

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 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

**Mon., Aug. 29 (The Passion of Saint John
the Baptist)**

- 7:00 pm + Elizabeth Milner, r/o Alice
Maher and family

Tues., Aug. 30 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Jill Gerhauser, r/o Nancy
Ferreira

Wed., Aug. 31 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Raymond Boyle, r/o Sheila
Christensen and family

Thurs., Sept. 1 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Rita "Jackie" O'Leary, r/o
Ann Kilduff

Fri., Sept. 2 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Edward Marks, r/o Mr. and
Mrs. John Weichel

Sat., Sept. 3 (St. Gregory the Great)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., September 3-September 4
(Twenty- Third Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

- 5:00 pm + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Ed
and Flor Gualberto
- 8:30 am + German Pang Sr., r/o Ed and
Flor Gualberto
- 10:00 am + Ralph U. Rizzo, r/o Vincent
Rizzo
- 11:30 am + Colleen Overmere, r/o
Barbara Osowski

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

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

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Aug. 20 - Aug. 21.....\$8,857.00
 Assessment Offering\$26.00
 CCD Offering\$48.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....71
 \$6-\$10..... 78
 \$11-\$20.....69
 \$21-\$30.....27
 \$31-\$39.....9
 \$40 and Over.....47

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

Peter's Pence collection is scheduled the weekend of September 10-11, 2016. This collection is the annual Holy Father's Collection and all proceeds are designated for that singular purpose.

SPREADING THE WORD

22st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." (LUKE 14:13-14)

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return— a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Action Pregnancy Center..... 732-828-1166
 Problem Pregnancy Center 732-449-8676
 Drug Abuse800-322-5525
 Alacare800-300-2118

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

MASS TIME CHANGE

On Labor Day, Monday, September 5th, Mass will be held at 8:30am. There will be **no** 7:00pm Mass.

ST. PADRE PIO

We will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Padre Pio on Friday, September 23 at the 8:30am mass. We will anoint all people present with a special oil blessed by a relic of the saint. Together, let us seek St. Padre Pio's intercession for God's healing and grace!

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.

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE

Join Catholic Charities as they honor Sister M. Michaelita Popovice, RSM and The Honorable James M. Cahill at the Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner. The two honorees are being recognized for their exemplary work and servant leadership in the communities they serve. The dinner takes place on Thursday, November 10 at The Palace at Somerset Park. For reservation and information call 732-562-2438 or email champions@diometuchen.org

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!

NEW EM/LECTOR AND SCHEDULES

The new EM/Lector schedules may be found in the altar servers' sacristy.

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.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

Our next Praise and Worship meeting will be on September 10th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center. We will be honoring Blessed Mother Teresa who will be declared a saint by Pope Francis at the Vatican in Rome on September 4th. All are welcome to attend.

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 15th annual September 11th Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 7:00pm at the Sayreville Borough 9/11 Memorial in Burke's Park. Any parishioners wishing to attend should arrive by 6:30pm.

**THE SISTERS OF MERCY 22nd
ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**

This annual golf classic benefits our retired Sisters and will take place at the beautiful Spring Lake Golf Club on Tuesday, October 18th, 2016. "Fore" all the details on this event, call Linda Cavallo at 908-756-0994 ext. 4006 or email lcavallo@mercyamidatlantic.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.

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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

- Sunday**
- Monday (C) 7:00pm**.....Mass/Novena
- Tuesday (OD) 7:30pm**
- Wednesday**
- Thursday (LC) 6:00pm**.....Cantors
- (LC) 6:30pm**.....Music Reh
- (LC) 7:00pm**....Choir Recruitment
- Friday (OD) 12 noon**
- Saturday (LC) 9:00am**.....Holy Name
- (C) 4:00pm**.....Confession
- (LC) 6:00pm**.....Couples
- (C) All Masses**...Right To Life Raffle
- Sunday (C) All Masses**...Right To Life Raffle

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Monday September 5th for Labor Day.