parish office is closed