

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 4-March 5 (First Sunday
of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Ruth DSouza, r/o Mildred
Fernandes

8:30 am + Albert McLaughlin, r/o
Dennis and Mary Keller

10:00 am + Fernando Medina Jr., Efrén
Medina, and Manuel Medina
Jr., r/o Catherine Medina

11:30 am + Ryan Dillon, r/o Sheela
Christensen Family

Mon., March 6 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 pm + Philip Mathew, r/o Fernandes
Family

Tues., March 7 (Lenten Weekday)

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

Wed., March 8 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Elizabeth Milner, r/o Johanna
Garvey

Thurs., March 9 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Albert L. McLaughlin, r/o
Catholic War Veterans

Fri., March 10 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Lois Mayberry, r/o The
Cleaning Crew

Sat., March 11 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., March 11-March 12 (Second
Sunday of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Gordon Horvath, r/o Marge
Horvath and family

8:30 am + John Robert Decker, r/o
Edward Lynskey

10:00 am + Charles Winkler, r/o Mary
Jane and Art Lundgren

11:30 am + Fernando Medina and
Fernando Medina Jr., r/o the
Medina Family

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 Flanagan Family.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Feb. 25– Feb. 26.....\$9,928.00
Assessment Offering\$45.00
CCD Offering\$70.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....72
\$6-\$10..... 85
\$11-\$20.....88
\$21-\$30.....57
\$31-\$39..... 9
\$40 and Over.....48

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Saturday, March 8- 5:00pm
Sunday, March 9- Masses will be celebrated
at 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00noon

Holy Thursday, March 13th

7:00pm- Mass of the Lord’s Supper
8:30pm to 11:00pm- Adoration at the Altar of
Reposition

Good Friday, March 14th

12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross
3:00pm - Solemn Vigil of the Lord’s Passion
& Death

Holy Saturday, March 15th

12:00 noon - Blessing of the Food
7:30pm - Solemn Vigil of Our Lord’s
Resurrection

Easter Sunday, March 16th

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

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 10th: Clergy-Fr. Joseph

Altar servers— Timothy Aluko &
Erin Anthony

ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We will celebrate our 60th Anniversary by having a concert in the Lourdes Center on Saturday, March 11th. The Garden State Jazz Orchestra will be performing. Tickets will be \$20.00 per person. Doors open at 6:30pm. Come bring wine and cheese, soda and snacks, and share a table with friends and family for a night of fellowship and music. Coffee and cake will be provided during intermission. *All proceeds go to the support of your parish community.* Reservations must be in to the parish office by Monday, March 6th. Mark your calendars for this wonderful celebration of our parish!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who participated in our "Souper Bowl of Caring" on the weekend of February 4th and 5th. Through your generosity we collected \$1003.00. All donations will be used by Social Concerns. Thank you on behalf of those who benefit from your kindness.

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) and some one from these groups will contact you.

REMINDER!!!!

Remember that Daylight Savings Time starts March 12th. Don't forget set your clocks ahead 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

SPREADING THE WORD

1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Ambassadors for Christ

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in St. Bernadette. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, deacons, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial giving also allows our hospital chaplains to minister to those experiencing physical and emotional pain and helps to prepare our seminarians for a life in the priesthood.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 11/12, which has been designated as Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection for the *Catholic Relief Services* will be taken up as a second collection March 18th and 19th. The proceeds will benefit the Native and Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services.

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.

COLUMBIETTES

Our Columbiettes will meet on Wednesday, March 8, at 7:30pm in Lourdes Center.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15th, in Lourdes Center at 8:00pm

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, March 6, 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 \$22,130.00. and payments totaling \$15,201.50 from 76 parishioners. This represents 38.2% of our parish goal of \$58,000.00 Please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Every gift is important, and every gift is appreciated.

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.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Based on the revised translation of the Mass, this program takes participants on an exciting tour of the Liturgy as it explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. See, perhaps for the first time, why we say what we say and do what we do every week at Mass. The words and gestures will be seen in a new light, giving new life to the liturgical experience. This will be held on Thursday evenings, beginning at 7:00pm in the Meeting Room in Lourdes Center, starting on March 2nd. Please call the Parish Office to register so that enough workbooks can be ordered.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

Periodically we will be showing you how your weekly donations help run our Church. So far this year our snow removal bill is over \$5,000. Your contributions helped keep our parking lots and steps cleared for Mass and other church events. Thank you again for your constant support!

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 11th at 9:15a.m. in the Lourdes Center. Are you on the right road? Join us on a journey in faith. Pray with us for faithfulness and forgiveness. Our goal is to deepen our spiritual lives during this Lenten Walk towards Easter. As we journey together, enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

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.

SENIORS

The next meeting will be Monday, March 13th at 12:00 noon in O'Dea Hall.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday1st Sunday of Lent
(C) 11:30 pm.....Rite of Sending

Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass/Novena
(LC) 7:00pm.....Bapt Prep

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

Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm.....Columbiettes
(OD) 7:30pm.....Soc. C

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.....LCSC
(C) 9:30am.....1st Penance
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(Gym) 6:30pm.....St. Bernadette
60th Ann. Jazz Concert

Sunday2nd Sunday of Lent
(LC) 12:30 pm.....Couples