

# *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 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

**Mon., Feb. 27 (Weekday)**

- 7:00 pm + Virginia Praet, r/o brother Frank Matt

**Tues., Feb. 28 (Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Robert Matt, r/o brother Frank Matt

**Wed., March 1 (Ash Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Luis Alvero, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto
- 4:00 pm + Prayer Service
- 7:00 pm Blanquita Macoguey, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

**Thurs., March 2 (Thurs. after Ash Wed.)**

- 8:30 am + John Robert Decker, r/o Dennis Bello

**Fri., March 3 (Friday after Ash Wed.)**

- 8:30 am + Al McLaughlin, r/o Fernandes Family

**Sat., March 4 (Saturday after Ash Wed.)**

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., March 4-March 5 (First Sunday of Lent)**

- 5:00 pm + Ruth DSouza, r/o Mildred Fernandes
- 8:30 am + Albert McLaughlin, r/o Dennis and Mary Keller
- 10:00 am + Fernando Medina Jr., Efren Medina, and Manuel Medina Jr., r/o Catherine Medina
- 11:30 am + Ryan Dillon, r/o Sheela Christensen Family

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**WINE & HOSTS**

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of Feb. 18- Feb. 19.....\$9,846.00  
 Assessment Offering .....\$60.00  
 CCD Offering .....\$73.00

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$18,165.00 and payments totaling \$13,402.50 from 57 parishioners. This represents 31.3% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00 Please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Every gift is important, and every gift is appreciated.

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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.

*March 3rd:* Clergy-Fr. Jim  
 Altar servers- Morgan, Jordan, and Taylor Wehrle

**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!

### **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.

### **THANK YOU!**

The Altar Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who made our cake sale a success by purchasing a goodie or just making a donation. Thank you again to everyone who made or brought cakes, cookies, and/or brownies. All monies raised by the Rosary Society goes back to St. Bernadette for whatever is needed.

### **YOUR TIME IS NEEDED**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our church. We need volunteers to power our ministries and everything it takes to run a church effectively. The more volunteers we as a church have, the greater impact we can have on our parish community.

Right now we are great need of Eucharistic Ministers, Alter Servers, Choirs Members, and Ushers. If you are interested in finding out about any of these ministries, contact the parish office (732-721-2772) and some one from these groups will contact you.

### **SPREADING THE WORD 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)." MATTHEW 6:24*

For many people, God and money run "neck and neck" as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution— become more generous. Giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a "god" before God.

### **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.

### **2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL *Ambassadors for Christ***

Twenty-four percent – \$1.7 million dollars – of the funds raised by the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal is earmarked for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Through more than 100 programs, Catholic Charities serves those most in need of our assistance. If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so the weekend, March 11/12, which has been designated as *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Help us reach our target of 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly 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 beginning January 30, 2017. 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.

### **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.

### **COLUMBIETTES**

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

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT**

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a *FREE*, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness and what to do about it. Sign up at [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com)

Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## SENIORS

There is no Seniors meeting for the month of February. The next meeting will be March 13th.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

**Sunday** .....  
**Monday (C) 7pm**.....Mass/Novena  
**(LC) 7:45pm**.....Alt R.  
**Tuesday (C)4:30**.....Kids Choir  
**(LC) 7:30pm**.....RCIA  
**(OD) 7:30pm** .....Bingo  
**(Rm 101) 8:00pm**.....4°  
**Wednesday** .....**Ash Wednesday**  
**(C) 8:30am and 7:00pm**.....Mass  
**(C) 4:00pm**.....Prayer Service  
**(LC) 8:00pm**.....K of C  
**Thursday (C) 6:30pm**.....Cantors  
**(C)7:00pm**.....Music Reh  
**(LC) 7:00pm**.....Biblical Program  
**(OD) 6:30pm**.....Cub Scouts  
**Friday (OD)12:00pm**.....Bingo  
**(C) 7:00 pm**.....Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday (C) 9:00am**.....Holy Name  
**(C) 9:30am**.....1st Penance  
**(C) 4pm**.....Confession  
**(LC) 6pm**.....Couples For Christ  
**Sunday** .....**1st Sunday of Lent**  
**(C) 11:30 pm**.....Rite of Sending