

# FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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

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**JUNE 2, 2024 — THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

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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](mailto: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

## MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**We are a Eucharistic people, receiving sustenance from the Body and Blood of our Lord in the Eucharist so that we may be sent out as disciples, manifesting the real presence of Jesus in our lives as we build up the body of Christ. In this year of the National Eucharistic Congress, may our appreciation of his real presence in his Body and Blood be revived and may our enthusiasm for the Christian mission be rekindled.**

## 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 for the Intentions for the Week

### Corpus Christi (Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)

#### **Saturday, June 1**

4:30pm Barry Igoe

#### **Sunday, June 2**

9:00am Living and Deceased of Grace and  
Johannesson Families

11:00am Deceased Members of DiSciascio Family

#### **Monday, June 3 - St. Charles Iwanga & Companions**

8:30am Healing of Marie Seiler

#### **Tuesday, June 4**

8:30am Alexis Kostaneski

#### **Wednesday, June 5 - St. Boniface**

8:30am James Merrin

#### **Thursday, June 6 - St. Norbert**

8:30am Aloysius & Kathryn Gallagher

#### **Friday, June 7 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

8:30am Colleen Bijeau

### Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Saturday, June 8**

4:30pm Regina Marie Dengel

#### **Sunday, June 9**

9:00am James Dougherty

11:00am Megan Kelly



### FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

#### **This week's readings will be:**

First Reading - Exodus 24:3-8

Second Reading - Hebrews 9:11-15

Gospel - Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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

First Reading - Genesis 3:9-15

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

Gospel - Mark 3:20-35



### 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 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

May 26, 2024

**Weekly: \$7,892 target of \$15,000**

**\$5,373 (Collection) + \$2,519 (Parish Giving)**



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| June | 2  | Corpus Christi Sunday - Eucharistic Procession |
|      | 7  | School Mass - 8:30am                           |
|      | 10 | 8th Grade Dance                                |
|      | 12 | 8th Grade Graduation - 7pm Mass                |
|      | 14 | School Closing Mass - 8:30am                   |

### REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

The Corpus Christi readings remind us of Jesus' offering of his Body and Blood which serves in the Church as a lasting memorial of His saving death for us. We renew Jesus' Covenant by participating in the banquet of his Body and Blood, a banquet that, through his death, gives us life.



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

With each passing day the Class of 2024 grows more excited for graduation. Throughout the year they have worked diligently to prepare academically, socially and emotionally for the next chapter in their young lives. This past Friday Father John led the students in a retreat filled with prayerful reflections, team building activities and of course, the greatest prayer, the Mass. Students then walked with Father and the faculty to Chickie and Pete's to enjoy an afternoon of fun and friendship. Although they will be moving on to many different high schools in the area, they know that the St. Bernadette community will continue to be a place of love and support for them and for that they are most grateful.

## 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.

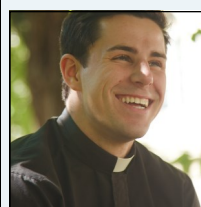
Thank you to the parishioners who offer their rebate back to the school & parish. Your donation and support is greatly appreciated! If you are a school family, you know the rebates add up and significantly reduce your tuition payment over the course of the year. Please tell a friend so more families 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



## WELCOME!!

We are so fortunate and happy to welcome Dominic Mirenda, a Seminarian in Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, as part of our parish for the summer and on Thursdays during the school year. When you see him, please be sure to stop and introduce yourself and welcome him to St. Bernadette.



The St. Bernadette Food Pantry is open all year round. We especially need your support during the summer months. The Food Pantry is open to receive donations every Sunday at 12 noon in the Wright Center. Gift cards and monetary donations can be brought to the Rectory labeled "Food Pantry." Thank you so much for your support!

## MASS AND HEALING PRAYER SERVICE OUR LADY OF FATIMA

First Friday, June 7, 2024

Praise & Worship: 6:45 pm — Mass: 7:00 pm

1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018 (610-532-5800)

Rev. Roland Slobogin will be the celebrant.

Music provided by Martha's House.

Prayer teams will be available.

**"He heals the brokenhearted and  
binds up their wounds."**

**Psalm 147:3**

## PRO-LIFE MASS AND RALLY FOR LIFE!

You are invited to join the pro-life community as we gather for a special Mass at the Cathedral followed by a March to Independence Hall and a Rally for Life.

**Date:** Saturday, June 22, 2024

**Schedule:** 9:00am Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral

10:30am March to Independence Mall

11:30am Pro-Life Rally at Independence Hall

with music & guest speakers

As part of these events there will be a collection at the Cathedral of items needed by moms & babies that will then be distributed at Philly's Biggest Baby Shower in September. Mass - March - Rally Please participate in one or all of these events on June 22, as we promote the Right to Life and pray for moms & babies. ([prolifeunion.org](http://prolifeunion.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.*

## **THE PASTOR'S COLUMN**

**“THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE SHED FOR MANY.”**

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Lord Jesus Christ, traditionally known as Corpus Christi. This celebration emphasizes the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. This is considered one of those hard sayings or hard teachings that most Christians reject. Even people in the Gospel turned away from Jesus after this teaching in what we call the Bread of Life Discourse in John's Gospel. Jesus is leading his listeners from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. In the Old Covenant, the supreme dwelling place of God on earth was in the temple in Jerusalem, but in the New Covenant God is with us in Jesus anytime we celebrate the Eucharist and Jesus gives himself to us in the bread and wine changed into his Body and Blood during Mass. In the Old Covenant, God fed his people with manna when they were wandering in the desert as we heard in our first reading, but in the New Covenant Jesus feeds us with his own Body and Blood through his Real Presence in the Eucharist.

The secondary focus of this solemnity is on the Body of Christ as it is present in the Church. The Church is called the Body of Christ because of the intimate communion which Jesus shares with his disciples. Christ expressed this unity by using the metaphor of a body, in which He is the head. This image helps to keep in focus both the unity and the diversity of the Church. So, during any Eucharistic celebration, Christ makes himself available, draws us closer to himself, and unites us with one another.



We are happy to welcome Seminarian Dominic Mirenda. Dominic will be living and working here at St. Bernadette's for the summer and then on Thursdays throughout the school year. This is part of the Seminary Formation to learn the ins and outs of parish life, gain experience interacting and working with parishioners, and participate in parish life. Please do your best to welcome Dominic and keep him in your prayers.





**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burrichter Arginteanu, Hannah Atkins, Frank Barba, Dan Bigioni, Tom Blisard, Pamela Bower, Joseph Bradley, Marie Bree, Chrissy Campbell, Theresa Caputo, Michael Carroll, Anne Casey, 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, Alicia DeStefano, 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 Glatzky, Christine Grosso, Joan Grycewicz, Ed Gutowski, Rachel Hagan, Ruth Harold, Greg Harvey, Gail Hawthorne, 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 Sarmiento, Marie Seiler, Shane Seningen, Michael Shane, Pamela Shapiro, Amy Sheeler, Theresa Sherwin, Marion Sloan, Kristin Sorrentino, Ron Spade, 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.

### COMMEMORATION OF PADRE PIO'S CANONIZATION Sunday, June 16, 2024

Rosary with Veneration of the Relic Glove of Padre Pio - 11:30 am and Mass - 12:30pm. Let us prayerfully gather at the National Centre for Padre Pio in Barto for the Rosary and Mass to commemorate the anniversary of the canonization of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. Following Mass, enjoy: *Padre Pio's San Giovanni*, a brief 30-minute film that includes scenes from Padre Pio's last Mass and compelling testimonies by those who knew him when he was alive and others who only got to know and love him after his death. No registration is needed. **Location:** National Centre for Padre Pio – 111 Barto Road – Barto, PA



### D-DAY

June 6, 1944

*"As our boat touched sand and the ramp went down I became a visitor to hell."*

Pvt. Charles Neighbor  
29th Division  
Omaha Beach

**D-Day:** It is hard to conceive the epic scope of this decisive battle that foreshadowed the end of Hitler's dream of Nazi domination. Overlord was the largest air, land and sea operation undertaken before or since June 6, 1944. The landing included over 5,000 ships, 11,000 airplanes and over 150,000 service men.

After years of meticulous planning and seemingly endless training for the Allied Forces, it all came down to this: The boat ramp goes down, then jump, swim, run and crawl to the cliffs. Many of the first young men (most not yet 20 years old) entered the surf carrying eighty pounds of equipment. They faced over 200 yards of beach before reaching the first natural feature offering any protection. Blanketed by small-arms fire and bracketed by artillery, they found themselves in hell.

When it was over, the Allied Forces had suffered nearly 10,000 casualties; more than 4,000 were dead. Yet somehow, due to planning and preparation, and due to the valor, fidelity and sacrifice of the Allied Forces, Fortress Europe had been breached.

For just a moment . . . Think of everything you did today—the breakfast you ate, the car you drove to work, the money you made and the TV you watch. Everything you know would not be, if not for those brave guys who made that endeavor for you that day on those French beaches and in those hedgerows, many making the ultimate sacrifice...trading their lives for a single ambition...so we could live free.

### CATHOLIC PRAYER FOR TROOPS

All-powerful and ever-living God,  
When Abraham left his native land  
And departed from his people  
You kept him safe through all his journeys.  
Protect these soldiers.

Be their constant companion and their strength in battle,  
Their refuge in every adversity.  
Guide them, O Lord, that they may return home in safety.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*To all those who served ...  
Thank You and God Bless You!  
God Bless America!*