

Saint Bernadette Church

*Villanova & Princeton Roads
Parlin, New Jersey*



Served by:

Rev. James W. Hagerman, Pastor
Rev. Msgr. Andrew L. 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., Sept 9-Sept 10 (Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 5:00 pm + Jean Wojcik, r/o St. Bernadette Staff
- 8:30 am + Linda Kole, r/o husband Robert
- 10:00 am + Ralph V. Rizzo, r/o Vincent Rizzo
- 11:30 am + Colleen Overmere, r/o Emil and Foster Overmere

Mon., Sept 11 (Weekday)

- 7:00 pm Derek Alexander Szczesny, r/o Nana and Papa

Tues., Sept 12 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Joseph Tranzillo, r/o The Bove Sisters

Wed., Sept 13 (Saint John)

- 8:30 am + Beatrice Hoffmann, r/o Barbara Shanley

Thurs., Sept 14 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

- 8:30 am + Angelo Ascolese Sr., r/o The D'Elia and Centrino Families

Fri., Sept 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows)

- 8:30 am + Jo Brocato, r/o St. Bernadette Seniors

Sat., Sept 16 (Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Sept 16-Sept 17 (Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 5:00 pm + Gordon Horvath, r/o Marge Horvath and family
- 8:30 am + Helen and William McGoldrick, r/o Jerry and Ann Fallon
- 10:00 am + JoAnn Lee, r/o Deborah Kieselowsky
- 11:30 am + Victor E. Reyes, r/o Reyes Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Raymond Gaughan, r/o wife Marie.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

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

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Sept. 2– Sept. 3.....\$9,241.00
 Assessment Offering.....\$550.00
 CCD Offering\$22.00

SHUTTING DOWN THE POWER

On **September 12th-14th** the main power will be shut off to the Church. JCP&L is requiring us to replace the main power panel that will cost the parish over \$7,000. This will affect the entire Church building including O'Dea Hall but NOT the Lourdes Center. If you have a meeting planned for that date in either the Church or O'Dea Hall, please call the office to reschedule your date. Also if you have food in the refrigerators in O'Dea Hall, please consider moving the food to a different location because they will be shut off as well.

Mass on those days will be held in the main body of the Church and not in the Day Chapel.

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
23rd Sunday in Ordinary times

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.”

EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

SEPTEMBER 11th MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 16th Annual September 11th Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 10th, 2017 at 7:00pm, rain or shine, at the Sayreville Borough 9/11 Memorial in Burk Park, Washington Road. Any parishioners wishing to attend are asked to arrive by 6:30pm.

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.

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.



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.

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. Retreat weekend will be held at the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ. The men’s weekend is TBA and the women’s weekend is scheduled for October 26-9, 2017. Early registration is advisable, as space is limited. For more information call 732-738-1796 or email www.metcursillo.org.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

The Bishop has requested a second collection be taken up on September 16th and 17th for the *victims of Hurricane Harvey*. The proceeds will benefit the Catholic Diocese in the state so that they may aide all those affected by this devastating storm.

“The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others.”

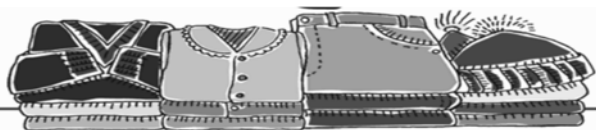
Albert Schweitzer

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Social Concerns Ministry will conduct our fall clothing drive on Saturday, October 21. Please help us fund our programs by donating clothing, small appliances, household items, toys, reading books, small furniture, linens, blankets, curtains, drapes, bedspreads, pillows, handbags, shoes (do not need to be packaged separately). No large appliances or furniture will be accepted. We will have a truck available in the parking lot on Saturday, October 21, from 9:00am until 1:00pm. Students who need service hours may volunteer from 9:00am until 1:00pm or as much time as needed, please call Karen at 732-425-0387. Tax receipts will be available. **We regret that we are unable to accept any donations before October 21, therefore, any donations left on the church property will be discarded.**



SENIORS

The next Seniors Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 11, 2017.

GOLDEN NUGGET CASINO TRIP

The Seniors will be sponsoring a bus trip to Golden Nugget 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. For more information contact Bob Siebert, 732-727-0514.

CLASSIC/CUSTOM CRUISE NIGHT

Our Lady of Peace Church located on Amboy Avenue in Fords is sponsoring a “Classic/Custom Cruise Night” on Saturday, September 16th at their Parish Center from 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Admission is free and there will be great food, a live Disc Jockey, vendors and some beautiful classic and vintage automobiles.

DISCOVER THE JOY OF BEING A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

If you have a warm heart, a listening ear, and the gift of compassion you can make a difference in the life of a hospice patient or family member. VNA Health Group is offering training for all individuals interested in becoming hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey.

Training will be provided by members of the VNAHG Hospice team on 3 consecutive: Thursdays, September 28th, October 5th, and 12th from 9:30am till 3:00pm at VNA Health Group, 23 Main Street, Suite D1 Holmdel, NJ. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. To register, please call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933 or for more information about VNAHG volunteer services visit www.vnahg.org

YOUTH GROUP FOOD DRIVE

St. Bernadette's Youth Group will be conducting a door to door nonperishable food drive throughout Madison Park on Saturday, September 16th between the hours of 9:00am-12:00 noon. If you are interested in participating, please leave your *unexpired*, non-perishable food items in a bag labeled **St. Bernadette Youth Group** at the curb. The youth group members will come around to pick up your donations. Youth Group members will not enter your home. This food drive will benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you in advanced for your generous donations!

BAKE SALE

Our Columbiette will be hosting a Bake Sale the weekend of September 16 & 17 at all Masses. Cakes and "doggie treats" will be available in the vestibule of the church.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Bernadette 19th Annual Dinner-Dance will be on Saturday, November 11 at 6:00pm.
More information coming soon!

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.

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.

CHAMPIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

By entering our Champion 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you may win one of the two grand prizes. *The prize for our last year's raffle was over \$28,000 each for two lucky winners.* Tickets are \$100 each. The drawing is scheduled for Monday, October 16 at the *Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner* being held at The Palace in Somerset Park. Download a raffle form at diometuchen.org/champions or call 732-562-2438.

MEETING CHANGES/ CANCELATIONS

-There will be NO Bingo on Tuesday September 12th and Friday September 15th.
-Social Concerns' September 13th meeting will be Lourdes Center room 101.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sunday (LC/Gym) 1:00pm....Columbiettes
(LC/Gym) 6:00pm.....Youth Group
Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Vigil Mass/Novena
(OD) 12noon.....Seniors
(LC-101) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
(LC) 8:00pm.....Bapt Prep
TuesdayNO Bingo
(C) 4:30pm.....Kids Choir
(LC-101) 7:30pm....Mariage Min.
(LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm.....Columbiettes
(LC-101) 7:30pm.....Soc. C
Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
FridayNO Bingo
Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Carmelites
(Gym) 9:00am.....Couples
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(C) All Masses....Columbiette
Bake Sale
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Bake Sale
(C) 10:00am.....Mass for Catechist
(C) 12:45pm.....Baptism