



**He had compassion on them, because they
were like sheep without a shepherd.**

Mark 6:34

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

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JULY 21, 2024 — SIXTEENTH 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)

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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

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Parish Business Manager

Robert J. Helmig (Ext. 103)

Administrative Secretary

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

Parish Music Coordinator

Dorothy Toomey

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we hear Jesus invite his disciples, who have just returned from their mission, to travel with him to a deserted place to rest a while. Sounds like the perfect thing for us to do at this time of year! Even Jesus realized the need to rest and recharge. But then Jesus sees the crowds that sought him out, so he changes his plans and begins to teach them, for they were “sheep without a shepherd.” May it comfort us to know that Jesus always has time for us. We need never feel lost or forsaken.

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.

MEN’S PRAYER GROUP meets in the Wright Center/chapel every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE takes place Thursday at 7:00pm in the chapel.

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 20

4:30pm Mary Sonefeld

Sunday, July 21

9:00am Marguerite Murphy

11:00am Amanda Flood (13th Anniv.)

Monday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene

8:30am Adeline and Daniel DiDomenico

Tuesday, July 23 - St. Bridget

8:30am Catherine & Edward D'Imperio

Wednesday, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhlof

8:30am Michael DeAngelis (10th Anniv.)

Thursday, July 25 - St. James

8:30am Charles Weber

Friday, July 26 - St. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Healing of Marie Seiler

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 27

4:30pm Patrick Moran

Sunday, July 28

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

11:00am Jane Jones



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings will be:

First Reading - Jeremiah 23:1-6

Second Reading - Ephesians 2:13-18

Gospel - Mark 6:30-34

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel - John 6:1-15



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

July 14, 2024

Weekly: \$8,996 target of \$15,000

\$5,789 (Collection) + \$3,207 (Parish Giving)



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| July | 20 - 21 | Mission Co-Op (Speaker/2nd Collection) |
| | 30 | Coffee & Catechesis |
| August | 15 | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation |

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Steven Strong and Mary Travers who were recently buried from our church.

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES

Mission Giving Weekend

July 20 and 21 for

Diocese of Sumbawanga, Pito Parish

This weekend we welcome Mr. Michael Keane who will talk to us about Pito Parish and the Diocese of Sumbawanga. All of us are called to be a Missionary. These Societies help bring the Good News of Jesus, material support and humanitarian relief to the local Church, *especially where Christianity is new*. The Societies care for these Churches in 1,111 Dioceses until they are self-sufficient. The last missionary in the Pito parish left in the 1970's. From that time the church has been running her apostolic works by the self-supporting activities. **There will be a second collection this weekend that will directly benefit the Missionary who works in the Pito Parish, Diocese of Sumbawanga, to help build up the Church.**



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

ST. BERNADETTE FOOD PANTRY

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!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Would you or a friend be curious about becoming a member of the Catholic Church? St. Bernadette Parish offers classes for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults or OCIA (formerly known as RCIA) from October through the Easter Season. Please reach out to Marykate Murphy ~ mmurphy@stbl.org for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

As some of you may be aware, HBO was recently filming in our neighborhood. The show that was being filmed is a detective mini-series entitled Task. It stars actor Mark Ruffalo, who plays FBI Agent Tom who leads a task force in a Philadelphia suburb to put an end to a string of drug-house robberies. While filming took place on Friday the 12th, O'Brien Hall at St. Bernadette's was used for lunch for the cast and crew, as well as, a holding area for the actors between scenes. The Parish received compensation from the production company and was happy to participate in this project that benefited DELCO.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burrichter Arginteanu, Hannah Atkins. Frank Barba, Marcus Bianco, 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, Floyd Crouch, 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, Joseph Maturo, Patricia McDevitt, Kathy Martin, James Maynard, Donald Mayo, 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.

SUMMER BLESSING

**May you walk with God this Summer
in whatever you do and wherever you go.
May you talk to God this summer and
every day and in every situation.
May you talk with God every day.**

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

FOR THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM MANY THINGS

In last week's Gospel we heard Jesus send out his disciples to preach repentance. But they were to take no money, no bags, no walking stick, no food, and not even extra clothes. They were dependent on what was given by Christ: his teachings, his grace, and his authority. No mention of worldly needs. Today we hear of the excitement at their successful return. I would have thought they were doomed to failure but they succeeded. They did not come back with riches and wealth but with souls. People followed the apostles to see this Jesus about whom they preached.

So many people followed them that the apostles hardly had time to eat. Jesus calls the apostles away from the crowds to a deserted place to be with him. They think it will be a retreat but the crowds followed. These people were shown that for which their hearts were longing. Then they imitated the apostles and set off to follow the Christ, the Messiah. They brought no food or money or provisions. They were like sheep in search of their shepherd. Jesus sees them, loves them, and shepherds them.

As the crowd pursued Christ and the apostles we can ask ourselves: "What are we pursuing?" Are we pursuing the things of this world that Jesus calls the apostles to leave behind: money bags, possessions, status, and reputation? Or are we pursuing truth, healing, and charity. Are we pursuing Christ?



ST. BERNADETTE PARISH PRE-JORDAN CLASS

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. The next class is on **Sunday, September 1**. Registration for the class is required. To register, please call the rectory office at 610/789-7676 ext. 101.

ST. BERNADETTE PARKING LOTS

Some time this summer we will be having the parking lots sealed (church and school) along with changing the directions of the parking. We do not have a date yet - hopefully it will not affect Sunday Masses. As soon as we get a date we will be sure to let you know.

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE (St. Anastasia Parish)

This is a basic 'getting to know the Bible' course that's very easy, interesting, practical, and fun! You will learn: how the Bible is laid out logically, how to find your way around it, what the overall story and timeline of the Bible is, ways to pray with scripture, why the Bible matters to the Church, to the world today, and, most especially, to YOU!

Join us for three sessions on Wednesdays: August 7, 14, 21 - Morning session: 10:00am or Evening session: 6:30pm. Come to one or all sessions! NO previous bible experience needed and there is no cost for these sessions! Bring a bible, but if you don't have one we will have some inexpensive bibles available for sale.

Location: Saint Anastasia Rectory basement meeting room, 3301 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA (enter through the rectory basement door). Please let me know in advance if you are coming so that we have enough supplies available.

To learn more, or to sign up for the morning or evening sessions, contact Theresa Haggerty, 610-504-5558 or thaggerty@saintannies.org

EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP

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

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