



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

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**SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 — TWENTY-FIFTH 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](mailto:frmasson@stbl.org))

**Retired Priest**

Rev. Lawrence F. Crehan

**Retired Deacon**

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**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

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As summer transitions to fall, farmers' thoughts turn toward the coming harvest. Speaking of harvesting, in the second reading St. James declares that those who cultivate peace will sow the fruit of righteousness. Besides the traditional fall harvest of apples and pumpkins, may we also savor the fruit of righteousness — that is, of moral goodness and justice — which in turn brings peace to our world, our nation, and our communities. Let us sing and praise the God who makes all this possible.

## 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-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

#### **Monday, September 23 - St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**

8:30am Ellen DiSanti

#### **Tuesday, September 24**

8:30am Regina Marie Dengel

#### **Wednesday, September 25**

8:30am Fran McHugh

#### **Thursday, September 26 - Ss. Cosmas & Damian**

8:30am James L. McDonald

#### **Friday, September 27 - St. Vincent de Paul**

8:30am Michael Johnson

### Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **Saturday, September 28**

4:30pm Deceased of Brady and Stephany Families

#### **Sunday, September 29**

9:00am Edward J. McDonough

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



### FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

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

First Reading - Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading - James 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel - Mark 9:30-37

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

First Reading - Numbers 11:25-29

Second Reading - James 5:1-6

Gospel - Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



### 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 15, 2024

**Weekly: \$8,803 target of \$15,000**

**\$6,231 (Collection) + \$2,572 (Parish Giving)**



September	28	CYO Mass - 4:30pm
October	4	School Mass - 8:30am
		Student Council Installation
	4	Living Rosary - 1:00pm
	13	8th Grade Mass - 9:00am
		Hospitality in O'Brien Hall

### WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Maeve Elizabeth Kitzinger

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

Christopher and Teresa (Giangiulio) Horn



### AVE MARIA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Ave Maria Council Knights of Columbus will be holding a recruitment drive this weekend, September 21-22. We invite all men of the parish over 18 years of age to join the council and serve St. Bernadette's parish and the surrounding community. Knights will be available after both Sunday masses to answer any questions about joining the council.

The Knights invite all who are interested to join us for an informational meeting on Monday September 23 at 7:30pm in the Wright Center. Refreshments will be served. Please email [jsavaresejr@gmail.com](mailto:jsavaresejr@gmail.com) for more information.

## ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

### SUBSTITUTES/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Bernadette's is looking for certified teachers for Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to add to our sub list. We are also looking for parent volunteers to help in our school Library, lunch room and school yard.

**If you are interested please call Maureen Booth at 610-449-5184 x 202**





## 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 Thomas the Apostle, Glen Mills at 8:45am following 8am Mass. Returning at 4pm. Contact Donna Wroblewski 610-715-4641. 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](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**



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](mailto:scrip4bernies@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.

### 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. 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!

### CHOIRS AND ADULT GUITAR GROUP

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.



**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 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, 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.

## *What's Happening*

### **“PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY”**

On Saturday, October 12th, at 12 o'clock noon, a “Public Square Rosary” will take place in front of Saint Andrew Church in Drexel Hill. We have prayed this Rosary every year since 2007, on the Saturday closest to October 13, to commemorate Our Lady's “Miracle of the Sun” at Fatima in 1917. On this day, we will be praying in union with tens of thousands of other concerned Americans for our country and our world. \*(In 2007, 2,100 rallies were held on this day across the US. Last year in 2023, 22,045 rallies were held) We will ask Our Lady to intercede with her Son for the end of abortion and the many other evils which plague our country today and threaten to destroy America. We look forward to having you join us in prayer and song for just ONE HOUR on that special day on the Church lawn at Foss Avenue and School Lane, Drexel Hill. Bring your Rosary and feel free to bring a chair or blanket. Our Lady needs your prayers! And especially this year, America needs your prayers! All are welcome! For more information, please text or call Raphael at 610-613-7481.

### **RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held the weekend of October 4 - 6 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER—MARRIED COUPLES**

When is the last time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep your engines running by getting away together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next in-person experiences are October 11-13 and November 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wwme-philly.org>.

### **HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/ENTRANCE EXAM**

**Cardinal O'Hara High School - Open House** on Sunday, October 6 from 12:00noon - 2:30pm. Student-led tours will take families throughout our school and share with you the Lion culture. Pre-register at [www.cohs.com](http://www.cohs.com). See you October 6!

**LaSalle College High School - Open House** on Sunday, September 29 from 10am - 12noon (9:00am Mass); **8th Grade Scholarship Exam** Saturday, October 5 and Saturday, October 26.

**St. Joseph's PREP - Open House** on Sunday, October 20 from 10:00am - 12:30pm (9:00am Mass); pre-register for Open House on the Prep's website.

### **CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1974**

The Cardinal O'Hara High School Class of 1974 is celebrating their 50th Reunion on **October 19** at Llanerch Country Club. For tickets, go to [events.humanitix.com/cohs1974reunion](http://events.humanitix.com/cohs1974reunion). For more information email [alumni@cohs.com](mailto:alumni@cohs.com).

### **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**. For information, call the COHS alumni office at (610-544-3800) or email [coclassof1984@gmail.com](mailto:coclassof1984@gmail.com)

## September 22, 2024 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Let's pretend for a bit and project our times backward to the days of the Apostles before the resurrection where our gospel passage finds us. A young reporter named Rebekah for "Action News Jerusalem" is dispatched to interview ordinary people who have become followers of Jesus. Given a tip by Mordecai, the assignment editor, about a group of 12 who are currently in town, she asks a certain man named Thomas what the group is discussing at their meeting. Thomas shyly replies, "We're trying to decide which of us is the greatest?"

Rebekah replies, "Our sources tell us that's the kind of question that your Leader disdains. Isn't that true?" Just then the Leader Himself comes into camera range. Rebekah notes the man's good looks and regal bearing despite His drab clothes and asks him straight away "Sir, don't you dislike talk of privilege and position among your followers?" "Surely", He replies, in a voice that could enrapture any audience. These men are good people, but they have a lot to learn about My perspective on things."

He goes further. "Rebekah, may I call you that?" "Certainly," she says, "our viewers call me that, and we're anxious for your thoughts."

Jesus at this point calls a little boy over from a group playing tag. Putting His arms around the boy's shoulders, He looks into the camera while also addressing His young followers and says, "Look, guys, and those of you watching on TV or online right now, "If you really want to be first, you've got to choose the last place. And if you receive a child like this boy here in My Name, respecting His innocence and his not angling for a position, you will be really receiving Me. Or even better, you will be receiving the One, the Person I call "Father" or "Abba" (Daddy) who sent Me. And we will always have your back."

TV reporter Rebekah, taking back her mike, says into the camera, "Well, there you have it, everybody, an unexpected drop-in conversation with the Man himself, Jesus of Nazareth. Now back to our studio. I'm Rebekkah in Jerusalem for Channel 144, Action News."

I trust that you here and now can see the major point of the gospel that I tried to dramatize. True greatness comes from acknowledging who we are in God's eyes, not the eyes of fellow human beings. Setting goals like climbing social or corporate ladders, wishing for fame and fortune, or flaunting our possessions is so much a pursuit of nonsense. As for so many other teachings in Christ's Church, humility is key. "The person with true humility never has to be shown his place; he is always in it."

God love you and give you His peace.