

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

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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 18-March 19 (Second
Sunday of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Barbara Sharkey, r/o Mr. and
Mrs. R. Robertson

8:30 am + Lewis Thomas, r/o Deborah
Thomas

10:00 am + Barbara Sharkey, r/o Sheela
Christensen Family

11:30 am + Carol Parnagian, r/o Your
friends from Madison Park
School

**Mon., March 20 (Saint Joseph, spouse of
the blessed virgin Mary)**

7:00 pm Nicole Szczesny, r/o Mom and
Dad

Tues., March 21 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Charles Sasso, r/o Angelina
Flanagan

Wed., March 22 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Irene Nealon, r/o Nealon
Family

Thurs., March 23 (Lenten Weekday)

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

Fri., March 24 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Gerald Zammit, r/o
brothers and sisters

Sat., March 25 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., March 25-March 26 (The
Annunciation of the Lord)**

5:00 pm + Carol Parnagian, r/o The
Walker and Duffet Families

8:30 am + Florence Horan, r/o Deborah
Thomas

10:00 am + James A. Geletei Sr., r/o the
family

11:30 am + Louis Ioffredo, r/o Gloria and
Ray Moran

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated
in memory of Ed Marks, r/o Anne Marks.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Saturday, April 8- 5:00pm

Sunday, April 9- Masses will be celebrated at
8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00noon

Holy Thursday, April 13th

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

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

Good Friday, April 14th

12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross

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

Holy Saturday, April 15th

12:00 noon - Blessing of the Food

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

Easter Sunday, April 16th

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

CHRISM MASS

On April 10th, 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 priest receives
for the rites of anointing. At this Mass, all
priests make a Renewal of Commitment to
Priestly Service, recommitting themselves to
their Bishop and 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 invited to this grace filled
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of
Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30pm.

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

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 24th: K of C-Denise Keller

Altar servers – Foster Overmere &
Natalie Rodrigo

TEA PARTY

St Bernadette Columbiettes are hosting our Second Annual Tea Party on Sunday, April 30th at 2:00 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Includes teas, tea sandwiches and deserts! Bring your Mother, Daughter, Friends! \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 at the door. Forms are located in the Columbiette slot in the vestibule of the church or call Lois Ann Smith 732-266-9195 or Kathy Jessen 732-721-2522.

RIGHT TO LIFE BABY SHOWER

Our Columbiettes are collecting for our Annual BirthRight Baby Shower on April 20th. This year's donations will benefit Life Choices in Metuchen. Baby articles of all sizes of diapers, baby wipes, Desitin, NO baby powder, baby wash and lotions, onsies, socks, clothing newborn through 24 months, bottles, pacifiers, bibs, baby blankets, crib sheets, towels. Household medical and safety items for babies. While they do accept large, gently used items, special arrangements would have to be made for them. Margaret Eicher, Chair 732-654-5742. Thank you in advance for your support for those choosing "life"!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Annual Retreat for all women at San Alfonse Retreat House "Where God and Sea Come Together) the weekend of April 21-23, 2017. \$210 includes Friday to Sunday Sessions and ALL meals. You may also come for Saturday ONLY for \$75 which includes all Sessions and meals. Registrations in the "Columbiette" slot in the vestibule of the church. You DO NOT need to be a Columbiette! This is a "Women's Weekend!!! Lois Ann Smith 732-266-9195.

SPREADING THE WORD

3rd Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE AN USHER?

The role of the church usher is to help our guests and members experience the sacredness and joy of worshiping God. St. Bernadette Church is looking for more volunteers to be ushers. Stop by and see what is involved in the role of an usher. Our next meeting is Saturday, March 25th at 9:00am in room 102 of the Lourdes Center. Hope to see you there!

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Ambassadors for Christ

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to: Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society invites you to join them for their Communion Breakfast on Sunday, May 21st after the 8:30 am Mass at Friendly's restaurant on Rt.9 south in Old Bridge. Tickets are available for \$10 a person. For more information call Fred at 732-721-7022.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The next Catholic Daughters meeting will be on Monday, March 20, at 7:45pm in O'Dea Hall.

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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$28,710.00. and payments totaling \$20,387.75 from 117 parishioners. This represents 49.5% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00 Please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Every gift is important.

SAINT BERNADETTE INTEGRATIVE MARRIAGE MINISTRY

A marriage ministry is being started in our Church. It is designed to support Church and civilly married couples, and cohabitating partners, to come closer to one another in Christ and to the Church on their journey to Heaven. All couples, their family members and friends, are invited to attend the first meeting which will start with Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament here in Church on Sunday, March 26th at 12:30pm immediately after the 11:30am Mass.

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

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.

MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

A Lenten Journey

The men of this parish are invited to attend a weekend retreat at the *Loyola Retreat House* in Morristown, NJ the weekend of April 7th-9th. Retreat begins on Friday evening with dinner at 7:15pm and ends on Sunday after Mass and lunch around 1:00pm. All retreats and programs are based upon Ignatian Spirituality, an experiential approach to personal faith and union with God. Time at Loyola provides the opportunity for you to step out of the busy world, slowing down to reflect on God's presence in your everyday dealings. For more information call Tom at 732-721-7857.

A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

Have you lost a loved one (parent, child, companion, or friend)? During these sessions, the conversations will take us from understanding loss and normal reactions, to steps (guided by faith), to acceptance and the hopeful reaction of lives to continue living. The group will meet on Thursday for nine weeks At St. Ambrose Church, Old Bridge. Classes start March 30th at 6:30pm. For more information call 732-679-5666.

FALL USHERS MEETING

We will be meeting in the Lourdes Center, room 102 on Saturday, March 25th at 9:00am.

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, Altar Servers, Choirs Members, and Ushers. If you are interested in finding out about any of these ministries, contact the parish office (732-721-2772).

HAMS

Donations of hams will be greatly appreciated for Easter. Please hand them directly to an usher for proper storage in the refrigerator.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday **3rd Sunday of Lent**
(LC, Gym) 9:00am.....Pre Cana
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass/Novena
(OD) 7:45pm.....CDA
Tuesday (C)4:30.....Kids Choir
(LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
Wednesday
Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C)7:00pm.....Music Reh
(LC) 7:00pm.....Biblical Program
Friday (OD)12:00pm.....Bingo
(OD) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
(C) 7:00 pm.....Stations of the Cross
Saturday (LC, Gym)8:00am.....KofC bball
(Rm 101) 9:00am.....Carmelites
(Rm 102) 9:00am.....Ushers Mtg
(OD) 1:00pm.....CDA Spiritual Retreat
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
Sunday **4th Sunday of Lent**
(LC, Gym) 8:00am.....KofC bball
(C) 10:00am.....2nd Scrutiny
(C) 12:30pm.....Marriage Ministry