

# *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., February 11-February 12 (Sixth  
Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- 5:00 pm + John Geraghty, r/o Alice  
Maher
- 8:30 am + Thomas Kearney, r/o Deacon  
Don and Octavia Zampella
- 10:00 am + George and Pauline Delorenzc  
r/o John and Leonora Ruszala
- 11:30 am + 5th Anniversary William Fig,  
r/o family

**Mon., Feb. 13 (Weekday)**

- 7:00 pm + Gloria Deane, r/o Social  
Concerns Ministry

**Tues., Feb. 14 (Saints Cyril, Monk, and  
Methodius)**

- 8:30 am + Sebastian, r/o Tessy

**Wed., Feb. 15 (Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Sebastian, r/o Tessy

**Thurs., Feb. 16 (Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Sebastian, r/o Tessy

**Fri., Feb. 17 (Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + James and Catherine Woods,  
r/o family

**Sat., Feb. 18 (Weekday)**

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., February 18-February 19  
(Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

- 5:00 pm + John Geraghty, r/o Tom  
Maher
- 8:30 am + Sebastian, r/o Tessy
- 10:00 am + Charles Winkler, r/o  
Christensen Family
- 11:30 am + Nancy Giesler, r/o The  
Neustater Family

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

**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of Feb. 4- Feb. 5.....	\$9,955.00
Assessment Offering .....	\$80.00
CCD Offering .....	\$70.00

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....	61
\$6-\$10.....	75
\$11-\$20.....	83
\$21-\$30.....	59
\$31-\$39.....	8
\$40 and Over.....	53

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Masses for Ash Wednesday, March 1st, will be celebrated at 8:30am and 7:00pm. There will be a 4:00pm Prayer Service.

**ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION**

The Ash Wednesday Collection will go to our Social Concerns Ministry. Please be as generous as your means will permit so that we may continue to help needy families in our area.

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**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent at 7 p.m. Stations will be prayed on Good Friday at 12 noon.

**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**

On the weekend of February 11th and 12th we will celebrate World Marriage Day. There will be an opportunity for couples to renew their marriage vows at all Masses. Both spouses need to be present for the renewal.

**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

### **ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

We will celebrate our 60th Anniversary by having a concert in the Lourdes Center on Saturday, March 11th. The Garden State Jazz Orchestra will be performing. Tickets will be \$20.00 per person. Come bring wine and cheese, soda and snacks, and share a table with friends and family for a night of fellowship and music. Coffee and cake will be provided during intermission. *All proceeds go to the support of your parish community.* Reservations must be in to the parish office by Monday, March 6th. Mark your calendars for this wonderful celebration of our parish!

### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

### **FREE THROW CONTEST**

Our Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a District Free Throw Contest on Saturday, February 18th, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for boys and girls ages 9 through 14. A copy of child's birth certificate must be presented at time of registration.

### **ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY**

The next meeting takes place on Monday, February 27 at 7:45pm in Lourdes Center. All are invited to Church at 6:30pm to pray the Rosary and stay for the Novena and Mass.

### **HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Parishioners who are homebound can have Holy Communion brought to them at home. Please contact the Parish Office by either calling (732-721-2772) or emailing (secy@optonline.net) and leave your name, phone number, and a convenient time we can call. A Eucharistic Minister will contact you.

### **SPREADING THE WORD 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."*  
*MATTHEW 5:20*

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear— it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

### **2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you wish to receive a contribution statement for your 2016 church donations, we ask that you please place your request in writing and include your name, address, and envelope number. Please include with your request a stamped, self-addressed envelope. You may place your request in the collection basket marked "Attention: Jo" also with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

### **CUB SCOUT PACK 101**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 16th 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.

### **COLUMBIETTES**

Our Columbiettes will meet on Wednesday, March 8, at 7:30pm in Lourdes Center.

### **SENIORS**

There is no Seniors meeting for the month of February. The next meeting will be March 13th. Mark your calendars and see you there!

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15th, in Lourdes Center at 8:00pm

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to participate in one-on-one activities and be a role model to young people. Requirements: minimum of 3 hours a week, live in or near Middlesex County or Franklin township. For more information contact Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or [jcullen@ccdom.org](mailto:jcullen@ccdom.org).

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so beginning January 30, 2017. The application process is now online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than Friday, March 31, 2017. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the Application Workshops that will be held throughout the Diocese in February and March by going to [www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance) and following the Workshops link.

### **RELIGIOUS SEMINARS**

Come to Mount St. Mary House of Prayer in Watchung, for the following seminar:

**Valentine's Couples Retreat.** A special evening for married couples. Nurture and celebrate the gift of love. Includes supper, a presentation, prayer, and sharing. Concludes with renewal of marriage vows at Mass. Tuesday, February 14th, 5:30-9:00pm. Registration is \$80/couple and required. For more info please call 908-753-2091.

### **A GRATEFUL THANK YOU**

Thank you for your contributions to the "Souper Bowl of Caring" last weekend. It was a great success and your generosity will help to assist many local families.

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program for parishes, schools and families. Participating Catholics fast, pray and give during Lent, following Jesus' call to live in solidarity with the poorest and most vulnerable. CRS Rice Bowl offers a variety of resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, individuals, parishes and schools. A cardboard or homemade Rice Bowl is the traditional tool used to collect your Lenten alms. Rice Bowls will be found at the end of your pew, starting February 25th. We ask each family to please take one and use it to collect your heartfelt and generous donations for so many who struggle to survive. A calendar is provided with each cardboard Rice Bowl to provide inspiration for your Lenten journey. Daily reflections, weekly prayers, meatless recipes and stories of hope from around the world will inspire you through the 40 days of Lent. CRS Rice Bowl supports hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in communities around the world, as well as in your own local community. Rice Bowl donations may be brought to the church on Palm Sunday and placed in the basket that will be located in the church. Thank you for your faithful support.

### **CURSILLO MOVEMENT**

The *Cursillo Eighth Annual Encounter With Christ* will be held at Mary, Mother of God Parish in Hillsborough on Saturday, February 25th from 8am-3pm. The theme this year is *Be Reconciled to God (2Corinthians 5:20)*. To register, please RSVP to Regina Neri at [reginaneri@metcursillo.org](mailto:reginaneri@metcursillo.org) or go on line to [metcursillo.org/events-encounter.html](http://metcursillo.org/events-encounter.html).

**RELIGIOUS ARTICLES SALE**

Our Columbiettes will be having a religious articles sale the weekend of February 18th and 19th in the vestibule of the Church and O'Dea Hall. Communion veils and gift items will be available as well as various religious articles. Any questions call Lois Ann 732-266-9195.

**A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS**

Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience. This will be held on Thursday evenings, beginning at 7:00pm in the Meeting Room in Lourdes Center, starting on March 2nd. Please call the Parish Office to register so that enough workbooks can be ordered.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS**

The next meeting of our Catholic Daughters will be Monday, February 20th, in the Lourdes Center meeting room at 7:45pm.

**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.

**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.

**BINGO HELP NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to help out with Bingo on Fridays. Come pitch in for as little as 2 hours, or stay for the whole time and have some fun. No experience necessary. For more information contact Bob Siebert (732-727-0514).

**PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 20th for Presidents' Day.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S**

- Sunday (C) all Masses ...**World Marriage Day
- (C) all Masses .....**Alt R. Bake Sale
- Monday (C) 7pm.....**Mass/Novena
- Tuesday (C)4:30.....**Kids Choir
- (LC) 7:30pm.....**RCIA
- (OD) 7:30pm .....**Bingo
- Wednesday (OD) 8:00pm.....**K of C
- Thursday (OD)6:30pm.....**Cub Scouts
- (C) 6:30pm.....**Cantors
- (C)7:00pm.....**Music Reh
- Friday (OD)12:00pm.....**Bingo
- Saturday (Gym) 8am.....**K of C District
- Free Throw**
- (LC) 9am.....**Carmelites
- (C) 4pm.....**Confession
- (LC) 6pm.....**Couples For Christ
- (C) all Masses .....**Columbiettes
- Religious Articles Sale**
- Sunday (C) all Masses ...**World Marriage Day
- (C) all Masses .....**Columbiettes
- Religious Articles Sale**
- (C) 12:45pm.....**Baptism