

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 3-September 4
(Twenty- Third Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

- 5:00 pm + Emmanuel Zammit, r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto
- 8:30 am + German Pang Sr., r/o Ed and Flor Gualberto
- 10:00 am + Ralph Vincent Rizzo, r/o Vincent Rizzo
- 11:30 am + Colleen Overmere, r/o Barbara Osowski

Mon., Sept. 5 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + John M. Zientek, r/o Mother
- NO 7:00pm MASS*

Tues., Sept. 6 (Weekday)

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

Wed., Sept. 7 (Weekday)

- 8:30 am + John Z. Zientek, r/o wife

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

- 8:30 am + Marguerite M. O'Brien, r/o Shannon McKenna

Fri., Sept. 9 (Saint Peter Claver)

- 8:30 am + Lewis C. Thomas, r/o Christine Logue

Sat., Sept. 10 (Weekday)

- No 8:30 am Mass

**Sat.-Sun., September 10-September 11
(Twenty- Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

- 5:00 pm + Victims of 9/11
- 8:30 am + Victims of 9/11
- 10:00 am + Linda Kole, r/o husband Robert
- 11:30 am + Colleen Overmere, r/o 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 Aldo and Vincenzo DePinto, r/o Deacon Don and Octavia Zampella.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week in Joan Kamienki, r/o husband.

WINE & HOSTS

This week's Wine & Hosts have been donated in memory of Joan Kamienki, r/o husband.

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of Aug. 27 - Aug. 28.....	\$7,387.00
Assessment Offering	\$39.00
CCD Offering	\$32.00

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	69
\$6-\$10.....	79
\$11-\$20.....	77
\$21-\$30.....	32
\$31-\$39.....	8
\$40 and Over.....	54

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.

Food For The Poor is one of the largest international relief and development organizations in the United States. They are motivated by faith in God, spreading His unconditional love, regardless of race, wealth, or creed as they minister to the poorest of the poor in 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

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

MASS TIME CHANGE

On Labor Day, Monday, September 5th, Mass will be held at 8:30am. There will be **no** 7:00pm Mass.

SPREADING THE WORD

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” (LUKE 14:33)

When we hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce that idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we are truly His Disciples.

DIOCESE COLLECTIONS

Peter’s Pence collection is scheduled the weekend of September 10-11, 2016. This collection is the annual Holy Father’s Collection and all proceeds are designated for that singular purpose.

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.

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.

WALK FOR LIFE

Join the Life Choices Resource Center for their annual *Walk for Life* and help raise the funds to run their Mobile Ultrasound for one year. The walk is set for Saturday, October 8th from 9:00am –12:00pm in Merrill Park, Iselin. For more information call 732-0516-0911 or go to their website www.LifeChoicesRC.com. Rain or Shine, hope to see you there!

LEARN TO SMILE AGAIN

The Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuchen, is offering a new ministry to men and women who are suffering from the pain and loneliness of divorce. *“The Catholic’s Divorce Survival Guide”* is a 12 week program on Wednesday 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. Pre-registration is \$25.00 and is required. Deadline for registration is October 9th. For more information call Ro Bersch at 908-313-5947 or email family.life@diometuchen.org.

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.

NEW EM/LECTOR AND SCHEDULES

The new EM/Lector schedules may be found in the altar servers' sacristy.

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!

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 6:30-7:30 pm in church. We sing at 5:00 mass each Saturday. Contact Judy Gary at or 732-236-2579 for more information.

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.

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, September 12, 2016 at 8 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Godparent Eligibility Certificates and baptismal donations may be presented at this meeting.

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.

BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE 9/11 MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 15th annual September 11th Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, September 10th at 7:00pm at the Sayreville Borough 9/11 Memorial in Burke's Park. Any parishioners wishing to attend should arrive by 6:30pm.

LIVE CHRIST SHARE CHRIST

Our next Praise and Worship meeting will be on September 10th at 9:15am in the Lourdes Center. We will be honoring Blessed Mother Teresa who will be declared a saint by Pope Francis at the Vatican in Rome on September 4th. All are welcome to attend.

**THE SISTERS OF MERCY 22nd
ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC**

This annual golf classic benefits our retired Sisters and will take place at the beautiful Spring Lake Golf Club on Tuesday, October 18th, 2016. "Fore" all the details on this event, call Linda Cavallo at 908-756-0994 ext. 4006 or email lcavallo@mercyamidatlantic.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). Some children are in need of shoes and clothing as well.

Supplies will be given out to students in need on Thursday, September 8, at 7 p.m. in the church vestibule. If you have any questions, please call JoAnn at 732-727-5858. Supplies are needed for grades kindergarten through grade 12. May God bless you for your generosity.

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!

SENIORS

The next Senior's meeting will be September 12th at 12 noon in O'Dea Hall.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S
Sunday (C) All Masses...Right To Life Raffle
MondayOFFICE CLOSED
(C) 8:30am.....Mass
7:00pm.....NO MASS
Tuesday (OD) 7:30pmBingo
Wednesday (LC) 8:00pm.....K of C
Thursday (LC) 6:00pm.....Cantors
(LC) 6:30pm.....Music Reh
Friday (OD) 12 noonBingo
Saturday (LC) 9:15am.....LCSC
(C) 12:30pm.....Wedding
(C) 4:00pm.....Confession
(LC) 6:00pm.....Couples
(C) All Masses.....CDA Bake Sale
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