

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
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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., March 12-March 13 (Fifth
Sunday of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Martha Petner, r/o Steve and Marie Petner

8:30 am + John Antwi, r/o from the Cleaning Crew

10:00 am + Sotero Sunga, Policarpo Sunga, & Victoria Macalino, r/o family

11:30 am + Dorothy Jacobi, r/o family

Mon., March 14 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 pm + Concetta Zammit, r/o Children

Tues., March 15 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Victoria Acampado, r/o Fe Advinula

Wed., March 16 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Bothers and Sisters

Thurs., March 17 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Joseph O'Pecko, r/o Jennie Schneider

Fri., March 18 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Josephine Malara, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

7:00 pm Stations

Sat., March 19 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., March 19-March 20 (Palm
Sunday of The Passion of The Lord)**

5:00 pm + Carol McCarthy, r/o Teresa Caputo

8:30 am + Nicholas Cifelli, r/o Wife and Family

10:00 am + John Zampella, r/o Deacon Don and Octavia Zampella

11:30 am + Nicole Szczesny, r/o Mom and Dad

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Adam Rosinski Sr., Adam Rosinski Jr., and Bonnie Bell.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Adam Rosinski Sr., Adam Rosinski Jr., and Bonnie Bell.

WINE AND HOST

This week's Wine and Host have been donated in the memory of Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Adam Rosinski Sr., Adam Rosinski Jr., and Bonnie Bell

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of March 5 – March 6.....\$9,709.00
Assessment Offering\$641.00
CCD Offering\$46.00
Native and Black American Offering..\$878.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-5.....78
\$6-\$10.....77
\$11-\$20.....97
\$21-\$30.....36
\$31-\$39..... 7
\$40 and Over.....50

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 13th. Thank you.

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Saturday, March 19, 5:00pm

Sunday, March 20, 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Holy Thursday, March 24th

7:00pm- Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30pm to 11:00pm - Adoration at the Altar of Reposition

Good Friday, March 25th

12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross

3:00pm - Solemn Vigil of the Lord's Passion & Death

Holy Saturday, March 26th

12:00 noon - Blessing of the food in the Church

7:30pm - Solemn Vigil of Our Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday, March 27th

Masses will be celebrated at 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

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. *Deadline is March 15th!*

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.

DEACON DON'S BOOK CLUB

We will be meeting on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm until about 9:15 to 9:30, starting on March 30th. Our first book will be *DEEPER than WORDS living the Apostles' Creed* by Brother David Steindal-Rast. Please read the book before the start of the meetings. If you plan to attend please call 732-727-4241 and leave your name telephone number. Depending on how many will attend will determine where we will meet.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Grace, Mercy & Peace

It's been said that it takes a village to raise a child. The staff of the **Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry** believes it takes a parish to raise a Catholic. That's why it offers the Youth Ministry Certificate Program for the parish leaders involved in this vital ministry. *Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to integrate our young people into the life of the parish and empower them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ. Please give generously.*

20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Interfaith Network of Care will be hosting a 20th Anniversary Gala on Friday, April 8, 2016, from 7 to 11pm at the St Thomas Knights of Columbus Hall in Old Bridge, NJ. We will have delicious food, cash bar, live music by The Echos, dancing, 50/50, & door prizes. Tickets are \$45 each. Please come and celebrate INC serving the elderly, the disabled and their caregivers for 20 years! For more information call 732-247-1655 or email www.interfaithnetworkofcare.org

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

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.

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To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$46,144.21 and payments totaling \$41,255.89 from 225 parishioners. This represents 91.9% of our parish goal of \$50,200.00. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Every gift is important, and every gift is appreciated.

HAMS

Donations of hams will be greatly appreciated for Easter. Please hand them directly to an usher for proper storage in the refrigerator. Hams will be distributed to those in need this Monday, March 21, at 7 p.m. in O’Dea Hall.

SENIORS

Our next meeting will be March 14, at 12pm. 2016 Membership Dues will be collected. Tickets for the Seniors picnic on Wednesday, June 15th, will be available at this meeting.

HELP IS NEEDED

The Cleaning Crew is in dire need of help. If you can spare an hour on Friday mornings, after the 8:30 Mass, please join us.

CHRISM MASS

On March 21, Bishop Bootkoski 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. St. Ambrose began this custom—which we now call the Chrism Mass—in his Cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries. The Oil of Catechumens is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the Oil of the Sick is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and Sacred Chrism is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all 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 7:30 pm.

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION EVENT

The Diocese of Metuchen’s Office of Evangelization would like to invite you to a three day encounter with God’s Mercy during this Jubilee Year. The event starts, March 31st at 7 pm with a reflection entitled, “God’s Mercy: the Beating Heart of the Gospel” and concludes on April 2nd with the Vigil Mass for the Feast of Divine Mercy. There will be vibrant preaching, compelling testimonies, prayer opportunities, music and much more. Tickets: \$40 per person. After March 11th: \$45 per person. For more information go to: www.diometuchen.org/evangelizationevents or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1634.

SPREADING THE WORD

5th Sunday Of Lent

“For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we shall not put other gods before the Lord. Detaching ourselves from material possessions and considering them “rubbish” does just that. It strengthens our relationship with Jesus and allows us to live more freely and joyfully.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Rice Bowl donations may be brought to the church on Palm Sunday and placed in the basket that will be located in the church. Please feel free to cash your coins for paper currency or a check made out to *St. Bernadette Social Concerns* (memo: Rice Bowl) Thank you for your faithful support.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

Once again our Social Concerns Committee will conduct our spring clothing drive on Saturday, April 16, 2016 . Please help us fund our programs by donating clothing, small appliances, small household items, toys, small furniture, linens, blankets, curtains, handbags, shoes. No large furniture will be accepted. More information will be coming soon. Any questions, please call JoAnn at 732-727-5858. Thank You for your support!

ALTAR SERVERS INSTALLATION

All Altar Servers will be installed on the weekend of March 12 & 13, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, at all Masses. If you are in the pew please come forward when the priest calls all servers to be installed.

RELIGIOUS SEMINAR

Come to Mount St. Mary House of Prayer in Watchung, for a mini seminar titled **Contemplative Drumming and Chanting** on Weds., April 6th, from 7-9 p.m. Drums provided. Registration is \$20-\$30 (as you are able). For more info please call 908-753-2091.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection scheduled for Good Friday is **The Holy Land Collection**. The single beneficiary of this collection is the Commissariat of the Holy Land which is responsible for the preservation of the shrines of the Holy Land and the Sacred Congregation of Oriental Churches.

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.

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) 2pm.....Columbiettes Tea Party
Monday (OD) 12 noon.....Seniors
(C) 7pm.....Mass/Novena
(OD) 7:45pm.....CDA
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 (OD) 12:00pm.....Bingo
(C) 7:00pm.....Stations
Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Carmelites
(C)4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
Sunday.....Palm Sunday