

**RISING VERY EARLY BEFORE DAWN,
HE LEFT AND WENT OFF TO A DESERTED PLACE, WHERE HE PRAYED.**



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

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FEBRUARY 4, 2024 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Pastor
Rev. John P. Masson (Ext. 104)
Email (frmasson@stbl.org)

Permanent Deacon
Deacon Thomas P. Fitzpatrick

Director of Religious Education
Marykate Murphy (Ext. 212)
School Principal
Mrs. Joanne Montie
Parish Business Manager
Robert J. Helmig (Ext. 103)
Administrative Secretary
Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)
Parish Music Coordinator
Dorothy Toomey

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We gather on this midwinter day, as we do each Sunday, to celebrate the meal that Jesus left us so that we could be nourished by him as we continue our journey to the kingdom. We give praise and thanks to God for this opportunity, even as we acknowledge our failings, our sinfulness, and our need for God's mercy. Let us lift our voices in song and prayer to our God.

Parish Information

NEW FAMILIES

Welcome to St. Bernadette Parish! To register in the parish, please email Deacon Tom Fitzpatrick at 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

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 3

4:30pm Janet McCarthy

Sunday, February 4

9:00am Living and Deceased of the Grace & Johannesson Families
 11:00am Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

Monday, February 5 - St. Agatha

8:30am Theresa Rogers

Tuesday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:30am Barry Igoe

Wednesday, February 7

8:30am Deceased of Holley & McConnell Families

Thursday, February 8 - St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita

8:30am Marcella M. Schnorr

Friday, February 9

8:30am Eleanor M. Mullen

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 10

4:30pm Lawrence Farnese (9th Anniv.)

Sunday, February 11

9:00am Living & Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish
 11:00am Jayne M. Devine

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| February | 11 | Hospitality Sunday
9am Mass - Grade 5 |
| | 14 | Ash Wednesday |
| | 19 | President's Day - Rectory Closed |
| | 27 | First Penance |



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 - Job 7:1-4, 6-7
 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
 Gospel - Mark 1:29-39

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
 Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1
 Gospel - Mark 1:40-45



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 the 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.



USHERS NEEDED

St. Bernadette Parish is looking to form a "team" of ushers/greeters who would be willing to serve at a particular Mass with the following duties:

- Arrive 10 minutes early for Mass to be the greeter who will welcome those arriving for Mass
- Take up the collection
- Meet the people leaving Mass and give them the weekly bulletin to take home with them
- Able to respond to any emergency that may occur during Mass

If you would like to join the "team of ushers" please give your name, phone number and email address to Bill Casper or send the information to the rectory at helenk@stbl.org

FINANCIAL FACTS

January 28, 2024

Weekly: \$11,306 target of \$15,000

\$9,122 (Collection) + \$2,184 (Parish Giving)



ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 14

Ashes will be distributed *within* the Mass at 8:30am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm. Ashes will also be distributed at a prayer service at 4:00pm.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl—the collection will be taken up on Palm Sunday, March 24.



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

What's Happening

St. Bernadette School had a great week celebrating our wonderful Catholic school. Some engaging highlights include our Opening Mass last Sunday followed by our Open House.

Many young alumni visited along with current and prospective parents.

The children enjoyed an interactive jeopardy-like game called Brain Pop sponsored by our Home and School. We hosted our community police, firefighters and military personnel who were entertained by our students in grades 1 through 4. We are so grateful to these hometown heroes!!! We loved honoring our parents as the students arrived Monday morning. Father John escorted our 7th and 8th grade students to the National Shrine of St. John Neumann where they learned more about the bishop who founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the United States. Our annual 8th Grade vs Faculty basketball game ended the week with excitement and fun for all!

If you know anyone interested in enrolling in the SBS Early Childhood Preschool Program next school year, please spread the word and encourage them to apply online promptly as spaces are filling quickly. www.st-bernadette.org



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 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

Thank you!

Susan Coyne & Karen Murphy, Scrip Coordinators



ST. BERNADETTE PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

March 2 from 9:00am - 2:00pm (in the gym)
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: St Bernadette School to schedule an appointment.

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients. If you are an eligible type O, B - or A - donor, consider making a Power Red donation. Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

PRAISE THE LORD, WHO HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED

In today's Readings we hear of Job lamenting his struggles: *"I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me"* and *"I shall not see happiness again."* We also hear about Jesus curing the sick and casting out demons and the crowd that was gathering. It would probably have been a lot easier for him stay there but he moves on to the other villages. Jesus was always careful to not get caught in the crowds. Although he does minister to crowds and feeds the multitude, often times we hear of him slipping away. So often when we follow Christ we can get up in the crowd and become busy with things about Jesus, the spectacle, the reputation, the outward appearance. However Jesus never loses sight of his mission. His mission is to let the people of God know the Good News, that the Messiah has come, the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets is here. That is our mission too! We share in Christ's Mission. St. Paul says in the second reading: *"If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!"*

We have the responsibility to make the Love of the Father present in the world around us, present in our families, present in our communities, present in our schools, our work places. This includes those times when we feel like we have been assigned months of misery and troubled nights, or we think we shall never see happiness again, or our family is sick. We are called to be the light in the darkness, the hope in despair, the compassion in suffering. Saying yes to following Christ means leaving the comfort of the crowd, turning away from the ways of the world and toward Christ, walking with him, and sharing in His mission.

JESUS IS CALLING YOU

St. Bernadette Parish has Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday. Exposition of the

Most Blessed Sacrament takes place during the 8:30am Mass and lasts until

Devotions and Benediction starting at 7:00pm.

Please prayerfully consider taking some time to spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burchrichter Arginteanu, Hannah Atkins. Dan Bigioni, Tom Blisard, Pamela Bower, Joseph Bradley, Debra Brady, Marie Bree, Chrissy Campbell, Theresa Caputo, Michael Carroll, Peter Celucci, Robert & Joanne Christopher, Elaine Cole, Jennie Colianni, Mike Connors, Quinn Connors, Dennis Conway, Dave Costella, Tom Coyle, Barbara Cunningham, 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, 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.

CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL 50th Reunion - Class of 1974

Cardinal O'Hara High School is planning a 50th Reunion for the Class of 1974. The reunion is October 19, 2024 at Llanerch Country Club. For more information or to update your email and mailing address, contact John Caramanico at jcaramanico56@gmail.com or 610.633.0783.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Love cannot triumph unless it becomes the one passion of our life. Without such passion we may produce isolated acts of love; but our life is not really won over or consecrated to an ideal. Until we have a passionate love for Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament we shall accomplish nothing.

—St. Peter Julian Eymard



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

2024 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

A message from Archbishop Pérez,

The Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was established in 1958 to help fund social services.

"Your generous response to the Catholic Charities Appeal ensures that critical and life-sustaining works of charity throughout our local Church can serve the hundreds of thousands of people who rely on us for real help and hope each year.

Your gift uplifts the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable. The Appeal is the largest annual fundraising initiative in our Archdiocese because it fuels our ability to share the love of Christ by imitating his example of service to those most in need.

Those needs are many and they grow constantly. Please join me in supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal so we can continue to serve all those who come to us."

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez,
Archbishop of Philadelphia

This weekend marks the kick-off of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal. Please join us in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia Area. Visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org to make your donation today!



16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference Saturday, March 2, 2024

*From Death Into Life
(1 Jn3:14)*

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the **16th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 2nd at Cardinal O'Hara HS**. Speakers include **Phillies Hall of Famer, Mike Schmidt**, acclaimed author of **Back to Life, Danny Bader**, That Man is You VP, **Mark Hartfiel**, and Coordinator of Young Life, **Deacon Nathan Gunn**. And back by popular demand, **Mark Forrest**, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our **Eucharistic Adoration**. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available, and the Conference will conclude with **Mass** celebrated by our archbishop **Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez**.

For more information and to register go to the website:
www.manupphilly.com