



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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APRIL 21, 2024 — FOURTH 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Today we are reminded that Jesus is the Good Shepherd, committed to caring for his sheep through every danger, difficulty, and trauma. He told his disciples that he would lay down his life for his sheep. Indeed, this is exactly what he did. By laying down his life for our sins, he conquered death and raises us to eternal life with him. Let us allow the risen Lord to guide us to the idyllic pasture of salvation.

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

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

Monday, April 22

8:30am Special Intention (J & C)

Tuesday, April 23 - St. George & St. Adalbert

8:30am Patrick Purcell

Wednesday, April 24 - St. Fidelis

8:30am Helen Kosmidis

Thursday, April 25 - St. Mark

8:30am James & Eleanor Mullen

Friday, April 26

8:30am Frank & Gert Erdlen

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 27

4:30pm Theresa Rogers

Sunday, April 28

9:00am Jean Lewandowski

11:00am Joseph H. Bradley



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This 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

Next week's readings will be:

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Second Reading - 1 John 3:18-24

John 15:1-8



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 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



- April 24 - 27 St. Bernadette FAIR
- May 3 School Mass - 8:30am
- 4 First Holy Communion - 10:00am Mass
- 5 Pre Jordan - 12noon - Wright Center

FINANCIAL FACTS

April 14, 2024

Weekly: \$10,574 target of \$15,000

\$8,002 (Collection) + \$2,572 (Parish Giving)



MASS BOOK 2024

The rectory is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am — noon and 1:00pm - 5:00pm for those wishing to get a Mass intention for July through December.



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

What's Happening

Thursday, March 21 was an exciting day for our St. Bernadette Parish. Bishop Deliman administered the sacrament of Confirmation to our 7th grade students at a beautiful Mass. Please pray for our newly Confirmed students as they grow in faith and the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our 7th grade students are also learning about our Constitution in preparation for our class trip to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. It promises to be a very informative experience that promotes civic awareness and engagement.

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 .

PRESS RELEASE: REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE!

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!

REGISTER HERE:
stbl.flocknote.com/register

All children are welcome regardless of Church affiliation.

Please contact Marykate Murphy ~

mmurphy@stbl.org with any questions.

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.

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Vocations Sunday or Good Shepherd Sunday, and is marked as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The purpose of this day is to fulfill Jesus' instruction to *"Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest"* (Matt 9:38). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates her attention on raising up shepherds for God's people — vocations to Holy Orders (the priesthood and diaconate) and to the religious life — while encouraging all who are discerning their vocation to pray more earnestly that they may hear and respond to God's call.

For this World Day of Prayer for Vocations I would like to start a daily prayer for Vocations of St. Bernadette of Lourdes Parish. This prayer begins by asking God's Blessing on our families. Families are the Domestic Church and the source of all vocations. We are all called to Holiness and we first learn how to live out that calling in the nucleus of the family unit.

This prayer then goes on to remind us to lift up to God those who are discerning God's call to priesthood and religious life. The world is so noisy and full of distractions, so we must pray that we all can hear God's gentle voice in our lives. However it is that much harder to follow a calling that is counter to modern cultural values and seemingly so rare. We have the responsibility to pray for and encourage vocations from our parish. Let us boldly take up that responsibility.

*"Without priests, we have no Jesus. Without priests, we have no absolution.
Without priests, we cannot receive Holy Communion."
St. Theresa of Calcutta*

A very big THANK YOU to all who helped with and attended our 40 Hours Devotions. All three days were beautiful and prayerful but the closing Procession and Benediction on the front steps of the Church will remain as a highlight of my priesthood. Thank you again to all that helped. Also another Thank You to Fr. Michael Kelly who led us in prayer and reflection each night taking us to Lourdes and leaving us with lessons to unpack in the days and weeks to come. I can't wait to build upon this revived tradition next year.

Reminder and encouragement to join us for the Parish Fair this week and to bring friends. This is not only a fund raiser but an opportunity build up the community and show off our wonderful 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 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.

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. FRANCIS OVER 50 CLUB

The next meeting is April 25, 12:30 pm. \$2.00 at the door includes entertainment by Ed Mills & light refreshments. Location: Saint Francis of Assisi School gym, 136 Saxer Ave, Springfield. Park in Rectory lot behind church. Contact President Chuck Di Dio at 610-543-6314; jamesD95@aol.com.

Casino Trips: Tickets for bus trips to Resorts Casino on 5/8 & 6/12 are \$30 with a \$15 return for slots. Bus leaves 10am, St. Kevin's Church parking lot, 200 W. Sproul Rd., Springfield. Call Joe Gowen, 610-739-8146.

congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who achieved honors at their respective high schools:

CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors: Ava Soltycki, Brian Fornwalt, Samantha Dutkiewicz, Aidan McAtter, Stephanie Shields, Patrick Fornwalt

Second Honors: Jack Arnoldy

MSGR. BONNER ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors: Elizabeth McKenzie, Maille Moran, Robert Bergman, Christopher Kolody, Shannon McCormick, Sarah Oxenberg, Aidan McGillian, Ava Rainey, Carina Mariani

Second Honors: Declan Behl, Jessica Horan, Mia Pozzuolo, Lola Delgiorno, Grace Edwards, Michael Klawansky, Hayleigh McDonough, Tana George, Kevin Kelly, Corey Detweiler, Stefania Montoya, Cole Oxenberg, Noelle Shepherd



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