



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A HOLY DAY
OF OBLIGATION

Masses for the Holy Day

Wednesday, August 14
5:00pm

Thursday, August 15
8:30am and
7:00pm

SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH "WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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AUGUST 11, 2024 — NINETEENTH 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

Mrs. Joanne Montie

Parish Business Manager

Robert J. Helmig (Ext. 103)

Administrative Secretary

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

Parish Music Coordinator

Dorothy Toomey

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We may live in a part of the country where the heat that's accumulated by this time of year is overwhelming. If so, the first reading will resonate with us. Just one day into his journey across the desert, the great prophet Elijah is so hot and tired and hungry and thirsty that he actually prays for death. Whether due to extreme temperatures or something else, sometimes we may feel at the end of our ropes. May Elijah remind us that God comes to us in our hour of need, most significantly sending us Jesus, the Bread of Life, whom we receive today in the Eucharist and who is with us always, accompanying us and sustaining us in our suffering.

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 for the
Intentions for the
Week*

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

Monday, August 12 - St. Janes Frances de Chantal

8:30am

Tuesday, August 13 - Saints Pontian & Hippolytus

8:30am

Wednesday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:30am

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5:00pm Theresa Cain

Thursday, August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Patrick and Marguerite Murphy & Family

7:00pm Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

Friday, August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30am Colin Houston

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 17

4:30pm Deceased of Holley & McConnell Families

Sunday, August 18

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

11:00am Cornelius Kearney



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

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

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First Reading - Proverbs 9:1-6

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel - John 6:51-58



**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
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(A Holy Day of Obligation)**

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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!

**PRAYER FOR THE
ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

Mary, you are our Mother in Heaven. What a blessed day it was when Jesus took you into Heaven, body and soul, to be with Him.

You were crowned Queen of Heaven and earth, a position of love and service to Jesus' Church.

At your Assumption, you beheld the face of Your beloved Son once again.

Please pray for me, that I, too, may gaze on the glorious face of your Son, my Lord, Jesus Christ, in Heaven one day.

May my life be inspired by your holiness, oh Blessed Virgin, my Mother.

May your prayers for me and your example of great faithfulness aid and inspire me to holiness in this life so I may be with Jesus in Heaven as you are.

May your Assumption remind me of God's love and faithfulness to those who also love Him.

May I love Jesus with my whole heart and soul both now and forever.

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

GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS

Does God always give us what we ask for in prayer? Sometimes His answer is no. He knows what we do not know. He knows everything and His negative answer is part of His plans for our lives.

*My life is but a weaving, between my God and me.
I do not choose the colors, He worketh steadily.
Oftimes He weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper, and I the underside.
Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful in the
skillful Weaver's hand,
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern
He has planned.*

Lord, it is hard to accept a negative answer, but keep us humble enough, patient enough, faithful enough to trust. Thank You that You always answer our prayers in Your way with a yes or a no. How good it is to know that You never make a mistake.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burchrichter 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, 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 LIVING BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN; WHOEVER EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER AND THE BREAD THAT I WILL GIVE IS MY FLESH FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.”

In today's Gospel again Jesus makes the claim: “I am the bread of life.” ‘I AM’ is God's own name, which Jesus applies to himself; and he is the Bread of Life. Some scholars note that he is not talking primarily here of the Eucharist, of Holy Communion. Rather, Jesus is saying that he, his whole way of life, his teaching, his attitudes and relationships towards his Father and people, everything that the Gospel tells us about him is real nourishment and food for our daily living. Not to know and assimilate Jesus in this way is to be starved of essential nourishment for living a full life.

The people's ancestors had manna in the desert. But that was only material food, and they died. His is a life-giving bread. To eat this bread is to be totally united with God through Jesus Christ. It is to have one's whole life imbued with the spirit of Jesus. And in the Gospel, that is a definition of life. Such a person is fully alive – now and forever.

The next statement must have sounded rather shocking: “the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” This is Jesus talking about the Eucharist. It is his flesh which was offered up in love; that flesh that died on the cross is the key to life. Through his flesh received we are empowered to take on Jesus' whole way of life, his teaching, his attitudes and relationships towards his Father and people.



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

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

Bonner-Prendie Class of '74 - 50th Reunion

Monsignor Bonner - Archbishop Prendergast High School, Class of 1974, is planning their 50th Class Reunion, 6pm - 10 pm Friday, Sept. 27 at Paxon Hollow Country Club, 850 Paxon Hollow Rd., Broomall. The Reunion Committee is currently searching for current email addresses to send out notices with the details. Class members are asked to send name and email address to bonnerprendie50threunion@gmail.com.

Bonner-Prendie Class of '84 - 40th Reunion

Friday, November 22, 2024, 7:00pm to 11:00pm at Casey's Restaurant in Drexel Hill. Tickets are \$40pp. Join us for a night of food, drink, and reminiscing! Purchase your ticket today: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=qW2MNk>

Cardinal O'Hara Class of '84 - 40th Reunion

The 40th class reunion will be held at the Towne House Restaurant in Media, PA. on Saturday, November 9, 2024. For information, call the COHS alumni office at (610-544-3800) or email coclassof1984@gmail.com