

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

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 Office Telephone

732-721-2772

Mass times - ext. 2

Secretary - ext. 3

Fr. Hagerman - ext. 3

Bookkeeper - ext. 4

Msgr. Szaroleta - ext. 5

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

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 3– March 4 (Third Sunday of Lent)

5:00 pm + Gordon Horvath, r/o The Horvath Family

8:30 am + Thomas Napurano, r/o Joanne Napurano

10:00 am + Ruth DSouza, r/o Mildred Fernandes and family

11:30 am + Mario Pico, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

Mon., March 5 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 pm + Katherine Szaroletta, r/o The Maher Family

Tues., March 6 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Stephen Caruso, r/o Robert and Maryann Pituck

Wed., March 7 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Thomas Fernandes and Ruth Dsouza, r/o Stan and Mildred Fernandes and family

Thurs., March 8 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Ryan Dillon, r/o Sheila Christensen and family

Fri., March 9 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + James Morris, r/o Mary Ellen Brzychey

Sat., March 10 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., March 10– March 11 (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

5:00 pm + Alice Maher, r/o Gayle Stuart

8:30 am + Faye Radeck, r/o The Bathe Family

10:00 am + Dianne Fuller, t/o The Bathe Family

11:30 am + Loretta Hagerman, r/o Golf Gals

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 Frank and Mary Sasso, r/o the Flanagan Family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Andy & Dolores Billetz and members and friends of the Billetz, Carbajal, Scalia, and Vargas families, r/o Andrew, Christine, Keith Billetz, and Nelly Carbajal.

WINE & HOSTS

This week’s Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Lester Francis, r/o Kathie Hall.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Feb. 24 -Feb. 25.....\$7,931.00
Assessment Offering.....\$99.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....48
\$6-\$10.....66
\$11-\$20.....72
\$21-\$30.....41
\$31-\$39.....9
\$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.

March 9th: Irene Caruso

Altar servers – Tori Colella and Mark Wabb

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

SPREADING THE WORD **3rd Sunday of Lent**

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...”

EXODUS 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort, or health.

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 (including supporting documentation) by no later than *Saturday, March 31, 2018*. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

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 and following the Workshops link or call (732) 562-1990 ext. 1610.

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. Bring your cameras to take pictures with the Easter Bunny. 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.

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.

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 faithful support.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will host a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Sunday, March 18th following the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day Parade at the K of C hall. Cost is \$10. Sandwiches and take-outs are available. Local musician Dan Toye will provide entertainment. For more information call 732-721-2025.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive a contribution statement for your 2017 church donations, we ask that you please place your request in writing and include your name, address, and envelope number. Please include with your request a stamped, self-addressed envelope. You may place your request in the collection basket marked "Attention: Jo" also with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$19,014.92 and payments totaling \$15,452.63 from 80 parishioners. This represents 32.8% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00 Please prayerfully consider making a gift today.

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL LIGHTING A FIRE IN THE HEART OF OUR WORLD

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 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 or at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

REMINDER!!!!

Remember that Daylight Savings Time starts March 11th. Don't forget set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



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. 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.

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, 732-266-9195.

SENIORS

The next Seniors meeting is March 12th. 2018 dues will be collected at this meeting.

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 12th at 6:30 pm in the Lourdes Center meeting room. The Cub Scouts Program is designed for boys (kindergarten thru 4th grade) and their families to work together to learn new skills, build strong relationships, and become good citizens while having fun! For more information contact Nicole Soper at nacsuper@gmail.com.

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.

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.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Our next Praise and Worship meeting will be held on Saturday, March 10th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center, room 101. In keeping with the Lenten spirit, Kathleen Hall will speak on 'Repentance and Faith', a topic she has prayerfully covered in two previous LCSC seminars. Please bring your Bibles to share a scriptural reading and to join us in faith and fellowship. All are welcome. Please bring a friend.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 8:00p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday3rd Sunday of Lent
(OD) 8:00am.....K of C Pancake Breakfast

Monday (C) 7pm.....Mass/Novena
(LC) 8:00pm.....Bapt Prep
(LC-101) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts

Tuesday (C)4:30.....Kids Choir
(LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
(OD) 7:30pmBingo

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
(C) 7:00 pm.....Stations of the Cross

Saturday (LC-101) 9:15am.....LCSC
(C/OD) 1:00pm.....CDA Day of Reflection
(C) 4pm.....Confession

Sunday4th Sunday of Lent
.....Daylight Savings time Begins
(LC/Gym)Pre Cana