

# *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 25-March 26 (Fourth  
Sunday of Lent)**

- 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

**Mon., March 27 (Lenten Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + John Zampella, r/o Deacon Don and Octavia Zampella
- 7:00 pm + Maureen Maresca, r/o Alice Maher and family

**Tues., March 28 (Lenten Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Maureen Maresca, r/o Ilsa Tong

**Wed., March 29 (Lenten Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Fernando Rea Sr., r/o daughter and grandson

**Thurs., March 30 (Lenten Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Arthur Marooney, r/o Margaret Marooney

**Fri., March 31 (Lenten Weekday)**

- 8:30 am + Robert Erdek, r/o wife Helen and sons Michael and Thomas

**Sat., April 1 (Lenten Weekday)**

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., April 1-April 2 (Fifth Sunday of  
Lent)**

- 5:00 pm + Thomas Kloepfer, r/o Denise and Gus Poulos
- 8:30 am + Robert J. Fleming, r/o children
- 10:00 am + Doreen Crowe, r/o Terry, Aidan O'Donnell and family
- 11:30 am + Patricia Joan Thumann, r/o husband Bill Thumann

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE**

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Jo Ann Lee, r/o Deborah Kieselowsky.

**WINE & HOSTS**

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Maureen Maresca, r/o Mary Alice Maher.

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of March 18 - March 19....	\$8,872.50
Assessment Offering .....	\$43.00
CCD Offering .....	\$76.00
Spring Collection.....	\$1,487

**Your Weekly Envelope Offerings**

\$1-\$5.....	56
\$6-\$10.....	75
\$11-\$20.....	87
\$21-\$30.....	50
\$31-\$39.....	13
\$40 and Over.....	44

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**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$34,455.25. and payments totaling \$26,322.50 from 143 parishioners. This represents 59.4% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00 Please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Every gift is important.

**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 31st:* Religious Ed.-Elizabeth Marcano  
Altar servers – David, Isaac & Noah Marcano

**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

**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

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**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"!

**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.

**SPREADING THE WORD**

**4rd Sunday of Lent**

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." ISAMUEL 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we show that love by the way we used out time, talents and treasure here on earth.

**HAMS**

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

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Annual Retreat for all women at San Alfonso Retreat House "Where God and Sea Come Together" the weekend of April 21-23. \$210 includes Friday-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!" For more info: Lois Ann Smith 732-266-9195.

**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. Also, all priests make a Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service; 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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL REUNION**

The class of 1967 is planning their 50th class reunion. Dinner is planned at the Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank on Saturday September 23rd. More details and invitations will be send out shortly. We are still looking for several classmates. For a full list of classmates whose whereabouts are unknown, please contact Sue Fuller Carl at [carl112949@aol.com](mailto:carl112949@aol.com).

### **DIOCESE COLLECTIONS**

The second collection next weekend, Palm Sunday April 8/9, is for the *Fund for our Retired Diocesan Priests*. 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.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you again to the following Parish groups who helped make our 60th Anniversary Jazz Concert such a great success: Altar Rosary Society, Catholic Daughters of America, Columbiettes, Holy Name Society, and Knights of Columbus. From this concert we were able to make over \$2,800 for our Parish!

### **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.

### **LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

Out next Praise and Worship meeting will be held on Saturday, April 8th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center meeting room. Please join us as we prepare to approach Holy Week.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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).

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Knights of Columbus will have their Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 2nd from 8:00am – 12:00noon in O’Dea Hall. Cost is \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for children under 12. Breakfast includes: pancakes, eggs, sausage, OJ, coffee, and tea. Come ready to eat!

## EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE

Please ensure your Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes are sent in by April 3rd. Thanks!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

**Sunday** ..... **4th Sunday of Lent**  
(LC, Gym) 8:00am.....KofC bball  
(C) 10:00am.....2nd Scrutiny  
(C) 12:30pm.....Marriage Ministry  
**Monday (C) 7:00pm**.....Mass/Novena  
(OD) 7:45pm.....Alt R.  
**Tuesday (C)4:30**.....Kids Choir  
(LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA  
(OD) 7:30pm .....Bingo  
**Wednesday** .....  
**Thursday (C) 6:30pm**.....Cantors  
(C)7:00pm.....Music Reh  
(LC) 7:00pm.....Biblical Program  
**Friday (OD)12:00pm**.....Bingo  
(C) 7:00 pm.....Stations of the Cross  
**Saturday (LC) 9:00am**.....Holy Name  
(C)4:00pm.....Confession  
(LC, Gym) 6:00pm.....Couples  
**Sunday** ..... **5th Sunday of Lent**  
(OD) 8:00am.....KofC Pancake Bkfst  
(Gym) 8:00am.....KofC Free Throw  
(C) 11:00am.....3rd Scrutiny