



"...He opened their minds to the Scriptures"

SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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APRIL 14, 2024 — THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

During the Easter season, we hear how the disciples encounter the Risen Christ at different times and in different ways, all the while trying to understand the meaning of the Resurrection. We too contemplate the implications of the Resurrection. And consider how we see the Risen Lord in our lives. It helps us to gather at Church, where we can seek the presence of Christ as we worship: in the assembly, in its ministers, in the word of God, in the Holy Sacrifice, and in the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may better discern the Lord in our midst.

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

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 and DeCecco Families

7:00pm **Forty Hours**

Monday, April 15

8:30am Rita Cunningham

7:00pm **Forty Hours**

Tuesday, April 16

8:30am Special Intention (A & P)

7:00pm **Closing of Forty Hours**

Wednesday, April 17

8:30am Matt Sweeney

Thursday, April 18

8:30am Sarah Saulino

Friday, April 19

8:30am Special Intention (A & H)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 20

4:30pm Regina Marie Dengel

Sunday, April 21

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

11:00am John Donato



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This 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

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel - John 10:11-18



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	14	Hospitality Sunday - 3rd Grade - 11am Mass
	14 - 16	Forty Hours
	24 - 27	St. Bernadette FAIR
May	3	School Mass - 8:30am
	4	First Holy Communion - 10:00am Mass

FINANCIAL FACTS

April 7, 2024

Weekly: \$14,667 target of \$15,000

\$9,230 (Collection) + \$5,437 (Parish Giving)



MASS BOOK 2024

The rectory will open at 9:00am on Monday, April 15 for those wishing to get a Mass intention for July through December.



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

First Graders have been busy this second trimester! In ELA, we learned all about animals and concluded our study with individual book reports on our favorite animals. In Math, we practiced place value and added 2 digit numbers. In Science, we learned all about insects and even made our own insects! During this third trimester, we continue to improve our reading and writing skills by discussing chapter books and composing paragraphs about Spring and Easter. We are proudly reading at the school First Friday Masses during the months of April and May!

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

Thank you!

Susan Coyne & Karen Murphy, Scrip Coordinators

ST. MATTHIAS PARISH - BALA CYNWYD

Director of Parish Faith Formation - Full Time Position

St. Matthias Parish is currently seeking a full time Director of Parish Faith Formation. The person must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the church. In addition, he or she must be a person of prayer who is committed to the authentic teaching of the Catholic faith. This person will report directly to the Pastor. All applications must be submitted to Ms. Eileen Keenan at ekenan@saintmatthias.org by Monday, May 13.

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

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 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.

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

**The Lord Is Risen, Alleluia!
He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Lord, let your face shine on us.

We are still in the Easter Season and are reminded of the Joy we experienced on Easter Sunday. The readings this week call us to continue our journey of repentance. We hear that in our sinfulness we have an advocate, Jesus Christ, the expiation of our sins and those of the whole world. St. Paul encourages us that in order to know Jesus and build our relationship with him we must follow his commandments. He even says those that do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them.

As we strive to keep the joy of the Easter Season and live out his commandments we realize that we must find time in our lives to spend with Our Lord, who sacrificed himself on the cross for us. This is essential time for us as disciples to learn from, get to know, and receive from our teacher. We as a parish are entering a beautiful time this week of our 40 Hours Devotions. This time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is like a mini parish retreat to focus our work and spend time with Our Lord. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church after Mass on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar in the Church all day until Evening Prayer Services each night with guest homilist Fr. Michael Kelly at 7:00pm. Tuesday is a special celebration of the Closing of Forty Hours and the Parish Feast Day as it is the Feast Day St. Bernadette Soubirous. Come spend time in prayer with our Lord and let His light shine upon you.

We are thankful to Fr. Michael Kelly for leading us in our 40 Hours Devotions. He was a newly ordained priest here in 1982 and has led a fruitful priesthood with over 40 years of selfless service. He now returns to share his wisdom and prayerful spirit to lead us in prayer these next three days. Fr. Kelly, we are excited to have you back here at St. Bernadette Parish!



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, 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, 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, Megan Nieberle, Roman O'Brien, Nicole Pagett, Fr. Francis Pileggi OSF, Steve Piperino, 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.



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

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 24th at 7:00pm. Thank you

ST. FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB

The St. Francis Over 50 Club meets Thursday, April 25 at 12:30 pm in Springfield with entertainment by Ed Mills. \$2.00 at the door includes light refreshments. Join us in the gym of Saint Francis of Assisi School, 136 Saxer Ave, Springfield. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome, regardless of religious affiliation. Contact President Chuck Di Dio, 610-543-6314; jamesD95@aol.com. **Casino Trips:** The Club will host bus trips to Resorts Casino on May 8 and June 12. Tickets are \$30 with a \$15 return for slot play. Bus leaves 10am from the parking lot of St. Kevin's Church, 200 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. Call Joe Gowen, 610-739-8146.



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 or email berniesbears.gym@gmail.com