

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
Fax: 732-727-5188

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 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

Mon., Sept. 19 (Weekday)

7:00 pm + Victor Reyes, r/o Flor and Ed
Gualberto

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

8:30 am + Barbara Morgan, r/o Deacon
Don and Octavia Zampella

Wed., Sept. 21 (Saint Matthew)

8:30 am + Rita “Jackie” O’Leary, r/o
Alice Maher and family

Thurs., Sept. 22 (Weekday)

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

Fri., Sept. 23 (Saint Pius of Pietrelcina)

8:30 am + Billy and Barbara Buckler, r/o
Mother

Sat., Sept. 24 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., September 24-September 25
(Twenty- Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

5:00 pm + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Flor
and Ed Gualberto

8:30 am + Larry Maresca, r/o cousin
Michael Maresca

10:00 am + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Flor
and Ed Gualberto

11:30 am + Fernando Medina, r/o Medina
Family

Pray the Rosary for peace!

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in celebration of Maria Gaughan, r/o Mr. and Mrs. G. Garibaldi.

WINE & HOSTS

This week’s Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Alice Schwankert, r/o Fred Schwankert and daughters.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Sept. 10- Sept. 11.....	\$10,218.00
Assessment Offering	\$221.00
CCD Offering	\$38.00
Peter’s Pence Collection.....	\$1,651.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	70
\$6-\$10.....	73
\$11-\$20.....	102
\$21-\$30.....	38
\$31-\$39.....	7
\$40 and Over.....	52

THRIFT STORE

St. Thomas the Apostle Thrift Store in Old Bridge continually needs donations to restock the store. New and gently used clothes/ shoes, linens, dishes, housewares, and toys are always appreciated. Drop-off hours are: Tues., Thurs. and Fri 10am –2pm , and Sat. 10am-1pm. For more information call 732-251-5285.

HOTLINES-OUTREACH

Action Pregnancy Center..... 732-828-1166
 Problem Pregnancy Center 732-449-8676
 Drug Abuse 800-322-5525

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

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 will speak at all the Masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Father Nahman will share personal witness about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living about the Gospel mandate to love one another.

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

SPREADING THE WORD

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." (LUKE 16:13)

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our Faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money and increase our dependence on God and to trust that He will provide all that we need.

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.

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.

LOST AND FOUND

There are several items in our Lost and Found bin located in the vestibule of the Church. Please take a moment to see if any of it is yours. All items not claimed by October 14th will be donated to our Social Concerns Clothing Dive on October 15th. Thank you!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On October 2nd 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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5th at 7:00pm in O'Dea Hall.

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.

BECOME 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 on October 13th, 20th, and 27th from 9:30am -3:30 pm at VNA Health Group, Red Bank. Volunteers must attend all 3 sessions. To register, call Pauline De Palma, BSW (732) 224-6933 or for more information email vnahg.org/volunteering.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction to entrance of O'Dea Hall and addition of the elevator are going well. We look forward to the completion of this project and wish to thank everyone for their patience and ongoing support of this improvement to our church.

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, October 3, 2016 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our Knights of Columbus will be having a Pancake Breakfast on October 23rd from 8:30am-12noon. Come and get your fill of pancakes, eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea! Adults are \$5.00 and children under 12 are \$3.00.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

You are invited to *A Life in Christ* seminar on Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Lourdes Center. Participants are brought to a personal relationship with Jesus and towards a deeper spirit-filled Christian life. This is a free event, the only cost is your time and openness. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. To register or for more information, please contact Alice Russo (732-727-2579 or alicerusso@optonline.net) or Mildred Fernandes (732-952-382 or mildred.fernandes20@gmail.com) by October 5, 2016.

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 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.

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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

- Sunday (C) All Masses**.....Columbiettes
Shake the Can for Vocations
- (C) 10am Mass**Catechetical Mass
- (C) 12:45pm**..... Baptism
- Monday (C) 7:00pm**.....Mass
- (LC) 7:45pm**.....CDA
- Tuesday (C) 4:30pm**Kids Choir
- (OD) 7:30pm**Bingo
- (LC) 7:30pm**RCIA
- Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm**K of C
- Thursday (LC) 6:00pm**.....Cantors
- (LC) 6:30pm**.....Music Reh
- (OD) 6:30pm**.....Cub Scouts
- (LC) 7:00pm**.....Bible Study
- Friday (OD) 12 noon**Bingo
- Saturday (C) 4:00pm**.....Confession
- (C) All Masses**.....Food For the
Poor Guest Speaker
- (LC) 6:00pm**.....Couples
- Sunday (C) All Masses**.....Food For the
Poor Guest Speaker