

*And the two shall become one  
flesh, so that they are no longer  
two, but one flesh. Mark 10:8*



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

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**OCTOBER 6, 2024 — TWENTY-SEVENTH 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**

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Marykate Murphy (Ext. 212)

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Mrs. Fran McElhenney

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Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

**Parish Music Coordinator**

Dorothy Toomey

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Especially appropriate on Respect Life Sunday, our first reading reminds us that God brought life to us all. Out of love and empathy for the first human, God created the first woman. God has blessed us with the ability to share in the creation of new life and we are called to exercise this blessing with care and respect. Valuing life at every stage, we pray today for all those whose lives are vulnerable, whether they are at the very beginning or end of their lives or because of circumstances that make their lives especially fragile.

## 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 for the Intentions for the Week

### 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

**Monday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary**

8:30am Michael Johnson

**Tuesday, October 8**

8:30am Michael Liberatore

**Wednesday, October 9 - St. Denis and Companions & St. John Leonard**

8:30am John McGrane

**Thursday, October 10**

8:30am Special Intention

**Friday, October 11 - St. John XXIII, Pope**

8:30am Kari A. Gantz

### Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, October 12**

4:00pm Ann Murphy

**Sunday, October 13**

9:00am Theresa Cain

11:am Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish



### FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

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

First Reading - Genesis 2:18-24

Second Reading - Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel - Mark 10:2-16

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

First Reading - Wisdom 7:7-11

Second Reading - Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel - Mark 10:17-30



### 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 29, 2024

**Weekly: \$11,048 target of \$15,000**

**\$8,781 (Collection) + \$2,267 (Parish Giving)**



Friday, October 4, was the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The Annual **Blessing of the Animals** will take place **this 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 | 6  | Blessing of the Animals                                      |
|         | 13 | 8th Grade Mass - 9:00am<br>Hospitality in O'Brien Hall       |
|         | 20 | Fall Holiday Market - School Parking Lot<br>10:00am - 4:00pm |
|         | 21 | PREP Open House  |



### MASS BOOK FOR 2025

The Mass Book for *January through June of 2025* is now open to arrange for your Mass intentions. The rectory is open Monday - Friday from 9am - noon and 1pm - 5pm.



### 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.**



**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



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

**2024 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

*The Joys of Womanhood:  
Sacred, Beloved, & Beautiful*

**Saturday, October 19, 2024  
9:00am to 4:00pm**

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
654 Ferry Road - Doylestown, PA

**Speakers:**

Fr. Stephen DeLacy, Emily Wilson, Kimberly Cook, Dominique Brutus, De Yarrison, Katie Locus, Bishop Christopher Cooke, Karla Amezcua and Sr. Leonie Therese, SV

**Full details and registration at:**  
[catholicwomensconference.org](http://catholicwomensconference.org)



**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, 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 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, 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

**So they are no longer two but one flesh.  
Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."**

Marriage is one of the most misunderstood realities of our present age. But Marriage can be considered the greatest symbol the Bible uses to describe God and his people. Not king and subjects. Not shepherd and sheep. Marriage. Scripture uses many symbols for God's relationship with us, but none seems more frequent or more vivid than marriage. The Bible is full of marriage imagery, from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation.

Young couples understand something about this metaphor when they fall in love. In an instant, the world gets turned upside-down. Everything suddenly revolves around their sweetheart. They soon experience a depth of tenderness and care for another beyond anything they've known in this world. It's a powerful image of the enormity of God's love for us and his desire of our love for him. God is love, and the beauty of romantic love gives us a hint of the Divine's identity.

The analogy runs both ways. By comparing himself to marriage, God teaches us that he is like married love—but also that married love ought to be like him. Many elements of marriage flow out of this understanding. Marriage is total; the immensity of the love between partners demands this, but so does the comparison to the love of God. God gives his whole self when he loves, since he is love, and lovers want to give their whole selves to their beloved. Similarly, marriage is free; God gives his gifts without condition or coercion, making the rain fall on the bad and the good alike. Marriage is also forever; God is faithful to his promises for all eternity—and true lovers never say, "I love you for today only."

This is why marriage gets to the core of God's identity. It stands almost unique among human relationships, with a love as near the Divine as we can conceive. The analogy can be taken further but let us stop there to wonder at the beauty that is the Sacrament of Marriage, to receive what is given through the Sacrament, and ponder on what is revealed about our God through a couple living out this beautiful Sacrament.

Reflection adapted from  
Adam Lucas, "What Your Marriage Really Represents"  
Catholic.com Magazine

## 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](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!

## 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.

### 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>.

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD - A PLACE TO HEAL FROM ABORTION - NOVEMBER 8 - 10

**LOCATION:** IBM Spirituality Center; 210 IHM Drive, Malvern, PA 19355

For questions or to register contact Susan - 610-716-4795 or [Susiemck@comcast.net](mailto:Susiemck@comcast.net) OR Georgeann - 484-955-4278 or [geemcgarry@gmail.com](mailto:geemcgarry@gmail.com)

### HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE/ENTRANCE EXAM

**LaSalle College High School** - 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 FOOTBALL BINGO NIGHT

Saturday October 19th - 7pm - 10pm (doors open at 6pm) \$40/ticket ; 7:00-10:00 (doors open at 6PM); \$40/ticket. Register at <https://forms.gle/iUjwr5DZoRSAB8aA> or venmo @cohsfootballboosters

### 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](https://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)