

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
Fax: 732-727-5188

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.”

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**

**ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THIS WEEK**

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 5-6

5:00 pm + Emily Rotondi, r/o Laura & Diane DeLuca

8:30 am + Jack Lavery, r/o Family

10:00 am + Ralph Vincent Rizzo, r/o Vincent Rizzo

11:30 am + Patricia J. Thumann, r/o Husband, Bill

Mon., Sept. 7 (Labor Day)

8:30am + Deceased Members of 44 SAF, r/o Corazon Medina

Tues., Sept. 8 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Dottie French, r/o M/M Neil & Anita Murphy

Wed., Sept. 9 (St. Peter Claver)

8:30 am + Parishioners of St. Bernadette's

Thurs., Sept. 10 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Frances Foderaro, r/o Connors Family

Fri., Sept. 11 (Weekday)

8:30 am + Victims & Heroes of 9-11

Sat., Sept. 12 (Blessed Virgin Mary)

(No 8:30am Mass)

**Sat.-Sun., Sept. 12-13 (TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)**

5:00 pm + Gordon Horvath, r/o Margaret Horvath & Family

8:30 am + Linda Kole, r/o Husband, Robert

10:00 am + Nicholas Cifelli, r/o John & Phyllis Sibia

11:30 am + Fernando Medina, Jr., r/o Medina Family

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE

The Candle in Honor of Our Blessed Mother will be lit this week for the **Special Intentions of Rita Z. Tada**, r/o Ed & Flor Gualberto.

BANNS

(2) Christopher Donnelly & Stephanie Carifi

STEWARDSHIP...

The gift of your treasure!

Offering of August 29-30.....	\$9,547
Assessment Offering of Aug.29-30....	\$ 65
Parish Improvement August 29-30. . .	\$ 85
CCD Offering of August 29-30.....	\$ 39

Your Weekly Envelope Offerings

\$1-\$5.....	75
\$6-\$10.....	85
\$11-\$20.....	81
\$21-\$30.....	35
\$31-\$39.....	7
\$40 and Over.....	54

ANNUAL RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE

Volunteers from New Jersey Right to Life will be at the doors of the church this weekend, September 5 & 6 selling raffle tickets. Tickets are \$10 each and the prizes this year are: 1st Prize—2016 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at \$40,000; 2nd Prize— \$1,000 Shop Rite Gift Card; 3rd Prize—\$750 Shop Rite Gift Card and 4th Prize—\$500 Shop Rite Gift Card. The drawing will take place on November 20, 2015. Please support this worthy cause!

“Please pray daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.”

Hotlines - Outreach

Action Pregnancy Center.....	828-1166
Problem Pregnancy Center	449-8676
Drug Abuse	1-800-322-5525
Alacare	1-800-300-2118

Natural Family Planning.....	1-800-334-0699
“Pantry Sunday”	Every Sunday
Food Assistance.....	721-7418

PAPAL VISIT

The Diocese of Metuchen has reserved 10 buses leaving from various locations across the diocese to attend the Papal Mass on September 27 in Philadelphia. The closest bus will leave from St. Thomas the Apostle in Old Bridge. Bus seats are now being reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis. No tickets are required. It is open to the public and will be held outdoors at Benjamin Franklin Parkway with the altar situated near the Philadelphia Art Museum. Mass is at 4 p.m. The round trip bus reservation and pilgrimage package will be approximately \$55 per person. Each one is responsible for their own meal costs on that day and also any train/shuttle expenses from the parking lot to the event site and back. You must be prepared to walk several miles. To reserve a bus seat you should go to www.diometuchen.org/WMOF or by phone at 732-562-1990 ext. 1543 weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. About 1 to 2 million are expected to attend and people should be prepared for a day that includes significant walking and standing. It will be a standing event. No general seating will be available. The Mass is a standing event. There will be no refunds. You must carry a cell phone and the buses are not wheelchair accessible.

17TH ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE

St. Bernadette's 17th Annual Dinner/Dance fundraiser, benefitting our Renovation Campaign, will be held in Lourdes Center on Saturday, November 14, 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 Mary Fitzsimmons 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 attention of: Mary Fitzsimmons, 20 Villanova Road, Parlin, N.J. 08859.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Our Social Concerns Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:45 p.m. in O'Dea Hall.

We appreciate your pantry donations at this time of the year when children are returning to school requiring more lunches and snacks. However, we find ourselves in need of an increase of basic staples to stock the shelves such as: cereal, canned fruit, vegetables, meats, rice, beans, canned and powdered milk, juice, mac & cheese, pasta, sauce, tuna, mayo, peanut butter, jelly, canned or boxed soup, noodles, snacks, ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, tea, coffee, diapers (all sizes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, napkins, toiletry items, laundry detergent, bleach, facial soap, deodorant, etc. Food cards for Shoprite are always needed.

CCD

If your child will be entering first grade in September, please call Mrs. Francis, our CCD Director, at 732-727-4343 to schedule an appointment to arrange for registration. At the time of registration you must present a baptismal certificate and you must be currently registered in St. Bernadette Parish.

SENIORS

Our Seniors will meet on Monday, September 14, in O'Dea Hall at 12 noon. Membership is open to all those 55 years of age and older. The next Senior Social will take place on Friday, September 25, in O'Dea Hall at 6 p.m.

TREADMILL AVAILABLE

A treadmill in good working order (hardly used) is available at no cost. Call Tony or Joe at 732-721-7549 if interested.

REMINDER!

We ask that you please turn off all cell phones and please refrain from texting while in church.

DEACON DON'S BOOK CLUB

Deacon Don's Book Club will discuss "A Listening Heart" by Brother David Steindl-Rast. The book club will meet at 109 Princeton Road at 7:30 p.m. beginning this Wednesday, September 9.. You must purchase your own copy of the book.

PAST PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

Our Columbiettes are sponsoring a Past President's Reception honoring Kathy Jessen and all Past Presidents on Saturday, October 10, at 6 p.m. in Lourdes Center. Tickets are \$30 per person for dinner and dancing. Please call Lois Ann at 732-721-4596.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

A 11-day pilgrimage to Italy (including Milan, Padua, Venice, Siena, Assisi, Rome, the Vatican and more) is planned for May 16 to 26. The cost is \$3,695 double occupancy. Air transportation, land transportation services, tour guide, hotel with baggage handling, breakfast, dinner and more is included. Brochures are available at the doors of the church.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

All are invited to attend the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 26, and the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 27, at which time the Anointing of the Sick will take place. Anyone over the age of 65 may receive this sacrament. Please spread the word to family, friends and neighbors who may be suffering from any type of physical or emotional illness so that they may receive the blessings that come from an anointing.

COUCH NEEDED

A parish family is in need of a couch. If you have one you no longer use, please call Marlene at 732-397-2781.

LABOR DAY MASS

Mass this Monday, Labor Day, September 7, will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. There will not be a 7 p.m. Mass.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER & LECTOR SCHEDULES

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors may pick up their new schedules this weekend in the altar server sacristy.

BINGO

Bingo is played at St. Bernadette's on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. and Friday at 12 noon. Volunteers are needed to collect money for Tuesday games. If you can volunteer on Tuesdays from 6:30pm/7pm for an hour or two, it would be greatly appreciated. Kitchen help and floor help is also needed. Call the Parish Office if you would like to help at 732-721-2772. Over \$1500 is given out in prizes at each bingo.

BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER

All are invited to attend a benefit spaghetti dinner on Sunday, September 20, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #4815 located at 61 Pine Street in Old Bridge. Tickets are \$12 per person and are available thru Interfaith Network of Care by calling 732-247-1655 or sending a check to INC, 62 South Main Street, Milltown, N.J. 08850 and note "spaghetti dinner". The menu includes: spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. A cash bar will be available. Door prizes too! Reservations will be accepted for tables of 8 or more. No tickets will be sold at the door. Cut off date is September 13.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place on Wednesday, October 7, immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Benediction will take place at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to come and spend some time with Our Lord in prayer. You will find a sign-up sheet in the main vestibule of the church.

ALTAR SERVERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

If your child has received their First Holy Communion, please talk to them about becoming an altar server. Remind them how important it is to become an active part of our parish community along with serving God. If you would like further information, you can call the Parish Office at 732-1-2772 or see Deacon Don after weekend Mass. Deacon Don will oversee your child's training.

BIBLE CLASSES FOR MATURING ADULTS 55+

Adults 55 and older are invited to attend a series of Bible Study Classes which will begin on Wednesday, September 16, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the St. John Neumann Diocesan Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway. The nine classes will center on the Study of the Psalms "The Hymnal of the Second Temple". A nominal fee of \$5 per session is requested. Please bring your bible. A hot or cold lunch is available for purchase or take out at a reasonable fee. To register please call 732-562-1990 ext. 1705 or print out registration form at <http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/family-life/>.

COLUMBIETTES

Our Columbiettes will meet this Wednesday, September 9, in Lourdes Center at 7:30 p.m. Membership is open to all women, 18 years of age and older, who are in good standing with the Catholic Church.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

If you wish to become a member of the Catholic Church or if you are in need of First Eucharist or Confirmation, please call the Parish Office at 732-721-2772 and leave your name and phone number.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. If you have received all of your sacraments and, if married, were married in the Catholic Church, we invite you to consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister. Training will be provided and it is a great way to serve and give back to your parish. See Deacon Don or contact the Parish Office at 732-721-2772.

SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

This year's "Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary" celebration will be on Sunday, October 25. The celebration is an Evening Prayer Service and will be held at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4 p.m. Bishop Bootkoski will preside. 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, married in 1965 or 1990. Applications are available at the Parish Office.

THIS WEEK AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Monday (C) 8:30am.....Mass
Tuesday (OD) 7:30pm.....Bingo
Wednesday (LC) 7:30pm.....Columbiettes
(OD) 7:30pm.....Social Con.
Thursday (C) 6:30pm.....Cantors
(C) 7pm.....Music Reh.
Friday (OD) 12noon.....Bingo
Saturday (C) 4pm.....Confessions
(LC) 6pm.....Couples for
Christ

COVER SHEET

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