

# *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

## **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 Office Telephone**

732-721-2772

Mass times - ext. 2

Secretary - ext. 3

Fr. Hagerman - ext. 3

Bookkeeper - ext. 4

Msgr. Szaroleta - ext. 5

## **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](http://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., March 10– March 11 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Alice Maher, r/o Gayle Stuart

8:30 am + Faye Radeck, r/o The Bathe Family

10:00 am + Dianne Fuller, t/o The Bathe Family

11:30 am + Loretta Hagerman, r/o Golf Gals

**Mon., March 12 (Lenten Weekday)**

7:00 pm + Katherine Szaroletta, r/o Clemencia Rojas and family

**Tues., March 13 (Lenten Weekday)**

8:30 am + Thomas Vuocolo, r/o Crowley Family

**Wed., March 14 (Lenten Weekday)**

8:30 am + Concetta Zammit, r/o the children

**Thurs., March 15 (Lenten Weekday)**

8:30 am Lucie Hunkpati, r/o self

**Fri., March 16 (Lenten Weekday)**

8:30 am + Justin Blankenship, r/o The Muller Family

**Sat., March 17 (Lenten Weekday)**

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., March 17– March 18 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Joseph O’Pecko, r/o wife and family

8:30 am + Mark and Matthew Zogby, r/o Mike Maresca

10:00 am + Jo Ann Lee, r/o Vicino Family

11:30 am + Loretta Hagerman, r/o friends

*\*Please Pray the Rosary for Peace\**



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

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

**WINE & HOSTS**

This week’s Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Joseph O’Pecko, r/o wife and family.

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**STEWARDSHIP**

Offering of March 3-March 4.....\$9,364.00  
Assessment Offering.....\$408.00

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....49  
\$6-\$10.....66  
\$11-\$20.....92  
\$21-\$30.....44  
\$31-\$39.....9  
\$40 and Over.....56

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**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Saturday, March 24th- 5:00pm  
Sunday, March 25th- 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00noon

**Holy Thursday, March 29th**

7:00pm- Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
8:30pm to 11:00pm- Adoration at the Altar of Reposition

**Good Friday, March 30th**

12:00noon- Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm- Solemn Vigil of the Lord’s Passion and Death

**Holy Saturday, March 31th**

12:00 noon- Blessing of the Food  
7:30pm- Solemn Vigil of Our Lord’s Resurrection

**Easter Sunday, April 1st**

Masses will be celebrated at 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00noon

**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

### 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 16th:* Michelle Pandolfo

Altar servers – Brianne and Isabella Pandolfo



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### SPREADING THE WORD

#### 4th Sunday of Lent

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son...”*

*JOHN 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

### 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](http://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 You!

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 support.

### **HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION**

The collection on Holy Thursday, March 29th, will help benefit our Social Concerns Ministry.

### **OLD PALMS**

Your old palm branches may be left in the basket found in the vestibule of the Church.

### **DECORATORS NEEDED**

We need volunteers to help decorate our Church for the Easter Celebration. Please come on Saturday, March 31st at 10:00am to help. All are welcome!

### **CHRISM MASS**

On Monday, March 26th, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. At the mass, all the priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30pm.

### **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**

The second collection Palm Sunday weekend, March 24th and 25th, is for the *Retirement Collection of Diocesan Clergy*. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our 26 retired priests, as well as for our active priests upon their retirement. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priests who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years. Let's not forget.

### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$29,529.42 and payments totaling \$21,344.76 from 134 parishioners. This represents 50.9% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today.

### **RIGHT TO LIFE BABY SHOWER**

St Bernadette Columbiettes are collecting for our Annual Birthright Baby Shower through March 25th. Donations may be placed in the basket near the Altar Servers Sacristy. This year's donations will go to Riverside Home which supports babies and mothers.

## SENIORS

The next Seniors meeting is March 12th. 2018 dues will be collected at this meeting.

## CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 12th at 6:30 pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room. 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.

## TEA PARTY

St. Bernadette Columbiettes is hosting their 3rd Annual Tea Party on Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Join us for a fun afternoon with homemade tea sandwiches, desserts and tea. There will be a hat contest and much more. Contact Kathy Jessen at 732-721-2522 with questions.

## 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 visit [www.vnahg.org](http://www.vnahg.org).

## BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 8:00p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

## EASTER BREAKFAST

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will host their annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Sunday March 25th from 9:00am-11:30am at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy. Bring your cameras to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. An Easter egg hunt will also be held. Cost is \$8 for Adults and \$3 for Children ages 2-12. Children under 2 are free. For more information call 732-721-2025.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

**Sunday** .....4th Sunday of Lent  
.....Daylight Savings time Begins  
(LC/Gym) .....Pre Cana  
**Monday (C) 7pm**.....Mass/Novena  
(OD) 12:00noon.....Seniors  
(LC-101) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts  
**Tuesday (C)4:30pm**.....Kids Choir  
(LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA  
(OD) 7:30pm .....Bingo  
**Wednesday (LC)**.....CCD  
(LC) 7:30pm.....Columbiettes  
(OD) 7:30pm.....Soc. C  
(C) 6:30 pm..5th and 6th Grade  
Stations of the Cross  
**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 (LC) 9:00am**.....Carmelites  
(C) 4pm.....Confession  
(LC) 6pm.....Couples  
**Sunday** .....5th Sunday of Lent