

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
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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 23-April 24 (Fifth Sunday
of Easter)**

- 5:00 pm + Mary Ann Dunne, r/o Noreen Kelly
- 8:30 am + Rose and Mario Maresca, r/o grandson Michael Maresca
- 10:00 am + Reba Fam, r/o daughter Barbara
- 11:30 am + Colleen Overmere, r/o Terry Caputo

Mon., April 25 (Saint Mark, Evangelist)

7:00 pm + Jean Philippe, r/o family

Tues., April 26 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Violet Koch, Jackie and Joe Potts

Wed., April 27 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Colleen Overmere, r/o Mary, Emil, Foster

Thurs., April 28 (Easter Weekday)

8:30 am + Bernadette Advincula, r/o Fe Advincula

Fri., April 29 (Saint Catherine of Siena)

8:30 am + Jack Laverty, r/o family

Sat., April 30 (Easter Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., April 30-May 1 (Sixth Sunday
of Easter)**

- 5:00 pm + Colleen Overmere, r/o Noreen Kelly
- 8:30 am 45th Wedding Anniversary of Jim and Lois Ann Smith
- 10:00 am + Aldo De Pinto, r/o Deacon Don and Octavia Zampella
- 11:30 am + Colleen Overmere, r/o Ralph Totrone

Pray the Rosary for peace!

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE
SANCTUARY CANDLE
WINE AND HOST**

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

- Offering of April 16 - April 17.....\$8,193.00
- Assessment Offering\$150.00
- CCD Offering\$45.00
- Renovation Offering.....\$125.00
- Rice Bowl.....\$1,262.26

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

- \$1-\$5.....67
- \$6-\$10..... 74
- \$11-\$20.....97
- \$21-\$30.....36
- \$31-\$39.....6
- \$40 and Over.....51

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 your parish.

SPREADING THE WORD

5th Sunday of Easter

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

It is easy to love someone when they love us back. But it takes courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone who doesn't look like me.

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

MAY CROWNING

Our May Crowning will take place on Sunday, May 1, at the 10 a.m. Mass.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ASCENSION THURSDAY

Masses for Ascension Thursday, May 5, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. There will not be a Vigil Mass.

FAMILY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Holy Name Society will be having a Family Communion Breakfast on Sunday, May 15th, immediately following 8:30 Mass. All couples and families with teens are invited. It will be held at Bello's Family Restaurant on Washington Rd. in Sayreville. Tickets must be purchased in advanced, none will be available at the door. Tickets are \$10 and available from any Holy Name Society members. Join us for a morning of fellowship, food, and fun. All are welcome!

SENIORS

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 9th at 12 noon in O'Dea Hall. A hot lunch will be served.

Tickets for the Annual Senior's Picnic on June 15th in the Lourdes Center are available. Cost will be \$10 for members and \$20 for non members. Member ship is open to all those 55 years of age and older.

Our Seniors are planning a bus trip to Atlantic City to the Golden Nugget Casino on Wednesday, June 29th. Reservations for the bus are now full. We still have a waiting list if you would like to put your name down. For more information call Bob Siebert 732-727-0514.

MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCE CARDS

Mother's Day Mass Remembrance cards can be found at the doors of the church. Returns must be received at the Parish Office no later than Monday, May 2, in order for names to appear in the bulletin. Please be sure to *print names clearly* and if you have several, please place them on a paper included with the envelope. What a wonderful way to show your mother how much you love her by having her remembered in Mass on Mother's Day.

A mother's love is something we keep locked deep in our hearts, always knowing it will be there to comfort us.

-Harmony Ferrario

CHRISMATIC MASS

The Body of Christ Charismatic Prayer Community will be holding a Charismatic Mass followed by prayers for healing at St. Francis Cathedral Main Street, Metuchen on Thurs. May 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM. The Rev. Bill Halbing will be the Presider & Homilist. For more information please call Pam @ 732-491-6042.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS & CONFIRMATION SPONSORS

In order for someone to act as a Godparent or a Sponsor for Confirmation, they must have received the sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. If they are married, they must have been married in a Catholic Church or in a ceremony recognized by the Catholic Church. Godparents and Sponsors must also obtain a Letter of Eligibility from their parishes indicating that they are attending Mass on a regular basis and that they fulfill all requirements. If both Godparents are Catholic, they both must obtain letters.

CCD

If your child will be entering first grade in September, please call Mrs. Francis, our CCD Director, at 732-727-4343. Registration are by appointment only. At the time of registration you must present a baptismal certificate and you must be currently registered in St. Bernadette Parish and the fee for one student is \$75 payable on registration.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Grace, Mercy & Peace

To date, the Diocese has received pledges totaling \$46,924.21 and payments totaling \$43,229.39 from 236 parishioners. This represents 93.5% of our parish goal of \$50,200.00 Please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Every gift is important, and every gift is appreciated.

COLUMBIETTES

On May 11th at 7:30 the Columbiettes will hold their May Crowning and elections in the LC meeting room. Women 18 and over are welcome to join this organization. Applications may be found in the vestibule of the church or by calling Lois Ann Smith at 732-266-9195.

On Thursday, May 19, the South East Chapter will hold our May Crowning at 7:00pm with the meeting following. St. Lawrence Auxiliary will be the host.

HELP IS NEEDED

Our volunteers who clean the Church every Friday morning after mass are in dire need of help. If you can spare an hour or so to share your time to help clean your church after the 8:30 Mass, it would be greatly appreciated!

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

-PSALMS 51:10

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

BINGO

Bingo is played at St. Bernadette's on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Friday at 12 noon. Volunteers are always welcomed! Come! Play Bingo and make some new friends!

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Our Lady's Blue Army invites you to join them for a celebration on May 7 at the World Apostolate of Fatima Shrine, located at 674 Mountain View Rd., Washington, NJ. Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR, renowned author/speaker, explains the *Five First Saturdays*, leads the Rosary/15 min. meditation *requested by Our Lord and Our Lady*, and celebrates Holy Mass. For more information call 908-689-1700 or email www.bluearmy.com.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy takes place every second and fourth Sunday at the 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Mass. We are always looking for new liturgists. Children must be in the first grade or above to attend. If you have any questions, please call Donna at 732-525-8480.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Our Altar Rosary Society will meet this Monday, April 25, at 7:45 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Membership in our Altar Rosary Society is open to all women of the parish, 18 years of age and older, who are in good standing with the Catholic Church.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Our next meeting will be held on May 2nd at 7:45 in the Lourdes Center.

EYES FOR THE NEEDY

Please drop off all used eyeglasses in the mail box located on the veranda of the church.

RELIGIOUS SEMINARS

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer in Watchung invites you to come spend the evening with a joyful Dominican Sister to celebrate *Dominican Jubilee*, the 800th jubilee of the confirmation of the Order. Deepen your knowledge of Dominican spirituality and the gift the charism of preaching offers to our Church and around the world. Tuesday, April 26th from 7-9 p.m. Registration is \$20-\$30 (as you are able). For more information please call 908-753-2091.

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer in Watchung, is please to offer a seminar titled *Mary, Undoer of Knots*. In his first year as Pontiff, Pope Francis encouraged the whole Christian community to pray to Mary, Undoer of Knots. Come for an evening to reflect deeply with Mary, and offer her the knots in your life. Wednesday, May 4th, from 7-9 p.m. Registration is \$20-\$30 (as you are able) and is required. For more information please call 908 -753-2091 or email mshhope@mshhope.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to participate in one-on-one activities and be a role model to young people. Requirements: minimum of 3 hours a week, live in or near Middlesex County or Franklin township. For more information contact Jeanette Cullen at 732-738-1323 or jcullen@ccdom.org.

The Mobile Family Success Center of Middlesex County operated by Catholic Charities is a community-based, family-centered program providing support, information, and services to enrich the lives of children and adults is in need of volunteers. For more information call Kendra Williams at 732-387-1220.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 will hold their next Open Mic Friday April 29 at 308 Fourth St., South Amboy at 8pm. If you play a musical instruments or like to sing you are cordially invited. Snacks and refreshments are available. For more information call 732-721-2025.

CUB SCOUT PACK 101

Our next pack meeting will be Friday April 29th at 6:30 pm in the Gym.

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 Jeff Scott at 732-432-7944 or email at jjdbjscott@comcast.net

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday
Monday (C) 7pm.....Mass/Novena
(LC) 7:45pmAlt R
Tuesday (C) 4:30pmKids Choir
(LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
(OD) 7:30pmBingo
(LC) 7:30pm.....Adult Conf
(Rm 101)4°
Wednesday (OD) 4:00pm...Communion Reh
Thursday (OD) 4:00pm... Communion Reh
(C) 6:00pm.....Cantors
(C) 6:30pm.....Music Reh
Friday (OD) 12:00pm.....Bingo
(OD) 4:00pm.....Communion Reh
(Gym) 6:30 pm.....Cub Scouts
Saturday 9:00am.....First Communion
11:00am.....First Communion
(LC)1:30pm.....Couples
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
Sunday (C) 10:00am.....May Crowning