

# *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

**Parish Office Telephone**

732-721-2772

Mass times - ext. 2

Secretary - ext. 3

Fr. Hagerman - ext. 3

Bookkeeper - ext. 4

Msgr. Szaroleta - ext. 5

**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](http://saintbernadettechurch.com)

**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 Fax**

732-727-5188

## *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., Feb. 17-Feb. 18 (First Sunday of Lent)**

- 5:00 pm + Hannah Campbell, r/o Noreen Kelly
- 8:30 am + Robyn Buffolino, r/o Mike Maresca
- 10:00 am + Alice Maher, r/o Frank Matt
- 11:30 am + Living and Deceased Members of the Bathe Family, r/o William Bathe Jr.

**Mon., Feb. 19 (Lenten Weekday)**

- 7:00 pm + Jeanne Neigel, r/o The Maher Family

**Tues., Feb. 20 (Lenten Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Alice Flanagan, r/o D'Agustino Family

**Wed., Feb. 21(Lenten Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + David Hook, r/o The Keefe Family

**Thurs., Feb. 22 (The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle)**

- 8:30 am + David Hook, r/o The Keefe Family

**Fri., Feb. 23 (Lenten Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Rodrigo De La Cruz, r/o Jun and Lil De La Cruz

**Sat., Feb. 24 (Lenten Weekday)**

- No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., Feb. 24-Feb. 25 (Second Sunday of Lent)**

- 5:00 pm + Mary Paver, r/o family
- 8:30 am + Thomas & Catherine Delaney and Joseph & Martha Smith, r/o Jim and Lois Ann Smith
- 10:00 am + Fernando Medina Jr., Fernando Medina Sr., Juan and Fliza Quimson, r/o Medina Family
- 11:30 am + Jason H. Arvelo Jr., Donna Arvelo

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**

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

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**WINE & HOSTS**

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Lester Francis, r/o St. Bernadette Youth Group Advisors.

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of Feb 10– Feb 11.....\$12,364.00  
 Assessment Offering.....\$230.00

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....	72
\$6-\$10.....	76
\$11-\$20.....	78
\$21-\$30.....	42
\$31-\$39.....	10
\$40 and Over.....	54

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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.

*February 23rd:* Clergy- Fr. Andy

Altar servers– Danny Marks and Billy Marks



**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

## SPREADING THE WORD

### 1st Sunday of Lent

*“After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...”*

*MARK 1:14*

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

## ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting takes place on Monday, February 26 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.

## 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 now. The application process is now online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than *Saturday, March 31, 2018*. 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 on February 12th at Perth Amboy Catholic - Primary School. Register by going to [www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance) and following the Workshops link or call (732) 562-1990 ext. 1610.

## 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 can be found at the end of your pew. 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.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*Come to the best breakfast deal in town!*  
Our Knights of Columbus will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 4th from 8:00am-12noon. Come and get your fill of regular, blueberry, and chocolate chip pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea! Adults are \$5.00 and children under 12 are \$3.00. All proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus charities.



## **DIOCESE COLLECTIONS**

A second donation will be taken up the weekend of March 3rd and 4th for the Diocese Spring Collection.

### **2018 LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS**

The following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of “fast and abstinence” are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the Easter fast should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

### **BIBLE STUDY**

#### **THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW**

Bible study continues with the Gospel of Matthew. Our group meets every on Thursday, February 15 in Lourdes Center Meeting Room at 7:00pm Please call the Office if you are still interested in attending so adequate books and supplies may be ordered.

### **2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you wish to receive a contribution statement for your 2017 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.

## **CATHOLIC FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS: INSURANCE AND ESTATE PLANNING**

Learn how to protect your family with insurance and estate planning. Come to a free seminar at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Old Bridge on March 8th at 7:00pm. Complimentary material provided on Wills, Administration of an Estate, Power of Attorney, Living Wills, Real Estate Sales for Seniors, and Trusts. You do not have to be a parishioner to attend. All Catholics are invited. For more information or to reserve a seat, email [Mark.Boutros@KOFc.org](mailto:Mark.Boutros@KOFc.org)

### **2018 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL LIGHTING A FIRE IN THE HEART OF OUR WORLD**

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in **St. Bernadette Church**. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year’s Bishop’s Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, February 24/25, which has been designated as ***Bishop’s Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend***. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

### PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, February 19th for Presidents' Day.

### CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 5th at 6:30 pm in the Lourdes Center, room 101. 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 nacsoper@gmail.com.

### TEA PARTY

St. Bernadette Columbiettes is hosting their 3rd Annual Tea Party on Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Join us for a fun afternoon with homemade tea sandwiches, desserts and tea. There will be a hat contest and much more. Contact Kathy Jessen at 732-721-2522 with questions.

### DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is inviting individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in Monmouth, Middlesex, and Ocean counties. There are many rewards and opportunities available to hospice volunteers through home visitations, companionship, administrative support, pet therapy, or any alternative therapies. We are also seeking volunteers interested in providing support calls to our patients and family members from our offices in Homdel or Toms River. Training will be provided by members of the Hospice team. Please call Pauline De Palma, BSW 732- 224-6933 or email your contact information to pauline.depalma@vnahg.org. For more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit www.vnahg.org.

### LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Our next Praise and Worship meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center, room 101. In keeping with the Lenten spirit, Kathleen Hall will speak on 'Repentance and Faith', a topic she has prayerfully covered in two previous LCSC seminars. Please bring your Bibles to share a scriptural reading and to join us in faith and fellowship. All our welcome. Please bring a friend.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 8:00p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

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### THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

- Sunday** .....1st Sunday of Lent  
(C) all Masses .....Columbiette Membership Drive
- Monday**.....Office Closed  
(C) 7:00pm.....Mass  
(LC) 4:00pm.....CYO pictures  
(OD) 7:45pm.....CDA
- Tuesday** (C) 4:30pm .....Kids Choir  
(OD) 7:30pm .....Bingo  
(LC) 7:30pm .....RCIA
- Wednesday** .....CCD  
(OD) 7:30pm.....Soc. C  
(LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
- Thursday** (LC) .....CCD  
(C) 6:30pm.....Cantors  
(C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh  
(LC) 7:00pm.....Bible Study
- Friday** (OD) 12:00noon.....Bingo
- Saturday** (Gym) 8:30am.....K of C  
Free Throw  
(OD) 1:00pm.....Girl Scouts  
Int’nl Baz.  
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession  
(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
- Sunday** .....2nd Sunday of Lent  
(LC/Gym) 6:00pm ....Youth Group