

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 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

Mon., Sept 25 (Weekday)

- 7:00 pm + William and Barbara Buckler, r/o mother

Tues., Sept 26 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Kathryn Connors and Nan Ther, r/o The Connors Family

Wed., Sept 27 (St. Vincent de Paul)

- 8:30 am + Wenceslao Trinidad, r/o Trinidad Family

Thurs., Sept 28 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Joseph Brzychcy, r/o daughter

Fri., Sept 29 (St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael)

- 8:30 am + Salvatore Zammit, r/o the children

Sat., Sept 30 (Saint Jerome)

- No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Sept 30-Oct 1 (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 5:00 pm + Jackie O’Leary, r/o Tom O’Leary
- 8:30 am + Jo Ann Lee, r/o Catholic Daughters, Queenship of Mary
- 10:00 am + Michael A, and Irene Nealon, r/o Nealon Family
- 11:30 am + Jo Ann Lee, r/o Social Concerns Committee

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

SANCTUARY CANDLE

WINE & HOSTS

This week’s Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Irene Padewski, r/o Adam Jr., Adam Sr., and Bonnie Bell.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Sept. 16– Sept. 17.....\$9,350.00
 Assessment Offering.....\$77.00
 CCD Offering\$21.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....68
 \$6-\$10.....72
 \$11-\$20.....69
 \$21-\$30.....37
 \$31-\$39.....8
 \$40 and Over.....54

SPREADING THE WORD

25th Sunday in Ordinary times

“So the last will be the first and the first last.”

MATTHEW 20:16

You’ve heard the saying “it’s not where you start, but how you finish.” This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live “God-centered” lives and not “self-centered” lives.

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

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Please join Praise and Worship for our next meeting on Saturday, October 14th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center. Fr. Greg Uhrig, who works in the field of adult faith formation and leadership in the Diocese of Metuchen, will present a talk on "Charisms". Please bring your bibles. All are welcome!

YOUNG PEOPLE DESPERATELY NEEDED!!!

Our Young People's Choir is at risk of being eliminated. We currently only have **FIVE** singers returning. It would be a terrible shame to lose this wonderful ministry which has been serving our parish for *over 30 years*. However, if we do not have at least one dozen singers, we *cannot* continue. This choir is open to all in grades 2-8. We rehearse on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:45 and sing at 10:00 mass on Sundays. If you know an interested young person, PLEASE contact Judy Gary at 732-236-2579 or judygary11@hotmail.com.

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

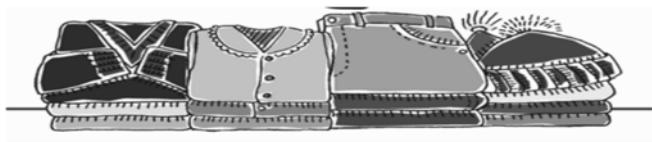
Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "short course", - a short course in Christianity. A Cursillo Weekend is an "*Encounter with Christ*". It is something which will strengthen your faith and bring you closer to Jesus. Retreat weekend will be held at the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ. The men's weekend is TBA and the women's weekend is scheduled for October 26-29, 2017. Early registration is advisable, as space is limited. For more information call 732-738-1796 or email www.metcursillo.org.

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.**



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.

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 on arrival you will receive \$25.00 in slot play and a \$5.00 food coupon. For more information contact Bob Siebert, 732-727-0514.

BINGO HELP NEEDED

Bingo is an important fundraiser for St. Bernadette Parish. However, we are in need of help from additional volunteers for the Friday Bingo to work on the floor and selling before the Bingo starts at 12:00 noon. We also need "stand-by" volunteers for when our regular volunteers can not make it. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bob Siebert, 732-727-0514.

PUBLIC ROSARY TO BE HELD

There will be a public Rosary to be said on Saturday, October 14 at 12:00 noon. All parishioners are invited to participate. This is part of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. This Rosary will be said outdoors in a public place.... hopefully the 911 Memorial next to Lourdes Center. We will pray for the end of Abortion, Euthanasia, and the threat from North Korea, plus whatever your own petitions are. Please consider attending. They are trying to get at least 20,000 rallies going across the country. Right now, they are up to 14,000+ rallies. No need to sign up or call.... just show up. Please bring your rosaries and friends. Thank you.

Linda Metz
President Altar Rosary of St. Bernadette

2017 BLUE MASS

Come Pray for Those Who Serve and Protect
Bishop James F. Checchio invites all to the Diocese of Metuchen's 16th Annual Blue Mass honoring local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials of all faiths who live and work in the diocese, which includes Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren Counties. Come to represent your parish and town, to support and pray for all the dedicated local, county, state, and federal law enforcement officials, and to honor those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice through their service to others. Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Thursday, October 12th at 10:30am. For more information call 732-562-2463 or visit diometuchen.org/2017-blue-mass.

19TH ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

St. Bernadette's 19th Annual Dinner/Dance fundraiser, benefitting our Renovation Campaign, will be held in Lourdes Center on Saturday, November 1, from 6 p.m. until midnight. Music and dancing for all ages. The donation is \$35 per person and the attire is: "Dress to Impress". For tickets please call Ed Gualberto at 732-947-2497, Flor Gualberto at 732-613-9174, or the office at 732-721-2772. Reservation forms are available at the doors of the Church. Checks may be made payable to: St. Bernadette Church and mailed to the Parish office at 20 Villanova Road, Parlin, N.J. 08859.



Please take a minute or two to check out the photos located at the entrances of the church of previous years' dinner dances.

Bring your friends!
Hope to see you all there!

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.

CCD

CCD classes will begin on September 27th and 28th for all registered students. If you have not registered already, please call the Religious Education office at 732-727-4343 to check on class availability.

LAPTOP NEEDED

Social Concerns Ministry has a family in need of a clean used laptop for 16 year old son with disabilities. If you have a laptop that can be donated, please contact Karen for more details at 732-425-0387.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

- Sunday (LC/Gym) 6:00pm....Youth Group
- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Vigil Mass/Novena (LC) 7:45pm.....Alt. R
- Tuesday (OD) 7:30pm.....Bingo (C) 4:30pm.....Kids Choir (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
- Wednesday (LC)CCD
- Thursday (LC)CCD (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors (C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD) 7:30pm.....Bingo (LC) 6:30pm.....Cub Scouts
- Saturday (C) 4:00pm.....Confession (LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
- Sunday (C) 1:00pm.....Blessing of the Animals