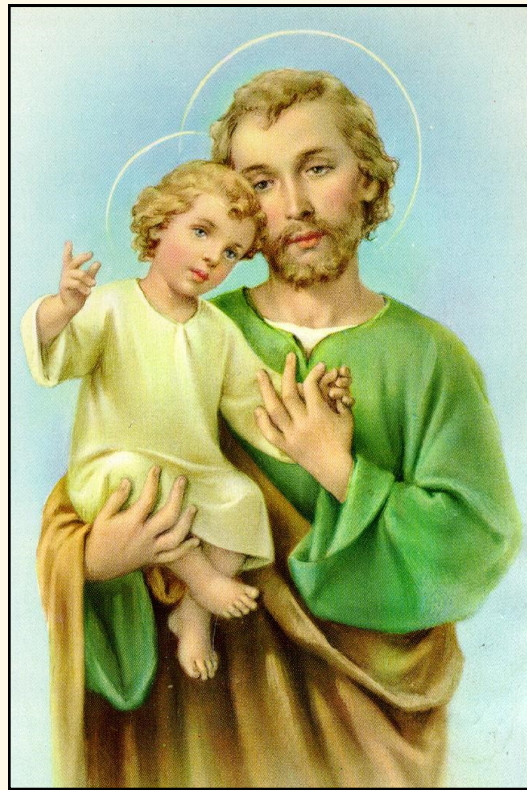




March 17 — St. Patrick



March 19 — St. Joseph

SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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MARCH 17, 2024 — FIFTH 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

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Robert J. Helmig (Ext. 103)

Administrative Secretary

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

Parish Music Coordinator

Dorothy Toomey

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

As we draw close to Holy Week, we hear Jesus talk about his approaching death. Yet his message to his disciples is not so much about his death as it is about eternal life. As Christians, we know that as difficult as death is, our true hope is in eternal life, trusting that our Lord is our source of eternal salvation. During this final week before Holy Week, let us keep in mind that just as our Lenten journey will not end with Good Friday, but with Easter, so does our own journey end not in death but in new life.

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.

MARTHAS AND JOSEPHS meet every Thursday in Church following the 8:30am Mass. All who wish to help clean the church are welcome to join us.

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 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 & Bob McKenna

Monday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30am Edward Organ, Jr. (7th Anniv.)

Tuesday, March 19 - St. Joseph

8:30am Theresa Rogers

Wednesday, March 20

8:30am Anthony Bondoc

Thursday, March 21

8:30am Alfred Murphy, Jr.

Friday, March 22

8:30am Paula and Michael Lumi

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 23

4:30pm Lawrence Farnese and Arthur & Marie DeLuca

Sunday, March 24

9:00am Phyllis Burke

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

2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tuesdays **Coffee and Catechesis**
The Sorrowful Mysteries
March 19
9:00am (following 8:30am Mass)

Stations of the Cross
March 21

Thursdays 7:00pm in Church

Confessions

Monday March 18

7:00pm – 8:00pm

March 21

Following Stations of the Cross

Wednesday March 27

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Saturdays

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.



Sunday, March 24 - Passion (Palm) Sunday

Collection for Operation Rice Bowl

Masses

4:30pm - Vigil Mass

9:00am and 11:00am

Holy Thursday – March 28

No 8:30am Mass

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Church will remain open for visits until 10:00pm)

Good Friday – March 29

Collection for Holy Places in Palestine

3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

(day of fast and abstinence)

Holy Saturday – March 30

Masses

8:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass

(No 4:30pm Vigil Mass)

Easter Sunday – March 31

Masses

9:00am and 11:00am

(No Mass in O'Brien Hall)



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings will be:

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading - Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel - John 12:20-33

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel - Mark 14:1-15:47



March	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



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



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

Please join our St. Bernadette school community for a spiritual evening on Tuesday, March 26th at 7 pm in our church. Our 1st through 8th grade students will present a heartwarming reflection through words and songs, preparing us for the sacred Triduum. Your hearts will be deeply moved as you unite with our school community for this special event.

"The time has come," Jesus said, "for the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news!"

(Mark 1:15)



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

PRE-JORDAN CLASS

We have resumed Pre-Jordan classes which will begin Sunday, May 5. 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. Classes will be held on the first Sunday of every other month in the Wright Center at 12 noon.

FINANCIAL FACTS

The financial facts for
March 10 and March 17 will be in the bulletin
on March 24.

The financial facts for March 24 (Palm Sunday)
and March 31 (Easter)
will be in the bulletin on April 7.

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 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!



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

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

In the Seminary one of the many snappy one liners we would hear about the purpose of ministry or preaching is "we are to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable". That is something this week's readings do for us. Jeremiah is promising a new covenant written on our hearts and all people, from least to greatest, shall know God who will forgive their evil-doing and remember their sin no more. The Letter to the Hebrews explains that Jesus was made perfect and became the source of eternal salvation. Even in the Gospel we hear the voice of God from the Heavens. These few lines, and more, bring us comfort and assurance of the love and saving power of God.

As the readings bring comfort they also should cause some uneasiness. The Law is now written on our hearts. It is our responsibility to read it, know it, and follow it. The Letter to the Hebrews teaches about Jesus as the source of salvation but after explaining that he suffered and prayed with loud cries and tears. This is summed up in Jesus' teaching to the Greeks when he explained that for a grain of wheat to bear fruit it must first fall to the ground and die.

Even as Jesus taught this lesson it troubled him. However it did not prevent him moving forward. As the grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies so do somethings in our life need to be sacrificed in order for us to grow and bear fruit. This is a hard life lesson, especially when we have become comfortable with the way things are. However, as Christ faced what troubled him so we are called to face our crosses, temptations, vices, and fears, making the sacrifices along with Christ to grow, heal, forgive, and move forward as he leads us.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

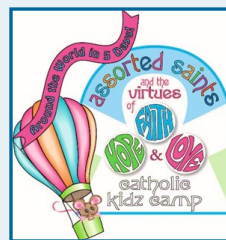
**May your mornings bring joy
And your evenings bring peace.
May your troubles grow less
As your blessings increase.**





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 Flanagan, 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, Kathleen Coyle Tewey, 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.



PRESS RELEASE SAVE THE DATES

SAINT BERNADETTE PARISH
is hosting Vacation Bible
School this summer!

Assorted Saints and the Virtues of Faith, Hope & Love is for children rising to Prek4 through children rising to 2nd Grade. There will be 5 FUN-FILLED DAYS of exciting lessons, cool crafts, fun games, upbeat music, creative skits, hands-on activities and delicious snacks.

Hurry to the Launch Pad!
Discover the Virtues in the Assorted Saints Hot Air Balloon!

The program will be held on:

Dates: JUNE 24th - JUNE 28th, 2024
Times: 9am - 12pm
Location: St. Bernadette Parish

Don't miss out on this spiritual
adventure of a lifetime!

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION
COMING SOON!**

*All children are welcome to attend
regardless of Church affiliation.*

Please contact Marykate Murphy ~
mmurphy@stbl.org with any questions.



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.