

# *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  
Fax: 732-727-5188

## **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 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

**Mon., March 21 (Monday of Holy Week)**

8:30 am + Anthony and Josephine Malara, r/o Sons

7:00 pm + Chrism Mass in Metuchen

**Tues., March 22 (Tuesday of Holy Week)**

8:30 am + Gary E. Siriday, r/o Tracy Caferella

**Wed., March 23 (Wednesday of Holy Week)**

8:30 am + Gerald Zammit, r/o Zammit Family

**Thurs., March 24 (Holy Thursday)**

No 8:30 am Mass  
7:00 pm + Living and Deceased Priests and Deacons of the Diocese

**Fri., March 25 (Friday of the Passion of the Lord)**

No 8:30 am Mass  
12:00 pm Stations  
3:00 pm Good Friday Service

**Sat., March 26 (Holy Saturday)**

No 8:30 am Mass  
12:00pm Blessing of the Food

**Sat.-Sun., March 26-March 27 (Easter  
Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord)**

No 5:00 pm Mass  
7:30 pm Vigil- Easter Envelope Intentions  
8:30 am Mass- Easter Envelope Intentions  
10:00 am Mass- Easter Envelope Intentions  
11:30 am Mass- Easter Envelope Intentions

**PASCHAL CANDLE**

The Paschal Candle has been donated in memory of the deceased members of the Marks and Harvey families.

**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

\*\*\*\*\*  
"Come and pray with Me." Accepting Christ's invitation, celebrating Holy Week and Easter in an especially prayerful spirit, we move with Christ - from death to life, from darkness to light, from sorrow to joy. May all of us know new life, new hope, new peace! - the Holy Week, and Easter!

Devotedly yours in the Risen Lord,

Father Jim  
and

The Staff of Saint Bernadette Church

**HOTLINES-OUTREACH**

Action Pregnancy Center..... 828-1166  
Problem Pregnancy Center ..... 449-8676  
Drug Abuse .....1-800-322-5525  
Alacare .....1-800-300-2118

Natural Family Planning..... 1-800-334-0699  
"Pantry Sunday"..... Every Sunday  
Food Assistance.....721-7418

### **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.

### **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.

### **LET'S NOT FORGET**

The second collection this week is for the **Fund for our Retired Diocesan Priests**. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our 28 retired priests, as well as, 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.

### **SPREADING THE WORD**

#### **Palm Sunday**

*"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)*

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance or worst yet, because you don't want your friends or family to think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.

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

#### **Grace, Mercy & Peace**

If you have yet to make your gift, please do so today! Your gift should be based on your means and circumstances- a private decision between you and God. This past year, thousands of local Catholics received services through **Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen**. *Without the support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, these programs would have to be reduced or in some cases eliminated. Please give generously as your means allow.*

### **20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Interfaith Network of Care will be hosting a 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.interfaithnetworkofcare.org)

### **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](http://www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance) and following the Workshops link.

## **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.

## **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.

## **BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

### **Grace, Mercy & Peace**

To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$46,444.21 and payments totaling \$41,730.89 from 227 parishioners. This represents 92.5% of our parish goal of \$50,200.00. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Every gift is important, and every gift is appreciated.

## **BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

If you or someone you know has suffered a loss of a loved one, attending our Bereavement Group is a place where you can begin to heal. For more information call 732-679-5666. Registration is required. Meetings will be held at St. Ambrose Parish Office, Old Bridge, NJ in the St. Anthony room beginning on April 14th (6:30pm-8:00pm) and will run for 9 sessions.

## **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](http://www.diometuchen.org/evangelizationevents) or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1634.

## 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.

## CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Join us on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 7pm to 8pm at St. Bernadette's Church in O'Dea Hall to learn more and join the fun! 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. For more information contact Jeff Scott at 732-432-7944 or email at [jjdbjsscott@comcast.net](mailto:jjdbjsscott@comcast.net).

## 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.

## WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Join us on Divine Mercy Sunday April 3rd at the Blue Army Shrine located in Washington, NJ. Celebrant is Rev. Ronan Murphy who has given many missions, retreats and conferences. Shrine is located at 674 Mountain View Road, Washington, NJ. For information call (908) 689-1700 Ext 210 or email [bluearmy.com](mailto:bluearmy.com)

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

**Sunday**.....Palm Sunday  
**Monday (C) 8:30am**.....Mass  
**(Metuchen)7pm**.....Chrism Mass  
**Tuesday (C) 4:30pm**.....Kids Choir  
**(C) 6:00pm**.....Cantors  
**(C) 6:30pm**.....Music Reh  
**(LC) 7:30pm**.....Adult Confirmation  
**(OD) 7:30pm** .....Bingo  
**Wednesday** .....No CCD  
**Thursday (Holy Thursday)**  
.....No 8:30am Mass  
**(C) 7:00pm**.....Mass  
.....No CCD  
**(C) 8:30pm-11:00pm**.....Adoration  
**Friday (Good Friday)** .....No 8:30am Mass  
.....No Bingo  
**(C) 12noon**.....Stations  
**(C) 3:00pm** .....Good Friday Service  
**Saturday** .....No am or 5pm Mass  
**(C) 12noon** .....Blessing of the Food  
.....No Confession  
**(C) 7:30pm**.....Vigil Mass  
**Sunday (Easter Sunday)**  
**(C) 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:30am**.....Mass