

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

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 Office Telephone

732-721-2772

Mass times - ext. 2

Secretary - ext. 3

Fr. Hagerman - ext. 3

Bookkeeper - ext. 4

Msgr. Szaroleta - ext. 5

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 5-Aug 6 (The Transfiguration of the Lord)

- 5:00 pm + Robert Erdek, r/o wife Helen
and sons Michael & Thomas
8:30 am + Michael and Irene Nealon, r/o
Nealon Family
10:00 am + Julio and Sylvia Fuentes,
Dolores Rotger, r/o Bob and
Maria Rotger
11:30 am + Sotero Sunga Sr., Wilfredo
Cantor, Michael Cantor, r/o
family

Mon., Aug 7 (Weekday)

- 7:00 pm + Anthony and Josephine
Malara, r/o sons

Tues., Aug 8 (Saint Dominic)

- 8:30 am + Deacon David Tutrone, r/o Fr.
Jim Hagerman

Wed., Aug 9 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Anne Fenech, r/o Horatio Borg
and family

Thurs., Aug 10 (St. Lawrence)

- 8:30 am + Michelle Nicolini, r/o Renee
Heald

Fri., Aug 11 (St. Clare)

- 8:30 am + Thomas Jones, r/o wife and
family

Sat., Aug 12 (Weekday)

- No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Aug 12-Aug 13 (Weekday)

- 5:00 pm + Veronica and Frank Matt Sr.,
r/o son, Frank Matt
8:30 am + Linda Kole, r/o husband,
Robert
10:00 am + Lawrence Craig, r/o Adora
Quimson
11:30 am + Victor E. Reyes, r/o Reyes
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 Mary Hall, r/o Kathie Hall.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Mary Hall, r/o Kathie Hall.

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Michael Fitzgerald, r/o Mary Fitzgerald.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of July 29 - July 30.....\$8,955.00
Assessment Offering.....\$41.00
CCD Offering\$45.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....74
\$6-\$10.....73
\$11-\$20.....69
\$21-\$30.....38
\$31-\$39.....13
\$40 and Over.....54

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Masses for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, Tuesday August 15th, will be celebrated at 8:30am and at 7:00pm.

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Action Pregnancy Center.....732-828-1166
Problem Pregnancy Center732-449-8676
Drug Abuse800-322-5525
Alacare800-300-2118

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

SPREADING THE WORD

The Transfiguration of the Lord

“And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.”

MATTHEW 17:2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

CHURCH GARBAGE AND RECYCLING BINS

Please be reminded that the garbage and recycling bins located behind the Church are not for personal use. They are for the parish buildings and activities only. If you need to dispose of large items (TV's, computers, other electronics, etc.), please bring them to the Old Bridge Recycling Center located on Route 516, behind the Old Bridge Animal Shelter, Monday thru Saturday from 7am - 3pm. They will take them for free. For a list of items they will recycle, please visit oldbridge.com and type in the word “recycling” in the search box.

RETRouvaille PROGRAM

Do you feel lost, alone, or bored in your marriage? Thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting or do you just shut down? The Retrouvaille program sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program begins September 15-17. For more information please call the Family Life Office 732-243-4573.

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.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER VACATION

The Parish Office staff will be taking their summer vacation from August 8th-12th. The office will be closed at that time.

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.

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.

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.

You can also donate on line: Parish Pay.com then type in St. Bernadette's, Parlin then follow direction on the screen. Once again, we appreciate your continued support of our parish.

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.

2018 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

Now that our 2018 Mass Book is open, we once again ask that you please limit your Mass requests to no more than three. There is no limit to the number of Blessed Mother Candles, Sanctuary Candles and Wine and Hosts requests. (There are still quite a few openings for candles and Wine and Hosts for 2017.) 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.

PRECANA MINISTRY NEEDS A NEW LEADERSHIP COUPLE

The St Bernadette's PRECANA ministry greatly needs a married couple willing to be trained by the retiring team leaders to run the PRECANA class. The PRECANA class is held on a single Sunday twice yearly. Attendance at a PRECANA class is mandatory for every couple wishing a Catholic wedding. St. Bernadette's will not be able to continue to offer these classes unless a parish couple is found to take over. Please help us continue to offer PRECANA by contacting Larry & Mary Lou Butts at 732-251-6582.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, August 7, 2017 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

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.

HEY, WHO'S THE NEW GUY?

You might have noticed a new priest in our Church. He's actually not new to St. Bernadette. Msgr. Andy was the pastor here thirty years ago. On August 1, 2017 Msgr. Andy was granted senior priest status by Bishop Checchio, and assigned to our parish at the invitation of Fr. Jim. Msgr. Andy's ministry will be similar to that of a parochial vicar, serving the sacramental and spiritual needs of our parishioners. And so, thirty years ago Msgr. Andy was Fr. Jim's boss. Now Fr. Jim is Msgr. Andy's boss! Coincidence? Divine Providence? May the Holy Spirit bless and inspire us all. St. Bernadette, pray for us.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sunday

Monday **Parish Office Closed**
(C) 7:00pm.....Mass/Novena
(LC) 8:00pm.....Bapt. prep

Tuesday **Parish Office Closed**
(OD)7:30pm.....Bingo

Wednesday..... **Parish Office Closed**

Thursday..... **Parish Office Closed**
(C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
(LC) 7:00pm.....Bible Study

Friday..... **Parish Office Closed**
(OD)12:00pm.....Bingo

Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples

Sunday