

# *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](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 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

**Mon., March 19 (St. Joseph)**

7:00 pm + Ed Marks, r/o Anne Marks

**Tues., March 20 (Lenten Weekday)**

8:30 am + James Morris, r/o Theresa and Kevin Walsh

**Wed., March 21 (Lenten Weekday)**

8:30 am + Teresa Francosky, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Burns

**Thurs., March 22 (Lenten Weekday)**

8:30 am + Lester Francis, r/o Eileen and Jim Ryan

**Fri., March 23 (Lenten Weekday)**

8:30 am + Edna Kwiatkowski, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Jablonski

**Sat., March 24 (Lenten Weekday)**

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., March 24– March 25 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord)**

5:00 pm + Nicholas Cifelli, r/o wife, Terry

8:00 am + Patrick and Annie Connor, r/o Jim and Bridget Bourke

10:00 am + People of the Parish

12:00 noon + Carlos Gonzalez, r/o Tom and Amy Mecka

*\*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 Loretta Hagerman, r/o son.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Loretta Hagerman, r/o family.

**WINE & HOSTS**

This week’s Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Loretta Hagerman, r/o Kathleen Hall.

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

Offering of March 10-March 11.....\$8,716.00  
Assessment Offering.....\$624.00

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....	65
\$6-\$10.....	106
\$11-\$20.....	80
\$21-\$30.....	46
\$31-\$39.....	10
\$40 and Over.....	52

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**HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION**

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

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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 23rd:* Hilda Aluko

Altar servers – Timothy Aluko and Natalie Rodrgio

**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

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Passion (Palm) Sunday**

Saturday, March 24th- 5:00pm

Sunday, March 25th- 8:00am, 10:00am, and  
12:00 noon

**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**

12:00 noon- 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 12:00 noon

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**EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE**

Please return your Easter Mass

Remembrance envelopes by March 19th.

Thanks 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.

**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.

**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!

**SPREADING THE WORD**

**5th Sunday of Lent**

*"I will be their God and they shall be my  
people."*

*JEREMIAH 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It  
means we recognize that everything we have  
and everything we are belongs to God. We  
aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely  
"stewards" of the gifts God had given us. It  
means we are willing to use our gifts and our  
lives to care for our neighbors and the world,  
just as God cares for us.

**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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 by no later than *Saturday, March 31, 2018*. 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) or call (732) 562-1990 ext. 1610.

### **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.

The second collection scheduled for Good Friday, March 30th is designated for *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.

### **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. For more information call 732-266-9195.

### OLD PALMS

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

### CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Friday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. 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** .....5th Sunday of Lent
- Monday (C) 7pm**.....Mass/Novena  
(OD) 7:45pm.....CDA
- Tuesday (C)4:30**.....Kids Choir  
(LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA  
(OD) 7:30pm .....Bingo
- Wednesday (LC)**.....CCD  
(C) 6:30 pm..5th and 6th Grade  
Stations of the Cross  
(LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
- Thursday (LC)**.....CCD  
(C) 6:30pm.....Cantors  
(C)7:00pm.....Music Reh  
(LC) 7:00pm.....Bible Study
- Friday (OD)12:00pm**.....Bingo  
(LC) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts  
(C) 7:00 pm.....Stations of the Cross
- Saturday (LC) 8:30am**.....RCIA retreat  
(Gym) 8:30pm.....K of C Diocese  
Free throw  
(C) 4pm.....Confession  
(LC) 6pm.....Couples
- Sunday** .....Palm Sunday  
(C) 8:00am.....Mass  
(C) 10:00am.....Mass  
(C) 12:00pm.....Mass
- Monday**.....No 7:00pm Mass/Novena  
(C) 8:30am.....Mass  
(OD) 7:00pm.....Soc C. ham dist.  
(LC) 7:45pm... .....Alt R.