



*Jesus I trust in You*

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

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**APRIL 7, 2024 — SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

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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)  
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**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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Still basking in the glory of Easter, still we celebrate God's unparalleled mercy. Out of mercy for all of us, Jesus died on the cross atoning for our sins, past, present, and future. Out of mercy for those whose faith is weak or doubt is strong, Jesus comes to reassure us of his eternal presence. Out of mercy for those who cannot see him, Jesus blesses them in their faith. This Easter season, let us rejoice, for the risen Lord is in our midst, forever bestowing God's divine mercy upon us.

## 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. 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](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).



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

**Monday, April 8 - The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:30am James Shields

**Tuesday, April 9**

8:30am Matthew Anzideo

**Wednesday, April 10**

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus**

8:30am Cathy Huyette

**Friday, April 12**

8:30am Kathleen Moran

Third Sunday of Easter

**Saturday, April 13**

4:30pm Mary Delaney

**Sunday, April 14**

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

11:00am Deceased of the Tricome & DeCecco Families



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

**This 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

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

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Second Reading - 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel - Luke 24:35-48



**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 - April 14, Monday - April 15  
and Tuesday - April 16  
at 7:00pm**

We are happy and blessed to welcome Fr. Michael Kelly who will be here for our Forty Hours Devotion. Fr. Michael Kelly was ordained in 1982 and fortunately for us he was assigned to St. Bernadette Parish as a newly ordained. Fr. Kelly is now Director of Spiritual Formation for the Spiritual Year and Pre-Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

The Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. In a world where temptation and evil abound, where devotion to the Mass and our Lord in the Holy Eucharist have declined, where the practice of penance and confession have been forgotten, we need the Forty Hours Devotion more than ever. All are welcome!



- April 7 CYO Mass - 9:00am followed by Reception in O'Brien Hall
- 14 - 16 Forty Hours
- 24 - 27 St. Bernadette FAIR

**FINANCIAL FACTS**

**March 24, 2024 (Palm Sunday)**

**Weekly: \$13,254 target of \$15,000**

**\$9,402 (Collection) + \$3,852 (Parish Giving)**

**March 31, 2024 (Easter as of today)**

**Easter: \$17,966 target of \$15,000**

**\$17,066 (Easter) + \$900 (Parish Giving)**

**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 SCHOOL *What's Happening*

Six grade students recently completed construction of their Lunar Lander crafts to study energy transitions between potential and kinetic energy. Their Lunar Landers had to safely land the marshmallow astronauts and the lander without damage. In our Spanish class, we are learning about La Ropa (clothing). The children will be creating and presenting (via Google Slides) a seven piece fashion ensemble using their Spanish clothing vocabulary. The prices of the items will be listed in US dollars, Euros for Spain and Mexican pesos so that the children can understand and calculate global currency exchange rates. In our math classes, the students are solving and writing algebraic equations. Finally, our 6th grade Kindness Ambassadors have been leading our school in both morning and afternoon prayers and assisting our 1st grade students at lunch time. We are so proud of all of their hard work and kindness to others this year!

### 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!



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

## 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!

**Dates:** JUNE 24th - JUNE 28th

**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.

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Walk for Life will be held on April 20 at Ridley Creek State Park. To register, go to [www.friendsofannion.org](http://www.friendsofannion.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](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

A Baby's Breath 24-Hour Hotline:

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



## THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

### FOR THE SAKE OF HIS SORROWFUL PASSION HAVE MERCY ON US AND ON THE WORLD

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, the eighth day of the Octave Celebration. In the Jubilee Year of 2000 Pope Saint John Paul II, motivated by the Canonization of St. Faustina, who received private revelations from our Lord to increase devotion to the Mercy God, declared this Sunday will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." However, Divine Mercy Sunday is not merely a new feast established to celebrate St. Faustina's revelations. The Church's doctrine of Divine Mercy, and her liturgical practices are based on Holy Scripture, the faith handed down by the apostles, and on liturgical traditions rooted in the worship life of the ancient, apostolic communities. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" highlights and amplifies the meaning of the day.

St. Faustina's revelations call attention and devotion to the beauty and power of our Lord's Mercy. "The message she brought is the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies. Jesus said to Sr. Faustina: 'Humanity will not have peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy (Diary, 300). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the third millennium.... Today the Lord also shows us His glorious wounds and His heart, an inexhaustible source of light and truth, of love and forgiveness ...' (JP II homily on Mercy Sunday, 2001). Let us continue to celebrate and seek out the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ.

It takes a village...


Thank you to all who had any part in the Liturgies of Easter Triduum: The Marthas and Josephs that cleaned and all who helped to decorate the Church. The CYO and all who participated in the parish cleanup day. The Choir who provided the beautiful music throughout all the ceremonies. Mike McKenzie for setting up sound outside and upgrading some of our sound equipment. All our Servers, Lectors, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion that led our community in prayer through your various roles. Deacon Tom Fitzpatrick, Kevin Kelly, Mike Fohner, Mary Kate Murphy, and Bill Casper for helping to plan and prepare the liturgies. This Easter Triduum was a beautiful celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. I hope these celebrations enabled you and your families to grow closer to our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burrichter 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 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 Glatsky, 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**

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**.



**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.”**

**MASS FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE LOST CHILDREN**

**Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00pm**

All are welcome to join us at St. Dorothy Church as we celebrate a Mass for all parents who have lost a child on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Thank you!



**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)