



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
“WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN”

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JANUARY 10, 2021 — BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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. Michael J. Saban (Ext. 104)

Resident

Rev. Hugh J. Dougherty

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Thomas P. Fitzpatrick

Director of Religious Education

Marykate Murphy (Ext. 212)

School Principal

Mrs. Joanne Montie

Parish Business Manager

Robert J. Helmig (Ext. 103)

Administrative Secretary

Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

Parish Music Coordinator

Dorothy Toomey



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

At our baptism we were told, “you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ.” Each Sunday we come here a new creation, transformed, even if we’re not conscious of it. Baptism has created us anew, has given us new life. Also, no matter what we may be wearing, we are clothed in Christ. In what we do and what others see, we hope to show that we have put on Christ. On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, let us appreciate the new creation we have become.

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 (please refer to the bulletin for exact dates). Registration for the class is required. In order to arrange for a baptism, the parents must be active members of the parish for six months. To register, please call the rectory office at 610/789-7676. 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 for six months. St. Bernadette Parishioners must be registered and actively participating for six months to receive a letter of eligibility.

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 6:45pm. 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.

VISITS TO THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT can be made in the Chapel

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY takes place every Monday through Thursday at 8:00am in the church and on Wednesday evenings along with the Miraculous Medal Novena at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY meet every Monday evening at 7pm in the Chapel.

NOVENA TO ST. LEONIE AVIAT takes place every Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE takes place every Thursday at 7:00pm in the Chapel.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP information can be obtained by calling Doris Hurd at 610-789-2708.

MEN’S PRAYER GROUP meets in the chapel every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

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.

ST. BERNADETTE MARTHAS AND A JOSEPH are a dedicated group who clean the church every Thursday after the 8:30am Mass; new volunteers always welcome—call Johanna Ryan at 484-988-2414.

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 amdhillkofc@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. Saban. If you have a question, call the Food Pantry at 610-789-7676 ext. 213.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday - Baptism of the Lord

Saturday, January 9

4:30pm James J. Travers (36th Anniv.)

Sunday, January 10

9:00am Edward Malloy

11:00am Harry J. Elliott

Monday, January 11

8:30am

Tuesday, January 12

8:30am

Wednesday, January 13 - St. Hilary

8:30am

Thursday, January 14

8:30am

Friday, January 15

8:30am

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 16

4:30pm Charles Alfred Walker

Sunday, January 17

9:00am Edward Organ, Sr. (18th Anniv.)

11:00am Bob Saunders

**LEAVE YOUR LASTING LEGACY TO
ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
THROUGH PLANNED GIVING**

What is a "Planned Gift"? It is a gift given to charity through a will, contract or trust. Planned Giving is charitable giving that is planned, often deferred, and usually spread out over an extended period of time. Through various types of bequests to St. Bernadette of Lourdes Parish you may secure an estate-tax charitable deduction for the value of your gift while providing much needed support for years to come. You may prefer to include in your will or trust a sum of money, a percentage of your estate, a specific item, or a piece of real estate that you wish to give to St. Bernadette Parish.

Designate your Planned Gift by including St. Bernadette Parish in your Will. A bequest may take the form of cash, securities, real estate or other property. You should specify that St. Bernadette Parish is to receive a certain amount or percentage of your estate, specific assets or the remainder of your estate after providing for your heirs.

- Bequests can include a specific dollar amount, assets, securities, real estate, insurance policies, IRAs and personal property.

- Real estate bequests may include the entirety or remainder of your estate after payment of expenses and any specific amounts designated to other beneficiaries.

We are available to answer questions. Please call if you would like to discuss your planned gift to St. Bernadette of Lourdes Parish. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

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Business Manager, Robert J. Helmig: 610-789-7676 (Ext. 103)



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings are:

First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-11

Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel - Mark 1:7-11

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel - John 1:35-42

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The annual Catholic Relief Services collection challenges American Catholics to put their faith into action and to see Jesus in disguise" in the faces of the poor, and to support ongoing efforts to respond to their needs. The funds collected support vital Catholic programs that share in the Catholic mission of promoting the sacredness of human life. A small amount from the collection is retained by the Archdiocese to help cover local efforts to promote the collection.

The collection will be taken up in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia next weekend of January 16-17. The American Catholic community, and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in particular, have always responded very generously to this annual collection.

I am grateful to you for your compassionate response. May you be blessed for your faithfulness to living the Gospel and recognizing Jesus in those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez

**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, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Archbishop Nelson Perez will be at our parish on Sunday, February 21 to confirm our parish students.

The Confirmation will take place during the 11am Mass on Sunday, February 21.

Please keep these students in your prayers!

THANK YOU — THANK YOU
for continuing to support your parish!

December 2020
(4 Sundays)
\$51,863

December 2019
(5 Sundays)
\$65,928

Christmas, 2020(to date)
\$35,378

Christmas, 2019
\$42,383

As followers of Christ Jesus, we are reminded that all things including life itself are a gift from God. What matters to God is not the gift, but the giver. Giving is God's invitation to a way of life. It helps us to overcome our selfishness and love of things. What we do with what we have been given is a sign to God and to the world of the depth and meaning of our commitment. By recalling that all is gift, we therefore must strive to be generous with the financial gifts, both great and small, that God has bestowed upon us. Thank you for your support and your generosity to God and to St. Bernadette Parish.

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL *What's Happening!*

Are you looking for a safe, nurturing, learning environment for your child? St. Bernadette School is now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year. Spaces are available in our full and part time PreK 3 and PreK 4 classes. We offer a full day Kindergarten program featuring the Foundations Early Literacy Program. Our early childhood students have access to an enclosed outside play area and an indoor sensory path designed to develop our young learners' fine and gross motor skills.

We also have limited spaces available in Grades 1 through 8. We are excited to showcase our new STEM/STREAM lab for students in Kindergarten through 8th grades! Additionally, we have extended our Foundations Early Literacy Program to our 1st and 2nd grade students.

For more information or to schedule a tour contact our principal, Mrs. Joanne Montie @ jmontie@stbl.org/610-449-5184 or Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Maureen Booth @ mbooth@stbl.org.

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Ophelia Joan Canny
 Carson James Cook
 James Ellsworth Hollinsworth

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Rosalie Ricci Begley, Milvia Carbonetta, Rose Madderno, John Patterson and Robert Warwick who were recently buried from our church.



Scrip Gift Cards can now be purchased on Sundays from 9:30am - 11:00am in the Wright Center. Enter through the Turner Ave door and per current guidelines, please wear a mask. New Incentive - purchase gift cards on Sundays and receive an entry into the monthly drawing for a \$25 grocery gift card. School families will also earn a N.U.T. pass.

Local grocery/retail gift cards available include: Giant, ACME, ShopRite, Colonial Village, Freddy's, Kohl's, Sam's Boardwalk Pizza and JD McGillicuddy's. National cards can be ordered, turnaround time is usually within a week. See full list of retailers on <https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/>

For more information on the scrip program, please visit: www.st-bernadette.org/scrip-program

The St. Bernadette Scrip program is the parish based program where you purchase gift cards to your favorite stores and receive a rebate that can be redeemed in various ways: apply towards school tuition, PREP, high school tuition or donate to the parish. The purpose of the program is to help St. Bernadette families earn cash back on everyday purchases and support the parish.

If you have any questions, please contact the scrip coordinators, Susan Coyne and Karen Murphy, at scrip4bernies@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting the St. Bernadette scrip program. The parish revenue earned from 11/24/20-12/21/20 was \$802.47.

congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who achieved honors at their respective high schools:

ARCHBISHOP PRENDERGAST/MONSIGNOR BONNER

First Honors Matthew Brady, Dennis Dougherty, Riley Philson, Shane Soltycki, Meghan Kilroy, Gabriel Losacco, Talia Sharkey, Maeve Sullivan, Krista Faso, Phoebe Fiore, Daniel Hunt, Sean McGillian, Justin Shepherd, Elizabeth McKenzie, Maille Moran, Mia Pozzuolo **Second Honors** Caroline Moran, Lauren Nestor, Robert Pothier, Aidan Wiercioch, Michael Anderson, Aidan McGoldrick, Marissa McKenzie, Eadaoin Shields, Abigail Blemings, Lucia DelGiorno, Jessica Horan

CARDINAL O'HARA HIGH SCHOOL

First Honors Mia Mullin, Brendan Frank, Devan Frank, Ava Soltycki **Second Honors** Haley Begany, Liam Walsh



IT'S THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

With this Feast, Ordinary Time commences and the Christmas season comes to a close. It was such a calm Christmas this year. There were not a lot of socials and decorations were delightful - a wonderful time to rest and relax.

It is also a time to say thank you: to the church staff who helped in so many ways to keep things in order and looking so nice; to all who helped decorate the church - it was simple and elegant. A lot of positive comments came back to us! Good job! Thank you to the music ministry and to Dottie Toomey for your dedication and for your perseverance - always nice to hear the Cherubim and Seraphim! Thank you to the lectors and altar servers - your participation increases the dignity of the liturgy! Thank you to the fixer guys who keep the church warm and the water flowing! And thank you all - your loyalty and dedication is reaffirming in these difficult times. It's the remnant, the core people who in the end remain faithful to the faith, the Church, the Father as Jesus teaches us! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

This week our school opens face to face. Thanks to Mrs. Montie, the faculty and staff we can do what so many schools cannot. We are so grateful to those who make this opportunity happen. Even as the uncertainties continue, the school gives our young people a stable and continuous environment. Let's cross our fingers that this plague will finally wither away and leave us be. In the meantime, let's be cautious and careful.

We have quite a few challenges ahead of us as we strive to maintain our presence here in Drexel Hill. With your continued dedication and commitment, we will continue to fix and prep our campus for the next step in parish life! We have been coping with the difficulties of the plague, but thoughts are already on what we want to look like after it is all over. Let's keep walking together!

Again, thank you!
Fr. Michael Saban



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elaine Ambrosano, Joseph Anthony, Lisa Pfaff Bevilacqua, Sharon Blum, Pamela Bower, Joseph Bradley, Marie Bree, Theresa Caputo, Michael Carroll, Robert & Joanne Christopher, Ron Christopher, Elaine Cole, Mike Connors, Quinn Connors, Dennis Conway, Dave Costella, Barbara Cunningham, Molly Curtis, Donna D'Ambrosio, Ann Davis, Laurel Dee, Michael DeEmilio, Tom and Peggy Dever, Frances Diegnan, Christopher DiMarto, Gabriella DiSaverio, Tony DiLeva, Julia Donohue, Darrin Dougherty, Dawn Dougherty, Michael Dougherty, James Drumm, Jeff Dudley, Lexi Dunn, Bernie Dupras, Jason Durkee, Trevor Durkin, Matthew Dwyer, Marie Feola, Patrick Flanigan, Emily Flynn, Jerry Flynn, Joe Flynn, Sr. Rose Foulk, Maggie Franz, Tom Glancey, Christine Grosso, Joan Grycewicz, Rachel Hagan, Christian Hampton, Kim Hayman, Lizzy Hennessy, Pat Henningsen, Michael Hogan, Judith Holmes, Baby Lila Holmes, Adrian Hughes, Christopher Hunt, Frank Iacone, John Ingle, Ashley Juliano, David Kisella, Linda King, Tommy Lake, Wilmer Lehman, Steven Little, Betsy Long, Jeannette Maleno, Michele Malolie, Dalton Martin, Kathy Martin, James Maynard, Neil McClelland, Helene McCole, Jean McCormack, Karen McIlvaine, Sean McKeefery, Baby Rosie McKenna, Marianne McLaughlin, Theresa Merlini, Christopher Milecki, Jerry Misterman, Sue Mitchell, Bridget Morris, Charlie Morris, Kathleen Murtaugh, Matthew Nicholas, Nancy Nicholas, Sydney Nihill, Roman O'Brien, Sr. Eleanor O'Connell, SJ, Carmen Pettin, Steve Piperno, Pearl Polto, Sharon Pozzuolo, Christopher Rafferty, Michele Re, Mary Rhodunda, Dan Rock, Mimi & Rich Rogge, Anna Rokos, Marie Seiler, Michael Shane, Bridget Sharpe, Amy Sheeler, Theresa Sherwin, Marion Sloan, Rob Smith, Kristin Sorrentino, Carmella Spano, Emily Tong, Mario Turchiarolo, Carol Tyson, Annie Walker, Lily Walker, Mary Wieners Lori Zytconicz 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 while you are there, 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.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Many a joke has been told about the trial and tribulation that is part of most people's dealings with their state's DMV. I refer to the much maligned Department of Motor Vehicles. Its various ways and means conjure up images of purgatory, especially with the demands it makes on our patience. This last is exacerbated with the restrictions brought on by the current pandemic. Already being bureaucracy at its worst, when one adds those in, I think then the experiences it creates for its users could be recorded as "Intimations of Purgatory."

My needs were twofold: buying a car from a private seller, and renewing my driver's license. Were I to tell you my whole story, including a suggestion from an official to "go have breakfast and we'll text you when it's near time for your spot in line to get serviced", I believe you might giggle a little and think how it resembled an episode of "Seinfeld".

My point in all this recall is to highlight the importance these days of carrying some proof on your person that you are who you claim to be. Today's feast celebrates the fact that at His baptism, Our Lord had no such need, for He received in spectacular fashion His authentication. God the Father said it in five words: "You are my beloved Son."

However, you and I cannot remain simple observers of a passing scene in this case. The fact that Jesus was baptized, and declared God's Son then and there brings to the fore a pair of religious obligations we all have inherited as a result of our own baptism.

First is that we take our baptism very seriously, far from being just a happy memory caught by a collection of posed pictures of us as infants at the font. Second, we must take seriously every facet of Christ's teaching in making decisions for action practically every day.

Most Catholic adults only confront the importance of their baptism when they visit the parish office seeking permission to be a godparent; or arranging a wedding; or setting up the baptism of their own new child.

The significance of this sacrament is the fact that it is the "gatekeeper" for the other six. It begins our full commitment to Christ, albeit made through our godparents, waiting for us to make it on our own. This automatically means that we are called to full participation in the life of the Church He founded, and identified Himself with as its Head.

What are some aspects of our commitment? For one, we may have to decide on any given Sunday, do I go to Mass, or junior's soccer game? Do I opt for more sleep because I've had a hard week at work? Do I attend my daughter's Confirmation class on Saturday or go instead to a ballet performance? Basic items but real cases. And those are only the beginning.

Our baptism gave us our permanent identity and it involves far more than a cleansing from original sin. I leave it up to you to research the whole beautiful treatment of the sacrament given by the Church from her earliest days. Refresh your earlier learning by finding online the beautiful truths presented by the official Church catechism.

Meanwhile, here is rich food for thought from C.S. Lewis, one of the best exponents of the Christian faith: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen. Not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

God love you and give you His peace.