

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., August 20-August 21 (Twenty-
First Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o
The Mangi Family

8:30 am + Matthew Zogby, r/o Uncle
Donnie and Aunt Maureen
Maresca

10:00 am + Gloria Dean, r/o Bob and
Dora Siebert

11:30 am + Olga and Emil Overmere Sr.,
r/o Emil and Foster Overmere

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

7:00 pm + John Fenton, r/o Alice Maher
and family

Tues., Aug. 23 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Jerry Bang, r/o wife and family

Wed., Aug. 24 (Saint Bartholomew)

8:30 am + Rita "Jackie" O'Leary, r/o
Deacon Don and Octavia
Zampella

Thurs., Aug. 25 (Weekday)

8:30 am + John T. Flanagan, r/o family

Fri., Aug. 26 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Daniel Donnelly, r/o Donnelly
Family

Sat., Aug. 27 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., August 27-August 28 (Twenty-
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o
The Mangi Family

8:30 am + Agustina and Arcala Federico,
r/o Lagrimas Carrillo

10:00 am + Stephanie Mitkowski, Robert
Mitkowski, and Blazej
Mitkowski, r/o Dr. Edward W.
Moskal and Family

11:30 am + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Ed
and Flor Gualberto

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother
will be lit this week in memory of Daniel
Donnelly, r/o Donnelly Family.

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated
in memory of Edward Marks, r/o Anne Marks
and family.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Aug. 13 - Aug. 14.....	\$7,273.00
Assessment Offering	\$151.00
CCD Offering	\$50.00
Renovation Offering.....	\$574.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	62
\$6-\$10.....	81
\$11-\$20.....	76
\$21-\$30.....	34
\$31-\$39.....	5
\$40 and Over.....	45

SPREADING THE WORD

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"For behold, some are last who will be first
and some are first who will be last." (LUKE
13:30)*

Our standards in our society are so different
from God's standards. We often rate or rank
people by what they have, how powerful they
are, or how successful they are. Jesus
reminds us that God will not judge us by the
same earthly standards.

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

METUCHEN CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning “short course”, — a short course in Christianity. A Cursillo Weekend is an “*Encounter with Christ*”. It is something which will strengthen your faith and bring you closer to Jesus. The men’s weekend is scheduled for September 22-25, 2016 and the women’s weekend is scheduled for November 3-6, 2016. Early registration is advisable, as space is limited. For more information call 732-738-1796 or email www.metcursillo.org

EYES FOR THE NEEDY

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

WALK FOR LIFE

Join the Life Choices Resource Center for their annual *Walk for Life* and help raise the funds to run their Mobile Ultrasound for one year. The walk is set for Saturday, October 8th from 9:00am –12:00pm in Merrill Park, Iselin. For more information call 732-0516-0911 or go to their website www.LifeChoicesRC.com. Rain or Shine, hope to see you there!

RETRouvaille PROGRAM

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring, your relationship grown cold, distant -thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you wish to try again– then Retrouvaille program may help you.

Retrouvaille sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples with six follow-up sessions. The next program initiates the weekend of September 16-18, 2016. All inquiries are confidential. For further information please call the Family Life Office 732-562-1990 ext. 4573, Rich and Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671, or Tom and Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

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.

2016 MASS BOOK

While Mass intentions for the year are all booked, many dates for the Blessed Mother Candles, Sanctuary Candles, and Wine and Hosts are still available for your family intentions and remembrances.

2017 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

We ask that you please limit your Mass requests to no more than three. You may have one to three names for each Mass requested. After three months, please feel free to come in and arrange for additional Masses. There is no limit to the number of Blessed Mother Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Wine and Hosts requests. The donation for Masses is \$10. The donation for Blessed Mother Candles and Sanctuary Candles is \$20. The donation for one week’s Wine and Hosts is \$50.

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 3rd and 4th 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: 2017 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at \$42,000, 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.

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.

DISABILITY AIDS AVAILABLE

The Office for Persons with Disabilities, Diocese of Metuchen, has a number of donated disability aids on hand which we would be happy to make available to anyone in the parish who might have need of them. They include wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes, porta-potties, and other items. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com or call 732-765-6432. To request prayers for yourself or others, please call our 24 hour prayer line: 732-765-6431.

SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen on Sunday, October 30, 2106 at 4:00pm. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Eligible couples must be Catholic or Interfaith in good standing with the Catholic community and a resident of a parish within the Diocese of Metuchen. Deadline for registration is Monday, October 17th. Applications are available online at www.diometuchen.org. or at our Parish Office. For more information, please call the Family Life Office at 732-562-1990 ext. 4573 or email amatos@diometuchen.org.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS

On Thursday, September 29 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room of Lourdes Center, Fr. Jim will be offering an eight (8) week Bible Study on the Gospel of John. Each gathering will be about an hour long. It is open to all - especially for those who never attended a Bible Study before. On Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room of Lourdes Center, there will be an Introduction to the Bible Study class. There is a book that goes along with this Bible Study. So, if you plan on attending, please call the office to register so that enough books may be ordered. Come and explore the great Gospel of John!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

SHOPRITE FOOD AND GIFT CARDS

ShopRite cards are available for purchase before and after all weekend Masses. St. Bernadette receives 5% from all card purchases. Checks are accepted. This is a great way to financially support your parish without it costing you anything.

RELIGIOUS SEMINAR

Mount St. Mary House of Prayer in Watchung, is please to offer the following seminar:
Maximilian Kolbe: Saint of Auschwitz. Pope John Paul II declared Maximilian “the saint of our difficult century”. Come and learn why his life journey as Franciscan friar, missionary, and martyr speaks to today’s issues and how we can witness to the message of Jesus. Wednesday, August 24, 7:00-9:00 pm. Registration is \$20-\$30 (as you are able) and is required. For more information please call 908 -753-2091 or email mshhope@mshhope.org.

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 8, at 7 p.m. in the church vestibule. If you have any questions, please call JoAnn at 732-727-5858. Supplies are needed for grades kindergarten through grade 12. May God bless you for your generosity.

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.

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. Come and See!

NEW LECTOR BOOKS AND SCHEDULES HAVE ARRIVED

The new lector books are here and may be found in the Sacristy as well as the new EM/Lector schedules.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

- Sunday (C) 12:45pm.....Baptisms
- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Mass/Novena
- Tuesday (OD) 7:30pmBingo
- Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm.....K of C
- Thursday (LC) 6:00pm.....Cantors
(LC) 6:30pm.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD) 12 noonBingo
- Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
- Sunday