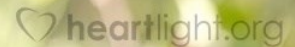


[Jesus said,] "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

- John 15:5,8 -

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

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APRIL 28, 2024 — FIFTH 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**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the vine, you are the branches,” we hear Jesus tell his disciples in today’s Gospel. We are those branches now. Connected to the vine that is the Lord, we are expected to bear fruit. What fruit do we bear? Let us contemplate that question as we prepare to celebrate Mass today. May listening to God’s word and sharing in the Eucharist nourish us as we strive to bear good fruit for the Lord.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 27

4:30pm Theresa Rogers

Sunday, April 28

9:00am Jean Lewandowski

11:00am Joseph H. Bradley

Monday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena

8:30am Agnes McClaren (Heff)

Tuesday, April 30 - St. Pius V

8:30am Ron Manila

Wednesday, May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

8:30am Jeanne & Gene Stickley

Thursday, May 2 - St. Athanasius

8:30am Jack and Nancy Sweeney

Friday, May 3 - Saints Philip and James

8:30am Blanche M. McIntyre

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 4

4:30pm Thomas and Mary Mullin

Sunday, May 5

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

11:00am Brian DiMario



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings will be:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17



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



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday, May 9 is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be on Wednesday, May 8 at 5:00pm and on Thursday, May 9 at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

Vacation Bible School

**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.

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Isla Joy Perkins
Valentino Damien Vogel-Priestley



- April 30 Bereavement Group Begins
- May 3 School Mass - 8:30am
- 4 First Holy Communion - 10:00am Mass
- 5 Pre Jordan - 12noon - Wright Center
- 9 Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL *What's Happening*

Third Grade students have been reading a story in ELA called "Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote". The children really enjoyed the story and had very interesting discussions about the history of women's right to vote! In Math class, we have been learning about perimeter and area. The children learned the formula for calculating the area of rectangles and realized that knowing their multiplication facts makes it a lot easier! In Science class, we have been learning about how animals survive and adapt in different environments. We have been reading about different explorers and the hardship of the settlers who first arrived in America in our Social Studies classes. During Religion class, we learned about the Holy Days of Obligation and St. Bernadette. We had a beautiful Mass on her feast day and a very special blessing with her relics!

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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Eucharistic Procession SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PARTICIPATE:
ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE & ALL ARE WELCOME!

- 12:30pm: Celebrate Corpus Christi Mass at St. Andrew with Archbishop James Patrick Green
- 1:30pm: Join outside of St. Andrew to participate in the procession
- 1:45pm: Join anywhere along our route on Turner Lane from St. Andrew to St. Bernadette
- 2:30pm: Join at St. Bernadette for Benediction and Closing Prayers
- 3:00pm: Join us at St. Bernadette in O'Brien Hall for our Procession Reception (refreshments)

PLEASE NOTE:

- Trolley transfers are available from 12-1pm from St. Andrew to St. Bernadette for parking purposes
- Turner Road will be closed to all traffic during the Procession
- Limited trolley seating available for the Procession (first come)
- Contact Nicky Verna for volunteer opportunities!

Questions: nverna@standrewdh.org or 610-259-1169



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."

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

Remain in me, as I remain in you.

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, the Church reminds us that Christ is the true vine, and we are his branches. As branches crafted on the true vine, we are expected to bear good fruits in Christ.

In today's first reading, Paul, after his dramatic conversion, has changed his life completely. Immediately, he was transformed from Saul the persecutor, to Paul the preacher of the good news. He bore good fruits because he was a deeply rooted branch in Christ, the true vine. Paul bore abundant and lasting fruit through his works and charitable deeds. In the Second reading, John reminds us that: "... our love is not to be just word or mere talk, but something real and active. John reminds us of the simple saying that: "Actions speak louder than words."

The word of God transforms us because it is real and active. So, we cannot love God or keep his commandments without concrete works of charity and mercy. No branch can have life or bear fruit on its own, unless it is firmly attached to a tree. Likewise, in our spiritual life and journey as Christians, we cannot do without being firmly attached to Christ the vine. We are created, and called to remain in Christ for a purpose, and this purpose is, to bear fruits in him. Today, the church provides us the opportunity to reflect on our spiritual progress. How is my relationship with Christ, the true vine? Am I still living in him? Have I born any good fruit in Christ?



A Very Big THANK YOU again to all who volunteered so much time and energy into the Parish Fair. It could not have happened without the work of a great team of people on our Fair Committee, all those on the sub committees, as well as the volunteers that worked the fair each night. Thank you for all the flexibility in the school community and the surrounding neighbors as we changed up many different ways of doing things this past week.



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.

FINANCIAL FACTS

April 21, 2024

Weekly: \$9,691 target of \$15,000

\$6,604 (Collection) + \$3,087 (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.



PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

*"Prophecy For Our Time"
Are YOU Ready?
Holy Spirit, Empower Us!*

**Sat., May 18 from 9:00am to
Pentecost Vigil Mass at 5:00pm
with The Most Rev. John McIntyre presiding**

**Epiphany of Our Lord Church - Plymouth Meeting, PA
Speakers: Christine Watkins - Daniel O'Connor
- Fr. Rick Wendell**

More info and to register, go to <https://archphilaccr.org>

All are invited!



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