

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., 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

Mon., April 3 (Lenten Weekday)

- 7:00 pm + Leroy Bartz, r/o Alice Maher and family

Tues., April 4 (Lenten Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Genevieve Antonelli, r/o Mary Ellen Brzychey

Wed., April 5 (Lenten Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Christensen and Kelly Families, r/o Christensen Family

Thurs., April 6 (Lenten Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Maureen Maresca, r/o John Lech

Fri., April 7 (Lenten Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Michael Fitzgerald, r/o Joe and Marge Donnelly

Sat., April 8 (Lenten Weekday)

- No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., April 8-April 9 (Palm Sunday of
the Passion of the Lord)**

- 5:00 pm + Jean Janz, r/o Carole Conroy
- 8:00 am + Matthew Settembrino, r/o godmother
- 10:00 am + Fernando Medina Jr., Manuel Medina Jr., Angelita Medina, r/o Catherine Medina
- 12:00 pm + Edgar Cabreira, Carmelo Casia, Paul Casino, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto

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

EASTER MASS REMEMBRANCE

Please return your Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes by April 3rd. Thanks!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$40,132.00 and payments totaling \$30,020.00 from 172 parishioners. This represents 69.19% 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.

April 7th: RCIA- Kathy Hall

Altar servers– Shaye Walker
Audrey Louis Jaques

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

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"!

HAMS

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

SENIORS

The next Seniors meeting will take place on Monday, April 10, at 12:00 noon. The 2017 membership dues are due at this meeting. Tickets for the annual Seniors Picnic, which will be held at the Lourdes Center on Wednesday, June 14th, will be available at this meeting. 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.

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.

SPREADING THE WORD

5th Sunday of Lent

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God.'"

JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Annual Retreat for all women at San Alfonse 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.

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.

The collection scheduled for Good Friday, April 14th, is **The Holy Land Collection**. The single beneficiary of this collection is the Commissariat of the Holy Land which is responsible for the preservation of the shrines of the Holy Land and the Sacred Congregation of Oriental Churches.

HOLY THURSDAY COLLECTION

The collection on Holy Thursday, April 13th, will help benefit our Social Concerns Ministry.

OLD PALMS

Your old palm braches may be left in the basket found in the vestibule of the Church.

DECORATORS NEEDED

We need volunteers to help decorate our Church for the Easter Celebration. Please come on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00am to help. All are welcome!

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.

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.

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.

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

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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday **5th Sunday of Lent**
(OD) 8:00am.....KofC Pancake Bkfst
(Gym) 8:00am.....KofC Free Throw
(C) 11:00am.....3rd Scrutiny
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass/Novena
(LC) 8:00pm.....Bapt. Prep
Tuesday (C)4:30.....Kids Choir
(LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
Thursday (OD) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
(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.....Decorate Church
(LC clsrn) 8:30am.....RCIA retreat
(LC) 9:15am.....LCSC
(C)4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
(Gym) 6:30pm.....CYO awards
Sunday **Palm Sunday**
(C) 8:00am.....Mass
(C) 10:00am.....Mass
(C) 12:00pm.....Mass