

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., Feb. 20-Feb. 21 (Second Sunday
of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Nicholas Caputo, r/o Teresa
Caputo

8:30 am + Anna Carbone, r/o Barbara
DeMoss

10:00 am + Fernando Medina Jr., Angelita
Medina, Feliza Gluinson, r/o
Medina Family

11:30 am + Matthew Settembrino, r/o
Godmother

**Mon., Feb. 22 (The Chair of St. Peter the
Apostle)**

7:00 pm + Anthony and Josephine Malara,
r/o Sons

Tues., Feb. 23 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Amado F. Trinidad, r/o Vicente
Zapanta and Family

Wed., Feb. 24 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + William Woods, r/o Mr. and
Mrs. Patrick Burns

Thurs., Feb. 25 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Joseph DiRoma, r/o Angie and
Rico Sano

Fri., Feb. 26 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Rev. Francis Russo (second
Pastor of the Parish), r/o Fr. Jim

7:00 pm Stations

Sat., Feb. 27 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., Feb. 27-Feb. 28 (Third Sunday
of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Virginia Praet, r/o Brother
Frank Matt

8:30 am + Jason H. Aruello Jr., r/o Donna
Aruello

10:00 am + Robert Matt, r/o Brother Frank
Matt

11:30 am + Dean Andrew Szczesny, r/o
Nana and Popi

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Feb. 13- Feb. 14.....\$8,271.00
Assessment Offering\$189.00
CCD Offering\$44.00
Renovation Offering.....\$1,898.00
Ash Wednesday (Social Concerns)..\$1,360.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-5.....57
\$6-\$10.....74
\$11-\$20.....89
\$21-\$30.....44
\$31-\$39.....7
\$40 and Over.....44

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

A 11-day pilgrimage to Italy (including Milan, Padua, Venice, Siena, Assisi, Rome, the Vatican and more) is planned for May 16 to 26. The cost is \$3,695 double occupancy. Air transportation, land transportation services, tour guide, hotel with baggage handling, breakfast, dinner and more is included. Brochures are available at the doors of the church.

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.

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE

Please make sure your Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes are sent in by March 6th. Thank you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will meet Wednesday, March 2nd at 8pm in the LC.

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Action Pregnancy Center..... 828-1166
Problem Pregnancy Center 449-8676
Drug Abuse1-800-322-5525
Alacare1-800-300-2118

Natural Family Planning..... 1-800-334-0699
"Pantry Sunday"..... Every Sunday
Food Assistance.....721-7418

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Grace, Mercy & Peace

The **Catholic Center at Rutgers University** provides for the spiritual, sacramental and pastoral needs of the Catholic community on campus. *Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this ministry which plays a vital role in forming the next generation for Church leadership.*

IN-PEW WEEKEND

This weekend our parishioners will have the opportunity to contribute to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal during our In-Pew campaign. The appeal supports more than 25 ministries serving over 500,000 Catholics in the four counties of the Diocese of Metuchen. If you have yet to make a gift, please prayerfully consider making a pledge by completing the information on the envelopes provided. If you have already contributed, thank you.

SPECIAL LENTEN EVENT

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities would like to invite you to pray the Stations of the Cross on Saturday, March 19th at the Saint John Neumann Pastoral Center. Stations will begin at 3pm with fellowship afterwards. Wheelchair access available. Sign Interpreter will be present. No cost. For more information call 732-765-6432 or email catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Woman's Retreat at San Alfonso Retreat House in West End, NJ "Where God and the Sea Come Together"- April 8th-10th. \$210 per person includes all meals and sessions. Forms are available in the Columbiette mailbox in the vestibule of the church or by calling Lois Ann Smith 732-266-9195. This is open to ALL women. You do not need to belong to ANY organization to attend. Payment should be RECIEVED by March 1st. Late fee \$10.

DINNER DANCE

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a St. Patrick's/St. Joseph Dinner Dance on Saturday March 12th from 7-11pm in the Lourdes Center. Menu will include Corned Beef & Cabbage, Italian dishes, dessert, coffee, and tea. There will also be a DJ, dancing, and a 50/50. Prize will be given out for the Craziest/Greenest male and female. Tickets are \$35. For more information, contact Jim 732-742-9568, George 908-420-1134, or Chris 908-510-1866

A DAY FOR THE LORD

Pope Francis has asked that "A Day For The Lord" be implemented in every Diocese on March 4th. Joining with churches throughout our Diocese and throughout the world, we will hold a Eucharistic Adoration after the 8:30am Mass. Confessions will be held from 9 to 10am and from 5:30 to 6:30pm on this day as well. Stations will be prayed at 7pm before the Blessed Sacrament. The evening will close at the end of Stations. All are invited to come to church that day to pray before the Lord and contemplate: "*God rich in Mercy*" (Eph 2:4)

LEGION OF MARY

Come to a meeting of the Legion of Mary at St. Thomas the Apostle Pastoral Center on Tuesdays from 11:30am -1:30pm. For more information call Maureen D'Onofrio at 732-234-3923 or Decon Pat Heartly at 732-251-4000 ext. 8218.

SNOW REMOVAL

Our snow plowing cost so far this year total \$4,830. The cost of snow removal places an added burden to the financial health on the parish. If you can help to make up for this financial deficit would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your financial support.

OLD PALMS

Baskets are located at the doors of the church for your old palms.

CURSILLO MOVEMENT

The *Cursillo Seventh Annual Encounter With Christ* will be held at Mary, Mother of God Parish in Hillsborough on Saturday, February 27th from 8am-3pm. Morning coffee and donuts as well as a light lunch will be served. To register, please RSVP to Marianne Kharé at 908-552-8173 or events@metcursillo.org.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Grace, Mercy & Peace

To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$44,264.21 and payments totaling \$38,437.81 from 208 parishioners. This represents 88.2% of our parish goal of \$50,200.00. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Every gift is important, and every gift is appreciated.

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 online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed by no later than Friday, April 15, 2016. 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, March and April by going to www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance and following the Workshops link.

ALTAR-ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting takes place on February 22nd at 7:45pm in Lourdes Center. All are invited to come to Church at 6:30pm to pray the Rosary and stay for the Novena and Mass.

2016 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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PAUL G. BOOTKOSKI

Catholics are not obliged to follow the precept to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation when weather conditions could make roads, sidewalks, and parking lots unsafe. When judging whether travelling could be dangerous, one should use common sense and always err on the side of caution. When unable to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, the faithful still are encouraged to observe the Day of the Lord (Sunday). A practical approach may be to read and reflect on the Gospel of the day and, if living with others, you may discuss ways the Gospel message can be lived out in your own household, the Domestic Church. You may also consider praying together the Responsorial Psalm of the Day.

SPREADING THE WORD

2nd Sunday Of Lent

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." (GENESIS 15:7) Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?.

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 are available at the doors of the church. 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.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

All parishioners are invited on Saturday, March 5, to a Lenten Day of Recollection sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Queenship of Mary 1743. Beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Church, the Catholic Daughters will lead the group in praying the Rosary and Deacon Don Zampella will present a talk on "The Body of Christ." There will be time for individual meditation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 4:00 p.m. We invite all those in attendance to join us in the celebration of The Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. Lunch (\$5 per person) will be served before hand in O'Dea Hall at 1:00 p.m. Please call Mary Ellen on 732-525-0502 to make a reservation for lunch.

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

The Cub Scouts Program is designed for boys and their families to work together to learn new skills, build strong relationships, and become good citizens while having fun! Meetings are held in O'Dea Hall. For more information contact Jeff Scott at 732-432-7944 or email at jjdbjscott@comcast.net.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday (OD) 1:00pm.....Girl Scouts
(G).....Basketball
Monday (C) 7pm.....Mass/Novena
(LC)**7:45pm**.....Alt R
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
(OD) **7:30pm**Bingo
Wednesday
Thursday (C) 6:00pm.....Cantors
(C) **6:30pm**.....Music Reh
Friday (OD) 12:00pm.....Bingo
(C) **7:00**.....Stations
Saturday (C) 9:30am.....First Penance
(OD)**12noon**.....Girl Scout Festival
(C)**4:00pm**.....Confession
(C)**5:00pm**.....Mass
(LC) **6pm**.....Couples For Christ
Sunday (LC) 6:30.....Youth Group
(G).....Basketball

COVER SHEET

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