

Feast of Guardian Angels - October 2



Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 4



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH "WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 — TWENTY-SIXTH 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
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Director of Religious Education

Marykate Murphy (Ext. 212)

School Principal

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Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

Parish Music Coordinator

Dorothy Toomey

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We come together today to worship God, to receive our Lord in the Eucharist, to encounter him in each other, and to open ourselves to God's continuing revelation in the word. Today's Gospel is a difficult one, with severe warnings about sin and hell. The second reading isn't much easier to take, warning of the corrosive effects of wealth and pleasure. Let us accept the challenge of taking a good long hard look at our lives and deciding what we need to cut from it in order to remain on the path to the kingdom.

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

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

Monday, September 30 - St. Jerome

8:30am Patrick & Marguerite Murphy & Family

Tuesday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30am Deceased of Holley & McConnell Families

Thursday, October 3

8:30am Special Intention

Friday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

8:30am Cathy Huyette

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 5

4:30pm Regina Marie Dengel

Sunday, October 6

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

11:00am Paul Varricchio



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This 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

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Genesis 2:18-24

Second Reading - Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel - Mark 10:2-16



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 22, 2024

Weekly: \$9,522 target of \$15,000

\$6,537 (Collection) + \$2,985 (Parish Giving)



Friday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The Annual **Blessing of the Animals** will take place on **Sunday, October 6** at the **St. Francis statue** immediately following the 11am Mass (weather permitting). Bring all of your animal friends to receive their blessing. Hope to see you there!



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| October | 4 School Mass - 8:30am
Student Council Installation
4 Living Rosary - 1:00pm
6 Blessing of the Animals
13 8th Grade Mass - 9:00am
Hospitality in O'Brien Hall |
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WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Adam Nathaniel Felock

Gabriel Joseph Lanni

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

Edward & Jordan (Gavin) Graham

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of William Cain and Mary Beth Walsh who were recently buried from our church.

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

SUBSTITUTES/VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Bernadette's is looking for certified teachers for Pre-K through 8th 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



MASS BOOK FOR 2025

The Mass Book for *January through June of 2025* will open Monday, September 30 at 9am. The rectory will be open Monday - Friday from 9am - noon and 1pm - 5pm to accept your intentions.



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



CELEBRATE SOCKTOBER! WRAP THEIR SOLES IN WARMTH!

Saint Bernadette's CYO is sponsoring a month long, parish wide sock drive. The number one need of homeless men, women and children is dry socks. Your donation of new socks will make a difference to those living on the street.

The socks that are collected in October will be shared with those who stop in for a meal at the Life Center of Delaware County, Saint Francis Inn and other outreach organizations in the Kensington section of Philadelphia. Baskets for donations are at all the entrances of the Church.

Thank you for your support of this
CYO service project.



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, Rita Morley, 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 Raftery, 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, 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.



ANNUAL DELCO LIFE CHAIN

October is Respect Life month. Please join us for our annual Life Chain on **Sunday, October 6, from 1pm to 2pm** along the sidewalks of Baltimore Pike starting at Saxer Ave. in Springfield. Let us witness to our belief in the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. (Rain date Sunday, October 13)

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

**Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!
Would that the LORD might bestow his spirit on them all!"**

During my time as campus minister I made many banners, posters, decorations, bulletin boards and signs. My wisdom only goes so far so I have no problem drawing from the wisdom of others. I used great quotes from holy and wise people. Even when preaching, teaching, or giving talks I'd use quotes that fit the situation. I was challenged a couple times by colleagues and students saying that I quoted someone who was not Catholic. How dare I?

In today's gospel we hear Jesus' answer to that challenge. "For whoever is not against us is for us." Jesus calls out one of his closest disciples. He cautions them to not stop others from doing good. But rather look to yourself and your own actions. Rid yourself of sin and what causes you to sin. We are called to be like the God we follow by showing mercy and compassion to others. However with ourselves: we are called to chop off limbs or pluck out eyes to root out sin. Of course this is hyperbole. Jesus does not expect us to chop off a hand however it is that serious.

Too often we can get caught up with looking outward and comparing ourselves to and judging others. We think the comparison or judgement will make us look and feel good. That looking outward takes a lot of work and only leads to anxiety, fear, and exhaustion. The responsorial psalm today tells us that it is the precepts (teachings, laws) of the Lord that bring Joy to the heart. So let us all look with in our own hearts to root out sin and be mindful of our actions and interactions that we may find the joy of following Our Lord.

PARISH NEWS



John Milius is a member of Annunciation Parish in Havertown and is a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate. John is in Year Three of formation and, God willing, will be ordained a deacon in 2026. As part of John's formation, he has been assigned to St. Bernadette's for an internship and will be with us from October through Easter, 2025. John is married to his wife of 23 years, Donna, and the proud father of Francesca and Jack. In addition to his work in formation, John is also Vice President at AECOM, a global infrastructure engineering consultancy firm. Let us give John a warm welcome to our parish.

Deacon Michael Fohner was a Deacon Candidate with us. He has now been ordained a Permanent Deacon and has now been assigned to his home parish of St. Dorothy's. He and his wife, Kathleen are the parents of Matthew, David, Daniel, and Mark. Michael graduated from Archbishop Wood High School. He received his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Villanova University and received his Master of Science in Engineering Management from George Washington University. He is a Deputy Superintendent with the United States Mint. We are fortunate to have him join us for the 11am Mass on Sunday, October 13.

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 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 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.

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 – Thank you!

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. 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. 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

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 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.wmme-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. 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. For more information email 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