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SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH "WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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FEBRUARY 11, 2024 — SIXTH 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)

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Administrative Secretary

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

Parish Music Coordinator

Dorothy Toomey

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of repentance and penitence, we hear how Jesus responded to a man who was considered unclean, both physically and spiritually. Over the following forty days, we will approach our Lord as sinners, in need of forgiveness, in need of being “made clean.” May Jesus’ response to the leper in today’s Gospel assure us of his love and mercy for us despite our failings, despite our sinfulness.

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



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 10

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

Sunday, February 11

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

11:00am Jayne M. Devine

Monday, February 12

8:30am Kathleen "Katie" Ferraiolo

Tuesday, February 13

8:30am Regina Lyons

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

8:30am Patrick & Marguerite Murphy and Family

12:15pm Souls in Purgatory

4:00pm - Prayer Service

7:00pm Robert Mikalonis

Thursday, February 15

8:30am Cathy Huyette

Friday, February 16

8:30am Joseph H. Bradley

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 17

4:30pm Regina Marie Dengel

Sunday, February 18

9:00am Daria Condo

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

**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.



2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, February 14

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Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am
(Recitation of the Rosary-8:00am)

United Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Mondays 7:00pm in the Chapel

Novena to St. Leonie Aviat

Tuesdays 7:00pm in the Chapel

Men's Prayer Group

Tuesdays 7:30pm in the Wright Center

Coffee and Catechesis

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Tuesdays
February 20 through March 19
9:00am (following 8:30am Mass)

Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle

Thursdays 7:00pm in the Chapel

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays
February 15 through March 21
7:00pm in Church

**Poor Man's Supper
(soup and bread)**

Thursday
February 29
6pm -7pm in O'Brien Hall

Confessions

Thursdays March 14 and March 21

Following Stations of the Cross

Monday March 18

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday March 27

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Saturdays
February 17 – March 9
3:30pm - 4:15pm

March 16 and March 23

3:00pm - 4:15pm

(no Confessions Holy Saturday, March 30)

Operation Rice Bowl

This form of family prayer and sacrifice enables Catholic Relief Services to assist the poor in many parts of the world. Your envelopes for Operation Rice Bowl can be put in the regular collection on Palm Sunday, March 24.



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This 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

Next week’s readings will be:

First Reading - Genesis 9:8-15
 Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Gospel - Mark 1:12-15



USHERS NEEDED

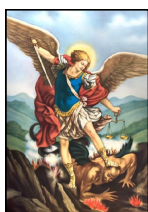
St. Bernadette Parish is looking to form a “team” of ushers/greeters who would be willing to serve at a particular Mass with the following duties:

- 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



- February
- 11 Hospitality Sunday - 9am Mass/Grade 5
 - 14 Ash Wednesday
 - 19 President’s Day - **Rectory Closed**
 - 27 First Reconciliation
 - 29 Poor Man’s Supper (soup and bread)
 O’Brien Hall - 6pm - 7pm



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

February 4, 2024

Weekly: \$13,689 target of \$15,000

\$10,434 (Collection) + \$3,255 (Parish Giving)



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

What’s Happening

It has been an exciting year in Tech Class!

Students use technology and understand the connection with curricular content through hands-on activities. Our students research, use in problem solving, and develop an attitude of safety while working with others. Students may use Google Classroom to access their documents, presentations, and classroom materials.

We look forward to applying our learned knowledge and projects using Google Docs, Sheets, Slides, Drawings, and many other applications. Students learn about Internet Safety and Digital Citizenship to help make wise choices!

We love learning at St. Bernadette School!



CYO CORNER

Spring Registration is now open! Track (grades K-8), Softball (grades 5-8), baseball (grades 5-8) and Co-ed volleyball (HIGH SCHOOL).

We are also looking for a coach for the Volleyball team. Games are typically played on Sundays. Interested in coaching or getting involved? Email cyo@stbl.org. Clearances are required to volunteer.



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

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

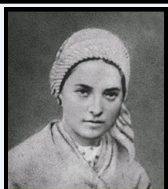
"I do will it. Be made clean."

In today's readings we hear about the sickness of leprosy and the pain, disfigurement, and alienation of those that suffer from the disease. Leprosy was a devastating prognosis with no treatment or cure. In the Gospel, Jesus does the impossible. He heals this incurable illness. He relieves the pain. He rectifies the disfigurement. He reconciles the alienated to the community.

One of the great lessons we learn from these reading is that, even though we are not be able to see it, sin causes the same effects on our souls as leprosy does to the body. Sin wounds our souls and leaves it disfigured from what God created it to be. Sin also damages our relationship with God and our community, making it more difficult to relate to one another. Jesus does not want us to be separated from himself and the community. He desires for us to be healed and he can heal us. Often times we either don't realize the extent of our woundedness or we are too ashamed to bring it to Him.

So these readings are a sign of Hope. We know from our previous week's readings that we are called by Jesus Christ to follow Him as disciples. It is comforting to know that he knows we are not perfect and we are effected by sin. However he does not simply leave us to wallow in the despair of that sin. He "wills that we be made clean." He is stronger than any sin we can commit and desires to restore us to health in mind, spirit, and soul. He gives us great comfort and hope.

This week we begin the Liturgical Season of Lent. It is a time of penance where we focus on the practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving to prepare ourselves for the great celebration of Easter. We are called to intentionally discern how to best approach this season to grow in our faith and answer God's call in our lives. There are many weekly and one time events going on here at St. Bernadette's and the other parishes in the Drexel Hill and Delco area. Be sure to check the Bulletin, Website, Social Media and other forms of communication with all the events and activities going on here at Bernie's for Lent, Easter, and the Spring.



ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES - - - FEAST DAY - FEBRUARY 16

Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, also known as **Marie-Bernarde Soubirous**, was a French saint whose remarkable visions led to the establishment of the Marian shrine of Lourdes. Here are some key details about her life:

Birth: She was born on January 7, 1844, in Lourdes, France.

Visions: Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, when she was just 14 years old, Bernadette experienced a series of 18 visions of the Virgin Mary in the nearby Massabielle grotto. During these visions, Mary revealed her identity with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Messages: Mary conveyed various messages to Bernadette during these encounters, including the instruction to build a chapel at the grotto.

Challenges: Despite strong opposition from her parents, local clergy, and civil authorities, Bernadette steadfastly defended the authenticity of her visions.

Later Life: To escape public attention, she became a boarder at a local school run by the Sisters of Charity of Nevers. In 1866, she entered the novitiate in the motherhouse at Nevers.

Holiness and Suffering: Despite constant sickness and pain, Bernadette remained kind, holy, and witty. She willingly accepted her sufferings as penance, fulfilling her "Lady's" request.

Canonization: Pope Pius XI canonized her in 1933, authenticating her visions and the veneration of Mary as Our Lady of Lourdes.

Today, Lourdes remains a major pilgrimage center for those seeking healing, and the story of Saint Bernadette continues to inspire millions of visitors who come to this sacred site.



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, 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 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, 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

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.

congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who received honors at their respective high schools:

Merion Mercy Academy

Distinguished Honors: Sarah D'Alessandro, Cara Jasklewicz, Hannah Benner

Honors: Hailey Kenefick, Lyla Otis

Villa Maria Academy

First Honors: Emma O'Hare

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.



St. Bernadette Food Pantry's Annual Easter Food Drive is on Palm Sunday, March 24. We are asking for donations of hams and the following perishable food items:

a gallon of milk, a dozen of eggs, a lb. of butter and a loaf of bread which will be collected on Sunday, March 24. Non-perishable items can be left in the back of the church behind the last pew on the Blessed Mother side or in the Wright Center after the 11am Mass on Sundays. Monetary donations and gift cards should be dropped off at the Rectory labeled Food Pantry. Volunteers of any age are welcome. Please contact Amy Sandman at 610-931-5692 or stop into the Wright Center after the 11am Mass for further details.

Non-perishable items needed: cereal, packages of instant oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, cereal bars, protein bars, snacks, cookies, crackers, coffee, tea, sugar, microwave popcorn, unbleached flour, cooking oil, condiments, apple sauce, juice, pudding cups, jello, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned tuna, canned chicken, Spam, canned beans all kinds, canned soups, canned chili, canned meals, microwaveable meals, cake mix/icing, brownie mix, pasta, pasta sauce, bagged side dishes, boxed mashed potatoes, boxed cornbread stuffing, Knorr side dishes, low sodium boxes of broth. Heinz gravy, Chef Boyardee canned meals, peanut butter and jelly, laundry pods, Clorox wipes, dish soap, toilet paper, shampoo and conditioner, liquid soap, lotions, toothpaste toothbrush, paper towels, napkins, feminine products, diaper wipes, baby food, baby cereal and baby formula.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Sick and Retired Priests—Villa of St. Joseph

"I have been a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for 52 years and pastor at St. Paul's Parish for 28 years. My parishioners mean so much to me; I consider them family. This is a vibrant parish where people live their sacraments every single day. Martha's Choice Marketplace and Farm is a great example: they are on our parish grounds, and I could not think of a better way to see people living out their faith and leading by example. I enjoy my active ministry, and as my retirement approaches, I am hoping to still be of assistance to any parish in need. If you ask any retired priests, the first thing they miss is the people. Many of my brother priests live at Villa Saint Joseph. These are priests who have served you, the people of the Archdiocese, their whole lives.

The Catholic Charities Appeal helps support retired priests - a beautiful gift and heartfelt sign of our appreciation to God for the gift of His priesthood. The Appeal allows each one of us to honor God with our whole heart. The Appeal gives us the ability to live the Mass, to live our faith."

Father Harry McCreedy, Pastor
St. Paul's Catholic Church