

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
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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 3-December 4
(Second Sunday of Advent)**

5:00 pm + Mary and Richard Walsh and other members of the Walsh Family r/o Alice and Richard Walsh

8:30 am + Jackie O’Leary, r/o Catholic Daughters

10:00 am + Caroline Melchor Carrera, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

11:30 am + Robert Mitchell Mitkowski Sr., r/o Dr. Edward W. Moskal II and family

Mon., Dec. 5 (Advent Weekday)

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

Tues., Dec. 6 (Advent Weekday)

8:30 am + Octavio Madeira, r/o Isaia and Joe Gargano

Wed., Dec. 7 (Saint Ambrose)

8:30 am + Alberto Peronilla, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

No Vigil Mass

Thurs., Dec. 8 (The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:30 am + Leonor Castaneda, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

7:00 pm + Concetta and Salvatore Zammit, r/o children

Fri., Dec. 9 (Advent Weekday)

8:30 am + George Surdi, r/o Keefe Family

Sat., Dec. 10 (Advent Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**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

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Martin Conroy, r/o Carole Conroy.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Nov. 26– Nov. 27\$9,523.00

Assessment Offering\$112.00

CCD Offering\$76.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$581

\$6-\$10 80

\$11-\$2095

\$21-\$3048

\$31-\$3910

\$40 and Over48

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION**

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, Thursday December 8, will be celebrated at 8:30am and at 7:00pm. *There will be no Vigil Mass on December 7th.*

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 Center732-449-8676
Drug Abuse800-322-5525

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

SPREADING THE WORD

2nd Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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!

SENIORS

Our Seniors Christmas Party will take place on Monday, December 12, at 12noon– 4pm at the Grand Marquis, Route 9 South, Old Bridge. Members-\$30 and guests of members-\$40. Call Dora at 732-727-0514 or Lois Ann at 732-266-9195 by Sunday, December 4, if interested.

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, December 5, 2016 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 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! For more information contact Jeff Scott at 732-432-7944 or email at jjdbjscott@comcast.net

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.

JESSE TREE

Our Jesse Tree is located near the tabernacle. If you would like to participate in this program assisting families and individuals in need, please take a tag, purchase the gift, wrap the gift and replace the tag on the outside of the gift and return it to the church.

It is *very important* that ALL GIFTS be returned to the church *by* Sunday, December 11, in order for them to be distributed to all families and organizations. If they are not returned to the church by 11:30am Mass on Sunday, December 11, they will not get to the intended receiver.

(Please note: the Salvation Army children's tags indicate two gifts but the intention is to please give only "one or the other" Please call JoAnn at 732-727-5858.)

BAKE SALE

Our Columbiette will be hosting a Bake Sale the weekend of December 10 & 11. Cakes and "doggie treats" will be available in the vestibule of the church. Meaning of the Candy Cane with ornaments will also be available and may be ordered by calling Lois Ann 732-721-4596.

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.

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.

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.

ALTAR ROSARY CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Altar Rosary Society will be having their annual Christmas luncheon on December 11th at 1:00pm at Pucinellas. Cost is approximately \$25.

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

On Friday, December 9 at 6pm. we will be putting out the Trees and Crèche. It's a lot of heavy lifting, so we need some good/strong volunteers. 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.

POINSETTA PICK UP

Thank you for your support! Poinsettias may be picked up in Lourdes Center Room 101 on Monday, December 5th. Purchasers will be called when the flowers are here. Any questions please call Lois Ann 732-721-4596.

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!

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.

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man."

Pope Francis

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

- Sunday.....2nd Sunday of Advent**
- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass**
- (LC) 8:00pm.....Bapt. Prep**
- Tuesday (C) 4:30pmKids Choir**
- (OD) 7:30pmBingo**
- (LC) 7:30pmRCIA**
- WednesdayNo Vigil Mass**
- (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C**
- Thursday.....Immaculate Conception**
- (C) 8:30am.....Mass**
- (C)7:00pm.....Mass**
-No CCD**
- Friday (OD) 12 noonBingo**
- (C) 6:00pm.....Decorate Church**
- Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession**
- (GYM) 6:00pm.....Couples**
- (LC) 6:00pm.....Couples**
- All Masses.....Columbiette**
- Bake Sale**
- Sunday.....3rd Sunday of Advent**
- All Masses.....Columbiette Bake Sale**
- (off site) 1:00pm.....Alt. R**
- Christmas Lunch**

COVER SHEET

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