



# Second Sunday of Lent

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

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FEBRUARY 25, 2024 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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)  
Email ([frmasson@stbl.org](mailto: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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

As we continue our Lenten journey today, we hear stories of two significant journeys in the history of our faith. Abraham travels to a distant land with his precious son, Isaac, where his devotion and obedience to God will be put to their greatest test. Jesus leads his closest disciples up a high mountain where he will be transfigured in glory. May our practice of the Lenten disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving transform us into more loving and devoted 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

### 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

**Monday, February 26**

8:30am Joanne DiDio

**Tuesday, February 27 - St. Gregory of Narek**

8:30am Ronald Manila

**Wednesday, February 28**

8:30am Daniel Stickney

**Thursday, February 29**

8:30am Sr. Susan Louise

**Friday, March 1**

8:30am Bennett Krusan

### Third Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 2**

4:30pm Marie DeLuca (39th Anniv.)

**Sunday, March 3**

9:00am Bernard Carr

11:00am Bob Goldberg



### FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

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

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

Second Reading - Romans 8:31b-34

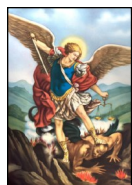
Gospel - Mark 9:2-10

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

First Reading - Exodus 20:1-17

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel - John 2:13-25



### 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

5:45pm - 6:45pm 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
- 25 Bishop John McIntyre - 9:00am Mass Confirmation Retreat and Practice - 9:00am Mass
  - 27 First Reconciliation
  - 29 Poor Man's Supper (soup and bread) O'Brien Hall - 5:45pm - 6:45pm

## FINANCIAL FACTS

**February 18, 2024**

**Weekly: \$8,379 target of \$15,000**

**\$6,347 (Collection) + \$2,032 (Parish Giving)**





## ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

### What's Happening

#### ShopRite Fundraiser for SBS

Support St. Bernadette School while you shop online with Shoprite of Drexeline and Brookhaven. ShopRite will donate 5% of your total **ONLINE** purchase beginning **February 18th** and running through **March 30th**. Enter the code **BERN5** in the **promo code box at checkout**. We are most grateful to Pat and Helen Burns for all they do to support Catholic education, particularly 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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.

## Saint Bernadette Fair

WE NEED YOU!!!! St. Bernadette's is having our first fair ever coming April of 2024 –

This fair is to benefit the parish as well as the school and we would love everyone to participate.....we need volunteers for the nights of the fair and to sell raffle chances after the Masses Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings beginning the middle of March until the fair ends. We also need volunteers to help the evenings of the fair to work in booths and so many other activities that are planned. The fair will run April 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday and Thursday from 6-9; Friday and Saturday 5:30 to 10. If you can volunteer for any/and or all of these events, please contact Debbie O'Brien at [pool-girl11973@yahoo.com](mailto:pool-girl11973@yahoo.com) or Kat Hernandez at [kathleen.mary.hernandez@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.mary.hernandez@gmail.com) Thank you for helping to make this a fun event and success for all!

### 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!



### 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](mailto:helenk@stbl.org).



### POOR MAN'S SUPPER

On the evening of February 29, 2024, before Stations of the Cross, Father John is hosting a "Poor Man's Supper" from 5:45pm - 6:45pm in O'Brien Hall. All are invited to a time of fellowship before praying the Stations together at 7pm.

## THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

We Welcome Bishop McIntyre to St. Bernadette of Lourdes Parish for the celebration of our 9:00 Mass. We are honored to have a Successor of the Apostles and a representative of Archbishop Nelson Perez here to lead us in prayer and worship in this Lenten Season. Thank you, Bishop McIntyre, for being here today and for all you do for the people of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

### **"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM."**

In today's Gospel reading we hear the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. In this story Jesus starts out by doing something very common for him to do. He took a step back from the crowds and even his disciples with the purpose of having time alone with God the Father. This time he brought along his inner circle, Peter, James, and John. It is while going about this ordinary routine that something extraordinary happened. Jesus was transfigured, transformed into something more beautiful and elevated, so much so that even his clothes became a dazzling white. And then to add to the scene, Moses and Elijah appear and start conversing with him. Then, even more miraculous, a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

For many this is a definitive sign of the Divinity of Jesus Christ. The apostles got a glimpse of Jesus in all his glory, his true identity as the Beloved Son of God to whom the whole Law and Prophets point. For what was to come they needed that glimpse, to see the mighty power of God in Jesus. I am sure that they relied on that moment many times throughout Jesus' passion, and in the difficult early years of the Church. We too are reminded of Jesus's identity in the beginning of this season of Penance. We are reminded of the Glory of Jesus Christ. Then we are reminded of how he humbled himself and endured suffering and death for us. He did not need to, but freely chose to out of Love for us.

As this account of the Transfiguration reminds us of Jesus' identity, we are also called to remember our own identity in Christ. And knowing who we are, we embrace in humility our own penances. Through acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we die to self and rise with Christ. In performing our ordinary acts of humble penance God can turn them into extraordinary avenues of grace in our lives.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL.ORG — GIVING HOPE TO ALL**

"My son, Finn, is 6 years old — he is a rambunctious, fun-loving little boy who also happens to have Down Syndrome. He has no idea that he's disabled, and he wouldn't want it any other way. He doesn't let his disabilities hold him back. Finn attends Our Lady of Confidence School, one of the three Schools of Special Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. I am a Catholic School teacher, so it was very important to my wife and I that Finn receives a Catholic education. Finn loves going to school every day. He and his classmates are treated with respect and dignity. It takes a special kind of person to dedicate their life to a mission, and that's what the school provides. This is a welcoming, safe place that values our children. They deserve to have the best life possible because they are God's creation. The Catholic Charities Appeal makes all this possible. Any donation will really help make a difference. These children are not always given a fair chance, and by supporting the Appeal, you are providing them with a safe place to learn and grow in their Catholic faith."

— Bill, Parent, Our Lady of Confidence School



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.



**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](http://www.manupphilly.com)



**PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY  
BULLETIN DEADLINES**

Items for the bulletin on **Palm Sunday (March 24) and Easter Sunday (March 31) must be at the rectory by noon on Wednesday, March 13.** Thank you for your cooperation!



**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 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.