



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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AUGUST 4, 2024 — EIGHTEENTH 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)

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I am the bread of life,” Jesus tells us in the Gospel today, “whoever comes to me will never hunger.” We come to Jesus today, where we encounter him in God’s word, proclaimed to our assembly. We see him in those who minister to us at the Mass. We realize his presence in each other as we pray and sing. Most significantly, we receive him in the Eucharist, when we receive the Bread of Life who satisfies our spiritual hunger, nourishing us for the mission he left us. Let us lift our hearts and voices in his presence.

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

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

Monday, August 5 - Dedication of Basilica of Saint Mary Major

8:30am Marie Condo

Tuesday, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30am Healing of Marie Seiler

Wednesday, August 7 - St. Sixtus II

8:30am Rev. Girard J. Cusatis

Thursday, August 8 - St. Dominic

8:30am

Friday, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:30am

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 10

4:30pm Gregory Feilmayer

Sunday, August 11

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

11:00am Harry and Peggy DiStefano



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This 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

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - 1 Kings 19:4-8

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel - John 6:41-51



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



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses for the Holy Day will be on Wednesday, August 14 at 5:00pm and on Thursday, August 15 at 8:30am and 7:00pm.

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

A PRAYER OF HOPE

Lord Jesus, I pray this day for strength, because there are times when things get tough and I just want to quit.

Lord Jesus, I ask this day for a generous share in Your love, because there are times when people forget me, and I am tempted to lose hope.

Lord Jesus, I seek this day for Your light to guide my steps, because there are times when life get cloudy and dark, and I lose my way.

Help me, O Lord, to pick up the pieces, wipe my tears, face the sun, and start again, for all is possible when I place my faith and trust in You, my Saving God.

Amen.



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

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 Burreichter 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.



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

**“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; WHOEVER COMES TO ME
WILL NEVER HUNGER, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES
IN ME WILL NEVER THIRST.”**

An old man goes to a local diner every day for lunch. He always orders the soup du jour. One day the old man asks for a little more bread. So the next day the manager tells the waitress to give him four slices of bread instead of just two. But that day the old man once again asks the manager if he could have “a little more bread.” So the next day the manager tells the waitress to give him eight slices of bread. “How was your meal today, sir?” the manager asks. “Good...But you could give a little more bread,” comes the reply. So...the next day the manager tells the waitress to give him a whole loaf of bread with his soup. And when the manager once again asks how the meal was, the old man replies by saying: “It was good, but you could give just a little more bread.”

The manager is now obsessed with seeing this customer say that he is satisfied with his meal. So he goes to the bakery, and orders a six foot long loaf of bread. When the elderly man comes in as usual the next day, the manager cuts the loaf in half and lay it along the counter, right next to his bowl of soup. The old man sits down, and devours his bowl of soup and both halves of the six-foot-long loaf of bread. The manager now thinks he will get the answer he is looking for. So when the old man comes up to pay for his meal, the manager asks “How was your meal TODAY, sir?” The old man replies: “Oh, it was good as usual, but I see you are back to giving only two slices of bread.”

The elderly man, the Israelites in the desert with Moses and the people who chased Jesus looking for more bread...they have a lot in common. They were never satisfied. They always wanted more. They were locked into their own world of self-concern. No matter how many pieces of bread...it would never be enough.

It's easy to be like the people who populate today's readings. It is easy because the values of our culture often lock us into self-centered and self-absorbed concerns. This is why Jesus in the Gospel tells us that the remedy of faith is to work not for that which perishes but for that which endures to eternal life. And that which endures to eternal life are “the works of God.” And we achieve the works of God when our faith rests in the Son of God who loved us so much that He stretched His arms out on the cross and gave of Himself without reservation. To achieve the works of God is to follow Him whose life we share each time we receive the Eucharist.

St. Augustine would often end Mass by saying to his people: “Be what you eat.” As we receive the Eucharist may we “be” that loving and caring presence of Christ in our world today. May we be motivated by a joyful gratitude for what we already have and by a constant concern for the needs and concerns of others.



ST. BERNADETTE PARISH PRE-JORDAN CLASS

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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 for more information.

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

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

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 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 Amezcuca and Sr. Leonie Therese, SV

Full details and registration at: catholicwomensconference.org