



**A prophet is not without honor,
except in his hometown and among
his relatives and in his own household.**

Mark 6:4

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

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JULY 7, 2024 — FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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)

Retired Priest

Rev. Lawrence F. Crehan

Retired Deacon

Deacon Thomas P. Fitzpatrick

Director of Religious Education

Marykate Murphy (Ext. 212)

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Parish Business Manager

Robert J. Helmig (Ext. 103)

Administrative Secretary

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

Parish Music Coordinator

Dorothy Toomey

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Each Sunday the Holy Spirit draws us here to hear God's word, to receive Christ in the Eucharist, and to worship the Lord. We pray that our faith is strengthened by this time we spend in prayer. When Jesus preached in his hometown, he was amazed at the lack of faith of his neighbors. They came to the synagogue to pray but left questioning how this unassuming neighbor could teach with such authority. May we look beyond surface impressions to find nourishment for our faith.

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

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

Monday, July 8

8:30am Stella Gualtieri

Tuesday, July 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong

8:30am Ed Gutowski

Wednesday, July 10

8:30am JoAnn Colden

Thursday, July 11 - St. Benedict

8:30am

Friday, July 12

8:30am Margaret Mary Porter

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 13

4:30pm Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

Sunday, July 14

9:00am Robert S. Mikalonis

11:00am Brian DiMario (6th Anniv.)



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings will be:

First Reading - Ezekiel 2:2-5

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel - Mark 6:1-6a

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Amos 7:12-15

Second Reading - Ephesians 1:13-14

Gospel - Mark 6:7-13



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 Mirenda, 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

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



- July 9 Coffee & Catechesis
- 16 Coffee & Catechesis
- 20 - 21 Mission Co-Op (Speaker)
- 30 Coffee & Catechesis

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!



This Summer, put your phone away for a few days.

Make some memories that no-one knows about.

Make some memories that are just yours.



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 Glatsky, 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 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.



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!



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

congratulations

CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors: Ava Soltycki, Brian Fornwalt, Stephanie Shields

Second Honors: Aidan McAteer, Tyler Rush, Jack Arnoldy, Patrick Fornwalt

HOW DO WE REACT?

A prophet has been described as someone who comforts the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable. It is no surprise then, that many would resist, as they did after Ezekiel spoke out. No matter how much or how little we do to bear witness to the gospel, we tend to feel that we are doing well enough. We don't want to hear that we need to carry our cross, or be more selfless, or change our lifestyle, or do more for those in need. We have grown comfortable with the way we live our life. When we receive reproof from the prophetic voices we hear, let us react not with obstinacy of heart, but recognize this as guidance for what God calls us to and heed their warnings.

How do I react when someone criticizes or challenges me?

Do I dismiss their words at once?

How can I prayerfully consider their criticism or advice?

JULY 7th – 14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

One *fascinating and universal* aspect of mankind is our pride for our heritage, whether it be familial or national... and it's intriguing because... well... we didn't really get to choose into which family or in which country we are born! Yet we do feel this ingrained desire to honor our families and country.

To love those to whom we are connected, specifically our family and our country: these are two important aspects of what Saint Thomas Aquinas defines as the virtue of *piety*. Piety is, yes, the term used for worship (i.e., people who are pious) and it is a gift of the Holy Spirit, but we can also focus on the "supernatural habit" of justly giving our due to those from whom we have received our being or our governing... ultimately God, and for us right now, our family and our country. July 4th always brings to the forefront of our minds our fellow country-men and our families, some members we already love... and those we might find it more difficult to love.

Our Lord shares with us His own difficulties as He comes with His disciples back to Nazareth. This is where He was raised by Mary and Joseph, where He learned to read and write, and where He made His childhood friends. Yet the crowd in that synagogue (which probably included some of His family and friends) rejected Him. And this definitely isn't the first time – like many of our own disputes, there is *plenty* of backstory. For example, the First Reading, when our Lord sends the prophet Ezekiel to the "rebellious" house of Israel... takes place 600 years before the birth of Christ.

Now, isn't God all knowing? Why would He go to a town where He knew He could be rejected by His own relatives and neighbors? Why? Because of His Love. Loving is making oneself vulnerable. God offers His love to all knowing that He may be rejected by some. We are told that even after this rejection He *does* cure some of the sick of the town. He is "amazed" by their unfaithful response, but that does not stop Him from serving and loving His people. He still speaks to them and as we know... will ultimately die for them.

As God offers His love so are we to do the same. Did Christ say "Ah, just let them rot" or did He come and call down fire from heaven to leave nothing but scorched earth?... No. Of course not. We by our very beings are indebted to our families and our country and we must show them the same mercy we one day hope to experience so that we may merit entrance into our true homeland and the family which awaits us there. Saint Pope John Paul II in His very last published work before He died noted that to live the virtue of piety is *to return love to the Father* by properly loving, respecting, and venerating the families and the countries within which He has placed us.

We *will* enjoy our time with those members of our family and country we more easily get along with... but for those who we might find it a *little* more difficult to love, with God's help may we also love them. We of course ought not to have an *excess* of devotion to our own patrimony that we develop a hatred for others but let us *never* have a deficiency. Today and each time you come to Mass, as we offer the sign of peace with those around us, let it be a reminder of our duty to love each and every member of our family and country through our prayer, service, and loving actions. It will be through *you* that God will bless our families and through *you* that God will bless America.

God bless,
Dominic Mirenda
Theology II
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!

EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP

July 14, August 11, September 15, from 2-3pm

Join us for the Prayer Group in the spirit of Eileen George and her Meet the Father Ministry. We meet on a monthly basis to pray for specific intentions through Eileen's intercession, to study and reflect on her teachings, and to pray for her beatification & canonization. There will be Adoration, Confession and Benediction.

Social to follow. ALL ARE INVITED. For more information about Eileen, visit www.EileenGeorge.org.

Location: Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA

FOOD ADDICTS IN RECOVERY

Are you having a hard time controlling the way you eat? Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, FA is a recovery program for people who suffer from food obsession, overeating, bulimia and under-eating. The program is based on the Twelve Steps of AA. Everyone is welcome to this free meeting, including those who think they may have a food problem or those who are concerned about someone who may. FA is FREE and open to all women, men, and teens who want to stop eating addictively. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 1:30 PM at St. Kevin School, 2nd Floor. For more information, please call Joanne at 484-848-6301 or visit www.foodaddicts.org.

CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Be Encouraged: Catholic Support for Mental Health Website (archphila.org/support) Resources to assist with healing, accompaniment and flourishing. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has launched a website with resources to support those who are experiencing mental health struggles and those who love them. The website offers links to find Catholic clinicians, local crisis response phone numbers and ministries that can assist with recovery and healing. In addition, there are tools to help parishes, schools and institutions cultivate a deeper awareness of and responsiveness to these realities, suffered by so many. Visit the Be Encouraged website at archphila.org/support.

HELP REVIVE PHILADELPHIA CURSILLO!

The Philadelphia Cursillo is taking steps to revive itself. If you experienced a Cursillo weekend in another (arch)diocese and if you are interested in connecting with Cursillo again, please contact Fr. Bill Waters, OSA at h2ososa@aol.com.

2024 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Joys of Womanhood: Sacred, Beloved, & Beautiful

Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 9:00am to 4:00pm; National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa; 654 Ferry Road - Doylestown, PA

Speakers:

Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Emily Wilson, Kimberly Cook, Dominique Brutus, De Yarrison, Katie Locus, Bishop Christopher Cooke, Karla Amezcua and Sr. Leonie Therese, SV

Full details and registration at: catholicwomensconference.org

WEST CATHOLIC PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL

West Catholic Preparatory High School is looking to fill the following two positions:

FULL-TIME ACCOUNTANT

The prospective candidate must have a Bachelor's degree in Accounting and 3 to 4 years' experience. The accountant prepares the yearly budget and long range forecast, maintains all accounting transactions, prepares monthly financial statements and manages payroll and benefit changes. Experience in accounting software and strong interpersonal skills, good organizational skills and the ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks is required. This is a full-time 12 month position. Must have a valid driver's license.

PART-TIME TUITION OFFICER

This is a part-time, 12 month position. The ideal candidate will be dynamic and energetic with a demonstrated ability to work with little oversight/direction while handling and maintaining confidential information and exercising discretion/discernment in handling related office and school matters at all times. This role requires a high degree of initiative, professionalism, organization, and stellar communication skills working within a Catholic environment where Catholic values define the words and actions of all.

Proficient with Excel software. Prior experience in accounting/bookkeeping/customer service a plus.

Forward resume with salary requirements to: Educational Financial Services, 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, or E-Mail: pschragen@archphila.org