



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

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**JUNE 30, 2024 — THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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)  
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**Retired Priest**

Rev. Lawrence F. Crehan

**Retired 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

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Do not be afraid,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel to Jairus, whose daughter is dying, “just have faith.” Difficult as it was for Jairus, it may seem to be even harder for us now. When we are in mourning for a loved one we’ve lost, or anxious about our health or that of someone close to us, or worried about the state of the world or our country, can we find faith strong enough to calm our fears? Gathered here today to give thanks and praise to God, may the words from Wisdom encourage us. God is good and imperishable and made us to be the same. Let us place our trust in God.**

## 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).



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, June 29**

4:30pm Michael Liberatore

**Sunday, June 30**

9:00am James McAssey

11:00am Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

**Monday, July 1 - St. Juniper Serra**

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, July 2**

8:30am Patrick Moran

**Wednesday, July 3 - St. Thomas**

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day**

8:30am

**Friday, July 5 - St. Anthony Zaccaria**

8:30am Cathy Huyette

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, July 6**

4:30pm James Mullen (50th Anniv.)

**Sunday, July 7**

9:00am Josephine Panichelli

11:00am Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

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

First Reading - Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel - Mark 5:21-43

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

First Reading - Ezekiel 2:2-5

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel - Mark 6:1-6a



**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

**COFFEE & CATECHESIS**

**THE PROPHETS' SIGNS FOR OUR TIMES**

All are invited to join our Seminarian, Dominic Miranda, for Coffee & Catechesis on Tuesday, July 2, July 9, July 16 and July 30. The Coffee & Catechesis will take place in the Wright Center, 1st floor, following the 8:30am Mass. The topic will be "The Prophets' Signs for Our Times." Hope you are able to join us. God bless!

**FINANCIAL FACTS**

June 23, 2024

**Weekly: \$8,750 target of \$15,000**

**\$5,620 (Collection) + \$3,130 (Parish Giving)**

**FINANCIAL FACTS**

**Due to the 4th of July holiday, financial facts for June 30 and July 7 will be in the July 14 bulletin**



- July 2 Coffee & Catechesis
- 4 Independence Day
- 7 PreJordan - 12 noon
- 9 Coffee & Catechesis
- 16 Coffee & Catechesis
- 20 - 21 Mission Co-Op (Speaker)
- 30 Coffee & Catechesis

**BAPTISMS/PRE-JORDAN**

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**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

**Due to upcoming vacation schedules, items for the bulletins on July 21, July 28, August 4 and August 11 need to be at the rectory no later than noon on July 15. Thank you for your understanding. Have a wonderful summer!**





### ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of St. Bernadette School, I extend a heartfelt thank you to our parish family for your continued prayerful and financial support of our school during the '23-'24 school year, our 75th Anniversary. Through God's grace and your commitment may SBS continue to bring our children closer to the hearts of Jesus and Mary.



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

### PRAYER FOR OUR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AND AMERICA'S 248TH BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday, July 3rd, the Eve of Independence Day, a special yearly prayer event will take place outside of St. Andrew Church in Drexel Hill. On the Mason Avenue side of the Church a group of Patriots will gather in prayer and song to celebrate America's 248th Birthday AND to Pray for our Religious Liberty. In light of the growing Religious Persecution happening in recent years, we will lift our voices in prayer and song to the Lord in Thanksgiving for the Freedoms we have enjoyed these many years, and in petition for His continued blessings on our Great Nation. Please join us outdoors at 7:30 PM in front of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as we plead with Almighty God for the conversion of our country, His mercy on our land, and a return to the true freedom envisioned by our founding fathers. Bring your rosary and feel free to bring a chair or blanket!

In case of rain, we will pray in the Chapel at Saint Charles Borromeo Church on Dennison Avenue. The chapel can be entered from the parking lot on the left side of the Church as you are facing it. For more information please text/call Raphael (610-613-7481)



**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, 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 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 Sarmento, 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.



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!

## **JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Three things are inevitable: death, taxes, and being let down by Philly sports. While we can hope each year that the latter two will be less painful than the year before... the first of those three causes *immense* pain each time it rears it's ugly head. This weekend we hear in the Scriptures what our Lord thinks of death.

Last week I got to help teach a weeklong intensive for kids in our area preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. One of the final presenters spoke on the reality of tragedy and suffering, how God works through it all. Near the beginning, looking for a show of hands, he asked: "Who here has been affected by death in their life?" *Every* child's hand rose. The image was haunting, yet at the same time, consoling. These children who had each been carrying around their own pain looked around and now knew they were not alone.

In the first line of the first reading the Scriptures clearly state that *God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living*. This week God is revealing that He too mourns because *For he fashioned all things that they might have being*. God is so gracious that He Who is immortal descended into our human poverty, subject to the pains of human life, even to the point of death, so that we might become rich. He reveals this in this Sunday's Gospel through raising of the daughter of Jairus and the healing of the hemorrhaging woman.

Firstly, the Lord does hear our prayers. Whether we are a public official or an "unclean" outcast alienated from society, His focus is on us and our needs. When Jesus arrives, he immediately goes with Jairus. When He is touched by the woman, He stops to make sure she knows that the healing He gives is not merely bodily, but spiritual and relational. Secondly, He raises the daughter of Jairus for the reunification of the family. While we do not possess the knowledge of what the life after this will look like, Christ gives us these real-world parallels to teach us. His ultimate desire is for Communion with us. He longs to free us from those pains we have for so long endured and from the ultimate pain of death.

This revelation of God is "Good News" because God sees our pain and He Himself is our healing remedy. This matters to you because, like that auditorium full of children, we too could each raise our hands.

Continue to dive deeper into your relationship with God through prayer. Ask Him for the grace of His healing. The Divine Physician longs to heal our broken hearts but unless we bring ourselves into His hospital (the Church) we cannot receive treatment.

Each Mass recognize that in your reception of the Eucharist, in the Communion you share with Christ, you are not alone in your pain. Christ, the One Who has conquered death, Who quite literally *has gone through Hell and back* unites Himself to you and brings us ever closer to our eternal Home where death shall be no more.

God bless,  
Dominic Mirenda  
Theology II  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia



The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

### **HISTORY OF INDEPENDENCE DAY**

When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical.

By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments such as those expressed in the bestselling pamphlet “Common Sense,” published by Thomas Paine in early 1776.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies’ independence.

Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee’s resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

*Did you know? John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826—the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.*

On July 2nd, the Continental Congress voted in favor of Lee’s resolution for independence in a near-unanimous vote (the New York delegation abstained, but later voted affirmatively). On that day, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail that July 2 “will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival” and that the celebration should include “Pomp and Parade...Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other.”

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

