



**SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH**  
**“WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN”**

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**NOVEMBER 10, 2024 — THIRTY-SECOND 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)  
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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

### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We believe that everything we have ultimately comes from God. God gave us life to begin with, offers us the gift of new life through Christ Jesus, and blesses our life every day. We hope to imitate God's generosity through our own actions. The readings we hear today offer a lesson in finding a way to respond generously to the gifts we have received, no matter our state in life. They also remind us not to judge the generosity of others. Listening to God's word, may we be reminded of our obligation to give back to God, as God has generously given to us.

## 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).



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, November 9**

4:30pm Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

**Sunday, November 10**

9:00am Matthew Sweeney

11:00am Brian DiMario

**Monday, November 11 - St. Martin of Tours**

8:30am Patrick Murphy

**Tuesday, November 12 - St. Josaphat**

8:30am Anne Organ

**Wednesday, November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**

8:30am Regina Gallagher

**Thursday, November 14**

8:30am Bernadette & William Hilferty (Living)

**Friday, November 15 - St. Albert the Great**

8:30am Jean Lewandowski

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, November 16**

4:30pm Mary C. McDonald

**Sunday, November 17**

9:00am JoAnn Colden

11:00am Patrick Murphy (20th Anniv.)



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

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

First Reading - 1 Kings 17:10-16

Second Reading - Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel - Mark 12:38-44

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

First Reading - Daniel 12:1-3

Second Reading - Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel - Mark 13:24-32



**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**

November 3, 2024

**Weekly: \$12,855 target of \$15,000**

**\$9,965 (Collection) + \$2,890 (Parish Giving)**



- November 9-10 Bethlehem Carvings
- 10 2nd and 7th Grade Pinning Mass - 9:00am
- 17 Young Disciples - O'Brien Hall
- 28 Thanksgiving
- December 1 First Sunday of Advent
- 8 Live Nativity - following 11am Mass

**SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS**

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Mary MacDonald and Doris Shellenberger who were recently buried from our church.



**BLANKET AND WINTER CLOSING DRIVE**

For the whole month of November we will be collecting gloves, hats, scarves and blankets for our very own, "Be a Blessing Initiative"- Outreach for the Homeless".

This entity was established by our food pantry. It will provide an extension of our already great works in our parish extending that out into the community. The Life Center of Delaware County will be the recipients of your kindness and generosity. Please look for labeled bins in the vestibules of the church to accept your donations.

Thank you in advance for contributing to a wonderful cause. God Bless!

**HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINES**

- December 1** due noon – Monday, November 18
- December 8** due noon – Monday, December 2
- December 15** due noon – Tuesday, December 10
- December 22** due noon – Monday, December 16
- December 29** due noon – Monday, December 16
- January 5** due noon - Wednesday, December 18



### JERUSALEM CARVINGS

Dear brothers and sisters,

This weekend, in the vestibule of church, the group from the Holy Land will have a display of beautiful religious handmade olive wood carvings, from Bethlehem in the Holy Land.

The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue living in hard economical situations. Many of them have fled the Holy Land which decreased their population from 37% to 5%. Our mission is to help support these families by selling their religious carvings, which is a major source to their income to help them work and live in dignity in the Holy Land. Your support through purchasing these items, 200 families will be helped, also it will support peace in the middle east.

Olivewood carvings are a part of a tradition handed down from generations. Please stop at their table in the vestibule of church and purchase a nice gift from the little town in Bethlehem.

Thank you,  
God bless you



### This year the St. Bernadette Thanksgiving Food Drive is Sunday, November 24.

The food drive helps our fellow parishioners who are in need. Please leave any donations behind the last pew in the back of the church on the Blessed Mother side. If you wish to donate a frozen turkey please contact Amy Sandman at 610-931-5692. Any monetary donations should be sent directly to the rectory labeled Food Pantry. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

#### ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FOOD DRIVE

turkey gravy, canned yams, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, low sodium stock, macaroni and cheese, tomato sauce, pasta, soups & canned soups, canned fruit & vegetables, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, boxed or bagged side dishes, coffee and tea, hot chocolate, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, cereal, snacks, crackers, other breakfast items, toiletries and Clorox wipes, laundry detergent, cooking oil, condiments, microwavable meals, and canned meals.



Let the Class of 2025 help you with your Thanksgiving baking! Order a LINVILLA pie today! Now through November 15<sup>th</sup> the St. Bernadette 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be taking orders for Linvilla Orchards pies just in time for Thanksgiving!

Pies are \$25 each and the following are available:

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| <b>Old Fashioned Apple</b>  | <b>Dutch Apple Crumb</b> |
| <b>Apple Caramel Walnut</b> | <b>Coconut Custard</b>   |
| <b>Pumpkin</b>              | <b>Sweet Potato</b>      |
| <b>Pecan</b>                | <b>Lemon Meringue</b>    |

Order forms can be picked up at school or at the entrances to church.

Return the completed form to the school or to the rectory in an envelope marked 8th Grade Linvilla Pie Order with cash or check payable to: St. Bernadette Home and School. To pay via Venmo, complete the <https://forms.gle/WYn95WZZqiDNgZF19> and Venmo payment to: Bernies 25

**Online orders and payment via Venmo due by Sunday, November 17.**



St. Bernadette's 16th Annual Turkey Trot will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2024. We hope our familiar faces will come out to support this community event and that some new faces will join us in virtual format from anywhere you live! All participants who register by 11/8/2024 will get a commemorative t-shirt, and those with the fastest time in their age group for the In-Person race will also receive a Turkey Trot medal!

**REGISTER FOR THE RACE/WALK TODAY:** <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/DrexelHill/StBernadetteTurkeyTrot>

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Not interested in running/walking but want to support? Well, you're in luck! We are in need of volunteers such as street marshals to help keep our participants safe. The role of a street marshal is to assist with the flow of traffic. While we have road barriers in place, we need volunteers to stand guard at various intersections. Can you spare an hour of your time that day? If so, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AADA62FA4FBC25-52074102-16th#/>

RACE REGISTRATION



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP





**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burchrichter 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, 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, 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 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.

**EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD TRAVELING EXHIBIT and 1st CLASS RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS**

at St. Andrew the Apostle  
Sunday, December 1 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.



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

**ST. LAURENCE — ALL CLASS REUNION**

Friday, November 29

5pm Mass — 6pm Open House  
Buffet Dinner — Beer and Wine  
Music and Dancing  
\$10,000 total cash prizes drawing  
(Grand prize \$5,000)

Swag

Bidding Baskets

Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door

Purchase tickets and chances at

<https://saintlaurence.org/sls-alumni-1>

**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 experience is November 15-17 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. For more info visit: <https://www.wvme-philly.org>.

**CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

St. Francis of Assisi Church Fundraiser for  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

December 5 at 7:00pm - tickets \$10.00

Tickets can be purchased in advance at St. Francis Rectory or at the doors of the Church. Music by Charlie Zahm. If you have any questions please call 610-328-9831

**NOVEMBER 20, 2024**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

When most of us think of an “observatory” I venture we picture a large domed building erected on a mountain, enclosing a great telescope built to study the stars and planets. Admittedly there are other kinds of observatories used to study terrestrial and marine events. So, we also have them for studying climatology, geophysics, oceanography and volcanology. But outer space probing is likely the most appealing model.

Of course, we need only our human eyes to observe each other. But what if human eyes were to be coupled with the divine? Then we would have the most unique set for observing everyone. Only Jesus had those.

In today’s Gospel passage, St. Mark presents the sharp contrast that Jesus observed watching Temple donors. He noted the hypocritical scribes making a great show. But He was taken by the poor widow making her contribution. With His divine eyes working with the human, He “saw” unbounded generosity in that lady’s donation. He as “Master” then pointed that out to His disciples that day. He still points it out to us today.

No doubt there is wonderful generosity among us today. None of the charitable works of the Church could be accomplished without it. But it is well for us to remember that generosity is not limited to money. There is also a generosity of spirit. Call it a mindset that acknowledges that since everything we have comes from God, why cling to it as if it comes from ourselves? If we don’t think that way we’re headed for trouble. It could even keep heaven closed to us.

Anyone observing the way we live should recognize that we are Christians. Our “Observer in Chief” is Jesus Christ, our loving God. He is not only the One ultimately responsible for it all, but whose grace infuses us with His spirit. Unless we choose to block it.

Once upon a time, a family sat down at the breakfast table following Sunday morning Mass. “The homily was boring today,” said the teenage son. “Yeah, could you believe how Father stumbled over the reading of the Gospel?” his sister chimed in. “I’ve got to admit it was an uninspiring day,” said Mother. “The choir was terrible.” Finally, father, showing his leadership, said, “Hush, you guys. Quit complaining. What do you expect for three dollars?”

God love you and give you His generosity.

