



Fourth Sunday Of Lent

SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH "WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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MARCH 10, 2024 — FOURTH 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

From the first day of creation, humans took advantage of their free will and sinned against God. But God so loved the world that God sent the Son to be born into the world, to suffer and die to atone once and for all for our sins, and to be raised up so that all may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit draws us here each week to allow us to express our love for God in the way that we worship God and the way that we treat each other. On this *Laetare* ("Rejoice!") Sunday, we are reminded of God's unparalleled love and mercy and ultimate purpose for us all.

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. Registration for the class is required. In order to arrange for a baptism, the parents must be active members of the parish. To register, please call the rectory office at 610/789-7676 ext. 101.** 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. St. Bernadette Parishioners must be registered and actively participating.

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.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Saturday, March 9

4:30pm Regina Marie Dengel

Sunday, March 10

9:00am Deceased of Holley & McConnell Families
11:00am Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

Monday, March 11

8:30am Sr. Susan Louise

Tuesday, March 12

8:30am Joanne Anzideo

Wednesday, March 13

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, March 14

8:30am Barbara McElhenney (Gran)

Friday, March 15

8:30am Cathy Huyette

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

9:00am Patrick & Marguerite Murphy and Family
11:00am Mary Copley and Bob McKenna



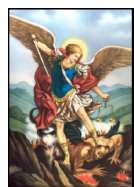
FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings will be:

First Reading - 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23
Second Reading - Ephesians 2:4-10
Gospel - John 3:14-21

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34
Second Reading - Hebrews 5:7-9
Gospel - John 12:20-33



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
March 5 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 March 7 through March 21
7:00pm in Church

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

March 2 and 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.



March	10	Change Clocks
		Hospitality Sunday - 4th grade - 9am Mass
	21	Confirmation - Bishop Edward Deliman
	24	Palm Sunday - Operation Rice Bowl
	28	Holy Thursday
	29	Good Friday - Holy Places in Palestine
	30	Easter Vigil - 8:00pm
	31	Easter Sunday

FINANCIAL FACTS

March 3, 2024

Weekly: \$12,615 target of \$15,000

\$10,035 (Collection) + \$2,580 (Parish Giving)



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

Art Class at St. Bernadette School

In art class, students from Pre-K 4 through 8th grade explore creativity through the elements of art (line, shape, color, value, space, form, and texture) and design principles (balance, contrast, movement, rhythm, unity, emphasis, and pattern). They explore the history of art, studying various artists from different eras. During Black History Month, the focus is on African American artists like Alma Thomas, Faith Ringgold, Jean-Michel Basquiat, and Kehinde Wiley. Students learn about these artists' lives and works, then create their own art inspired by them. We are grateful to the St. Bernadette Parish Community for their continuous support in nurturing these young, creative minds.



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



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!

PRE-JORDAN CLASS

We have resumed Pre-Jordan classes which will begin Sunday, May 5 in the Wright Center at 12 noon. Classes will be held on the first Sunday of every other month. Registration for the class is required. In order to arrange for a baptism, the parents must be active members of the parish. To register, please call the rectory office at 610/789-7676 ext. 101.

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 24th to the 27th – 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-girl1973@yahoo.com or Kat Hernandez at 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!



CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 7 at St. Pius X Parish

“JESUS I TRUST IN YOU”

We invite all to come and experience the wonderful love and mercy of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus said, “Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” (Diary, 300)

Devotions will begin at **2:00 pm** with Rosary, The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will begin promptly at **3:00 pm**.

We warmly welcome ALL from neighboring parishes to join us for this special day of grace, mercy and reconciliation. (Contact Cathy 610 353-8117)

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

**BECAUSE OF THE GREAT LOVE HE HAD FOR US,
EVEN WHEN WE WERE DEAD IN OUR TRANSGRESSIONS,
BROUGHT US TO LIFE WITH CHRIST.**

Now that we are in this fourth week of Lent I can see how much I am in need of a Savior. In this time of zealous spiritual practices, self-examination, and focusing on the basics I still find myself struggling and tending to fall back into bad habits. That's why the readings this week-end give me such great Hope, the sure and confident expectation of receiving what God has promised us in the future.

Today's readings give me so much Hope because they explain that it does not all depend on me. My salvation does not depend upon me getting it right all the time. That gives me hope because I have failed in my own personal Lenten sacrifice several times and even forgot it was Friday and ate a bacon cheese burger before I remembered later in the day.

The Israelites in the first reading were suffering in Exile but God brought them out of it and back into the Promised Land. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God loved us so much that he sent His only Son so that we might have the fullness of life. He did not come to condemn the world but to save it. God desires for us to be saved and it is through his grace that we are saved. So when I continue to stumble and fall, forget or make poor choices I know all is not lost and there is no reason to despair or lose hope. Jesus Christ is the savior, through his suffering, death and resurrection we are saved. Our faith reminds us to get back up, refocus, and repent again and again to unite our hearts, minds, and actions to Jesus Christ the one through whom we have salvation.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL.ORG — GIVING HOPE TO ALL

"My parents brought me to Church every Sunday when I was growing up; my mom would interpret the Mass for me in American Sign Language (ASL). I knew as a kid that I could be a Deacon and give back to the Church and the Deaf community. I have met several Deaf men who showed interest in becoming a Deacon, but they did not have the support of their dioceses. Fortunately, with the support of the Deaf Apostolate Office, I was able to discern my calling to become an ordained Deacon for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The Deaf Apostolate provides pastoral care, sacramental preparation, religious education, and a regular schedule of Masses in ASL with the Catholic community who are Deaf or hard of hearing. Learning about your faith and not understanding what is being said is a challenge. Mass in ASL makes our faith visible in our own language — it gives our community access. We can process information more clearly when it's in our language. When you support the Catholic Charities Appeal, your donations help the Deaf community access their faith and participate in the Church".

— Deacon Billy Griffin, Coordinator, Deaf Apostolate



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.

EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP

Sunday, March 10 from 2pm – 3pm

Please join us at Annunciation BVM Church in Havertown for a grace-filled Holy Hour. We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. Priests will be available for Confessions. After Benediction, you are welcome to join us in the hall for light refreshments. For questions call Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308.



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.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

First Annual Workshop for Respect Life

Leaders and Volunteers

SS Simon and Jude Parish

Meehan Center - Lower level

8 Cavanaugh Court, West Chester

When: Saturday, March 16, 2024

Registration and coffee: 8:30am

Workshop: 9:00am – 1:00pm

REGISTER at Chescoprolife.org

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say yes to Your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end and bring us at last, oh Father, to eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Resources

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing:

877-HOPE-4-ME www.rachelsvineyard.org

A Baby's Breath 24-Hour Hotline:

484-580-6436 www.ababysbreath.org

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: www.dcpcchester.org

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME www.mothershome.org

Crisis Pregnancy Resource Hotline: **610-626-4006**