

# *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 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

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

7:00 pm + Christopher Grace, r/o Maher  
Family

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

8:30 am + Americo Sano, r/o Bev Lynch

**Wed., Dec. 21 (Late Advent Weekday)**

8:30 am + The Geletei Family, r/o Paula  
Galetei

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

8:30 am + Nicholas and John Cifelli,  
r/o family

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

No 8:30 am Mass

**Saturday, Dec. 24 (Late Advent Weekday)**

No 8:30 am Mass

4:00 pm Christmas Envelope Intentions

6:00 pm Christmas Envelope Intentions

10:00 pm Christmas Envelope Intentions

**Sunday, Dec. 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)**

No 8:30 am Mass

10:00 am Christmas Envelope Intentions

12:00 noon Christmas Envelope Intentions

*“Pray the Rosary for Peace”*

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother  
will be lit this week in memory of Thomas  
Hall, r/o Kathie Hall.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in  
memory of Ray Osowski, r/o wife Barbara.

**WINE & HOSTS**

This week’s Wine & Hosts have been donated  
in memory of the Thomas Hall, r/o Kathie  
Hall.

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of Dec. 10– Dec. 11.....\$9,443.00

Assessment Offering .....\$119.00

CCD Offering .....\$87.00

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....61

\$6-\$10..... 71

\$11-\$20.....104

\$21-\$30.....46

\$31-\$39.....10

\$40 and Over.....54

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**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

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**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

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

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

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**SPREADING THE WORD**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

*“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” MATTHEW 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**MARK YOUR BINGO CALENDARS**

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

**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.

**SIMBÁNG GABI**

Simbáng 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 Simbáng 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).

**CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES**

Christmas Mass Remembrance envelopes must be received at the parish office no later than Monday, December 19th, in order for names to appear in the Christmas bulletin.

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

**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 Passifume who donated 40 hams and turkeys! Everyone’s generosity was greatly appreciated and helped to make the holidays a bit brighter for local families in need.

**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.

**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!

**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK.....**

Fr. Joseph, Deacon Don, and I would like to wish all of you a very blessed, happy, and holy Christmas. May our newborn Savior shower you with His love, mercy, and blessings. Please pray for all those who are traveling during this Christmas Season that they may arrive safely at their destinations and that they may return home safely to their family, loved ones, and friends.

Fr. Jim

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**LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST  
PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

Our next Praise and Worship meeting will be held on January 14th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center meeting room. We will be showing the inspiring and powerful movie “God Is Not Dead”, an American Christian drama film directed by Harold Cronk. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please join us to share faith and fellowship!

**BUS TRIP TO RALLY FOR LIFE**

The Diocese of Metuchen’s Office of Respect for Life will be running a bus trip to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Monday, January 23, 2017. The bus ride is free of charge, but since space is limited all passengers must reserve their seats. Passengers will board the bus at Diocesan Center in Piscataway at 9:30am and return to the Diocesan Center between 2:00 and 2:30 pm. To reserve a seat or if you have any questions, email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1990 ext 1543 or 1629.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Thank you to all who came to the mystery dinner on December 3rd. A great time was had by all!

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec.21st, in Lourdes Center at 8:00pm

**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.

**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.

**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.

**REMINDER TO ALL!!!**

There will be **no** 8:30am Mass on Friday, December 23rd.

**MANY THANK YOUS**

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.

A special thank you to all you supported our Columbiettes Bake Sale on December 10th and 11th. Your support was greatly appreciated!

Thank you as well to all who came out on Saturday, December 17th to help decorate the church for Christmas. We couldn’t have done it without you!

**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 pm. and Friday at 12 noon. Come, play Bingo and make some new friends!

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

**A PRAYER FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Jesus you are constantly coming to your people, even when we fail to see you. In each and every moment that we are blessed to recognized that you are here and now, give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.  
Amen!*

**SENIORS**

There is no Seniors meeting for the months of January and February. The next meeting will be March 13th.

**REMINDER TO ALL PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

The weekly bulletin is sent to the publisher on Tuesday mornings. All information must be in to the parish secretary a minimum of two weeks prior to publication to ensure it is printed in the bulletin. Thank you!

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S**

- Sunday.....4th Sunday of Advent**  
(C) 12:45pm.....Baptisms
- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass**  
Simbáng Gabi
- Tuesday (C) 4:30pm .....Kids Choir**  
(OD)7:30pm .....Bingo  
(LC)7:30pm .....RCIA
- Wednesday .....no CCD**  
(LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
- Thursday.....no CCD**  
(C) 6:30pm.....Cantors  
(OD) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts  
(C)7:00pm.....Music Reh
- Friday..... no 8:30am Mass**  
.....no Bingo
- Saturday .....no Confession**  
(C) 4:00pm.....Mass  
(C) 6:00pm.....Mass  
(C) 10:00pm.....Mass
- Sunday.....Merry Christmas**  
(C) 10:00am.....Mass  
(C) 12:00 noon.....Mass