



Jesus then took the loaves,  
and when he had given thanks,

he distributed them.

John 6:11

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

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**JULY 28, 2024 — SEVENTEENTH 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

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus was able to provide a wonderful feast for thousands of people. All of them had plenty to eat and what was left over filled twelve wicker baskets. The people realized they had just witnessed a miracle, a sign to bring them to faith. We gather today for the Eucharistic feast, where we are invited to have our fill of the bread of eternal life. May the miracle we witness today bring us to a deeper belief in the Lord and his saving gift to us.

## 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.

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](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*

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

**Monday, July 29 - Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus**

8:30am Stellina Gualtieri

**Tuesday, July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus**

8:30am Healing of Marie Seiler

**Wednesday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola**

8:30am Healing of Marie Seiler

**Thursday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori**

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli**

8:30am Healing of Marie Seiler

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, August 3**

4:30pm Bob Saunders

**Sunday, August 4**

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

11:00am Ronald Manila



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

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

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:1-6

Gospel - John 6:1-15

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

First Reading - Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Gospel - John 6:24-35



**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

**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 vacations, financial facts for July 21, July 28, August 4 and August 11 will be in the bulletin on August 18.

Thank you for your understanding and support!



July	30	Coffee & Catechesis
August	15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

**PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY**

Lord God, from You every family in heaven, and on earth, takes its name. Father, You are love and life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, the fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that Your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family, and through the family.



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

## VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to Emma O'Hara who received honors at Villa Maria Academy the Second Semester of this school year.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**Companion God, you gave us your son Jesus to be our Shepherd.**

**May we listen attentively to his voice as he guides us on our journey toward a life of service.**

**Bless our parish and our families with men and women who will generously respond to your call of service as priests or deacons, sisters or brothers.**

**Help us to recognize the signs of your Spirit and to encourage our young people whatever their vocation may be.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Spirit. Amen.**



**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 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, 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.



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!

## THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

### **THE HAND OF THE LORD FEEDS US; HE ANSWERS ALL OUR NEEDS.**

Today's reading switches us from the Gospel of Mark to the Gospel of John but picks up with the same story line. Jesus sent out his Apostles without money, bags, food, a walking stick or even a second tunic. However they come back with crowds following them. The crowds follow Jesus and his Apostles to a deserted place across the sea. The people imitate the apostles and have no worldly necessities with them.

Jesus of the New Testament loses no opportunity to point out that the human person cannot live on bread alone. We eat, we survive. But then what? Jesus not only tells us that we need to go beyond living from physical bread, essential though it be, to live from every word that comes from the mouth of God. There is another hunger that only Jesus himself can satisfy. He goes so far as to tell us that he is the one who can satisfy that spiritual, existential, even cosmic, hunger. He goes so far as to point out that he is even the cause of that hunger, that longing, and at the same time the very bread that alone can satisfy that hunger.

In today's story, some people give help in the preparations for the meal. Andrew draws attention to the presence of a small boy who gives what little he has – five barley loaves and two fish. The loaves are not conjured up out of thin air, but thanks to the sharing, and then the multiplication of what a child has in his bag, however inadequate that was, there is enough for all and even some left over. Whoever among us desires to be a blessing for others should bring to Jesus whatever they possess. The master does not ask us for what we do not have; but in the hands of Jesus, what we are prepared to share works miracles, it fills and satisfies.



### **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.

### **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](mailto:mmurphy@stbl.org) for more information.

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.EileenGeorge.org).

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

### **RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND**

**Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage — August 9 - 11**

Some couples feel lonely, frustrated, or angry in their marriage, often feeling shut off from one another. Other couples experience severe conflict and never-ending arguments. Retrouvaille offers hope for all these marriages by teaching couples to communicate in a deeper, more meaningful way, healing hurts and rebuilding trust and intimacy. No relationship is beyond help.

Location: Malvern Retreat House, Malvern, PA

More Information: Visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215 766 3944 or 800 470 2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **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](http://catholicwomensconference.org)