



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

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**MARCH 31, 2024 — EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

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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)

**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

## EASTER OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Today we gather in joy to celebrate the holiest and most wonderful of days: Easter Sunday. Jesus, who sacrificed his life on behalf of us all, has been raised from the dead. Alleluia! This is the day that gives meaning to Jesus' suffering and death, and in turn to our own. Suffering and death are not the end. Jesus has led the way to his Father for all eternity. How appropriate that we gather today for the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, we give thanks to the Lord for the ultimate sacrifice he made for our sins. In the Eucharist, we receive his Body and Blood, more closely uniting us with him, now and eternally. Let us celebrate the Eucharist on this blessed day as we are reborn in the Lord.

### 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. 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 All who wish to help clean the church are welcome to join us. We meet every Thursday in Church following the 8:30am.

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*

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

**Holy Saturday, March 30**

8:00pm Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, March 31**

9:00am Howard Walker

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

**Monday, April 1**

8:30am Edward Organ, Sr.

**Tuesday, April 2**

8:30am Robert McElhenney, Sr.

**Wednesday, April 3**

8:30am Sr. Susan Louise

**Thursday, April 4**

8:30am Special Intention (M & S)

**Friday, April 5**

8:30am Harry Kearney

*Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)*

**Saturday, April 6**

4:30pm Helen and Harry Lawville

**Sunday, April 7**

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

11:00am Joseph and Rose Guerrieri



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

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

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

Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-4

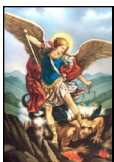
Gospel - John 20:1-9

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

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel - John 20:19-31



**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

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



**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](mailto:mmurphy@stbl.org) with any questions.



## ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of St. Bernadette School, we wish our parish family the many blessings and joys of the Easter season. We are grateful for all you do to prayerfully and financially support our school community. Be assured of our daily prayers for your health, safety and peace!

### 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!



April	5	School Mass - 8:30am
	7	CYO Mass - 9:00am followed by Reception in O'Brien Hall
	14 - 16	Forty Hours
	24 - 27	FAIR

### 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.

### HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

#### Fr. Judge High School Class of '74 - 50th Reunion

Father Judge High School Class of 1974 50 Year Reunion Saturday, April 27th from 6pm - 10pm at Father Judge

Cost is \$80 per person

Please contact [khuckel@fatherjudge.com](mailto:khuckel@fatherjudge.com) for more information

#### Bonner-Prendie Class of '74 - 50th Reunion

Monsignor Bonner - Archbishop Prendergast High School, Class of 1974, is planning their 50th Class Reunion, 6pm - 10 pm Friday, Sept. 27 at Paxon Hollow Country Club, 850 Paxon Hollow Rd., Broomall. The Reunion Committee is currently searching for current email addresses to send out notices with the details. Class members are asked to send name and email address to [bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com/](mailto:bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com/).

### FINANCIAL FACTS

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



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

### RESPECT LIFE NEWS

**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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

*A Baby's Breath 24-Hour Hotline:*

**484-580-6436** [www.ababvbreath.org](http://www.ababvbreath.org)

*Delaware County Pregnancy Center:* [www.dcpchester.org](http://www.dcpchester.org)

*Mother's Home:* 610-583-HOME: [www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org)

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

### SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Leo Kinson, John Meakim and Pia AnnaMaria Viola who were recently buried from our church.

## THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

**HE IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!**

**HE IS RISEN INDEED, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!**

Happy and Blessed Easter! It is finally here. After 40 days of Lenten penance and preparation, extra fasting, and almsgiving, and prayer we are now at the "good part", the celebration. The Resurrection of the Lord is a central reality of the Catholic faith, and has been preached as such since the beginning of Christianity. The importance of this miracle is so great that the Apostles are, above all else, witnesses of Jesus' resurrection. They announce that Christ is alive, and this becomes the heart of all their preaching. After twenty centuries this is what we announce to the world: Christ lives!

This is cause of our joy. However let us not forget the journey that we underwent to get here. Let us not forget the lessons learned, temptations overcome, and graces received along the way. We add them to the celebration and ask for the grace to keep going. We don't stop using the fundamentals of our faith but try to incorporate them into our everyday experiences of faith. We know that it is possible to offer sacrifices both small and large. We have learned to be generous and that it is not all about us. We have grown in our relationship with God through personal and communal prayer and devotions. The journey of Lent may be over but the season of Easter is now upon us. We have eight days to celebrate the day of Jesus' Resurrection and a whole season to let that grace fill our hearts and minds. We now have the opportunity to build upon these practices motivated and graced by our Lenten Preparation and live in Easter Joy.

**On Behalf of the St. Bernadette of Lourdes Parish and Staff  
we wish you and your families a Happy Easter and Blessed Easter Season.**

**May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year  
bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.  
And may Christ, Our Risen Savior, always be there by your side  
to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.**



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burchrichter Arginteanu, Hannah Atkins. Dan Bigioni, Tom Blisard, Pamela Bower, Joseph Bradley, 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 Diegman, 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 so for you to assure a visit by a priest or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.



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

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)



### GRIEVING SUPPORT GROUP

A Grieving Support Group will be offered for 8 consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning April 30, 2024, starting at 7pm until 8:30pm, for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one. The program will be held on the 1st floor of the Wright Center.

No matter how long it has been since your loss, unresolved grief may linger. This is an opportunity to be with others who are also grieving and seek ways to help each other through the grieving process. Literature regarding loss and grief will be available.

The program is facilitated by George Salloom, a retired healthcare social worker, hospice volunteer, and a member of the Havertown Ministerium. For more information call George Salloom @ 610 306-0252 or email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com

There are a limited number of spaces available and there is no fee.

Thank you, Rev. John Masson, and St. Bernadette's Parish, for providing the support and space for this program.

**"Grieving is a difficult and challenging process, and it affects us all in different ways. Working together we can find ways to help one another."**



### TRANSFORMING ST. BERNADETTE'S GYM

Our Gymnasium, a hub of activity, is in dire need of renovation. The wear and tear over the years is impacting the facility's functionality and aesthetic appeal. A renovated gym will not only provide a refreshed and modern space for physical activities but also contribute significantly to the overall well-being of our students. To make a contribution please visit

[www.stbernadettecyo.org](http://www.stbernadettecyo.org) or  
email [berniesbears.gym@gmail.com](mailto:berniesbears.gym@gmail.com)