

# *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., April 15-April 16 (Easter Sunday  
of the Resurrection of the Lord)**

- 5:00 pm + **No Confession or Mass**
- 7:30 pm + Easter Remembrance Envelopes
- 8:00 am + Easter Remembrance Envelopes
- 10:00 am + Easter Remembrance Envelopes
- 12:00 pm + Easter Remembrance Envelopes

**Mon., April 17 (Monday within the Octave  
of Easter)**

- 7:00 pm + Vincent Miller, r/o The Miller Family

**Tues., April 18 (Tuesday within the Octave  
of Easter)**

- 8:30 am + Alfeo G. Molato Jr., r/o wife and children

**Wed., April 19 (Wednesday within the  
Octave of Easter)**

- 8:30 am + People of the Parish

**Thurs., April 20 (Thursday within the  
Octave of Easter)**

- 8:30 am + Deborah Fernandez, r/o The Flanagan Family

**Fri., April 21 (Friday within the Octave  
of Easter)**

- 8:30 am + Pam DelDuca, r/o Bob and Dora Siebert

**Sat., April 22 (Saturday within the Octave  
of Easter)**

- No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., April 22-April 23 (Second  
Sunday of Easter)**

- 5:00 pm + Joseph and Mary Bodnar, r/o The Horvath Family
- 8:30 am Catherine Geletei, r/o the family
- 10:00 am + Fernando Medina & Fernando Medina Jr., r/o The Medina Family
- 11:30 pm + For all the deceased Rosary members, r/o Rosary Society

**WINE AND HOST**

This week's Wine and Host have been donated for the intentions of the Geletei Family, r/o the family.

**PASCHAL CANDLE**

This year's Paschal Candle will be lit in memory of the Deceased Members of the Marks & Harvey Families, r/o Anne Marks.

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**STEWARDSHIP...**

**The gift of your treasure!**

Offering of March 25 - March 26...\$8,331.00  
 Assessment Offering.....\$12.00  
 CCD Offering .....\$82.00

Offering of April 1 - April 2.....\$9,929.50  
 Assessment Offering .....\$240.00  
 CCD Offering .....\$105.00

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Today, we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have sung wonderful hymns that speak of our praise, adoration, and joy! But, in reality, every Sunday in the Catholic Church is an Easter Sunday because we remember Christ's resurrection each week. Thank you for your generous weekly offerings, your stewardship of your time, your talent, and your treasure. They make it possible for St. Bernadette Church to be able to preach the Easter message every day.

Our best wishes to you and your families for a Blessed and Joyous Easter!

Devotedly yours in the Risen Lord,

Father Jim

**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

### **CLOTHING DRIVE RESCHEDULED**

The Social Concerns Clothing Drive originally scheduled for Saturday, April 15th has been postponed. A new date will be selected soon.

### **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.

### **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.

### **SOCIAL CONCERNS**

Rice Bowl donations may be brought to the Parish Office after April 9th. Please feel free to cash your coins for paper currency or a check made out to *St. Bernadette Parish* (memo: Rice Bowl). Thank you for your faithful support.

### **SENIORS PICNIC**

Tickets for the annual Seniors Picnic, which will be held at the Lourdes Center on Wednesday, June 14th, are now available. Members are \$10.00 and Members' guests will be \$20.00. Music, beer, wine, and dessert are included. Seniors Club membership is open to any person 55 years or older. For any information on the picnic or membership, please contact Bob Siebert at 732-727-0514.

### **SPREADING THE WORD**

#### **Easter Sunday**

*"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."* COLOSSIAN 3:2  
Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God.

### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

### **CUB SCOUT PACK 101**

Join us on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm at in the Lourdes Center for our next meeting. 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 Nicole Soper at [nacsuper@gmail.com](mailto:nacsuper@gmail.com).

### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE**

Come celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Washington, NJ on Saturday, May 13th from 9am-6pm. Bring a lunch and snacks for the day. Pick up and return is at St. Mary's parking lot (30 Jackson St., South River). Cost for the bus is \$25 per person. If you have any questions or to make a reservation, call Annette Daszkiewicz at 732-257-7530.

### **PARISH PAY**

You can also donate on line: Parish Pay.com then type in St. Bernadette's, Parlin then follow direction on the screen. We appreciate your continued support of our parish.

### **HANDBAG BINGO**

The Our Lady of Victories Designer Handbag Bingo will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017. The doors of Monsignor Dalton Hall at 42 Main Street, Sayreville will be open at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 for 10 bingo games. A Tricky Tray and 50/50 will also be available. For tickets call 732-553-0709.

### **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.

### **HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

Parishioners who are homebound can have Holy Communion brought to them at home. Please contact the Parish Office by either calling (732-721-2772) or emailing (secy@optonline.net) and leave your name, phone number, and a convenient time we can call. A Eucharistic Minister will contact you.

### **HANDMAN MINISTRY**

There are many ways to serve the Church. One important way is the giving of your time and talents. We are looking for parishioners with skills in the area of Painting, Carpentry, Plumbing, Electrical, and HVAC to becoming part of our Handyman Ministry. Call the Parish Office, 732-721-2772, to be placed on our "on-call" list for when a minor problem arises that you could assist with.

*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."*

1 PETER 4:10

### **BAKE SALE**

Our Youth Group will be having a bake sale after all Masses on April 22nd and 23rd. Satisfy your sweet tooth while supporting our Youth Group.

### **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).

### **HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO BE AN USHER?**

The role of the church usher is to help our guests and members experience the sacredness and joy of worshiping God. St. Bernadette Church is looking for more volunteers to be ushers. There are openings for women ushers as well. For more information please call Fred at 732-721-7022.

### **SENIOR SOCIAL**

Our next Senior Social will be on Friday, April 28, 2017, at 6:00 PM, in O'Dea Hall. Anyone wishing to attend, who did not sign up at the April Senior meeting, should advise Dora Siebert at 732-727-0514 as soon as possible.

### **REMINDER TO ALL PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

The weekly bulletin is sent to the publisher on Tuesday mornings. All information must be in to the parish secretary a minimum of two weeks prior to publication to ensure it is printed in the bulletin. Thank you!

**2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL  
 AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST**

It's not too late to participate in the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. In addition to our parish goal, we are looking to achieve our non-monetary goal of 100% participation. A gift from every household, no matter the size, will make a powerful statement about our commitment to our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift today. Mail your pledge to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840 or give online at [www.diometuchen.org/BAA](http://www.diometuchen.org/BAA).

To date, the Diocese has received pledges from St. Bernadette Church totaling \$41,567.75 and payments totaling \$31,145.25 from 186 parishioners. This represents 71.7% of your parish goal of \$58,000.

As of March 30, 2017, the Bishop's Annual Appeal Diocesan Totals are:  
 Goal: \$7,000,000  
 Pledges: \$6,399,466.19  
 Paid: \$5,212,713.85  
 Donors: 19,936  
 % Pledged to Goal: 91.42%

Thank you for joining us as *Ambassadors for Christ* with your gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

**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. All are invited. Children 14 and above are welcome as well. Tickets are available for \$10 a person. For more information call Fred at 732-721-7022.

**EYEGLASSES & AMERICAN FLAGS**

Our Knights of Columbus are collecting eyeglasses in any condition for Eyes for the Needy. If you have American Flags in any condition, our Knights will see to it that they are disposed of in the proper manner. These items may be placed in the mailbox located on the front veranda of the church. If you have any questions, please call the parish office 732-721-2772.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S**

**Sunday** .....**Easter**  
 (C) 8:00am.....Mass  
 (C) 10:00am.....Mass  
 (C) 12:00pm.....Mass  
**Monday** (C) 7:00pm.....Mass/Novena  
 (OD) 7:45pm.....CDA  
**Tuesday** (C)4:30.....Kids Choir  
 .....**No RCIA**  
 (OD) 7:30pm .....Bingo  
**Wednesday** (C/OD)7:30pm.....Piano Rect'l  
 (LC) 7:30pm.....K of C  
**Thursday** (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors  
 (C)7:00pm.....Music Reh  
**Friday** (OD)12:00pm.....Bingo  
**Saturday** (LC) 9:00am.....Carmelites  
 (C) 4:00pm.....Confession  
 (LC) 6:00pm.....Couples  
 All Masses.....YG Bake Sale  
**Sunday** (C) 12:45pm.....Baptism  
 All Masses.....YG Bake Sale