



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

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**SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 — TWENTY-THIRD 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)**  
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. Fran McElhenney**

**Parish Business Manager**

**Robert J. Helmig (Ext. 103)**

**Administrative Secretary**

**Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)**

**Parish Music Coordinator**

**Dorothy Toomey**

### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Take a look around you as you make yourself at home in God's home. As you entered, did you welcome others as perhaps you yourself were welcomed? Did you see anyone you did not recognize? Did you give them the once over and make a judgment, perhaps in the back of your mind? In today's second reading, James instructs the Christian community to show no partiality in their assembly. He warns them that those they may tend to avoid or ignore may be exactly those whom God chooses for the kingdom. In that spirit, let us always warmly welcome all who join us to worship the Lord.

## 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*

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, September 7**

4:30pm Deceased of Holley & McConnell Families

**Sunday, September 8**

9:00am Yolanda Panichelli

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

**Monday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver**

8:30am Catherine and Howard Walker

**Tuesday, September 10**

8:30am Eileen M. Collins

**Wednesday, September 11**

8:30am Fr. Girard Cusatis

**Thursday, September 12 - Most Holy Name of Mary**

8:30am Dorothy & Carl Martin

**Friday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom**

8:30am Catherine Walker

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, September 14**

4:30pm Colleen Bijeau

**Sunday, September 15**

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

11:00am Brian DiMario



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

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

First Reading - Isaiah 35:4-7a

Second Reading - James 2:1-5

Gospel - Mark 7:31-37

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

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4c-9a

Second Reading - James 2:14-18

Gospel - Mark 8:27-35



**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

**FINANCIAL FACTS**

**September 1, 2024**

**Weekly: \$11,058 target of \$15,000**

**\$8,588 (Collection) + \$2,470 (Parish Giving)**



- September 10 Bereavement Group Begins
- 15 Catechetical Sunday - 11am Mass  
Sundaes on Sunday following Mass
- 16 PREP begins



PREP Registration for 2024 - 2025 is open. Our PREP is open to all parish families with students in grades 1 to 8 who attend our local public schools. We are excited to welcome new 1st Graders to our program. Register now for all the upcoming information! Contact Marykate Murphy - [mmurphy@stbl.org](mailto:mmurphy@stbl.org) with any questions. Register here: <https://st-bernadette.org/prep-online-registration>



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 [scrip4bernie@gmail.com](mailto:scrip4bernie@gmail.com) Thank you!

Susan Coyne & Karen Murphy  
Scrip Coordinators

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LECTORS NEEDED

We are looking for those interested in proclaiming the Word of God - if you have a good speaking voice and would like to be involved in this special ministry, please take a leap and let us know. We are particularly looking for lectors at the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday and the 11:00am Mass on Sunday. If interested, please email Debbie at [poolgirl1973@yahoo.com](mailto:poolgirl1973@yahoo.com) or call 215-470-8680 or contact Father John. Thanks so much for your considering to be part of this ministry.

### ST. BERNADETTE PARISH HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

St. Bernadette Parish Hospitality Committee is looking for volunteers to join our committee! All are invited to cultivate a hospitable heart and help to create a more welcoming atmosphere in our Parish Community. We appreciate any volunteers that would like to help out at our events. If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry, opportunities are available for Hospitality Sunday on the second Sundays of the month and Special Events throughout the year. You can choose the events that work best for you through our easy sign up process. Please email Kathy Markopoulos at [kathy.marko17@verizon.net](mailto:kathy.marko17@verizon.net) to become a part of this beautiful ministry.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:email-georgesalloom@hotmail.com). Thank you, Rev. John Masson, and St. Bernadette's Parish, for providing the support and space for this program.

### ST. BERNADETTE BIBLE GROUP

Want to learn more about the Bible and grow in your faith? A group of us do here at Saint Bernadette. Deacon Tom will begin a four-part series beginning **Thursday, September 19, 26, October 3 and 10**, in the Wright Center at 6pm. We are very excited and would love if you and someone you know could join us as we embark on this journey together. If you have any questions, please call Amy at 610-931-5692 or Debbie at 215-470-8086. We look forward to having you join us and meet some new friends.

### ST. BERNADETTE FAIR #2

ONE, TWO....WOW, we are gearing up for #2 - St. Bernie's Fun Fair and we are looking for YOU!

**Website Design & Maintenance:** We're seeking a person who can work closely with our marketing team to be able to design/create a website that is conducive to our marketing needs for fundraising. Specifically, digital tickets and a software package that may be associated with this as well. **Grant's Admin:** This is for someone who loves some good paperwork for a great cause. We'd seek someone who is able to fill out a few applications to major organizations.

If you feel you may be THAT person and want to work with a group of great people and get involved in your parish, please reach out to Kat Hernandez at [berniesfair@gmail.com](mailto:berniesfair@gmail.com) - Thank you!

### NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Dearest St. Bernadette parishioners!

I trust that everyone is enjoying a restful summer and has had some memorable vacation time with family and friends. I look forward to welcoming back the members of the St. Bernadette Music Ministry. I love to listen to the beautiful voices I hear in the congregation as I sit at the organ in the choir loft and I really appreciate the wonderful community support that you give to help enhance our liturgies each week. We have been blessed with the talents of Jennifer Burnett, Rose Marie Erl, Steve Clement and Susan Borio to lead us in song this summer. As always, everyone (from ages 4-144) is invited to join us as we praise and worship our God in song. If you or anyone in your family is contemplating joining the Adult Choir, the Cherub Choir, the St. Bernadette School Choir, or Adult Guitar Group, this is the year. In addition, if you play a musical instrument and are in high school or older, please come and see Dottie Toomey in the choir loft any Saturday after the 4:30pm Mass or Sunday after the 9:00am or 11:00am Masses. The rehearsal schedule will be as follows:

**Adult Choir - Wednesday, 9/11 7:30pm** (choir loft)

**Cherub Choir (preK 4-2nd gr) Sunday 9/15 8:15am** (BVM altar)

**School Choir (gr. 3rd-8th) Wed/ Thurs 9/11 and 9/12 7:30am -8am** (loft)

**Adult Guitar Group**...please see Dottie Toomey or Kathy Markopoulos.

God has truly blessed us with many gifts and He wants us to share them with our family and community. Always keep a song in your heart.

Musically yours,  
Dottie Toomey  
Parish Music Director

## THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

**“Ephphatha!” that is, “Be opened!”**

**In today’s Gospel we hear about Jesus performing another miracle, healing a man who is deaf and mute. We have to remember that although these stories were written long ago they are for us now as well. We can think of it this way...**

**We are all blind. We are all deaf. We are all in need of God’s healing. But the healing that God wants for us is not to solve our eye problems or our ear problems. He wants us to solve the problems of the heart. So what we see, we see the glory that God has given us to see the world as He sees it. And when we hear, He gives us the glory of His name that we might hear all the wonders of the Word of God as it comes to us and He gives us a mouth to sing His praise.**

**This is what Mark is saying. He’s saying we are a community of people and we should be listening to each other, not with our ears, but with our hearts. And we should be praising God and each other, not with our mouth, but with our heart as well. You must speak with your heart, hear with your heart, love with your heart, and then you will understand that God is with us.**



**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.

## What's Happening

### RESPECT LIFE NEWS — PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE — SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

11:00 AM - RALLY — 12:00 PM - MARCH FOR LIFE

Pennsylvania State Capitol — 501 N 3rd St, Harrisburg, PA 17120

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: [PAMARCHFORLIFE.ORG](http://PAMARCHFORLIFE.ORG)

Like Blessed Mary, may we always say yes to Your gift. May we defend it and promote it from conception to its natural end and bring us at last, oh Father, to eternal life, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Resources

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing — 877-HOPE-4-ME [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)

A Baby's Breath 24-Hour Hotline: — 484-580-6436 [www.ababysbreath.org](http://www.ababysbreath.org)

Delaware County Pregnancy Center: — [www.dcpcchester.org](http://www.dcpcchester.org)

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME — [www.mothershome.org](http://www.mothershome.org)

Crisis Pregnancy Resource Hotline: — 610-626-4006

#### 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.sjcp parish.org/pre-cana](http://www.sjcp parish.org/pre-cana) or call us with any questions at (610) 874-3418.

#### 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](http://padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com), or call the St. Bede parish office at **215-357-5720**.

#### NOVENA TO OUR LADY, UNDOER OF KNOTS

St. Dorothy Parish will again conduct the Novena to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots. The Novena will take place for nine consecutive days beginning Tuesday, September 17 and end with Mass on Wednesday, September 25 at 7 PM. We will not be holding daily novena prayer services in church, we encourage you to pray the novena each day and then join us for the closing Mass on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP

Join us on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm – 3pm for a grace-filled Holy Hour. We will have Adoration, Confessions, and Benediction along with our Novena for Eileen George's intercession for our personal needs. Priests will be available for Confessions. Location: Annunciation BVM Church, 401 Brookline Blvd., Havertown, PA Enter on Brookline Blvd doors. For questions contact: Jeanmarie Lorello at 610-547-7308 (phone or text).

Follow Eileen on Facebook or Website <https://eileengeorge.org/>

Mark you Calendars for the 2024 – 2025 DATES:

October 6<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, January 12<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup>

April 13<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup>

#### CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1984

Attention all members of the **Cardinal O'Hara HS class of 1984!** The 40th class reunion will be held at the Towne House Restaurant in Media, PA. **Saturday, November 9, 2024**. For information, call the COHS alumni office at (610-544-3800) or email [coclassof1984@gmail.com](mailto:coclassof1984@gmail.com)