



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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MARCH 24, 2024 — PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

We begin the celebration of Holy Week by calling down God's blessing upon the symbol that today's feast is named for: the palm branches that were used to welcome our Lord to Jerusalem. "Hosanna!" the crowds accompanying him cried out, praising the Son of Man as he rode into the holy city. "Hosanna!" the residents called out, eager to witness firsthand what this miracle worker would do. We sing hosannas today, as we enter the holiest week of the year, the week when we recall Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

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 for the Intentions of the Week

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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

Monday, March 25

8:30am Special Intention (C & J)

Tuesday, March 26

8:30am Pete Floyd

Wednesday, March 27

8:30am Special Intention (R & V)

Holy Thursday, March 28

No Morning Mass

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, March 29

No Morning Mass

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Holy Saturday, March 30

No 4:30pm Vigil Mass/No Confessions

8:00pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00am Howard Walker

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



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings will be:

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel - Mark 14:1-15:47

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel - John 20:1-9



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



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

(No 4:30pm Vigil Mass)

8:00pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - March 31

Masses

9:00am and 11:00am

(No Mass in O'Brien Hall)



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Easter Food Drive |
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| | 31 | Easter Sunday |

FINANCIAL FACTS

March 10, 2024

Weekly: \$13,777 target of \$15,000

\$8,940 (Collection) + \$4,837 (Parish Giving)

March 17, 2024

Weekly: \$9,453 target of \$15,000

\$7,396 (Collection) + \$2,057 (Parish Giving)

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

WELCOMED TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Avery Catherine Reidy

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Ronald Manila who were recently buried from our church.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to those who were confirmed here in our parish church on Thursday, March 21. We thank Bishop Edward M. Deliman for his presence among us. We also thank the parents and our teachers under the guidance of Ms. Marykate Murphy and Mrs. Joanne Montie.

Grace **ELIZABETH** Baldoni
 Isabella **LUCY** D'Angelo
 Gianna **CATHERINE** DeSantis
 Andrew **PETER** Detweiler
 Mridula **MONICA** Dheekollu
 Henry **SEBASTIAN** Dunn
 Matthias **VINCENT** Felten
 Anthony **CHRISTOPHER** Ferraro
 Anthony James **MICHAEL** Fitti
 Sean **PATRICK** Greim
 Daniel **MICHAEL** Henry
 William **MICHAEL** Kelly
 Hannah **LUCY** Kenefick
 Marissa **RITA** Lancianese
 Trinity **CHRISTINA** McDermott
 Daniel **MATTHEW** McDevitt
 Thomas **MICHAEL** McLaughlin
 Rylie **DOROTHY** Mahoney
 Nathan **MICHAEL** Meehan
 Maggie **ANN** Melnick
 Gavin **BENEDICT** Paulaski
 Ryan **ROCH** Ripley
 Michael **WILLIAM** Rogers
 Jake **JOHN** Schrodell

GOD BLESS YOU!

*Never underestimate the power of the Spirit of God working **IN** you, **THROUGH** you and **DESPITE** you!*

... Archbishop Nelson J. Perez

Saint Bernadette Fair April 24 — April 27

Ride Bands will be sold after all Masses beginning Palm Sunday. Ride bands are good for one day of the fair, all-you-care-to-ride. Bands are \$20 in advance if paid by cash or check; \$21 if paid by Venmo. Act now! Ride bands are \$25 at the fair!

Fair Raffle Tickets on Sale now through April 27!

Dinner at the Rectory with the Pastor

Reserved & VIP Parking and Pew at 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve

\$250 off 2024-2025 St. Bernadette School Tuition

Free St. Bernie's Camp for PK4 thru 2nd Grade Week of 6/24-6/27

\$10 for 10 Tickets or \$20 for 25 Tickets & can be purchased after Mass in the vestibule OR Venmo @berniesfair - Include your email and what prizes you'd like tickets for



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

At the end of February, our 5th and 6th grade students took a trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art to explore how black artists, past and present, depict ideas integral to forge complex identities, challenge racism, and shape vibrant cultures in the United States and worldwide. The students had the opportunity to explore through a guided tour the many priceless pieces that are in the Philadelphia Museum of Art and discussed with one another challenging topics related to African American history in the United States. The class also enjoyed getting to eat lunch in the Art Museum and visiting the gift shop where many of them picked out souvenirs or art supplies to commemorate our adventure!

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!

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN



"HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD,
THE KING OF ISRAEL."

Many people last weekend participated in a variety of Parades, or walks, or maybe a crawl of sorts for St. Patrick's Day. Imagine those crowds and all that enthusiasm for just one man, Jesus Christ. People were so moved that they were removing their cloaks and them laying down along with palm branches so that he would not touch the street. They even waved the palms in the air out of excitement. Jesus the Christ was coming to the Holy City.

This excitement is tempered when just days later this same crowd chants to have him crucified. Too often we can get caught in the excitement of the crowd and what other people are doing. We can become dependent on the praise and good will of others. However we are called not to worry about the crowd but to focus on Christ. He is the King of Kings, but not of an earthly Kingdom. He is the Lord of Lords, but not all will follow him. He won the great victory through suffering and death. We have to recognize in our lives that there will be times when following Christ will be like the Procession into Jerusalem. Other times it will look more like carrying the cross with all the ridicule and embarrassment. What matters is our communion with Christ our Savior and the path on which he leads us, not the accolades of the crowd or the taunts of the mob.

Please, remember that this week is different. It is Holy Week and the start of the Easter Triduum. It is a special time in the Church and for us members to enter the Paschal Mystery. Yes some services are long and possibly uncomfortable but they are also filled with tradition and beauty. I encourage you to step back from the busyness of life and sports and work to participate in these beautiful ceremonies.



Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Thursday from Bishop Deliman! May the Lord continue to bless you through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.



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, Kenneth Hernandez, 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 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.

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.



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