

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 5-March 6 (Fourth
Sunday of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Gordon Horvath, r/o Margaret
Horvath and children

8:30 am + Carmen Ramos, r/o husband
Eduardo

10:00 am + Fernando Medina, r/o Medina
Family

11:30 am + Christopher Hensley, r/o John,
Karen and Michael Trubilla

Mon., March 7 (Lenten Weekday)

7:00 pm + Gloria Deane, r/o Alice Maher
and Family

Tues., March 8 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Ryan Dillon, r/o Sheila
Christenson and Family

Wed., March 9 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Thomas Volpe, r/o Uncle Jim
and Aunt Myrna

Thurs., March 10 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + People of the Parish

Fri., March 11 (Lenten Weekday)

8:30 am + Elizabeth Milner, r/o Mary
Fitzgerald

7:00 pm Stations

Sat., March 12 (Lenten Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., March 12-March 13 (Fifth
Sunday of Lent)**

5:00 pm + Martha Petner, r/o Steve and
Marie Petner

8:30 am + John Antwi, r/o from the
Cleaning Crew

10:00 am + Sotero Sunga, Policarpo
Sunga, & Victoria Macalino,
r/o family

11:30 am + Dorothy Jacobi, r/o 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in
memory Andy and Dolores Billetz, r/o
Andrew, Cristina, and Keith Billetz.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Feb. 27– Feb. 28.....\$8,674.00
Assessment Offering\$138.00
CCD Offering\$94.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-5.....78
\$6-\$10.....99
\$11-\$20.....103
\$21-\$30.....41
\$31-\$39.....10
\$40 and Over.....45

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.

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE

Please make sure your Easter Mass
Remembrance envelopes are sent in by March
6th. Thank you.

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.

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Action Pregnancy Center..... 828-1166
Problem Pregnancy Center 449-8676
Drug Abuse1-800-322-5525
Alacare1-800-300-2118

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Saturday, March 19, 5:00pm

Sunday, March 20, 8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Holy Thursday, March 24th

7:30pm 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

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

A 11-day pilgrimage to Italy (including Milan, Padua, Venice, Siena, Assisi, Rome, the Vatican and more) is planned for May 16 to 26. The cost is \$3,695 double occupancy. Air transportation, land transportation services, tour guide, hotel with baggage handling, breakfast, dinner and more is included. Brochures are available at the doors of the church. *Deadline is March 15th!*

SPECIAL LENTEN EVENT

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities would like to invite you to pray the Stations of the Cross on Saturday, March 19th at the Saint John Neumann Pastoral Center. Stations will begin at 3pm with fellowship afterwards. Wheelchair access available. Sign Interpreter will be present. No cost. For more information call 732-765-6432 or email catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com.

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.

SENIORS

Our next meeting will be March 14, at 12pm. 2016 Membership Dues will be collected. Tickets for the Seniors picnic on Wednesday, June 15th, will be available at this meeting.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Grace, Mercy & Peace

The **Office of RCIA** supplies resources, support, leadership formation, and consultation services to parishes implementing a Catechumenate process in accord with the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. *This is just one of more than 25 ministries supported by your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.*

COLUMBIETTES

Our next meeting will be held on March 9th at 7:30pm. Members are requested to bring items for the "Right to Life Baby Shower".

LET'S NOT FORGET

There will be a second collection March 19-20 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.

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.

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To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$45,319.21 and payments totaling \$40,067.39 from 218 parishioners. This represents 90.3% of our parish goal of \$50,200.00. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Every gift is important, and every gift is appreciated.

TEA PARTY

On Sunday, March 13 at 2:00pm, the Columbiettes will be having a Tea Party for any ladies who would like to spend an afternoon relaxing with tea, tea sandwiches, small desserts, and beautiful music and conversation. Cost: \$15.00 per person. For more information contact Kathleen Jessen 732-721-2522 or Lois Ann Smith 732-266-9195, LoisAnn613@aol.com.

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 21st, at 7 p.m. in O’Dea Hall.

DINNER DANCE

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a St. Patrick’s/St. Joseph Dinner Dance on Saturday March 12th from 7-11pm in the Lourdes Center. Menu will include Corned Beef & Cabbage, Italian dishes, dessert, coffee, and tea. There will also be a DJ, dancing, and a 50/50. Prize will be given out for the Craziest/Greenest male and female. Tickets are \$35 and will be sold after Masses this week. Tickets *must* be purchased by March 6th. For more information, contact Jim 732-742-9568, George 908-420-1134, or Chris 908-510-1866

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.

SPREADING THE WORD

4th Sunday Of Lent

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” (JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessing to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

USHERS MEETING

Ushers will have their next meeting on March 12th at 9am in the Lourdes Center classroom.

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 are available at the doors of the church. 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.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The second collection this week is for **Catholic Relief Services (Spring Collection)**. The proceeds will benefit the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your collection packet. Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

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.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

The next Live Christ Share Christ, Praise and Worship Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 12th at 9:15 am in the Lourdes Center. All are welcome to attend. The topic will be "Jesus, The Rest That Nourishes Our Soul". Join us !

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

Sunday (G).....Basketball
Monday (C) 7pm.....Mass/Novena
(LC) 8pm.....Bapt Prep
Tuesday (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm.....Columbiettes
(OD) 7:30.....Soc Concerns
Thursday (C) 6:00pm.....Cantors
(C) 6:30pm.....Music Reh
Friday (OD) 12:00pm.....Bingo
(C) 7:00.....Stations
Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Ushers Meeting
(LC) 9:15am.....LCSC
(C)4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 7pm.....K of C Dinner Dance
Sunday (LC) 2pm.....Columbiettes Tea Party