

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. 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

Mon., Feb. 29 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 pm + Josephine Malara, r/o Ed and
Flor Gualberto

Tues., March 1 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Marge Ryan, r/o Margaret
Marooney

Wed., March 2 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Jeanette T. Ventola, r/o Dennis
Bello

Thurs., March 3 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Dolores Phillips, r/o Victoria
Bebaro

Fri., March 4 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Elizabeth Milner, r/o St.
Bernadette Seniors

7:00 pm Stations

Sat., March 5 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., March 5-March 6 (Fourth
Sunday of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Gordon Horvath, r/o Margaret
Horvath and children

8:30 am + Carmen Ramos, r/o husband
Eduardo

10:00 am + Fernando Medina, r/o Medina
Family

11:30 am + Christopher Hensley, r/o John,
Karen and Michael Trubilla

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Brandon Narleski, r/o Lori Narleski.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Feb. 20- Feb. 21.....\$8,629.00
Assessment Offering\$84.00
CCD Offering\$75.00
Renovation Offering.....\$1,171.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-5.....72
\$6-\$10.....96
\$11-\$20.....95
\$21-\$30.....39
\$31-\$39.....10
\$40 and Over.....48

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.

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

How do we, as Catholics know if our voting habits align with Church teachings and the Gospel message? And how can we come to better understand why we believe what we say believe? For busy Catholics who want clear, concise and focused answers, the Diocese of Metuchen's public policy newsletter, **Faith in Action**, is the answer. *Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to make this quarterly online publication available to all.*

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 RECEIVED by March 1st. Late fee \$10.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Catholic Charities 2015 Annual Report is available and has been posted to the CCDOM.org Website. This year's Annual Report reflects the good work that they do for their clients who live on the margins and speaks to the fact that through their work and your contributions, we all make HOPE HAPPEN.

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 and will be sold after Masses this week. Tickets *must* be purchased by March 6th. 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)

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The second collection for the week of March 5th and 6th is for **Catholic Relief Services (Spring Collection)**. The proceeds will benefit the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your collection packet. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

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.

OLD PALMS

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

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL Grace, Mercy & Peace

To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$44,464.21 and payments totaling \$38,662.81 from 211 parishioners. This represents 88.6% 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.

COLUMBIETTES

Our next meeting will be held on March 9th at 7:30pm. Members are requested to bring items for the "Right to Life Baby Shower".

On Sunday, March 13 at 2:00pm, the Columbiettes will be having a Tea Party for any ladies who would like to spend an afternoon relaxing with tea, tea sandwiches, small desserts, and beautiful music and conversation. Cost: \$15.00 per person. For more information contact Kathleen Jessen 732-721-2522 or Lois Ann Smith 732-266-9195, LoisAnn613@aol.com.

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

3rd Sunday Of Lent

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (LUKE 13:7)

Are you like the barren fig tree? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase. Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

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 (LC) 6:30.....Youth Group
(G).....Basketball
Monday (C) 7pm.....Mass/Novena
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
Thursday (C) 6:00pm.....Cantors
(C) 6:30pm.....Music Reh
Friday.....**A Day With The Lord**
(OD) 12:00pm.....Bingo
(C) 7:00.....Stations
Saturday (G)9:00am.....K of C Free Throw
(C) 9:15am.....Holy Name
(OD)1:00pm.....CDA retreat-lunch
2:00pm...CDA retreat– recollection
(C)4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6pm.....Couples For Christ
Sunday (G).....Basketball