



JESUS SAID TO THEM,  
“FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL  
MAKE YOU BECOME  
FISHERS OF MEN.”

MARK 1:17

**SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH**  
“WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN”

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**JANUARY 21, 2024 — THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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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**Permanent Deacon**

Deacon Thomas P. Fitzpatrick

**Director of Religious Education**

Marykate Murphy (Ext. 212)

**School Principal**

Mrs. Joanne Montie

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Robert J. Helmig (Ext. 103)

**Administrative Secretary**

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

**Parish Music Coordinator**

Dorothy Toomey

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and calls the first four disciples, two pairs of brothers: Simon and Andrew, James and John. Follow me, he tells these four fishermen, and I will make you fishers of more disciples. Jesus continues to call disciples; indeed, we were all called when we were baptized. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may the stories of Jonah, of Paul, and of the first four disciples inspire us to drop our nets and follow more closely our Lord as his disciples.

## 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 Intentions for the Week*

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, January 20**

4:30pm Regina Marie Dengel

**Sunday, January 21**

9:00am Fredric Ziegelbaum,

11:00am Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

**Monday, January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children**

8:30am Healing of Marie Seiler

**Tuesday, January 23 - St. Vincent and St. Marianne Cope**

8:30am Andrew Keating

**Wednesday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales**

8:30am John Donato

**Thursday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul**

8:30am Jack Rafferty

**Friday, January 26 - St. Timothy & St. Titus**

8:30am Marie Donato

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, January 27**

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

**Sunday, January 28**

9:00am Clare F. Kissinger

11:00am Jesse Varricchio (1st Anniv.)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- January 28 Catholic School Weeks Begins  
11am Mass then School Open House
- February 2 School Mass - 8:30am
- 3 Feast of St. Blaise
- 11 Hospitality Sunday  
9am Mass - Grade 5
- 14 Ash Wednesday



**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



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

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

First Reading - Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel - Mark 1:14-20

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

First Reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel - Mark 1:21-28



**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

As the congregation may be aware, we currently do not have a schedule of consistent altar servers to help with weekend and daily Masses. We are seeking volunteers - through parental consent - who are interested in being part of this ministry for boys and girls in 4th to 8th grades - all parish children in these grades are invited to participate.

Phase I is to get a group of servers together who will then be trained by the Deacon and a schedule will be made at that time.

We will be sending out information on Google Docs (you may either fill in information or download and print), once received, the process of training will begin followed by scheduling. For the google docs go to

<https://forms.gle/kZsK2Vm3bW4LcGh38>

We thank you in advance for both you and your child's consideration in being an active member in their parish community.

**CANDLEMAS: FLAME OF LOVE FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

**Friday, February 2 at 5:30pm**



Hosted by FOL Cenacles, all are invited to share in the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord to pray the rosary and to ask for the grace of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, who is Jesus Himself. It begins at 5:30 pm with the St. Michael Chaplet and the Flame of Love rosary, a speaker at 6:30pm - Dr. Antone Raymundo, National Spokesman, and Holy Mass at 7:00pm - Fr. Michael Davis, Celebrant. Mass will also be live-streamed: <http://saintanastasia.net>

Location: St. Anastasia Church, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073

**FINANCIAL FACTS**

**January 14, 2024**

**Weekly: \$9,803 target of \$15,000**

**\$7,136 (Collection) + \$2,667 (Parish Giving)**



**Catholic Schools**  
United in Faith and Community

## ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 4

### Change Week:

*All students bring in change and the top class wins a Pizza Party. Change week begins Monday, January 22nd. All proceeds will go to the Parish Tuition Assistance Program.*

*We will also collect cans of soup (Grades 5-8) and warm socks (Grades PreK-4) for the Homeless Shelter.*

### Sunday, January 28th

11:00am Family and School Community Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week

12:00-1:00 School Wide Open House

12-1:30 Book Fair: Wright Center

### Monday, January 29th Celebrate Families

Students and faculty welcome parents at morning drop off.

Students write cards, poems to their parents thanking them for their Catholic education.

The Brain Show comes to Bernie's

4-8 pm Freddy's in Broomall

### Tuesday, January 30th: Celebrate the Community and the Students "Souper Bowl" Day

8:30 Mass for Firefighters, Police and Military

9:30am Elementary Musical Performance for Honored Guests

Distribute Cards to neighbors (Mrs. Montie and Student Council)

Book Fair 8:30-12

Spelling Bee (4th through 8th Grades attend) O'Brien Hall

Students bring in cans of soup (Grades 5-8) and warm socks (Grades PreK -4) for the Homeless Shelter

### Wednesday, January 31st: Celebrate our Nation by creating Strong Models of Faith

Father John takes our 7th and 8th Grade students to St. John Neumann Shrine

Mr. Marty Hyde entertains our young learners

Students in grades K through 6 dress as a character from a favorite book they read during the SBS Read-A-Thon

### Thursday, February 1st: Celebrate Vocations

Step Up Day Grades K through 4

Teacher appreciation lunch provided by Home and School

Vocation Talk O'Brien Hall Grades 5-8

### Friday, February 2nd: Celebrate the Staff

Bernie's SPIRITWEAR

First Friday Mass 8:30am

Religion Bee (Grades 5-8 participate/ Grades 4-8 attend)

Pizza lunch provided to students and staff by Home and School

Faculty vs. 8th Grade Basketball Game



## MASS AND HEALING SERVICE AT SAINTS SIMON & JUDE CHURCH

**Friday, January 26 — 6:00pm**

Saints Simon & Jude Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group eagerly invites all to attend a Mass and Healing Service at our parish. Confessions will begin at 6:00 pm with the recitation of the Rosary. The Holy Mass will be at 7:00 pm. Fr. Kenneth Omeke will be the chief celebrant. Fr. Chris Walsh is the guest speaker. Adoration will follow. There will be intercessory prayer teams available. Music is by Mark Griswold. A display of relics from Blessed Carlo Acutis will be presented.

**Location:** Sts. Simon & Jude Church, 8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester, PA 19382

**More Information:** 610 - 696 - 3624

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR DAY AT LA LOCANDA RESTAURANT

Join THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR for lunch or dinner on **Wednesday, February 7 at La Locanda Restaurant, 11:00 a.m. – 10 p.m.** 10% of your bill will benefit our Elderly Residents at Holy Family Home. La Locanda is located at **4989 West Chester Pike in Newtown Square (610-353-7033 or [www.lalocandapa.com](http://www.lalocandapa.com) for reservations)**! (express you are supporting the Little Sisters of the Poor!) We are grateful for your assistance!

## RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 16 - 18 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

## IHM Conference Center

**Please register for these events by calling 610-581-0120 or emailing S. Marie at [ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com](mailto:ihmconferencecenter@gmail.com)**

### Movie With Meaning: “The Miracle Club” Wednesday, February 7

1:00 p.m. (Lunch at 12:00 noon) Stipend: \$25

Set in 1967, THE MIRACLE CLUB is a heartwarming film that follows the story of three generations of close friends, Lily, Eileen, and Dolly of Ballygar, a hard-knocks community in Dublin, who have one tantalizing dream: to win a pilgrimage to the sacred French town of Lourdes, that place of miracles that draws millions of visitors each year. When the chance to win presents itself, the women seize it. The women secure tickets and set out on the journey that they hope will change their lives. Events force the women to confront their pasts even as they travel in search of a miracle. Their shared traumas can only be healed by the curative power of love and friendship. Starring Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates and Agnes O’Casey

### Conference Day: “Friendship, Extending the Fellowship of Christ”

**Tuesday, February 13 9:30am – 2:30pm**

Presenters: Sister Marie Gipprich, IHM and Michael Wicks

Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch and Mass)

Aelred of Rievaulx, a Cistercian abbot who lived in the twelfth century and who wrote a thesis on “spiritual friendship,” states that true friendship is about extending the fellowship of Christ to another. This is the true beauty of friendship! We will explore the importance of having friends while “visiting” biblical friends. **You are strongly encouraged to come with a friend (but it is NOT necessary); we will spend some time during the day celebrating our friendships.**

### “The Way of the Cross: A Lenten Pilgrimage” Thursdays, February 22, 29 9:30am – 12:00noon

Presenter: Sister Clare D’Auria, OSF

Stipend: \$20

During the Lenten season, the Church invites us to focus our attention to the Passion of Christ and to take to heart the invitation of Jesus to “take up the cross, and follow” him on his journey to Jerusalem (cf Mark 8:34). One of the most popular and long-standing traditional ways to reflect on this Gospel challenge is to pray with “The Stations of the Cross.” During the four sessions in this series (**two in February and two in March**) you are invited to be open to the transformation that this pilgrimage can offer you by walking with the women and men who accompanied Jesus on this final journey from suffering and death into resurrected life.



### WE PRAY FOR THE SICK - Bill Albertson,

Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burrichter Arginteanu, Hannah Atkins, Dan Bigioni, Tom Blisard, 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, Dave Costella, Barbara Cunningham, Laurel Dee, Michael DeEmilo, Christopher Degnan, Frances Diegman, 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, Marie Feola, Patrick Flanigan, Jr., Emily Flynn, Jerry Flynn, Joe Flynn, Maggie Franz, Stu Glatzky, 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, 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, Karyl Murray, 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 Sarmiento, 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 CYO Spring Sports



CYO Spring Sports are around the corner! We are looking for a JV and Varsity Softball Coach for the upcoming Spring Season. Please send an email to [cyo@stbl.org](mailto:cyo@stbl.org) if you are interested. All candidates will need to have current PA Clearances as well as the mandated Archdiocese Clearances.

CYO Spring Sports Registration will open on 2/4. Softball and Baseball for grades 5-8 and Track grades K-8 are offered for school and prep students.



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



### SPRING PRE-CANA AT ST. PIUS X

The SPRING Series of Pre-Cana sessions for couples preparing for marriage will be held on Sundays: March 3, 10 & 17 from 10:30am - 1:00pm. We are conducting the sessions in-person at this time.

Couples will be invited to attend the 9:30am Mass in person and then attend the sessions beginning around 10:30am. An engaged couple who is interested in attending this series should contact the rectory at St. Pius X for more details (610-353-4880).

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In the first reading we hear today, God sends Jonah to the huge city of Nineveh, where he warns of God's wrath and calls for repentance. In the Gospel, Jesus comes to Galilee calling for repentance as well. He proceeds to call his first disciples, promising that he would change their lives. They follow immediately, much as the residents of Nineveh turned toward the LORD immediately. As Paul reminds the Corinthians, "time is running out." Let us realize the urgency with which we're called to repent and follow the Lord.