

SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH "WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 — TWENTY-FOURTH 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. Fran McElhenney

Parish Business Manager

Robert J. Helmig (Ext. 103)

Administrative Secretary

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

Parish Music Coordinator

Dorothy Toomey

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In today's Gospel, Jesus confides in his disciples for the first time that he would be persecuted and killed. Then turning to the entire crowd, he tells them that they must take up their crosses, for it is in sacrificing their lives they can save them. Are you willing to accept your cross, difficult as it may be? As you ponder that question, remember this: your cross, the cross Jesus calls you to shoulder, is linked to the Holy Cross itself, which is the most beautiful sign of our salvation.

Parish Information

NEW FAMILIES

Welcome to St. Bernadette Parish! To register in the parish, please email Deacon Tom Fitzpatrick at <u>deacontom@stbl.org</u>. 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.

<u>VISITS TO THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT</u> 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.

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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

Monday, September 16 - Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:30am Michael Johnson

Tuesday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine and

St. Hildegard of Bingen

8:30am Michael Johnson

Wednesday, September 18

8:30am Michael Gaynor

Thursday, September 19 - St. Januarius

8:30am Albert Jacobini

Friday, September 20 - Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,

Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions

8:30am Cathy Huyette

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 21

4:30pm Deceased of Blake & Lewandowski Families

Sunday, September 22 9:00am Joe Adams

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



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings will be:

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4c-9a Second Reading - James 2:14-18

Gospel - Mark 8:27-35

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Second Reading - James 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel - Mark 9:30-37



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 8, 2024

Weekly: \$14,891 target of \$15,000

\$10,079 (Collection) + \$4,812 (Parish Giving)



September

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



For the month of August, the Food Pantry helped 7 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 volunteered their time to help in the food pantry after the 11am Mass each Sunday. Parishioners brought the bags over from the back of the church and unpacked them. Many volunteers sorted food items by date and restocked the shelves. Others helped tidying up the pantry. We thank you all for your time and efforts.

Please consider volunteering a few minutes of your time at the food pantry. It is a great opportunity to serve others. All are welcome to help, young and old. The food pantry donated a couple of crock pots and an electric griddle to help feed the homeless at a local shelter.

The food pantry is open every Sunday in the Wright Center at 12 noon to receive, and or distribute food to those in need. On behalf of the food pantry, 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 610-931-5692

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Callen John Anhalt Parker Kristine Serra

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Robert Harrington and Dennis Reavey who were recently buried from our church.

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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 pooligirl1973@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 COMMTTTEE

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 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 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. 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

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!

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 – 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 0234 Page Five September 15, 2024



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, Lexi Dunn, Bernie Dupras, Jason Durkee, Matthew Dwyer, Bruce Einstein, Emily Einstein, Marie Feola, Abby Fitzpatrick, 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, Baby Kyle Patrick Muldoon, 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 Sarmento, 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.



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

ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us on **Monday, September 23**, as we witness for Life in Harrisburg, PA. Rally at 11am in front of the Capitol building and then March around the block of the Capitol building at 12noon. Transportation from St. Pius X Church parking lot in Broomall at 8:45am. Call Amy at John Williamson's law office at 610-446-5600 to reserve a seat. Let's show our State legislators that we value all pre-born life!

Resources

Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Healing

877-HOPE-4-ME www.rachelsvineyard.org

A Baby's Breath 24-Hour Hotline:

484-580-6436 www.ababysbreath.org

Delaware County Pregnancy Center:

www.dcpcchester.org

Mother's Home: 610-583-HOME — www.mothershome.org
Crisis Pregnancy Resource Hotline: — 610-626-4006

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, we remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those that were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths. We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day twenty-three years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious Lord, continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with

Your love. God of peace, bless all those defending and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. Heavenly Father, answer our prayer and bring us hope through Christ, Your Son. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory. Amen

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24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"The lazy, crazy, hazy days of Summer 2024 will officially end next weekend. Looking back, we have our memories hopefully good and perhaps sadly bad. Among the latter that I have are those stories of drownings and shark attacks especially involving youngsters. But above all those others, the one that hit me the hardest as I sat down to write these words came the report back in June of a vacationing couple who were swept away by rip currents leaving behind six children. Do you remember it also? And what about those six sudden orphans? Pain and suffering clouds the summer sky.

The gospel today provides the context to consider the whole subject of human suffering, as Jesus brings up the subject with His chosen Twelve. It hovers over even the best of our days. Just as a hearse passing by a showy, red convertible drives home a point.

The bible tells us forthrightly that suffering entered our world with the arrival of sin. Sin as a deliberate selfish choice to make ourselves little gods in defiance of the One Great God of heaven and earth. "We will decide what's right and wrong; what's best for us; what will make us happy, and You, O God, had best pay attention!" Oh, we never actually phrase it that way, much less say it out loud, but that's the ultimate source of our sin. Jesus tells us how to handle our suffering, physical or spiritual. It is to unite ours with His and make it redemptive for the world. That is the partial theology behind the old directive to "offer it up."

I recently read a biography of Pope St. John Paul II, whom I have no hesitation calling "the Great." Almost a whole generation has come along since his death in 2005, but they need to know of him and how we were blest with his pontificate. Of his physical sufferings in life, the author wrote the following:

During his pontificate, he dislocated his shoulder, broke his femur, underwent surgeries for his hip and ankle and to remove his appendix, gallstones, and an orange-sized tumor from his colon. He suffered osteoarthritis in his right knee, and intestinal disorder, the loss of hearing in both ears, Parkinson's disease, and underwent routine colonoscopies and was given a feeding tube—and this does not even include the injuries he sustained when he was struck by a Nazi truck in Poland, the mono mononucleosis he suffered as a bishop, or the two bullets he took during his assassination attempt. Because he spent no fewer than 164 days in the Gelling Hospital, he started calling it Vatican III (after St. Peter's and Castel Gandolfo)? After one of his hospitalizations, he said "I accept this trial too from the hands of God, who arranges everything in accordance with His providential plans, and I offer it for the good of the Church."

Add to that young Blessed Carlo Acutis' remark that he offered his leukemia at age 15 "for the pope and the Church" and you begin to see the best interpretation of your sufferings from holy people of all ages. That thinking makes us more than Churchgoers. We become, however gradually, true disciples. For all four seasons. And a good postscript here is this warning: "Satan is not afraid of a Bible with dust on it."

God love you and give you His peace.

What's Happening

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 25th.

EILEEN GEORGE PRAYER GROUP

Join us on Sunday, September 15th 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/

CARDINAL O"HARA HIGH SCHOOL 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@qmail.com*