

# *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**

**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

**Mon., Dec. 26 (Saint Stephen)**

- 7:00 pm + Concetta Zammit and Lucy Zammit-Waters, r/o Nicole Szczesny

**Tues., Dec. 27 (Saint John)**

- 8:30 am + Eileen Carlesimo, r/o James McBride

**Wed., Dec. 28 (The Holy Innocents)**

- 8:30 am + Nelson Rojas, r/o wife and family

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

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

**Fri., Dec. 30 (The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph)**

- 8:30 am + Joseph and Lucille Gogliucci, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson

**Sat., Dec. 31 (Seventh Day within the  
Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)**

- No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., December 31-January 1  
(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy  
Mother of God)**

- 5:00 pm + Aloysius Kubacz, r/o Elaine Kubacz
- 8:30 am + Robert Moumblow, r/o Ilsa Tong
- 10:00 am + Roger Wimmer, r/o Alice Maher and family
- 11:30 am + Gioacchino "Jack" Acampora, r/o Debra and Christina Crupi

**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.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Michael Nealon, r/o Nealon Family.

**WINE & HOSTS**

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

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of Dec. 17- Dec. 18.....	\$8,313.00
Assessment Offering .....	\$80.00
CCD Offering .....	\$67.00

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....	63
\$6-\$10.....	73
\$11-\$20.....	89
\$21-\$30.....	36
\$31-\$39.....	11
\$40 and Over.....	46

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**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**

Monday, Dec 26.....CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 30.....9am-12noon

Monday, Jan 2.....CLOSED

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**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, 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 restock from the holidays. Thank you in advanced for all of your help.

**DIOCESE COLLECTIONS**

The collection for the “Together in Charity” will be taken up as a second collection the weekend of January 14 and 15, 2017. The entire collection will benefit Catholic Charities’ Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 4th, in Lourdes Center at 8:00pm

**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.

**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH**

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

- Marcus Baffour
- Taylor Cruz
- Samantha Gonzalez
- Cesar Moreira
- The Franklin Family
- The Ureta 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

**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.

**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.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 101**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 5th 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 call Nicole Soper at 732-470-4659.

**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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1990 ext 1543 or 1629.

**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.

**HELP IS NEEDED**

Our volunteers who clean the Church every Friday morning after mass. 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!

### **YOUTH GROUP SPAGHETTI DINNER**

St. Bernadette Youth Group is sponsoring their annual spaghetti dinner/tricky tray on Sunday, January 15, 2017 from 4:00-7:00pm. The menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, bread and dessert. Takeout orders will be available. Admission for adults is \$6.00 and \$4.00 for kids ten and under. Calling for the tricky tray will begin at 6:15pm. Any questions call 732-727-4343.

### **BINGO**

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

### **SENIORS**

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **CHRISTMAS QUOTES**

*"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

*"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice..."*

Pope Paul VI

*"It is Christmas time every time you let God love others through you."*

Mother Teresa

*"If we keep Christ in our hearts, Christmas has no end."*

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### **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**

<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>Merry Christmas</b>
	(C) 10:00am.....Mass
	(C) 12:00 noon.....Mass
<b>Monday</b> .....	<b>Office Closed</b>
	(C) 7:00pm.....Mass
<b>Tuesday (C) 4:30pm</b> .....	Kids Choir
<b>(OD)7:30pm</b> .....	Bingo
<b>Wednesday</b> .....	<b>no CCD</b>
<b>Thursday</b> .....	<b>no CCD</b>
	(C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
	(C)7:00pm.....Music Reh
<b>Friday (OD) 12 noon</b> .....	Bingo
<b>Saturday (C) 4:00pm</b> .....	Confession
<b>Sunday</b> .....	<b>Happy New Year</b>