

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 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

Mon., Sept. 26 (Weekday)

7:00 pm + Gloria Deane, r/o Alice Maher and family

Tues., Sept. 27 (Saint Vincent dePaul)

8:30 am + Barbara Morgan, r/o Ray Costello

Wed., Sept. 28 (Weekday)

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

Thurs., Sept. 29 (Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael)

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

Fri., Sept. 30 (Saint Jerome)

8:30 am + Joseph Nigro, r/o wife

Sat., Oct. 1 (Saint Therese)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., October 2-October 3 (Twenty- Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time)

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

8:30 am + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Flor and Ed Gualberto

10:00 am + Ruth DSouza, r/o Mildred Fernandes and family

11:30 am + Salvatore Nardi, r/o Angie Rico and 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 Irene Nealon, r/o Michael Nealon.

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Eileen Pollock, r/o The Nealon Family.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Sept. 17- Sept. 18.....	\$7,219.00
Assessment Offering	\$48.00
CCD Offering	\$54.00
Peter's Pence Collection.....	\$1,651.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	52
\$6-\$10.....	73
\$11-\$20.....	81
\$21-\$30.....	46
\$31-\$39.....	4
\$40 and Over.....	47

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER

Joan Fasanello, Director of Life Choices, Inc. will be speaking briefly at all Masses on October 1st and 2nd about their *Baby Bottle Fundraiser*. Families who wish to support this pro-life ministry which assists women in crisis pregnancy, may participate by taking home a baby bottle, filling it with coins, dollars or checks and returning it to the Church on the weekend of November 12th-13th. This is a great family project which truly makes a difference!

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

SPREADING THE WORD

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” (LUKE 16:25-26)

In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge the gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

SENIORS SOCIAL

The Senior Social will take place on Friday, September 30th at 6:00pm in O’Dea Hall. If you did not sign up for it at the Senior meeting, please call Dora at 732-727-0514 by September 26th.

The next Senior meeting will be on Monday, October 10th at 12 noon. Old Bridge Drugs will be on hand to administer flu shots for members only. Membership is open to those people 55 and over

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.

BINGO

Bingo is played at St. Bernadette’s on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Friday at 12 noon. Volunteers are always welcomed! Come! Play Bingo and make some new friends!

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.

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!

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. Someone will follow-up with a phone call to answer any other questions one may have.

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.

“My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul.”

PSALM 108:1

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

- Sunday (C) All Masses**.....Food For the Poor Guest Speaker
- Monday (C) 7:00pm**.....Mass
- (LC) 7:45pm**.....Alt R.
- Tuesday (C) 4:30pm**Kids Choir
- (OD) 7:30pm**Bingo
- (LC) 7:30pm**RCIA
- Wednesday**
- Thursday (LC) 6:00pm**.....Cantors
- (LC) 6:30pm**.....Music Reh
- (LC) 7:00pm**.....Bible Study
- Friday (OD) 12 noon**Bingo
- (OD) 6:00pm**.....Senior Social
- (LC) 6:30pm**.....Cub Scouts
- Saturday (LC) 9:00am**.....Holy Name
- (C) 4:00pm**.....Confession
- (Gym)5:00pm**.... K of C Dinner Dance
- (LC) 6:00pm**.....Couples
- (C) All Masses**Baby Bottle Fundraiser Guest Speaker
- Sunday (C) All Masses**.....Baby Bottle Fundraiser Guest Speaker
- (C) 10:00am**...8th Grade Confirmation Mass
- (C) 1:00pm**.... Blessing of the Animals