

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 2-Sept 3 (Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 5:00 pm + Michael Stevenson, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Burns
- 8:30 am + Roland Pruneau, r/o Eleanor Bang and Alice Russo
- 10:00 am + Salud Trinidad, r/o Medina Family
- 11:30 am + Patricia Joan Thumann, r/o husband Bill Thumann

Mon., Sept 4 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + People of the Parish
- No 7:00pm service*

Tues., Sept 5 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Jeffry Loyer, r/o Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bratus

Wed., Sept 6 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Jack Laverty, r/o wife

Thurs., Sept 7 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + Lori Avaltroni, r/o The Keefe Family

Fri., Sept 8 (The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

- 8:30 am + Johnathan O'Connor, r/o The Cleaning Crew

Sat., Sept 9 (St. Peter Claver)

- No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Sept 9-Sept 10 (Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- 5:00 pm + Jean Wojcik, r/o St. Bernadette Staff
- 8:30 am + Linda Kole, r/o husband Robert
- 10:00 am + Ralph V. Rizzo, r/o Vincent Rizzo
- 11:30 am + Colleen Overmere, r/o Emil and Foster Overmere

Please Pray the Rosary for Peace

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week in memory of Aldo DePinto and Vincenzo DePinto, r/o Deacon Don and Octavia Zampella.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Aug 26- Aug 27.....	\$8,420.00
Assessment Offering.....	\$12.00
CCD Offering	\$35.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	66
\$6-\$10.....	70
\$11-\$20.....	71
\$21-\$30.....	36
\$31-\$39.....	8
\$40 and Over.....	52

MASS TIME CHANGE

Mass on Monday, September 4th will be at 8:30am. There will be no 7:00pm Mass.

SPREADING THE WORD

22nd Sunday in Ordinary times

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, *“Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.”* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent, and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

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

SEPTEMBER 11th MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 16th Annual September 11th Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, September 10th, 2017 at 7:00pm, rain or shine, at the Sayreville Borough 9/11 Memorial in Burk Park, Washington Road. Any parishioners wishing to attend are asked to arrive by 6:30pm.

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.

THANK YOU FROM OUR FOOD PANTRY

Our Social Concerns Ministry wishes to thank everyone for their continued support of our Food Pantry. Your weekly donations go to feed those less fortunate in our area. Please continue to place your unexpired, non-perishable food items into the bin located in the Church vestibule. Holiday type food items are greatly appreciated in November and December. Thank you in advanced for all of your help.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!

Come share your time and talents! Our Young People's Choir resumes rehearsals on Tuesday, September 12th. 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 7th. 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.



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.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The Back-to-school container is in the main vestibule of the church ready to accept your donations of “new” Back-to-school items for our local community children. With your help, our goal is to be able to put together complete school bags for students this year. If you would like to make up a backpack or pencil box with some of the grade appropriate items, that would be greatly appreciated; however, as always, individual donations of the items listed below are much needed and appreciated and will go towards putting together a bag for the student(s).

Most students require the following: backpack, lunch bag, pencil box, #2 pencils, colored pencils, red pens, blue pens, black pens, pocket folders, glue sticks, crayons (24/box), markers, 12” rulers, highlighters, scissors, index cards, 1-subject spiral notebooks, book covers/book sox, composition notebooks and planner. Most especially needed are: 3-ring binders, loose-leaf filler paper (wide rule), 3-subject notebooks, 5-subject spiral notebooks, report covers/folders, gift cards (Walmart, Shoprite).

Supplies will be given out to students in need on Thursday, September 7, at 7 p.m. in the church vestibule. If you have any questions, please call Karen Gumprecht, 732-425-0387. Supplies are needed for grades kindergarten through grade 12. May God bless you for your generosity.



SENIORS

The next Seniors Meeting will be Monday, Sept. 11, 2017.

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.

CLASSIC/CUSTOM CRUISE NIGHT

Our Lady of Peace Church located on Amboy Avenue in Fords is sponsoring a “Classic/Custom Cruise Night” on Saturday, September 16th at their Parish Center from 5:00 p.m. till 9:00 p.m. Admission is free and there will be great food, a live Disc Jockey, vendors and some beautiful classic and vintage automobiles.

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 hospice volunteers in several counties throughout New Jersey.

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

YOUTH GROUP FOOD DRIVE

St. Bernadette's Youth Group will be conducting a door to door nonperishable food drive throughout Madison Park on Saturday, September 16th between the hours of 9:00am-12:00 noon. If you are interested in participating, please leave your unexpired, non-perishable food items in a bag labeled **St. Bernadette Youth Group** at the curb. The youth group members will come around to pick up your donations. Youth Group members will not enter your home. This food drive will benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you in advanced for your generous donations!

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center.

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.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

Peter's Pence collection is scheduled the weekend of September 9-10, 2017. This collection is the annual Holy Father's Collection and all proceeds are designated for that singular purpose.

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.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

Praise and Worship

Please join us on Saturday, September 9th, at 9:15a.m. in the Lourdes Center when LCSC Praise and Worship will resume our meetings. The topics will be *Forgiveness* and *You Are The Light Of The World*. Please bring your bibles. All are welcome.

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.

SAVE THE DATE

Please mark your calendar for the *2017 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner* on Monday, October 16, at the Palace at Somerset Park. Cocktails are at 6:30pm and dinner is at 7:30pm. This year American Standard will be recognized. The well-known plumbing supply company that is part of LIXIL, joined forces with Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen to renovate Naomi's Way giving 12 low-income families a safe and attractive place to call their own. The dinner is an opportunity for us to publicly recognize our corporate partners while raising much-needed funds for our less-fortunate neighbors. For dinner reservations and sponsorship opportunities, call 732-562-2438 or visit diometuchen.org/champions.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sunday (C) all Masses.....NJ Right to Life
Monday.....Office Closed
(C) 8:30am....Vigil Mass/Novena
.....NO 7:00pm MASS
Tuesday (OD)7:30pm.....Bingo
Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
Friday (OD)12:00pm.....Bingo
Saturday (LC) 9:15am.....LCSC
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
Sunday (LC/Gym) 1:00pm....Columbiettes
(LC/Gym) 6:00pm.....Youth Group