



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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FEBRUARY 18, 2024 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Ashes and rainbows make a strange combination. Ashes are dirty, messy, and ugly. Rainbows, on the other hand, are beautiful and inspiring. But we encounter them both at the beginning of Lent this year. On Wednesday, ashes were smudged on our foreheads as a sign of our mortality and sinfulness. Today we hear that God set a rainbow in the sky as a sign of the covenant with us. As we begin this season of Lent, let us recognize both truths: we are always in need of repentance, but God stands ever waiting to forgive us. As ashes remind us to repent of our sins, may rainbows remind us of God eternal forgiveness.

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.



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

Monday, February 19

8:30am Anthony DellaVecchia

Tuesday, February 20

8:30am Joanna Anzideo

Wednesday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian

8:30am Marian Moran

Thursday, February 22 - The Chair of St. Peter

8:30am Harry Wein

Friday, February 23 - St. Polycarp

8:30am Patricia Friel

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 24

4:30pm Anthony Sireci

Sunday, February 25

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

11:00am Jesse Varricchio

SPECIAL NOTICE

PECO is scheduled to shut down the electric for our entire block at 8:00am or sooner on Monday, February 19. We will still have Mass on that day so please be careful since there will be no lights. Thank you for your cooperation.



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings will be:

First Reading - Genesis 9:8-15

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:18-22

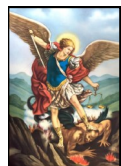
Gospel - Mark 1:12-15

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Second Reading - Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel - Mark 9:2-10



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



2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

Tuesdays The Sorrowful Mysteries
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.



- February 19 President's Day - **Rectory Closed**
- 27 First Reconciliation
- 29 Poor Man's Supper (soup and bread)
O'Brien Hall - 6pm - 7pm

FINANCIAL FACTS

February 11, 2024

Weekly: \$11,987 target of \$15,000

\$8,030 (Collection) + \$3,957 (Parish Giving)



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL What's Happening

The students in Kindergarten B are learning, growing and having tons of fun! We start each day reading the teacher's message, solving the problem of the day, graphing the weather and keeping track of the date on our calendar worksheets. We have learned to recognize the sounds for all 26 letters of the alphabet and we have begun tapping and blending 3 letter words. In math, we are learning addition and subtraction. Some science topics we cover are the seasons, how animals survive winter and the life cycle of insects. We have enjoyed learning about Saints Teresa of Calcutta, Blessed Miguel Pro and Pope John Paul II, to name a few. It is truly a highlight when we pair with our 5th grade prayer partners for the monthly saint activity. Recess and free choice provide a play break and time for socialization. As you can see we are busy bees in Kindergarten B!



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

congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved honors from their respective high schools.

Cardinal O'Hara High School

First Honors:

Ava Soltycki, Brian Fornwalt, Stephanie Shields, Patrick Fornwalt

Second Honors:

Samantha Dutkiewicz, Jack Arnoldy

Msgr. Bonner/Archbishop Prendergast High School

First Honors:

Jessica Horan, Elizabeth McKenzie, Maille Moran, Mia Pozzuolo, Robert Bergman, Lola Delgiorno, Christopher Kolody, Sarah Oxenberg, Kevin Kelly, Georgie Mariani, Aidan McGillian, Carina Mariani

Second Honors:

Declan Behl, Tana George, Sergio Hernandez, Justin Goldhorn, Cole Oxenberg, Noelle Shepherd



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.

BERNIE'S BRICKS . . . YOUR PARISH, YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR LEGACY

Pave the way towards a brighter future for our St. Bernadette Parish Community. Bricks are the perfect way to commemorate Marriage, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Graduation, your Family, feature your business, memorialize a loved one or shout out a beloved teacher, principal, staff member or Parish Priest! Brick pricing starts at \$100 and there are various options to personalize your purchase.

For additional information please visit

<https://polarengraving.com/saintbernadetteschool>

Buy your Bernie's Brick today & cement your legacy in the St. Bernadette Community!

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Zoey Elizabeth Lofgren

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Mary Patricia Charno and Catherine D'Imperio who were recently buried from our church.

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

HE REMAINED IN THE DESERT FOR FORTY DAYS.

Wait! Something is different. Something has changed.

Today is the first Sunday of Lent, a whole new Liturgical Season with a different focus, a different mindset, a different emphasis. Ordinary Time focuses on the life of Christ and our growth and maturation. Lent is a season of Penance with the goal of getting ourselves ready for the Celebration of Easter. It is not penance for the sake of showing off how holy we are, or buying our way into heaven, or keeping us from enjoying life. The penitential acts, especially those of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, help us to enter the desert with Jesus. We try to get back to the basics of our faith. We try to sift through what is superfluous to find the most substantial. We also try to identify how we have been tempted and have given into those temptations. These practices strengthen our faith and build our relationship with God.

We are several days into Lent now. I urge you to make use of this gift of time, of refocusing that the Church gives us. Jesus tells us in the Gospel: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." Lent may seem like a long season but it will be over before you know it. Let us not be afraid to enter the desert with Jesus, to face our temptations, to grow in the practices of our faith, and to prepare ourselves to enter the celebration of the Jesus' Paschal Mystery, his life, passion, death, and most of all His Resurrection.



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

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

All are invited to a

**Mass and Healing Prayer Service at
Our Lady of Fatima
First Friday, March 1, 2024
Praise & Worship: 6:45 pm Mass: 7:00 pm**

**1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018
610 - 532 - 5800**

Rev. Roland Slobogin will be the celebrant.

**Music provided by Mark Griswold.
Prayer teams will be available.**

*"He heals the brokenhearted and
binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL.ORG — GIVING HOPE TO ALL

"At the age of 77, I finally decided I didn't like living alone. That brought me to St. Mary's, one of the senior residences of Catholic Housing and Community Services. Thirty-seven women live here. We have meals together, pray the rosary, play games, watch movies and so much more — together. I have so many friends, and while independent, I still feel cared for. All the staff are so helpful and look after us ladies. Some of these women have nowhere else to go, no family to turn to. When you give to the Catholic Charities Appeal, you are keeping places like St. Mary's open so that people like me can have a safe place to call home."

— Barbara, Resident, St. Mary's Residence



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, toothbrushes, paper towels, napkins, feminine products, diaper wipes, baby food, baby cereal and baby formula.

FOOD PANTRY - JANUARY UPDATE

For the month of January, we helped 3 families with food from our food pantry here at St. Bernadette. Gift cards were provided so that individuals can purchase other staples on their grocery list. Monetary donations and gift cards are provided through the generosity of our parishioners. If you wish to provide a gift card or a monetary donation please drop it off at the Rectory labeled, "Food Pantry". Parishioners volunteered their time to help out in the food pantry after the 11am Mass, each Sunday. We thank them for their time and efforts. Please consider volunteering. It is a great opportunity to serve others during the season of Lent. All ages are welcome.

The St. Bernadette Food pantry is preparing for our Easter Food Drive on Palm Sunday from 1 to 3pm. We are asking for non-perishable food items to distribute to those in need in our parish. Hams as well as milk, eggs, bread and butter will be collected on the day of the food drive after the 11am Mass. On behalf of the food pantry, we thank you for your continued support and generosity with your donations, gifts, prayers, talents and resources—together as one family and one Body in Christ Jesus. God Bless!

Amy Sandman

St. Bernadette Food Pantry Coordinator

MARTHAS AND JOSEPHS

Putting a call out to anyone/everyone who likes a clean church. The Marthas and Josephs are back and we need volunteers (men and women). If you are interested in helping out, please email the rectory office at helenk@stbl.org.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burreichter 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 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.

JACK AND JILL BINGO NIGHT

\$30 per person - \$35 at the door

Come out and join us for a night of fun supporting Pandas Softball. We will be holding a Jack & Jill Bingo on Friday, February 23 in MBAP Cafeteria. Doors open at 6:30pm; first game starts at 7:00pm. Reserve your table for 10 guests in advance (\$300). To register in advance, VENMO @elaina-shepherd. Subject line: Panda Bingo. To reserve a table, please email Elaina Shepherd at eshepherd123@gmail.com. We will be selling extra tickets for every round. Venmo will be accepted at the event.

DELCO PRO-LIFE MEETING

Please join us for our monthly Delco Pro-Life group meeting on Wednesday, February 21, at 7pm in St. Dorothy Parish Conference Room in the Rectory basement. Entrance is from the parking lot. Your prayers and suggestions are most welcome.

Jesus, protect and save the unborn.