

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. 29–Sept. 30 (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

5:00 pm + Salvatore Zammit, r/o the children

8:30 am + Fernando Medina Jr., Fernando Medina Sr., Juan and Feliza Quimson, r/o Catherine Medina

10:00 am + Lilliam Barney, r/o Donna Aruelo

11:30 pm + SJ Ambrosio M.D., r/o The Ambrosio Family

Mon., Oct. 1 (St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus)

7:00 pm + Muriel Antonelli Labatto, r/o George Antonelli

Tues., Oct. 2 (The Holy Guardian Angels)

8:30 am + Stephen Caruso, r/o Mom and Dad

Wed., Oct. 3 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Anna DePinto, r/o The Rojas Family

Thurs., Oct. 4 (St. Francis of Assisi)

8:30 am + Frances Tengowski, r/o Mike and Mary Campbell

Fri., Oct. 5 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Katherine Szaroleta, r/o James and Kathleen Lancsek

Sat., Oct. 6 (Weekday)

No 8:30 am Mass

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 6–Oct. 7 (Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

5:00 pm + Rose and George Piegari, r/o daughter

8:30 am + Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

10:00 am + Chris Christensen, r/o Sheila Christensen and family

11:30 pm + Deacon Sam Rutch, r/o Fr. Jim

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 James and Lena Oleck, r/o Toni Skarzynski.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Sept. 22 - Sept. 23.....\$7,263.00

Assessment Offering.....\$111.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....62

\$6-\$10.....83

\$11-\$20.....73

\$21-\$30.....35

\$31-\$39.....7

\$40 and Over.....43

MASS CANCELATION

There will be no Mass celebrated on Wednesday, October 10th and Thursday, October 11th. Please make a note on your calendars.

SPREADING THE WORD

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.”

MARK 9:41

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

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

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM DEACON DON

Dear Parish family,
I have submitted my notice of retirement to Fr. Jim, effective October 1. Health issues have made it difficult for me to fill my deaconate responsibilities and I would rather step down from the altar before I fall down. It has been a blessing to me to have served as your Deacon over the last 17 years, and I will treasure every moment.

I will be celebrating my last mass on Sunday, October 14, at 11:30 a.m. Following mass, please join my family and I for a reception of light refreshment down in O’Dea Hall at which time I may personally thank you all for your support and encouragement over the years. **NO GIFTS PLEASE.**

God bless you all,
Deacon Don

CHILDRENS LITURGY

We will have a Children’s Liturgy at the 10:00am and 11:30am Masses on October 14th and October 28th.

SENIORS

The next Seniors Meeting will be Monday, Oct. 8th, with lunch at 11:30am. Flu shots will be available thru Old Bridge Drugs & Surgical, for all Members prior to the meeting. The Election Nominations for all Board Members will be presented by the Nominating Committee during the meeting. Membership is available to anyone 55 and over.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On October 7th 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.



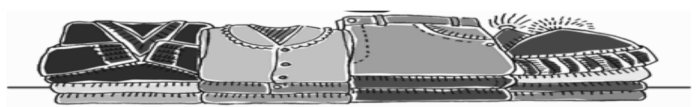
20TH ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

St. Bernadette’s 20th Annual Dinner/Dance fundraiser, benefitting our Renovation Campaign, will be held in Lourdes Center on *Sunday, November 4th*, from 1 p.m. until 6:00pm. 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!



SOCIAL CONCERNS CLOTHING DRIVE

Our Social Concerns Ministry will conduct our fall clothing drive on Saturday, November 3rd. 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, November 3rd, 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 November 3rd, therefore, any donations left on the church property will be discarded.**



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on October 3rd from 7:00pm-8:00pm in O'Dea Hall.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will take place on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 8:00pm in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 13, at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center. We will focus on the life of St. Catherine Laboure and the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which led to the devotion to the Medal of the Immaculate Conception, popularly known as the "Miraculous Medal". We will begin with the Novena to the Miraculous Medal that we recite before Mass every Monday at St. Bernadette. Please join us and bring a friend to share in the many graces and blessings the Blessed Mother has promised through this devotion.

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 **2018 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner** being held on Thursday evening, October 18 at the Palace in Somerset Park and/or 2) purchase a **Champion 50/50 Raffle** ticket. For more information call 732-562-2432, email champions@diometuchen.org or visit <https://diometuchen.org/champions>. With your help, Catholic Charities is making a real difference in the lives of so many.



CHOIR NEWS

Sadly, our Young People's Choir is about to be dissolved. We have tried to keep this wonderful ministry going for the past few years but each year it becomes more difficult to recruit enough children. We are extremely grateful to the children and their families that have given their time and talents over the years, particularly for the last three years as it became more difficult. We will continue to pray that we can rebuild this ministry. If any singers in grades 2-8 become interested, please contact the parish office. Should we find at any time that we can form a group of at least 12 singers, we will immediately resume.

Happily, our Adult Choir is about to resume rehearsals. This ministry is open to all singers ages 15 and older! No experience is necessary. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings. The choir typically sings at 5:00pm mass on Saturdays and periodically at 8:30am mass on Sunday. They also minister at various Holy Day masses throughout the year. Our next rehearsal will be at 7:00pm on Thursday, October 4th. Interested singers should contact Judy Gary at 732-236-2579 or judygary11@hotmail.com for more information. Or just come and sit in on a rehearsal.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Contemporary Ensemble will be holding our very first Evening of Praise and Worship on *Sunday, October 7, 2018 at 7:00pm*. We are planning a wonderful program of song and reflection and are very excited to invite all to join us in singing many of the songs that we have been working on. Music booklets will be provided to all in attendance. Please mark the date and plan to help us fill the church with this evening of joyful song!



Looking for something to do on a Sunday night? Come join the St. Bernadette Youth Group! We meet 2 times a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays from 6:30-8:00pm in the Lourdes Center. *Membership is open to all 5th through 12th graders.* We are involved in a variety of community outreach and service projects through the year as well as going on field trips, and just generally having fun. Friendships made in youth group can grow into lifetime friendships. Our next meetings are October 14th and October 28th. For more information, please call the Religious Education office at 732-727-4343.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS HELP NEEDED

St. Bernadette Church is looking for multiple couples to help our with the Baptism Preparation Class. If you are interested in working with young couples as they embark on passing on their faith to their children, please call the parish office at 732-721-2772 or email secy@optonline.net.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”
Matthew 28:19

17th ANNUAL CRITICAL LIFE ISSUES CONFERENCE

On Saturday, October 20th, the Diocese of Metuchen will be sponsoring the Annual Critical Life issues Conference from 8:30am-3:30pm at the St. John Neumann Center in Piscataway. The day includes Eucharistic Adoration throughout the day, lunch, and handouts. Join us for a day filled with information, inspiration and spirituality! For more information or to register, please email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call (732) 562-1990 ext. 1543 or 1629. Seating is limited.

CCD

The CCD Schedules have been mailed home to all registered students. If you have not received a schedule, please call Mrs. Francis, our CCD Director, at 732-727-4343. If no one is available to take your call, leave a message with your child’s name and a phone number where you can be reached.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come to the best breakfast deal in town!

Our Knights of Columbus will be having a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 21st from 8:00am-12noon. Come and get your fill of regular, blueberry, and chocolate chip



pancakes, juice, coffee, tea eggs, sausage, and BACON! Adults are \$7.00 and children under 12 are \$3.00. All proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus charities.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE’S

- Sunday.....
- Monday (C) 7:00pm.....Vigil Mass/Novena
 (LC) 7:30pm.....Bapt Prep
- Tuesday (OD) 7:30pm.....Bingo
 (LC) 7:30pm.....RCIA
- Wednesday (LC)CCD
 (OD)7:00pm.... Parish Council
 (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
- Thursday (LC)CCD
 (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
 (C) 7:00pm.....Music Reh
- Friday (OD) 12:00noon.....Bingo
- Saturday (LC-101) 9:00am.....Holy Name
 (LC) 9:00am.....Conf. Retreat
 (LC) 1:00pm.....Couples
 (C) 4:00pm.....Confession
- Sunday (C) 10:00am.....8th grade Mass
 (OD) 11:00am.....8th grade parent meeting
- (LC) 9:30am....Memorial Mass Fellowship
- (LC) 1:00pm.....Blessing of the Animals
- (C) 7:00pm.....Music Ministry
- Sunday