

*It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle
than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.*

Mark 10:25



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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OCTOBER 13, 2024 — TWENTY-EIGHTH 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

Mrs. Fran McElhenney

Parish Business Manager

Robert J. Helmig (Ext. 103)

Administrative Secretary

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

Parish Music Coordinator

Dorothy Toomey

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We come here today in various states of disrepair. Perhaps we are worn down by an exhausting week of work. Perhaps we are trying to cope with family or marital difficulties. Perhaps we have been wracked by grief, or guilt, or despair. The truth is that this is the human condition. We're human; we're imperfect. We would do well to recognize this. We need to repent, to forgive, to reconcile. We need to look to God, who makes all things perfect. May Jesus' words to his disciples give us the hope we need: "All things are possible for God."

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-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 12

4:30pm Ann Murphy

Sunday, October 13

9:00am Theresa Cain

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

Monday, October 14 - St. Callistus

8:30am Michael Gaynor

Tuesday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30am Ed and Anne Organ (72nd Anniv.)

**Wednesday, October 16 - St. Hedwig and
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**

8:30am Fred and Marie Brino

Thursday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30am Patrick Murphy

Friday, October 18 - St. Luke

8:30am Bernard J. Carrozza

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 19

4:00pm Deceased Members of Clark Family

Sunday, October 20

9:00am Michel Johnson

11:am Theresa Hackett



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings will be:

First Reading - Wisdom 7:7-11

Second Reading - Hebrews 4:12-13

Gospel - Mark 10:17-30

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Isaiah 53:10-11

Second Reading - Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel - Mark 10:35-45



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

October 6, 2024

Weekly: \$14,993 target of \$15,000

\$9,916 (Collection) + \$5,077 (Parish Giving)

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Isabella Rose Martyn

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the family and friends of James Krall who was recently buried from our church.



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| October | 13 | 8th Grade Mass - 9:00am
Hospitality in O'Brien Hall |
| | 20 | Fall Holiday Market - School Parking Lot
10:00am - 4:00pm |
| | 28 | 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.



We are most grateful to Ray and Dottie Toomey for placing flowers around the church and in front of the parish sign. Flowers always add beauty to the surroundings and even lift up our spirits!! Thanks so much!!!



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 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



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 Diegman, 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 Glatzky, 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 Maturro, 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, Pearl Polto, Joseph Pozzuolo, Sharon Pozzuolo, Patty Quirk, 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.

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

**SAINT BERNADETTE'S
HURRICANE HELENE
RELIEF FUNDRAISER**

ITEMS NEEDED:

1. NON-PERISHABLE FOODS
2. FIRST-AID KITS
3. BABY WIPES
4. ALL WARM CLOTHING
5. DIAPERS (CHILDREN & ADULTS)
6. BABY FORMULA
7. FEMININE PRODUCTS
8. HYGIENE PRODUCTS
9. BLANKETS
10. BEE STING AFTERCARE
11. BEE REPELLENT
12. TRASH BAGS
13. BLANKETS
14. GIFTCARDS
15. PAPER PRODUCTS

COLLECTION DATES: OCT 12TH-OCT 31ST

DROP OFF LOCATION:

1035 TURNER AVE,
DREXEL HILL, PA
19026 (WRIGHT CENTER)

**AFTER 4:30PM MASS
After 9:00AM &
11:00AM MASS
(SUNDAYS)**

CONTACT JOE FOR MORE INFORMATION (610) 716-7292



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
Office of the Archbishop

October, 2024

As we gather in communion this World Mission Sunday on October 20, I encourage you to reflect on the these chosen by Pope Francis for this year: “Go and invite everyone to the banquet” (Matthew 22:9). This message, inspired by the parable of the wedding banquet, leads us to a renewed sense of mission that invites all to partake in the Lord’s feast of love and salvation.

As Catholics, we are called to engage in the worldwide mission of the Church. Pope Francis urges us to *tirelessly* “go out” and “invite” all to the Lord’s banquet, ensuring that no one is excluded. It symbolizes the final banquet, “ultimate salvation in the Kingdom of God,” anticipated in every Eucharistic celebration. This is Christ’s gift, the banquet of the Eucharist, which the Church celebrates at His command. Our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table where the Lord feeds us with His Word, His Body, and His Blood. It is the place that sustains us with the hope of eternal life.

Your prayers, sacrifices, and contributions on World Mission Sunday are more than offerings. They are tangible ways of extending the Lord’s invitation to the world. They fuel the joy and hope being shared zealously in more than 1,111 Mission dioceses worldwide where the Church is young and in desperate need of resources. Your gifts support essential and temporal ministries such as churches, schools, orphanages, catechetical training, and programs of formation.

I encourage you to respond generously to this call. Let us unite in prayer for the success of the Church’s missionary activity and for the missionaries who dedicate their lives to spreading the Gospel. Your generosity serves as a pastoral witness to the love and compassion at the heart of faith, ensuring that everyone receives the invitation to the Lord’s banquet.

May this World Mission Sunday deepen our commitment to the Church’s universal mission. Together, let us rejoice in the opportunity to share God’s love with the world and invite all to the banquet of the Lord. Please be assured of a remembrance in my prayers. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ
Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

**THE COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH THE REGULAR COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND — OCTOBER 19/20.**

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

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE
WORLD TRAVELING EXHIBIT AND**

**1st CLASS RELIC OF
BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS**

**Sunday, December 1, 2024 in
Msgr. McGettigan Hall - 11am to Noon**

Join us for our CoffeeHouse Sunday with refreshments and lite fare and enjoy the Exhibit. The 1st Class Relic will also be available for veneration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**The St. Bernadette Parish Annual Trunk or Treat will be held on
Saturday October 26 from 6pm - 7:30pm in the school lot.**

**Anyone who wishes to decorate their car, please email Kate (kateygirl76@comcast.net) to reserve a spot.
Candy donations will also be accepted! Thank you.**

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

ST. EUGENE PARISH PRIZE BINGO

Saturday, November 2, 2024

Tickets \$35 in advance, \$40 at door. \$30 each for groups of 10 or more. Doors open at 6PM. All attendees must be 21 years of age or older. Pack a cooler and BYO food, snacks and drinks. Tickets can be purchased online at www.sainteugenechurch.net
Questions contact Nancy Cassidy @ Nancycass416@yahoo.com or call 610-620-3020.

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 OR
Georgeann - 484-955-4278 or geemcgarry@gmail.com

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. 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