

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 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

Christmas Eve Masses

- 4:00 pm Christmas Envelope Intentions
- 6:00 pm Christmas Envelope Intentions
- 10:00 pm Christmas Envelope Intentions

Mon., Dec 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)

- 10:00 am Christmas Envelope Intentions
- 12:00 noon Christmas Envelope Intentions

Tues., Dec 26 (Saint Stephen)

- 8:30 am + John Metz and Metz Family, r/o Linda Metz

Wed., Dec 27 (Saint John)

- 8:30 am + Deane and Lee Family, r/o Linda Metz

Thurs., Dec 28 (The Holy Innocents)

- 8:30 am + Anthony and Josephine Malara, r/o sons

Fri., Dec 29 (Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)

- 8:30 am + Mary Marooney, r/o Margaret Marooney

Sat., Dec 30 (Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Dec 30-Dec 31 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)

- 5:00 pm + Joseph and Lucille Gogliucci, r/o Barbara and Peter Anderson
- 8:30 am + Thomas Napurano, r/o Joanne Napurano
- 10:00 am + Aloysius Kubacz, r/o Elaine Kubacz
- 11:30 am + People of the Parish

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Raymond Gaughan, r/o wife, Marie

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of the Raymond Gaughan, r/o Marie and Steve Petner.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Dec 16- Dec 17.....\$8,294.00
 Assessment Offering.....\$103.00
 CCD Offering\$58.00

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



"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women."

Pope Francis

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK.....

Msgr. Andy, 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

SPREADING THE WORD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

LUKE 1:28

Faith is a gift from God. Take time in silence and thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's mercy and forgiveness. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others.

SENIORS

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 9:15am in the Lourdes Center. Our speaker will be Monsignor Andy. With the Season of Lent commencing four weeks from this date, he will lead a discussion on the vices known as the “seven capital sins”, as out lined in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Come and bring a friend.

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.

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.

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 (Rediscovery) 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 9-11, 2018. All inquiries are confidential. For more details please call the Family Life Office 732-243-4573, Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on December 25th and 26th, as well as January 1, 2018.

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

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 program fee but pre-registration is required.

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!

YOUTH GROUP SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Bernadette Youth Group is sponsoring their annual spaghetti dinner/tricky tray on Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 4:00-6:00pm. No dinners will be served after 6:00pm. Calling for the tricky tray will begin at 6:30pm. The menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread and dessert. Takeout orders will be available. Admission for adults is \$6.00 and \$5.00 for kids ten and under. Any questions call 732-727-4343.

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Monday, January 8th 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.

EYEGLASSES & AMERICAN FLAGS

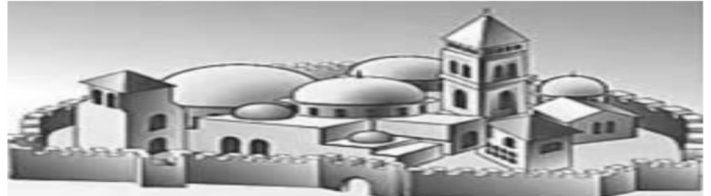
Our Knights of Columbus are collecting eyeglasses in any condition for Eyes for the Needy. If you have American Flags in any condition, our Knights will see to it that they are disposed of in the proper manner. These items may be placed in the mailbox located on the front veranda of the church.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS & CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

In order for someone to act as a Godparent or a Sponsor for Confirmation, they must have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If they are married, they must have been married in a Catholic Church or in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church. Godparents and Sponsors must also obtain a Letter of Eligibility from their parishes indicating that they are attending Mass on a regular basis and that they fulfill all requirements. If both Godparents are Catholic, they both must obtain letters.

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 may be found at the front of the Church.



CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

The next CDA meeting will be January 15th at 7:45pm in O’Dea Hall.

THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you to everyone who came out to the Applebee’s Breakfast Fundraiser on November 25th. The fundraiser raised \$1,045.00 for the Church.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

- Sunday.....4th Sunday of Advent**
- (C) Advent Masses.....**
- 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am
- (C) Christmas Eve Masses.....**
- 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 10:00pm
- MondayChristmas Day**
- (C) Christmas Masses.....**
- 10:00am and 12noon
-**Parish office is closed**
- TuesdayParish office is closed**
- (OD) 7:30pmBingo**
- Wednesday (LC)No CCD**
- Thursday (LC)No CCD**
- Friday (OD) 12:00noon.....Bingo**
- Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession**
- (LC) 6:00pm.....Couples**
- Sunday.....**
- MondayParish office is closed**
- (C) New Year’s Day Masses.....10:00am**
- there is no 7:00pm Mass*