

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 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

Mon., Sept 18 (Weekday)

7:00 pm Angelo Ascolese, r/o Kristine
Picciano and Karen Tobe

Tues., Sept 19 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Ben Manabat MD, r/o Dr.'s
Vicente and Revilla Zapanta

**Wed., Sept 20 (Saints Andrew Kim
Tae-gõn and Paul Chõng)**

8:30 am + People of the Parish

Thurs., Sept 21 (Saint Matthew)

8:30 am + Stephen Caruso, r/o Deacon
Donald and Octavia Zampella

Fri., Sept 22 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Alfeo G. Molato Jr., r/o wife
and children

Sat., Sept 23 (Saint Pius of Pietrelcina)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., Sept 23-Sept 24 (Twenty-
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time)**

5:00 pm + Genevieve Iorio, r/o Jane
Pascale

8:30 am + Lolita Maningas, Tony
Maningas, Maxima
Maningas, r/o Edna Chan

10:00 am + Patricia Criscuolo Dinan, r/o
her mom

11:30 am + Arnel Veracruz, r/o Ed and
Flor Gualberto

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been
donated in memory of Alice Schwankert,
r/o Fred, Patricia, Susan and Lynn.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Sept. 9– Sept. 10.....\$9,112.00
Assessment Offering.....\$98.00
CCD Offering\$78.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....64
\$6-\$10.....69
\$11-\$20.....72
\$21-\$30.....39
\$31-\$39.....9
\$40 and Over.....53

SPREADING THE WORD

24th Sunday in Ordinary times

*“For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if
we die, we die for the Lord; so then,
whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.”*

ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship—
everything we have and everything we are
is a gift from God. We aren't “owners” of
anything, we are merely “stewards” of the
gifts the God has given us, especially our
very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask
Him how He wants you to use the gifts He
has given you.

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

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! All those in grades 2-8 are welcome to join our *Kids Choir*. First graders accepted based on reading level. Weekly rehearsals are Tuesdays from 4:30 - 5:45 pm in church. We sing at 10:00am mass each Sunday.

All those age 15 or older are welcome to join our *Adult Choir*. Weekly rehearsals are Thursdays 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.

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On October 1st at 1:00pm, we will be having a special Blessing of the Animals ceremony. This is in conjunction with celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. On this day we remember St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures great and small.



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.”

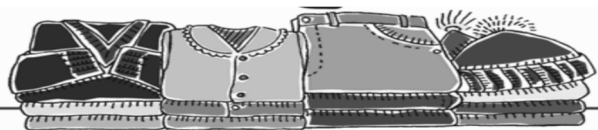
Albert Schweitzer

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, October 2, 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, October 9th. Flu Shots will be available at the meeting to all members through the Old Bridge Pharmacy.

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.

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.

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 a hospice volunteer. 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

SAVE THE DATE

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

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

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

- Alyssa Machado
- The Fallon Family
- The Koester Family
- The Parascandola Family
- The Principe Family
- The Rispoli Family
- The Skulski Family
- The Tucker Family

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

-Pope Francis

HEALING MASS

St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church Seniors cordially invites you to their Healing Mass on Monday, September 25 at 11:00am. Services begin with the Rosary at 10:15am, followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and private meditation before the 11:00am Mass and Anointing. St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church is located at 30 Jackson Street, South River. For more information call the parish office at 732-254-2220.

A JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF

This program is designed to help men and women work through the grief that one experiences in reaction to the loss of a loved one. Meeting will be at St. Ambrose Church in Old Bridge. First meeting will be September 21st from 6:30-8:30pm and continue on Thursdays for 9 weeks. There is no fee but pre-registration is required as the maximum number of participants is 15 people. For more information call their parish office 732-679-5666.

BE A CHAMPION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Champions for Catholic Charities is a community of individual, parish and corporate benefactors who support Catholic Charities’ vital programs and services for our neighbors in need. Here are 2 ways to help: 1. Join us for the *2017 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner* being held on Monday evening, October 16 at the Palace in Somerset Park and/or 2. Purchase a *Champion 50/50 Raffle* ticket. For more information call 732-562-2438, email champions@diometuchen.org or visit diometuchen.org/champions.

FIRE UPON THE EARTH

a ‘New Evangelization’ Course

The Diocese of Metuchen will be offering a nine month course to gather people for the mission of evangelization. Different methods and tools of evangelization will be taught. The classes will take place one Saturday a month from 9am-12noon starting in October and running through May/June. *Registration is required.* For more information email diometuchen.org/evangelization or call 732-562-2469.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S Sunday (C) All Masses....Columbiette

- Bake Sale
- (C) 10:00am.....Mass for Catechist
- (C) 12:45pm.....Baptism
- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Vigil Mass/Novena
- (LC) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
- (OD) 7:45pm.....CDA
- Tuesday (OD) 7:30pm.....Bingo
- (C) 4:30pm.....Kids Choir
- (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
- Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
- Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
- (C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD) 7:30pm.....Bingo
- Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
- (LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
- Sunday (LC/Gym) 6:00pm....Youth Group