

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 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

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

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. 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

Mon., Feb. 26 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 pm + Rev. Francis Russo

Tues., Feb. 27 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Loretta Potenza, r/o Angelina
Flanagan

Wed., Feb. 28 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Alice Flanagan, r/o Maureen
Morrissey

Thurs., March 1 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Gerry O'Connor, r/o Jim and
Bridget Bourke

Fri., March 2 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Lisa Roton Della, r/o Frank
Carpentieri

Sat., March 3 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., March 3– March 4 (Third
Sunday of Lent)**

- 5:00 pm + Gordon Horvath, r/o The
Horvath Family
- 8:30 am + Thomas Napurano, r/o Joanne
Napurano
- 10:00 am + Ruth DSouza, r/o Mildred
Fernandes and family
- 11:30 am + Mario Pico, r/o Ed and Flor
Gualberto

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Lester Francis, r/o St. Bernadette Youth Group Advisors.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Mary Lovie Rosinski, r/o husband Adam Sr., son Adam Jr., and Bonnie Bell.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Feb 17– Feb 18.....\$7,345.00
Assessment Offering.....\$289.00

I am humbled by your generous contributions towards our Capital Campaign Appeal. Contributions from the Masses this weekend totaled \$17,969.00. Thank you again for your generosity!

Fr. Jim

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.

March 2nd: James Flores

Altar servers– Sydney and Luke
Maisonet



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
2nd Sunday of Lent**

“Here I am!’ he answered.”

Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “*Here I am, Lord*”, when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

HAMS

Donations of hams will be greatly appreciated for Easter. We do not need turkeys this year. Please hand them directly to an usher for proper storage in the refrigerator. Thank you.

**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 and following the Workshops link or call (732) 562-1990 ext. 1610.

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE

Please return your Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes by March 19th.
Thanks!

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.

REMINDER!!!!

Remember that Daylight Savings Time starts March 11th.



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.

BIBLE STUDY THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Bible study continues with the Gospel of Matthew. Our group meets Thursdays, February 15 in Lourdes Center Meeting Room at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

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.

MONTHLY CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Interfaith Network of Care will be hosting a Caregiver Support Group on the second Wednesday of each month, at 3pm in St. Paul's Social Hall located in the basement of the Education Building on West Lakewood behind the Church in Milltown. If you are caregiving to your spouse or to an elderly parent, this group is for you! Please RSVP in advance to 732-247-1655. The group will be ran by Shonda Baker, MSW, Senior Well-Being Specialist, from Oaks Integrated Care. Refreshments will also be provided.

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.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

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

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.

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL LIGHTING A FIRE IN THE HEART OF OUR WORLD

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are working to become kindling that is set aflame by the Holy Spirit, allowing God's love and power to burn more brightly here in the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

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 nacsuper@gmail.com.

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. For more information email Mark.Boutros@KOFc.org

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 administrative support, home visitations, companionship, 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.

SENIORS

The next Seniors meeting is March 12th. Come see everyone you've missed since our Christmas party! 2018 dues will be collected at this meeting.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday**2nd Sunday of Lent**
(LC/Gym) **6:00pm**Youth Group
Monday (C) 7pm.....Mass/Novena
(LC) **7:45pm**.....Alt R.
Tuesday (C)4:30.....Kids Choir
(LC) **7:30pm**.....RCIA
(OD) **7:30pm**Bingo
Wednesday (LC).....CCD
Thursday (LC).....CCD
(C) **6:30pm**.....Cantors
(C)**7:00pm**.....Music Reh
(LC) **7:00pm**.....Bible Study
Friday (OD)12:00pm.....Bingo
(C) **7:00 pm**.....Stations of the Cross
Saturday (C) 9:00am.....Holy Name
(C) **4pm**.....Confession
(LC) **6pm**.....Couples For Christ
Sunday**3rd Sunday of Lent**
(OD) **8:00am**.....K of C Pancake
Breakfast