



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

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**NOVEMBER 24, 2024 — OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

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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**

Deacon Thomas P. Fitzpatrick  
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**Director of Religious Education**

Marykate Murphy (Ext. 212)

**School Principal**

Mrs. Fran McElhenney

**Parish Business Manager**

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**Administrative Secretary**

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

**Parish Music Coordinator**

Dorothy Toomey

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

On the final Sunday of the Church year we celebrate Jesus Christ's unique role as ruler over the entire world. He did not become king by conquering other nations, nor by popular acclaim. No, he became king by willingly suffering and dying for our sins and leading us to eternal glory with God. He gave us a glimpse of the kingdom during his earthly life, but we know that he continues to reveal himself in the poor, the weak, and the marginalized; in the Church as we gather in his name; and in the Eucharist we receive and consume each Sunday.

## 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.*

WEDNESDAY ADORATION takes place in church every Wednesday through May following the 8:30am Mass and concluding at 7pm with devotions and benediction.

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

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Saturday, November 23**

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

**Sunday, November 24**

9:00am Maria DiStefano

11:00am Paul Varricchio

**Monday, November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria**

8:30am Charlie Uebele, Jr. (7th Anniv.)

**Tuesday, November 26**

8:30am James Dougherty

**Wednesday, November 27**

8:30am Mary and Jim Travers

**Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving Day**

8:30am Living and Deceased of St. Bernadette Parish

**Friday, November 29**

8:30am Eleanor Mullen

### First Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, November 30**

4:30pm Regina Marie Dengel

**Sunday, December 1**

9:00am Matthew Sweeney

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



### FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

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

First Reading - Daniel 7:13-14

Second Reading - Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel - John 18:33b-37

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

First Reading - Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel - Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



### 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 17, 2024

**Weekly: \$9,725 target of \$15,000**

**\$7,223 (Collection) + \$2,502 (Parish Giving)**



### WEDNESDAY ADORATION

Adoration takes place every Wednesday through May following the 8:30am Mass and concluding at 7pm with devotions and benediction. **However, Adoration on Wednesday, November 27 will conclude with devotions and benediction at 12 noon.** God bless you!

### BIBLE STUDY

The Bible study with Deacon Tom Fitzpatrick, will continue every Thursday from 6pm to 7pm in the Wright Center. Entrance is through the white door on the porch side. Bring your friends and family and join in!



November	28	Thanksgiving
	30	Turkey Trot
December	1	First Sunday of Advent
	8	Live Nativity - Following 11am Mass

### BLANKET AND WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The blanket and winter clothing drive will end on Saturday, November 30. Please look for labeled bins in the vestibules of the church to accept your donations. Thank you for contributing to a wonderful cause. God Bless!

### ST. BERNADETTE THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Please leave any donations behind the last pew in the back of the church on the Blessed Mother side. To donate a frozen turkey contact Amy Sandman at 610-931-5692. Any monetary donations should be sent directly to the rectory labeled Food Pantry. Items will be delivered this Sunday, November 24.

### 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





## Christmas Giving Project

### PARISH GIVING TREE

**November 30 — December 15**

Christmas is a time for giving. Give a gift to the less fortunate families. Remove a tag from the tree and return the gift with the tag attached. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Gifts should **NOT** be wrapped and **NOT** placed in gift bags. We have been asked to bring the gifts with just the tags attached to ease the distribution of the gifts by the various organizations. You may bring the gifts in the boxes or bags from the store. **All gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, December 15 . The gifts will be distributed on December 16, 17 and 18.**

#### St. John's Hospice (Men)

Knitted hats, scarves, gloves, belts, long underwear (tops and bottoms), regular underwear, flannel shirts, hooded sweatshirts (L & XL)

#### Women of Change

Single bed sheets, towels, wash cloths, nightgowns, robes, slippers, sweatshirts, sweatpants, flannel shirts, regular underwear, woolen hats and gloves (no scarves) - sizes L, XL and XXL for clothing items

#### Gift of Mary

(Mother Teresa's Sisters in Chester)

**SPECIAL NOTE:** This year, instead of toys, the Sisters have asked for diapers (especially large sizes), wipes, hats, gloves, napkins, disinfectant wipes, children's sweatpants and adult sweatpants.



## Christmas Novena

*Say 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day  
(30 November) until Christmas*

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment  
at which the Son of God was born of a  
most pure Virgin at a stable at midnight  
in Bethlehem in the piercing cold.  
At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,  
to hear my prayers and  
grant my desires.  
(Mention your intentions here)  
Through Jesus Christ and His most  
Blessed Mother.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

**November 24 — December 15**

The Christmas food is on Sunday, December 15 from 1pm - 3pm. 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 fresh or frozen turkey please contact Amy Sandman at 610-931-5692 before December 15. 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 Christmas food drives:

turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, canned yams, canned vegetables, canned soup, applesauce, canned fruit, pasta and pasta sauce, boxed side dishes, boxed mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, condiments, salad dressings, cooking oil, cereal, oatmeal, breakfast bars, pop tarts, snacks, crackers, cookies, protein bars, mixed nuts, pancake mix, pancake syrup, boxed cake mix, boxed brownie mix, coffee, tea, juice, pudding cups, canned Chef Boyardee, canned beef stew, canned chili, canned tuna, Clorox wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, laundry pods, bars of soap, body wash, and lotion. Gift cards and any monetary donations should be dropped off at the rectory labeled **Food Pantry**.

## OPERATION SANTA CLAUS

**November 24 — December 15**

Those who wish to adopt a family or a person in need in the parish who would otherwise not be able to provide Christmas presents, please call or text Amy Sandman at 610-931-5692.



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



## THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

### The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

This Weekend we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The gospel begins with a query from Pilate: "Are you the king of the Jews?" Ironically, in the passion narrative according to evangelist John, although Pilate has power, Jesus is the one who exercises authority over him. It almost seems as if Pilate, not Jesus, is on "trial for truth". Pilate fears the loss of his throne, whereas Jesus declares, "my kingdom is not of this world," fearlessly challenges Pilate and will die for justice and truth.

'Truth' in John's gospel refers to the kingship of Jesus himself. This implies that the true believer in Jesus should see and hear, reflect and respond to Christ, the King. This King is not a commanding monarch but a compassionate Servant-King, who gives hope, forgives sins, commends selfless Samaritans, condemns hypocritical Pharisees, washes feet, and accepts thorns as a crown and a cross as a throne in a loving act of kingly authority.

At our baptism, the priest used holy oil to anoint our heads, praying: "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as a member of his body sharing everlasting life." Indeed, we are made princesses and princes by our anointing with God's Spirit. This demands that we live and love as Christ, The King did, fighting sin and evil, fostering truth and love. Today's feast reminds us that we're the Body of Christ, The King. May this end of the liturgical year mark a new beginning so that we might hear the words of Our King: "Inherit the kingdom prepared for you!"

This time of year our country celebrates a beautiful holiday that asks us to reflect and be thankful. Let us take time to truly slow ourselves down. Let us take a minute to breathe. Let us take time to think about our lives, the people we know and love, the opportunities we have, the blessing we have received. Then let us turn to God and be Thankful to Him for all that He has done, is doing, and will do for us. Happy Thanksgiving from St. Bernadette of Lourdes Parish.



**Discover Your Vocation: Exploring the Permanent Diaconate Information Session**  
*Are You Being Called? Join Us at One of Our Regional Information Sessions to Learn More.*

### UPCOMING REGIONAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

#### DELAWARE COUNTY

Nov. 24, 2024 Annunciation of the BVM Parish  
 4:00 PM 401 Brookline Blvd.  
 Havertown, PA 19083

#### CHESTER COUNTY

Dec. 2, 2024 Saint Joseph Parish  
 7:00 PM 338 Manor Avenue  
 Downingtown, PA 19335

These sessions are open to Catholic men (and their wives, if married) aged 29 to 55 to join us for an in-person panel of clergy about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate and admittance to the School for Diaconal Formation program.

Interested in attending one of these Permanent Diaconate Information Sessions?

Scan the QR Code:



*Want to learn more visit <https://archphila.org/deacon> and check out our short documentary, "Called to Service."*

*Also visit the School of Diaconal Formation website at: <https://www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation>*



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burrichter Arginteanu, Hannah Atkins, Frank Barba, Anna Benoit, 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 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 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 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.

## **MASS & HEALING PRAYER SERVICE AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**First Friday, December 6 at 6:45pm**

**"When the time is right, I the Lord will make it happen"**  
**Isaiah 60: 22**

All are invited to Our Lady of Fatima's Quarterly First Friday Mass and Healing Prayer Service on December 6. Praise and Worship begins at 6:45pm followed by the Mass and Healing Service. The pastor, Rev. Roland Slobogin, is the celebrant. Prayer teams will be available for individual healing afterwards. Witness stories are welcome. Martha's House will provide music.

**Location:** Our Lady of Fatima, 1 Fatima Drive, Secane

**More Information:** Check the website at <https://www.archphilaccr.org>



Registration for our favorite holiday event is open! Join us in O'Brien Hall on Saturday, 12/7 from 9am — 11am for a delicious pancake breakfast, arts and crafts, Santa letters, and a chance to share your Christmas wish list with Santa! Please follow St. Bernadette Home and School on Facebook and register using the link on the event page. It costs \$10 per person to attend (ages 2 and under are free). We can't wait to kick off the holiday season with our St. Bernadette community!

<https://forms.gle/k33nSSMuJyKwVviNA>



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

## **SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS**

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