

Saint Bernadette Church

*Villanova & Princeton Roads
Parlin, New Jersey*



Served by:

Rev. James W. Hagerman, Pastor
Msgr. Rev. Andrew Szaroleta, Senior Priest
Deacon Donald Zampella

*We Invite 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: Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Friday at 8:30 a.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

Parish Office Telephone

732-721-2772

Mass times - ext. 2

Secretary - ext. 3

Fr. Hagerman - ext. 3

Bookkeeper - ext. 4

Msgr. Szaroleta - ext. 5

Office Hours

Days:

Tuesday - Friday

9:00 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Evenings:

Monday and Thursday

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Parish Fax

732-727-5188

Office of Religious Education 732-727-4343

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Lorna A. Francis

Director of Music

Mrs. Judy Gary

Church Bingo Hall

732-721-8833

Parish Website

saintbernadettechurch.com

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."

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.

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sat.-Sun., Aug 19-Aug 20 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 5:00 pm + Jeanette and Joseph Pacewicz, r/o Patricia and Bruno Serafin
- 8:30 am + Fernando Medina Sr., Fernando Medina Jr., Juan and Feliza Quimson, r/o Medina Family
- 10:00 am + Nancy Giesler, r/o family
- 11:30 am + Olga and Emil Overmere, r/o son

Mon., Aug 21 (Saint Pius X)

- 7:00 pm + Teodoro Concepcion Molato, r/o Martha Molato and family

Tues., Aug 22 (The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

- 8:30 am + Zarina T. Schiffler, r/o Adora Medina

Wed., Aug 23 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + People of the Parish

Thurs., Aug 24 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Edward Marks, r/o Mary, John, and Andrew

Fri., Aug 25 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + John C. Flanagan, r/o Flanagan Family

Sat., Aug 26 (Weekday)

- No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Aug 26-Aug 27 (Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 5:00 pm + Bergen and Conroy Families, r/o Carole Conroy
- 8:30 am + Edward Marks, r/o Anne Marks
- 10:00 am + Leonor Pineda, r/o Rubio Family
- 11:30 am + Phil Coyle, r/o The Keefe Family

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Stephen Caruso, r/o Eleanor Bang and Patricia Hayes.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Aug 12- Aug 13.....\$8,935.00
 Assessment Offering.....\$232.00
 CCD Offering\$34.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....49
 \$6-\$10.....52
 \$11-\$20.....63
 \$21-\$30.....41
 \$31-\$39.....14
 \$40 and Over.....58

SUMMER ENVELOPES

We thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out-of-town on vacation. As you know, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here.

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.

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Action Pregnancy Center..... 732-828-1166
 Problem Pregnancy Center 732-449-8676
 Drug Abuse 800-322-5525
 Alacare 800-300-2118

Natural Family Planning..... 800-334-0699
 "Pantry Sunday".....Donations accepted every Sunday
 Food Assistance..... 732-721-7418

SPREADING THE WORD

20th Sunday in Ordinary times

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.”

ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

THANK YOU FROM OUR FOOD PANTRY

Our Social Concerns Ministry wishes to thank everyone for their continued support of our Food Pantry. Your weekly donations go to feed those less fortunate in our area. Please continue to place your *unexpired*, non-perishable food items into the bin located in the Church vestibule. Holiday type food items are greatly appreciated in November and December. Thank you in advanced for all of your help.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

Come share your time and talents! Our Young People's Choir resumes rehearsals on Tuesday, September 12th. All those in grades 2-8 are welcome. First graders accepted based on reading level. Weekly rehearsals are from 4:30 - 5:45 pm in church. We sing at 10:00am mass each Sunday.

Our Adult Choir resumes rehearsals on Thursday, September 7th. All those age 15 or older are welcome to join. Weekly rehearsals are from 7:00-8:00 pm in church. We sing at 5:00 mass each Saturday. Contact Judy Gary at or 732-236-2579 for more information.

RCIA

For over 30 years, this parish undertakes a process known as the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*. It is a process for adults who desire to become Catholic as well as for Baptized Christians seeking the same. The process takes over several months and begins in September. There are weekly gatherings where people come together to share, grow, and understand the Catholic faith. It is a preparation process for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) at the Easter Vigil in the spring. The process is also open to Baptized Catholics who need to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. These are not classes but a faith-sharing group. If you or anyone you know who might be interested in this process, please contact the office by either calling 732-721-2772 or emailing secy@optonline.net and leave a name and a phone number and a good time to call. Someone will follow-up with a phone call to answer any other questions one may have.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!

We collected \$537.28 for vocations to aid the seminarians and postulants - those preparing to be priests or nuns. This money will be distributed at our convention to them. (Yes, every penny). A portion will be given to our Auxiliary and Chapter Seminarian Gilbert Starcher.

Vocations is one of our primary ministries. We sell angel pins and Memorial Cards for any occasion all of the monies collected going to vocations.

May God Bless you for your generosity!

Lois Ann Smith, St Bernadette Columbiette
President

BACK TO SCHOOL

The Back-to-school container is in the main vestibule of the church ready to accept your donations of “new” Back-to-school items for our local community children. With your help, our goal is to be able to put together complete school bags for students this year. If you would like to make up a backpack or pencil box with some of the grade appropriate items, that would be greatly appreciated; however, as always, individual donations of the items listed below are much needed and appreciated and will go towards putting together a bag for the student(s).

Most students require the following: backpack, lunch bag, pencil box, #2 pencils, colored pencils, red pens, blue pens, black pens, pocket folders, glue sticks, crayons (24/box), markers, 12” rulers, highlighters, scissors, index cards, 1-subject spiral notebooks, book covers/book sox, composition notebooks and planner. Most especially needed are: 3-ring binders, loose-leaf filler paper (wide rule), 3-subject notebooks, 5-subject spiral notebooks, report covers/folders, gift cards (Walmart, Shoprite). Some children are in need of shoes and clothing as well.

Supplies will be given out to students in need on Thursday, September 7, at 7 p.m. in the church vestibule. If you have any questions, please call Karen Gumprecht, 732-425-0387. Supplies are needed for grades kindergarten through grade 12. May God bless you for your generosity.



SENIORS

There will be no Senior meeting in August. The next Seniors Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 11, 2017.

CAR AND GIFT CARD RAFFLE

Please support New Jersey Right to Life’s Annual Car and ShopRite Gift Card Raffle by purchasing a raffle ticket after Masses on September 2nd and 3rd for \$10. Proceeds go to the New Jersey’s largest prolife organization, whose work saves the lives of unborn, elderly, and disabled from conception to natural death. 1st Prize: 2018 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at \$43,000, 2nd prize: \$1,000 ShopRite Gift Card, 3rd Prize: \$750 ShopRite Gift Card, and 4th Prize: \$500 ShopRite Gift Card. For more information call Jessica at 732-641-2370.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Sunday, September 17 at 4:00pm. Application forms may be secured by contacting the parish office or by logging on to the diocesan website: diometuchen.org/marriage-enrichment/. Forms must be signed by your priest, pastoral minister or deacon and returned to the Family Life Office by the parish office. Application forms will be accepted by the Family Life Office until the deadline for registration, Friday, September 1st. A confirmation letter with further details will be sent once your application has been processed. For further information, please call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 1705 or 4573 or mfonseca@diometuchen.org.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The collection for the *Mission Cooperative Plan* will be taken up as a second collection next weekend, August 26 and 27. The proceeds will benefit the Missionary Society of St. Paul. Our church is missionary by nature. Each of us as baptized Catholics are called to share in the work of evangelization. The diocese of Metuchen collaborates with mission groups every year to raise fund for their missions through the program called *Missionary Cooperative Plan*. The group assigned to our parish this year is the Missionary Society of St. Paul. Fr. Cosmas Nwosuh, MSP will be speaking to us from the Missionary Society of St Paul on the weekend of August 26 & 27.



The Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP) is a congregation of priests founded in Nigeria in 1977. The Society now has 255 priests working in ten countries in Africa. Their mission provides rehabilitation and support for over 300 orphans who lost their parents due to AIDS, provides fresh water wells, and education in rural communities, as well as supporting priests in the founding/building of new churches. Your support to this worthy cause will be an immense encouragement to the Missionary Society of St. Paul as they continue to take the good news to those desperately in need of it. To find out more, go to www.mspfathers.org.

RESORTS CASINO TRIP

The Seniors will be sponsoring a bus trip to Resorts Casino on Wednesday, October 11, 2017. The bus will depart at 10:00am from the Lourdes Center. Tickets will be \$28.00 and will be available for Senior Citizen Club at the September 11th meeting and then to non-members on a first come basis.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST Praise and Worship

LCSC will not be having meetings in August. Gatherings will resume on Saturday, September 9th. Please join us on Saturday, September 9th, at 9:15a.m. in the Lourdes Center when LCSC Praise and Worship will resume our meetings. The topics will be *Forgiveness* and *You Are The Light Of The World*. Please bring your bibles. All are welcome.

DESIGNER BAG BINGO

On Saturday August 26th 6-10 pm the Old Bridge Marching Band will be hosting a Designer Bag Bingo at the OBHS Cafeteria. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance, \$40 at door if available. Price includes admission, 1 dabber, 40 game boards and table snacks. Additional \$10 for pasta dinner, 50/50, Birthday Board, decadent desserts. Must be 18 to enter. Contact Sandra at 732-425-1289 or www.tkob.org for tickets.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sunday (C) 12:45pm.....Baptism
Monday (C) 7:00pm....Vigil Mass/Novena
Tuesday (OD) 7:30pm.....Bingo
Wednesday
Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
Friday (OD) 12:00pm.....Bingo
Saturday (C) all Masses.....Missionary Society of St. Paul
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(Gym) 1:00pm.....Couples
Sunday (C) all Masses.....Missionary Society of St. Paul