

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 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

Mon., Feb. 20 (Weekday)

7:00 pm + Albert McLaughlin, r/o Dr.'s
Vicente and Revilla Zapanta

Tues., Feb. 21 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Matthew Settembrino, r/o
godmother

Wed., Feb. 22 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Carol Parnagian, r/o the
Keiser Family

Thurs., Feb. 23 (Weekday)

8:30 am The Parnagian Family, r/o the
Keiser Family

Fri., Feb. 24 (Saint Polycarp)

8:30 am + Michael Fitzgerald, r/o Friday
Bingo Workers

Sat., Feb. 25 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., February 25-February 26
(Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm + Mary Paver, r/o family

8:30 am + Rev. Francis Russo,
r/o Fr. Jim

10:00 am + Fernando Medina Jr. and
Angelita Medina, r/o the
Medina Family

11:30 am + Jason H Arvelo Jr., r/o Donna
Arvelo

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Feb. 11– Feb. 12.....\$8,913.00

Assessment Offering\$188.00

CCD Offering\$55.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....52

\$6-\$10..... 74

\$11-\$20.....97

\$21-\$30.....39

\$31-\$39.....7

\$40 and Over.....56

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.

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.

**NEW LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC
MINISTER SCHEDULES**

The new schedules for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers can be picked up by the sign in book in the altar servers' sacristy.

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

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.

SENIORS

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

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their heart as well.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Ambassadors for Christ

Please watch your mail box for a letter from Bishop Checchio announcing the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. You will be interested to know that Bishop Checchio has made some changes to the Appeal. The first is the Appeal has been moved from the fall to a Lenten campaign. The active phase had been condensed and the number of solicitation mailings has been reduced. Another significant change is the reintroduction of Parish rebates. To allow parishes to share in the success of the Appeal, Bishop Checchio is offering parishes a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over the goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest— the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needs are the ministries, your gift also supports our priority ministries of evangelization, promotion and support of religious vocations and enhances the work of forming out youth. The many pastoral, education and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

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 and following the Workshops link.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

All parishioners are invited on Saturday, March 25, to a Lenten Day of Reflection sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Queenship of Mary 1743. Lunch (\$5 per person) will be served at 1 p.m. in O'Dea Hall. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Church, Deacon Don will present a reflection on "God's Love". The Catholic Daughters will lead the group in praying the Rosary. There will be time for individual meditation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before confessions at 4 p.m. Please call Mary Ellen on 732-525-0502 to register and reserve a lunch.

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Thursday, March 2nd 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.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 1st, in Lourdes Center at 8:00pm.

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)*. Morning coffee and donuts as well as a light lunch will be served. To register, please RSVP to Regina Neri at reginaneri@metcursillo.org or go on line to metcursillo.org/events-encounter.html.

2017 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.

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).

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.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11th at 9:15a.m. in the Lourdes Center. Are you on the right road? Join us on a journey in faith. Pray with us for faithfulness and forgiveness. Our goal is to deepen our spiritual lives during this Lenten Walk towards Easter. As we journey together, enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

COLUMBIETTES

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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

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

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

- Sunday (C) all MassesColumbiettes
Religious Articles Sale
(C) 12:45pm.....Baptism
- MondayParish Offices Closed
(C) 7pm.....Mass/Novena
(OD) 7:45pm.....CDA
- Tuesday (C)4:30.....Kids Choir
(LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
- Wednesday
- Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C)7:00pm.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD)12:00pm.....Bingo
(OD) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
- Saturday (OD) 11:00am.....Girl Scouts
Int'n Bazaar
(C) 4pm.....Confession
(LC) 6pm.....Couples For Christ
- Sunday