



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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AUGUST 18, 2024 — TWENTIETH 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
Email (deacontom@stbl.org)

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What a wonderful gift we have been given by our Lord! He has given himself — his very flesh and blood — for the life of the world. We are invited to this place each Sunday to receive this wondrous gift, which sustains us and nourishes us on our journey to God's kingdom. How appropriate that the Greek word for this meal — eukharistia — means thanksgiving, reminding us how eternally thankful we are for the opportunity to receive the Body of Christ, our bread of life.

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.

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

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

Monday, August 19 - St. John Eudes

8:30am Francesca Gesumaria

Tuesday, August 20 - St. Bernard

8:30am Cynthia Maisano

Wednesday, August 21 - St. Pius X

8:30am Rosemarie Rein

Thursday, August 22 - The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Sal Novelle

Friday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

8:30am Carl and Dorothy Martin

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 24

4:30pm Gloria Luongo

Sunday, August 25

9:00am Dolores Kearney

11:00am Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Proverbs 9:1-6

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel - John 6:51-58

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First Reading - Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:21-32

Third Reading - John 6:60-69



**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

FINANCIAL FACTS

July 21, 2024

Weekly: \$9,441 target of \$15,000

\$6,461 (Collection) + \$2,980 (Parish Giving)

July 28, 2024

Weekly: \$8,050 target of \$15,000

\$5,366 (Collection) + \$2,684 (Parish Giving)

August 4, 2024

Weekly: \$11,524 target of \$15,000

\$8,339 (Collection) + \$3,185 (Parish Giving)

August 11, 2024

Weekly: \$11,512 target of \$15,000

\$7,335 (Collection) + \$4,177 (Parish Giving)

**ST. BERNADETTE PARISH
PRE-JORDAN CLASS**

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**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.

PRE-CANA

St. John Chrysostom Parish in Wallingford will offer their fall **in-person Pre-Cana Day on Saturday, Sept. 14**.

St. John's is one of the few Delco parishes that offers Pre-Cana and welcomes couples from all over.

Couples may learn more and register online at www.sjcparish.org/pre-cana or call us with any questions at (610) 874-3418.

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of Michael Johnson, Cindy Maisano and Nora Serpente who were recently buried from our church.



For the month of July, the Food Pantry helped 9 families. Food and gift cards were provided, so that individuals can purchase other staples on their grocery list. Monetary donations and gift cards are provided through the generosity of our parishioners. If you wish to provide a gift card or a monetary donation please drop it off at the Rectory labeled, "Food Pantry".

Parishioners volunteer their time in the food pantry after the 11am Mass each Sunday. Parishioners brought the bags over from the back of the church and unpacked them, sorted food items and restocked the shelves, as well as tidying up the pantry. We thank you all for your time and efforts. Thank you Peter and Francis Medora for your help with cleaning shelves, tables and assisting with inventory.

Please consider volunteering. It is a great opportunity to serve others and all are welcome to help, adults and children. The Food Pantry is open every Sunday in the Wright Center at 12 noon to receive and or distribute food to those in need.

We thank you for your continued support and generosity with your donations, gifts, prayers, talents and resources- together as one family and one Body in Christ Jesus.

God Bless,
Amy Sandman ,St. Bernadette Food Pantry Coordinator
C-610-931-5692



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



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 Glatky, 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 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.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

God loves you just the way you are - under committed and overweight, lax and lusty, doubtful and anxious, meaning well but producing under par. You may not be the first pick in the draft but you are unique. Even God cannot love anyone else exactly the way he loves you.

If that is good enough for God, it should be good enough for you.

For now.

What's Happening

GRIEVING SUPPORT GROUP

A Grieving Support Group will be offered for 8 consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning September 10, 2024, starting at 7pm until 8:30pm, for adults who have experienced the death of a loved one. The program will be held on the 1st floor of St. Bernadette's Wright Center.

No matter how long it has been since your loss, unattended grief may linger. This is an opportunity to be with others who are also grieving and seek ways to help each other through the grieving process. Literature regarding loss and grief will be available. The program is facilitated by George Salloom, a retired healthcare social worker, hospice volunteer, and a member of the Havertown Ministerium.

For more information call George Salloom @ 610 306-0252 or email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com
Thank you, Rev. John Masson, and St. Bernadette's Parish, for providing the support and space for this program.

"Grieving is a difficult and challenging process, and it affects us all in different ways.
Working together we can find ways to help one another work through our grief."

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MASS AND HEALING SERVICE

All are welcome on First Friday, September 6 — Praise & Worship 6:45pm – Mass 7:00pm. OUR LADY OF FATIMA Mass in the Main Church - 1 Fatima Drive, Secane, PA 19018 (610- 532- 5801). Rev. Roland Slobogin will be the celebrant
Give Praise and Worship— Music by Martha's House —Healing Prayer Service— Laying on Hands for Individual Healing after Mass —Witness Stories.

"When the time is right, I the Lord will make it happen." Isaiah 60:2

NINTH ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE PARISH SEPTEMBER 14 - 15, 2024

Saint Bede the Venerable Church, located in Holland, Pennsylvania (Bucks County, Northampton Township), welcomes all to its Eighth Annual Festival to honor St. Pio of Pietrelcina, better known as "Padre Pio," on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14 and 15. The two-day event begins with Saturday's All-American Picnic Buffet (tickets will be sold at the event), featuring games and amusements for children, food and craft vendors, and live music. The highlight will be a **5:30pm Vigil Mass**, followed by blessings with holy relics of Padre Pio.

The Sunday Sept. 15 **12:30pm Solemn Mass** will be extra special this year, as it will be celebrated by **Fr Pio Mandato**. The Mass is followed by a street procession with a statue of Padre Pio through the surrounding neighborhood. After the procession, there will be a healing service with confessions and veneration of holy relics. All day there will be specialty food and craft vendors, amusements for children, and live musical entertainment.

Plenty of free parking will be available, and pilgrim buses are welcome. For more information, go online to padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com, or call the St. Bede parish office at **215-357-5720**.

FR. DAVID MICHAEL MOSES TO SPEAK & PERFORM AT ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 7pm IN MSGR. MCGETTIGAN HALL

Fr. David Michael Moses grew-up in Houston, Texas. He started college when he was just 14 and graduated with his bachelor's degree at the age of 18. He was accepted into several law schools, but ultimately felt called to the priesthood and entered seminary for the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. He was ordained in 2019 at the age of 25 and is now the parochial vicar at Christ the Good Shepherd in Spring, Texas. He enjoys writing music and his "Concerts for Life" have collectively raised over \$800,000 to assist women in crisis pregnancies. Fr. David Michael is the founder of the Pilgrim Rosary project and is also active on social media where he shares stories from priestly life. Visit his website at www.fatherdavidmichael.com

Nicky Verna, M.Th. - Director of the New Evangelization

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August 18, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Algebra class was the origin of real high school stress for me. At the time I wouldn't have called it that. It had another identifying label not suitable for presentation here. All I remember was that a whole bunch of numbers and letters on the left somehow equaled the same pile on the right. The name of the item was "equation."

Our Lord never had to study algebra as far as the Bible is concerned. Nor should we be. Yet there are examples aplenty of His non-mathematical "equations." He called Himself "the Good Shepherd" on one occasion. "The Son of Man" several times. So too for our purpose today "The Bread of Life."

John chapter six expands on that last title by letting us hear Jesus say that the unleavened bread and the cup of wine in front of Him on the table at the Last Supper through His saying so became equated (there's that word again) with His very flesh and blood. The better expression is that those two elements were transformed into His Body and Blood.

Our physical senses don't detect any change. The bread looks, acts and tastes like bread on the outside, but it is no longer bread, but His Body. "Corpus Christi." Same for the wine as our senses yield. But at the words of consecration, pronounced in our time by the ordained priest, as God's representative, turn it into His Blood.

In another Gospel section, Jesus declares that the eating and drinking of His Body and Blood is our guarantee of living forever. That is, unless we forfeit the guarantee by unrepentant sin. That's when we really can appreciate Sacrament of Penance as another gift from our loving God.

One of the most intriguing new advocates for loving the Holy Eucharist is a young man named Carlo Acutis. Carlo was born in England and was raised in Italy. He died when he was only 15 from leukemia. He was up until then a normal happy boy, liked by his many friends; good at playing soccer but especially skilled with a computer. From an early age he was attracted by the Eucharistic Lord and went to daily Mass even converting his own mom to the faith.

He designed a web page on which he posted information on all the Eucharistic miracles that he could. A traveling exposition of these has traveled the world. He matched his devotion with service to the poor. After he died his body was unearthed intact for what was to be burial in Assisi. So now you can view the body enclosed in glass, with Carlo dressed in a sports jacket and sneakers. The first millennial soon to be canonized. What an inspiration! A young disciple telling us that holiness is so possible in our ordinary lives. Google his name for more details.

In the meantime, remember that "the world will not be convinced of your faith by the sourness of your face."

God love you and give you his peace.

