



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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DECEMBER 29, 2024 — THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

We hope to care for our children and raise them in a loving home as Mary and Joseph did for Jesus. We hope to respect and obey our parents, as Jesus did as he was growing up. On this feast of the Holy Family, we celebrate a family we hope to emulate. May the Holy Family be a model of love, respect, and understanding for our own today.

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.

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

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 Intentions for the Week

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 28

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

Sunday, December 29

9:00am Loretta Repino

11:00am Michael Johnson

Monday, December 30

8:30am Mary Ellen Diehl

Tuesday, December 31 - St. Sylvester I

8:30am Annette and Vincent Touey

4:30pm Joan DeRose

Wednesday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother Of God

8:30am Jacqueline M. Lombardo

7:00pm Donald Kane (5th Anniv.)

Thursday, January 2 - St. Basil the Great

8:30am Patrick and Marguerite Murphy & Family

Friday, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus

8:30am Mae McDonough (6th Anniv.)

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4

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

Sunday, January 5

9:00am Philip Farrelly

11:00am William Angelina



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings will be:

First Reading - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel - Luke 2:41-52

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading - Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel - Matthew 2:1-12



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

2025 NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 28

3:30pm – 4:15pm

MASSES

Vigil Mass

Tuesday, December 31

4:30pm

New Year's Day

Wednesday, January 1

8:30am and 7:00pm

FINANCIAL FACTS

Financial Facts for
December 15 through January 5
will be in the bulletin on January 12.



**ST. LEONIE AVIAT
FEAST DAY - JANUARY 10**

Ahead of the Feast Day of St. Leonie Aviat, there will be a 9 Day Novena prayed in our parish from January 2nd-January 10th. The Novena Prayers will be made available to all through a booklet and will be posted each day online.

To learn and understand more about the humble life of Leonie Aviat ~ whose motto is to "Work for the Happiness of Others" ~ The Oblate Sisters of St. Francis DeSales will speak at the 9am and 11am Masses on January 5th. The Sisters were an integral part of our parish for many years. There will be light hospitality after each Mass on January 5th.

Mrs. Denise McKenzie will join us on Monday, January 6th and Wednesday January 8th at 7pm to share about the Power of Prayer and the healing of her daughter through the intercession of Leonie Aviat and the prayers of this parish!

The Novena will conclude on Friday January 10th, the Feast Day of St. Leonie Aviat, with a Parish Mass at 6pm followed by refreshments in O'Brien Hall.

Please join us in the prayerful start to the New Year.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elizabeth Burrichter Arginteanu, Hannah Atkins, Frank Barba, Anna Benoit, Marcus Bianco, Dan Bigioni, TPamela Bower, Joseph Bradley, Marie Bree, Theresa Caputo, Michael Carroll, Anne Casey, Peter Celucci, Robert & Joanne Christopher, Elaine Cole, Mike Connors, Quinn Connors, Dennis Conway, Dave Costella, Francis Coyle, 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, Kathryn Grosse, 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, Jim Light, 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, Theresa Merlini, Christopher Milecki, Sue Mitchell, Will Mooney, Eileen Morris, Baby Kyle Patrick Muldoon, Karyl Murray, Stephen Murray, Matthew Nicholas, Nancy Nicholas, Roman O'Brien, Nicole Pagett, Theresa Perry, 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.



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



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| January | 1 | Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God |
| | 2 | St. Leonie Aviat Novena Begins |
| | 3 | PreJordan Class |
| | 10 | School Mass - 8:30am |
| | 10 | Closing of St. Leonie Aviat Novena
6pm Mass followed by Hospitality in
O'Brien Hall |

RECTORY — OFFICE HOURS

The rectory will be closed through Wednesday, January 1 and will open at 9:00am on Thursday, January 2.



May our Lord grant you inner peace, inner joy and inner happiness. May He grace you with the ability to share that peace, joy and happiness with everyone you meet along the road of life this coming New Year. Here are three phrases, nine words, that deepen our commitment to family, to community and to parish family —

I LOVE YOU!

I AM SORRY!

I FORGIVE YOU!

Peace be with you for the New Year 2025 and may God bless you always!

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Janet Annett and Anne Doherty who were recently buried from our church.

THE PASTOR'S COLUMN

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Pope Francis once narrated a story of a family with a mother, father, many children and a grandfather. The grandfather, suffering from Parkinson's disease, would drop food on the dining table, drop and break cups and plates, and pour food all over his face when he ate, making a mess of the whole place. His son considered it disgusting. Hence, he went out one day and bought a small table, a wooden plate and spoon and set it off to the side of the dining room so that the grandfather could eat on a different table, make a mess and not disturb the rest of the family-an indirect way of segregating against the father because of his pathetic state.

One day, this young man who cut off the Dad from the family share of love at the dining table, came home and saw his son playing with a piece of wood. "What are you doing with that piece of wood?" he asked his son. "I am making a table" the son replied. "Why?" asked the father. "It is for you, Dad. When you get old and become sick like Grandpa, I am going to give you this table, get a wooden plate and spoon for you so that you wouldn't make a mess of my dinning." Ever since that day, the grandfather was given a prominent seat at the dining table and all the help he needed by his own son and daughter-in-law.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Holy Family. The family is the first institution set aside by God to foster mutual love, respect and understanding. The family is the primordial institution where the rejected, unloved, sick, aged, dejected, unlovable, depressed, downtrodden should get reassurances of hope, care and love. That is why Pope St John Paul II in "Familiaris Consortio" says, "As the family goes, so goes the nation, so goes the world in which we live."

Today, the Church sets apart the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as an inspiration, exemplary and model family for all Christian families. The Church purposely avoided using the term "Perfect Family" or "Ideal Family." This is in order for us to avoid the temptation to look at the Holy Family as an unreachable ideal, something that is too good to be true, and so that we may not hide behind excuses not to pursue growth and holiness for our families.

Let us Thank God for the gift of family in all its many shapes and sizes, faults and failings, loves and joys, especially as we continue our celebration of the Christmas Season.



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL 16TH ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

On Saturday, November 30, 2024, St. Bernadette School hosted our 16th Annual Turkey Trot 5k Run/Walk. We are so happy to announce that we had a record number of participants and our biggest attendance to date. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the sponsors for their generous support. The money raised by this fundraiser is used for the capital improvements needed in our school building and this event would not have been a success without them.

On behalf of our teachers, staff, and school families, thank you to the following sponsors:

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PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

Lord God, from You every family in heaven, and on earth, takes its name. Father, You are love and life. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, born of woman, and through the Holy Spirit, the fountain of divine charity, grant that every family on earth may become for each successive generation a true shrine of life and love.

Grant that Your grace may guide the thoughts and actions of husbands and wives for the good of their families and of all families in the world.

Grant that the young may find in the family solid support for their human dignity and for their growth in truth and love.

Grant that love, strengthened by the grace of the sacrament of marriage, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass.

Through the intercession of the Holy Family, grant that the Church may fruitfully carry out her worldwide mission in the family, and through the family.

We ask this of you, who is life, truth and love with the Son and Holy Spirit. Amen