



**SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH**  
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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**JANUARY 7, 2024 — THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY MASSES**

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30PM

SUNDAY: 9:00AM AND 11:00AM

**WEEKDAY MASS**

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8:30AM

**HOLY DAY MASSES**

TIMES ANNOUNCED IN SUNDAY BULLETIN

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

SATURDAY: 3:30PM — 4:15PM

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**Pastor**

Rev. John P. Masson (Ext. 104)  
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Marykate Murphy (Ext. 212)

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**Administrative Secretary**

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

**Parish Music Coordinator**

Dorothy Toomey

## EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Today we recall the magi, who, drawn by the star, journeyed from distant lands to find the newborn king of the Jews and present him with their finest gifts. We each make our own journey to the Lord, and when we come to celebrate the Eucharist we offer our finest gifts — our prayers, our lives, our future — to him whose birth we have just marked. Let us in turn welcome all those who are making their journeys from near and far to worship the Lord.

## Parish Information

### NEW FAMILIES

Welcome to St. Bernadette Parish! To register in the parish, please email Deacon Tom Fitzpatrick at [deacontom@stbl.org](mailto:deacontom@stbl.org). He will get back to you to arrange a convenient time to meet with him to register. We are eager to greet new members of our parish community and look forward to meeting you.

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The rectory office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 5:00pm. **During the summer the rectory will close at 3:00pm on Fridays.** Items for the Sunday newsletter must be at the rectory by Monday at noon for publication the following Sunday.

### BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held at 12 noon on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Parents must attend a Pre-Jordan class held in the Wright Center at 12 noon on the first Sunday of every other month (please refer to the bulletin for exact dates). Registration for the class is required. In order to arrange for a baptism, the parents must be active members of the parish for six months. To register, please call the rectory office at 610/789-7676. Godparents should be practicing Catholics, confirmed and at least 16 years of age. If not from this parish, sponsors must have a letter of eligibility from their parish stating that they have been actively participating for six months. St. Bernadette Parishioners must be registered and actively participating for six months to receive a letter of eligibility.

### MARRIAGES

We request that couples contemplating marriage call the rectory to make an appointment with the priest. At this initial interview, the date and time of your request will be recorded and you will receive a copy of the Parish Wedding Guidelines.

### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/COMMUNION CALLS

A priest will administer Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to come to Church. If you desire, Eucharistic Ministers can bring Communion each week. Please contact the Rectory to be placed on our Sick List. Parishioners who are to undergo serious surgery at a hospital are encouraged to make an appointment at the Rectory before going to the hospital.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St. Bernadette School offers sessions for Pre-School and Kindergarten and conducts full-time classes from first through eighth grades. PREP classes are held in the parish school for all students attending public school. PREP classes are held on Monday evenings at 6:30pm. Adults seeking religious instruction should call Marykate Murphy, Director of Religious Education at (610) 789-7676 ext. 212. The RCIA Program begins in October.

### SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH ON FACEBOOK

We can be found at "Saint Bernadette of Lourdes Parish". Check out the page and "like" us to keep up with the latest parish news.

*Entrance to the Chapel is through the Prayer Garden. The entrance code is 5076.*

VISITS TO THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT can be made in the Chapel

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY takes place every Monday through Friday at 8:00am in the church.

UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY meet every Monday evening at 7pm in the Chapel.

DEVOTION TO ST. LEONIE AVIAT takes place every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE takes place Thursday at 7:00pm in the chapel.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP meets in the Wright Center/chapel every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP information can be obtained by calling Doris Hurd at 610-789-2708.

MUSIC MINISTRY is open to all who wish to share their time and talent in praise and thanksgiving to God – call Dottie Toomey at 610/449-4013 for rehearsal times.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Ave Maria Council #4063 serve St Bernadette Parish invites interested men 18 years of age and older to join in fraternity and the service to our parish and greater community; contact [jsavaresejr@gmail.com](mailto:jsavaresejr@gmail.com)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings are held every Thursday at 9:30am in O'Brien Hall.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE Casseroles to feed the homeless sponsored by St. John's Hospice in Philadelphia are collected in O'Brien Hall before the weekend Masses that precede the first Thursday of the month. Casserole pans are available in the main entrance of church. Call Mary at 610/789-6206.

### FOOD PANTRY

Non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry can be placed in bags and left in the vestibules of church. Any monetary donations or donations of gift cards should be sent to Fr. Masson. If you have a question, contact Amy Sandman at [foodpantry@stbl.org](mailto:foodpantry@stbl.org).

## Mass for the Intentions for the Week

### Sunday - The Epiphany of the Lord

**Saturday, January 6**

4:30pm Dolores Kearney

**Sunday, January 7**

9:00am Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

11:00am Sarah Saulino

**Monday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord**

8:30am Healing of Marie Seiler

**Tuesday, January 9**

8:30am Virginia C. Milanicz

**Wednesday, January 10**

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, January 11**

8:30am Sr. Susan Louise

**Friday, January 12**

8:30am Cathy Huyette

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, January 13**

4:30pm Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

**Sunday, January 14**

9:00am Edward J. Organ (21st Anniv.)

11:00am Josephine Hennigan



### FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

**This week's readings will be:**

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12

**Next week's readings will be:**

First Reading - 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel - John 1:35-42



### PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen

### FINANCIAL FACTS

#### Sunday, December 24

Weekly: \$13,836

\$10,472 Collection + \$3,364 Parish Giving

#### Christmas, December 25 (Through 1/2/2024)

\$34,578

#### Sunday, December 31

Weekly: \$8,425

\$6,455 Collection + \$1,970 Parish Giving



### WINTER BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The winter support group begins Tuesday, January 16 from 7pm - 8:30pm in the Wright Center (1st floor). This program is lead by an experienced facilitator and is open to adults, 18 and older, who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Eight-week commitment is encouraged. Reading material will be available. There is no fee for the program and the program is non-denominational. For more information and registration call George Salloom at 610-306-0252 or email [georgesalloom@hotmail.com](mailto:georgesalloom@hotmail.com).

### RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say yes to Your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end and bring us at last, oh Father, to eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### RESOURCES

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing:

877-HOPE-4-ME [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

A Baby's Breath 24-Hour Hotline:

484-580-6436 [www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org)

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: [www.dcpcchester.org](http://www.dcpcchester.org)

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME [www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org)

Crisis Pregnancy Resource Hotline: 610-626-4006

### DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

Jesus, protect and save the unborn

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life group meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 7pm at the Holy Cross Parish Center in Springfield. The Parish Center building is located behind the school.

Upcoming event is the National March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 19.





## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 8, 2024

Today's Feast marks the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to You about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

***Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.***



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burrichter Arginteanu, Hannah Atkins, Dan Bigioni, Pamela Bower, Joseph Bradley, Debra Brady, Marie Bree, Phyllis Burke, Chrissy Campbell, Theresa Caputo, Michael Carroll, Peter Celucci, Robert & Joanne Christopher, Elaine Cole, Jennie Colianni, Mike Connors, Quinn Connors, Dennis Conway, Patricia Cooper, Dave Costella, Barbara Cunningham, Donna D'Ambrosio, Laurel Dee, Michael DeEmilo, Christopher Degnan, Frances Diegnan, MaryEllen Diehl, Christopher DiMarto, John DiSalvatore, Gabriella DiSaverio, Darrin Dougherty, Dawn Dougherty, Michael Dougherty, James Drumm, Lexi Dunn,

Bernie Dupras, Jason Durkee, Matthew Dwyer, Bruce Einstein, Emily Einstein, Gino Fala, Marie Feola, Patrick Flanigan, Jr., Emily Flynn, Jerry Flynn, Joe Flynn, Maggie Franz, Stu Glatky, Christine Grosso, Joan Grycewicz, Ed Gutowski, Rachel Hagan, Ruth Harold, Greg Harvey, Kim Hayman, Pat Henningsen, Judith Holmes, Baby Lila Holmes, Adrian Hughes, Baby Rita May Hughes, John Huver, John Ingle, Ashley Juliano, David Kisella, Carla King, Linda King, Wilmer Lehman, Bobby Liebling, Jr., Steven Little, Theo Lockhart, Betsy Long, Avi Lurie, Michele Malolie, Patricia McDevitt, Kathy Martin, James Maynard, Neil McClelland, Helene McCole, Jean McCormack, Karen McIlvaine, Sean McKeefery, Theresa McKeefery, Rosie McKenna, Emily Meakim, Theresa Merlini, Christopher Milecki, Sue Mitchell, Will Mooney, Stephen Murray, Matthew Nicholas, Nancy Nicholas, Roman O'Brien, Nicole Pagett, Fr. Francis Pileggi OSF, Steve Piperno, Joseph Polto, Joseph Pozzuolo, Sharon Pozzuolo, Christopher Rafferty, Lucy Rapp, Mary Rhodunda, Alicia Ridge, Dan Rock, Rich Rogge, Anna Rokos, Evelyn Runk, John Rusenko, Tony Anthony Sarmento, Marie Seiler, Shane Seningen, Michael Shane, Pamela Shapiro, Amy Sheeler, Theresa Sherwin, Marion Sloan, Kristin Sorrentino, Kevin Spaziani, Joe Subio, Daniel Suskevich, Emily Tong, Renee Trivelis, Mario Turchiarolo, Jim Tyson, Annie Walker, Lily Walker, Zoe Wallace, David Weaver, Jim Weaver, Jerry Weiss, Mary Wieners, Susan Sterner Wood and those suffering from serious illnesses & incurable diseases.

**HOSPITAL SICK CALLS** - Emergency sick calls may be made to the rectory at any time. If surgery or admission to the hospital is scheduled, please call the rectory ahead of time to make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Due to the privacy act, if you are in the hospital and wish to see a priest while you are there, you must register as a Catholic when admitted or make sure a family member does so for you to assure a visit by a priest or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.



## ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL *What's Happening*

It's been an exciting year so far in Kindergarten! We have made many new friends and we've had a great time getting to know each other. We've been working hard learning to read our High Frequency words, blending sounds to write words, identifying numbers to 50 and working with our friends during center time.

We entertained our families as we celebrated the joy of Christmas in our performance of the Nativity.

We are looking forward to Catholic Schools Week and our 100th day of school celebration coming up in February. Stop in at our Open House on Sunday, January 28th at 12pm and see all of the fun things our school offers!

**We love learning at Bernie's!!!**



St. Bernadette Scrip Program is the parish program where you purchase gift cards to your favorite stores and receive a rebate that can be applied towards school tuition, PREP, high school tuition or donated to the parish. The purpose of the program is to help St. Bernadette families earn cash back on everyday purchases and support the parish.

Thank you to the parishioners who offer their rebate back to the school & parish. Your donation and support is greatly appreciated! If you are a school family, you know the rebates add up and significantly reduce your tuition payment over the course of the year. Please tell a friend so more families can save!

Gift card sales are Sunday mornings from 9:30am - 11:00am in the Wright Center. On-hand inventory for purchase includes: Giant, ACME, ShopRite, Colonial Village, CVS, Sam's Boardwalk Pizza & Dairy Bar, JD McGillicuddy's, Amazon, Dairy Queen, Krispy Kreme, Freddy's, Chipotle, WaWa, Dunkin', Panera & Kohl's. VISA gift cards are available with no activation fee; \$25, \$50 & \$100.

For national card orders — order by 7pm on Monday for pick up on Sunday. For more info and a full list of retailers, please visit: <https://www.st-bernadette.org/scrip-program>. Questions: email [scrip4bernies@gmail.com](mailto:scrip4bernies@gmail.com)

Thank you!

Susan Coyne & Karen Murphy  
Scrip Coordinators

## *What's Happening*

**Tuesdays, January 9 - February 13, 2024 @ 7:30 pm**

**Event: Behold Visio Divina -**

**"Encountering Christ: From Trust Unto Surrender"**

Behold is a program specifically built to give women the skills needed to pray using Visio Divina. This method of prayer is a complement to Lectio Divina, which is an encounter with God through open receptivity to His Word in Scripture. Visio Divina allows God to change one's life by not only listening to Him, but also encountering Him through art. Our focus is to help women know of their dignity by praying on themes relevant to every woman.

**Location:** St. Andrew the Apostle Parish Rectory, 3500 School Lane, Drexel Hill. Adoration is available in Church each Tuesday 7am--7pm; please join us at 7pm for Benediction and Divine Mercy Chaplet before our sessions.

**More Information:** Nicky Verna, Director of the New Evangelization 610-259-1169 or [nverna@standrewdh.org](mailto:nverna@standrewdh.org); to order your book, use this link:

<https://www.beholdvisiodivina.com/shop-1>

## **PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY CLASS**

Boys in grades 8-12 are cordially invited to attend a weekly class on Prayer and Spirituality. Classes are led by many priests and deacons from the Archdiocese. Classes are on Wednesdays 7-8pm at St Francis of Assisi parish library on Saxer Ave. in Springfield. Classes have been going on since September, but each class is independent and requires no preparation, so boys can join anytime during the year. Parents are welcome to stay for the Holy Hour which runs from 7-8 upstairs from the library in the church. There is no cost, no preparation, no homework or tests:) This is just a chance for the boys to learn more about their Catholic Faith, connect with other boys, and grow in their relationship with God. If you think your son may be interested, email Bob and Carol Cardie at [cbccardie@gmail.com](mailto:cbccardie@gmail.com) to be put on a weekly reminder list. You can view topics for discussion on the following website (more topics will soon be added for the second semester): <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nSc1Izn440I-RMnIXcDKSOFRdrfst8VT/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=109186988252712656508&rtmpof=true&sd=true>

## **EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP**

**Sunday, January 14—2pm - 3pm**

**Social to follow. ALL ARE INVITED**

Join us for the Prayer Group in the spirit of Eileen George and her Meet the Father Ministry. We meet on a monthly basis to pray for specific intentions through Eileen's intercession, to study and reflect on her teachings, and to pray for her beatification & canonization. There will be Adoration, Confession and Benediction. For more information about Eileen, visit [www.EileenGeorge.org](http://www.EileenGeorge.org).

Location: Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA For questions contact: Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308 (phone or text).



## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

This beautiful Epiphany feast always holds a unique place for me and my family, especially when the date for it was fixed on January 6, the "Twelfth Day of Christmas." That was my beloved mom's birthday. Added in the fact that my mother spent her early years in the Epiphany parish located in South Philadelphia.

Now that the Epiphany is celebrated on a Sunday the date is flexible. But this was a good change, because the feast was often lost to churchgoers when it fell on a weekday. The event deserves our full attention because of its significance.

What it celebrates is captured in the very word "Epiphany" itself. It means a "manifestation" or "showing." It is the showing of Christ to the wider Gentile world beyond the world of the Jews. It implies His embrace of the same.

Up until now, we note that Christ came into the Jewish world. Both His earthly parents were good Jews, as were His grandparents and His whole extended family. St. Matthew, writing for Jewish converts to the faith, wanted to let them know that Christ came to embrace the whole world, and not just one nation.

So, for today, we can meditate and learn about "the wideness of God's mercy." His divine plan for the salvation of the world does not involve exclusions. Still, the perennial questions arise: "Who or what is at the center of our lives? Is it really Christ Jesus or not?"

Here is a selection from the texts for today's feast found at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in London:

### THE MAGI

It might have been just someone else's story;  
 Some chosen people get a special king,  
 We leave them to their own peculiar glory,  
 We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.  
 But when these three arrive they bring us with them,  
 Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;  
 A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,  
 A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.  
 They did not know his name but still they sought him  
 They came from elsewhere but still they found;  
 In palaces they found those who sold and bought him,  
 But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.  
 Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice  
 To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.