



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

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**MAY 5, 2024 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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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**

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We continue to celebrate the Easter season today, glorying in the resurrection of our Lord, who has promised to remain with us always. Jesus is with us in our waking and our sleeping, in our joys and our sufferings, in our homes and our communities. In a special way the risen Lord is with us here today as we gather in faith, in the ministers and in each other, in God's word proclaimed, and in his Body and Blood we receive. Let us pledge to bring the risen Lord with us wherever we go and whatever we do, striving always to give witness to his love.

## 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).

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

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

**Monday, May 6**

8:30am Wallace & Concetta Miller

**Tuesday, May 7**

8:30am Sr. Susan Louise

**Wednesday, May 8**

8:30am Ronald Manila

**Wednesday, May 8 - Vigil of the Ascension**

5:00pm Rose Marie Saunders (1st Anniv.)

**Thursday, May 9 - Ascension of the Lord**

8:30am Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

7:00pm H. William and Mary Githens

**Friday, May 10 - St. John of Avila and  
St. Damien de Veuster**

8:30am Deceased of Holley and McConnell Families

Seventh Sunday of Easter

**Saturday, May 11**

4:30pm Special Intention

**Sunday, May 12**

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

11:00am Janet McCarthy



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

**This 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

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

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11b-19



**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



**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to those children who received their First Holy Communion in our parish church this weekend. We thank the parents and our wonderful teachers, under the direction of Marykate Murphy, Director of Religious Education, who worked so hard to prepare the children for this special day.

**Christopher Amberg**

**Genevieve Benner**

**Benjamin Carratura**

**Shane Coughlin**

**Cole Christie**

**Gracie Dohrmann**

**Darby Fitzpatrick**

**Cecilia Hansken**

**Alexis Harris**

**Jaxon Hobbs**

**Brayden Houston**

**Logan Irwin**

**Emma Johnson**

**Francis Kane**

**Colin Knisely**

**Beau Lancianese**

**Evelyn Lanni**

**Rowan Mak**

**Karmelo Martin**

**Everly Mongiello**

**Aubrey Murtagh**

**Ahmaya Platts**

**Jillian Pollard**

**Joseph Quinn**

**Christian Schreiber**

**Connor Schwartz**

**Lucy Sigillito**

**Zoey Taylor**

**Emma Thornton**

**Ryan Thornton**

**GOD BLESS YOU!**



**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](http://stbl.flocknote.com/register)

*All children are welcome regardless of Church affiliation.*

Please contact Marykate Murphy ~  
[mmurphy@stbl.org](mailto:mmurphy@stbl.org) with any questions.



### ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL *What's Happening*

Please join all of us in the St. Bernadette Community in extending our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Joanne Gallagher, Mrs. Kathy Pedano, and Mrs. Rose Wallace, whose dedication to education has not gone unnoticed.

On Thursday, April 25th, the Foundation for Catholic Education and the Delaware County Advisory Council honored Mrs. Joanne Gallagher for her remarkable 26-year devotion to Catholic education, recognizing her distinguished teaching career. Likewise, Mrs. Kathy Pedano's outstanding commitment to teaching earned her the distinguished Franklin Mint Excellence in Teaching Award, recognizing her as an exemplary educator.

Additionally, Mrs. Rose Wallace has been acknowledged by the VFW Post 3460 and District 7 for her role in nurturing civic awareness within our school community during the Troop Tango event, exemplifying 18 years of unwavering dedication to service.

These commendations serve as a testament to the unwavering dedication of these educators to our Catholic values and their innovative teaching methods, both of which have left an indelible impact on their students in our St. Bernadette community.

## 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](mailto:nverna@standrewdh.org) or 610-259-1169

### FINANCIAL FACTS

**April 28, 2024**

**Weekly: \$11,221 target of \$15,000**

**\$8,755 (Collection) + \$2,466 (Parish Giving)**



May	5	Pre Jordan - 12noon - Wright Center
	9	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation
	12	Hospitality Sunday - PreK & Kindergarten
	27	Memorial Day
June	2	Corpus Christi Sunday Eucharistic Procession

### WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Emmett Benjamin Humble  
Nora Maria Margolis  
Sutton Jaymes Williams



**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, 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, Eileen Morris, 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 Sarmento, 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.

## RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Baby Bottle drive for Mother's Home in Darby will be distributed after masses on Mother's Day weekend masses. They can be returned after masses on Fathers Day weekend. THANK YOU for your generosity in helping Mothers and Children.

## 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**



## PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

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

**Saturday, 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**

### Speakers:

*Christine Watkins - Daniel O'Connor and  
Fr. Rick Wendell*

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

**All are invited!**



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

## 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

My brother-in-law is quite the handyman. I've seen his work around his house where he has altered this or that to customize his home for the better. I have a young friend who completely re-engineered an old truck's motor and wheels. I know a seamstress who turned a bolt of material into a canopy for a Eucharistic procession. When I asked them where they got their "how to" instructions, they all answered the same: from internet videos. Of course, the presumption is that they understood the given instructions.

On the higher plane than people's everyday skills, comes the all-important ability we all must make a return on the love that God has for us. The answer here predates the internet by centuries. The "manual," so to speak, is the Holy Bible. In it we find the passage from St. John's gospel that is proclaimed this weekend.

Jesus is our expert at this task. You just heard Him say that not only does His Father love Him, but also that He loves you, and hopefully me. All of us, "warts and all." But then comes the instruction on how to keep this love alive: "If you keep My commandments you will remain in My love, just as I have kept them and remain in His (the Father's) love. Speaking of love, don't you just love the simplicity of it?"

You know our Catholic Church has often been degraded by its many enemies as a place of "rules, rules, and rules." That may seem true from the outside looking in. But whatever specific rules we follow are all derivatives from this one command of Jesus to love one another applied to all aspects of human living.

Rules are necessary for order and peaceful living in any society. Just imagine your driving commute to work if there were no traffic rules! Worse still if there were no law enforcement agencies to enforce the rules. That brings up the whole idea of expressing our admiration and pledging our support for all the good men and women involved in law enforcement.

So yes, our Church has rules because Christ had them first. He has entrusted sinful human beings with administering them. It's historically true that often those same humans have made mistakes or even have sinned against them. Chaos followed. But for the good people like you who try consistently to obey God's rules, you are on the way to becoming "saints." That, after all, is our main project in the Christian life. We know the simple rule of Our Lord is not always easy to obey. But then it's always fulfilling.

"All have been given a bag of tools,  
A formless rock and a book of rules.  
And each must make ere life has flown,  
A stumbling block or a steppingstone."

God love you and you Him in return.