

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., September 10-September 11
(Twenty- Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm + Victims and Heroes of 9/11

8:30 am + Victims and Heroes of 9/11

10:00 am + Linda Kole, r/o husband
Robert

11:30 am + Colleen Overmere, r/o family

Mon., Sept. 12 (Weekday)

7:00 pm + Colleen Overmere, r/o family

Tues., Sept. 13 (Saint John Chrysostom)

8:30 am + Rita “Jackie” O’Leary, r/o Ed
and Flor Gualberto

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

8:30 am + Kate Sadowski, r/o The Keefe
Family

Thurs., Sept. 15 (Our Lady of Sorrows)

8:30 am + Victor Reyes, r/o The Reyes
Family

Fri., Sept. 16 (Saint Cornelius)

8:30 am + Patricia Criscuolo Dinan, r/o
family

Sat., Sept. 17 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., September 17-September 18
(Twenty- Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm + Gordon Horvath, r/o Margaret
Horvath and children

8:30 am + Victor Reyes, r/o The Medina
Family

10:00 am + Salvatore Muojo, r/o
Catherine and Billy Scott

11:30 am + Patricia J. Thumann, r/o
husband Bill

Pray the Rosary for peace!

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

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in memory of Michael Fitzgerald, r/o Saint Bernadette Seniors.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Sept. 3 - Sept. 4.....	\$8,567.00
Assessment Offering	\$542.00
CCD Offering	\$25.00
Renovation Offering.....	\$1,551.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	56
\$6-\$10.....	80
\$11-\$20.....	81
\$21-\$30.....	46
\$31-\$39.....	4
\$40 and Over.....	49

UPCOMING GUEST PRIEST

Please join us the weekend of September 24th to hear Rev. Richard M. Nahman, O.S.A from Food For The Poor.

He has been a teacher, pastor, administrator, and itinerant preacher. Father Nahman has devoted much of his ministry to working with marginalized people especially the elderly and developmentally disabled. He joined Food For The Poor in 1997. He also serves on an Augustinian NGO Committee to the UN.

For more information about Food For The Poor visit FoodForThePoor.org.

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everything I have is yours” (LUKE 15:31)

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

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.

CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE

On Saturday, October 29th, the Diocese of Metuchen will be sponsoring the *“The 15th Annual Critical Life Issue Conference”*. Expert speakers will address a variety of life issues. The speakers will give practical information and thought-provoking testimony of real life experiences. There will also be exhibits of products and services pertaining to some of the issues. Location is the St. John Neumann Conference Center from 8:30am-8:30pm. Registration is \$25 and includes handouts and lunch. Seating is limited. For more information or to register visit diometucjen.org/critical-life or call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629 or 1543.

THRIFT STORE

St. Thomas the Apostle Thrift Store in Old Bridge offers new and gently used items for sale at very reasonable prices. The store carries a wide selections of men’s, women’s, and children’s clothing, shoes, linens, household items, books, DVDs and children’s toys. Drop-off hours are accepted during store hours. The store is open Tues., Thurs. and Fri 10am –2pm , and Sat. 10am-1pm. For more information call 732-251-5285.

CCD SCHEDULES

The CCD Schedules have been mailed home to all *registered* students. If you have not received a schedule, please call Mrs. Francis, our CCD Director, at 732-727-4343.

SOCIAL CONCERNS CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Social Concerns Committee will conduct our fall clothing drive on Saturday, October 15. Please help us fund our programs by donating clothing, small appliances, household items, toys, small furniture, linens, blankets, curtains, drapes, bedspreads, pillows, handbags, shoes (do not need to be packaged separately). No large furniture will be accepted. We will have a truck available in the parking lot on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00am until 1:00pm Tax receipts will be available. Student Assistants needing community projects may volunteer from 9:00am until 1:00pm or as much time as needed. Call JoAnn at 732-727-5858. We regret that we are **unable** to accept any donations **before October 15**. Donations left on the church property will be discarded.

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431.

INTERFAITH NETWORK OF CARE

OKTOBERFEST

Join INC on September 16th from 7-11pm at the Spotswood Knights of Columbus. Tickets are \$25. There will be dinner, music, dancing, cash bar, door prizes, 50/50, and a photo booth. For more information call 732-247-1655.

EYES FOR THE NEEDY

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

SHAKE THE CAN

Our Columbiettes will be having a Shake the Can fundraiser for Vocations after all Masses on September 17th and 18th. They will be at the doors of the church collecting monetary donations. Your support goes towards helping seminarians and postulants who have received the call for their vocation to be the religious life. Thank you and God bless you.

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!

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.

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.

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Please welcome the following families and individuals who have joined St. Bernadette over the past few months:

Patty Kurzydowski
Grace Misericordia
Nicole Misericordia
The Rizzo Family
Frank Rocca III
Jacob C. White

"The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity, and the joy that is so characteristic of you. Go, be not afraid. Serve!"

-Pope Francis

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!

LEARN TO SMILE AGAIN

The Family Life Office is offering a new ministry to those who are suffering from the pain and loneliness of divorce. "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide" is a 12 week program on Wed. nights from 7:00-8:00pm. It is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel, and clarity after a divorce. Required pre-registration is deadline is October 9th. Cost is \$25. For more information contact Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947 or family.life@diometuchen.org.

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.

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!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE

On Saturday, November 19, 2016, Bishop Checchio will lead a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, concluding the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy and celebrating the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese by St. John Paul II. More details about the pilgrimage, including how to register, will appear in the bulletin in coming weeks.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

Come share your time and talents! Our Young People's Choir resumes rehearsals on Tuesday, September 13th. 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 8th. All those age 15 or older are welcome to join. Weekly rehearsals are from 6:30-7:30 pm in church. We sing at 5:00 mass each Saturday. Contact Judy Gary at or 732-236-2579 for more information.

THE FIRST OF MANY.....

The following church organizations have their first meetings of the year this week:

Seniors- Monday, 9/12 at 12 noon (OD)

RCIA- Tuesday, 9/13 at 7:30pm (LC)

Columbiettes- Wed., 9/14 at 7:30pm (LC)

Social Concerns- Wed., 9/14 at 7:30pm (OD)

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Sunday (C) All Masses.....CDA Bake Sale

Monday (OD) 12noon.....Seniors

(C) 7:00pm.....Mass

(LC) 8:00pm.....Bapt Prep

Tuesday (C) 4:30pmKids Choir

(OD) 7:30pmBingo

(LC) 7:30pmRCIA

Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm.....Columbiettes

(OD) 7:30pmSoc C.

Thursday (LC) 6:00pm.....Cantors

(LC) 6:30pm.....Music Reh

Friday (OD) 12 noonBingo

Saturday (LC) 9:00am.....Carmilites

(C) 12:30pm.....Wedding

(C) 4:00pm.....Confession

(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples

(C) All Masses.....Columbiettes

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Sunday (C) All Masses.....Columbiettes

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(C) 10am MassCatechetical Mass

(C)12:45pm.....Baptism