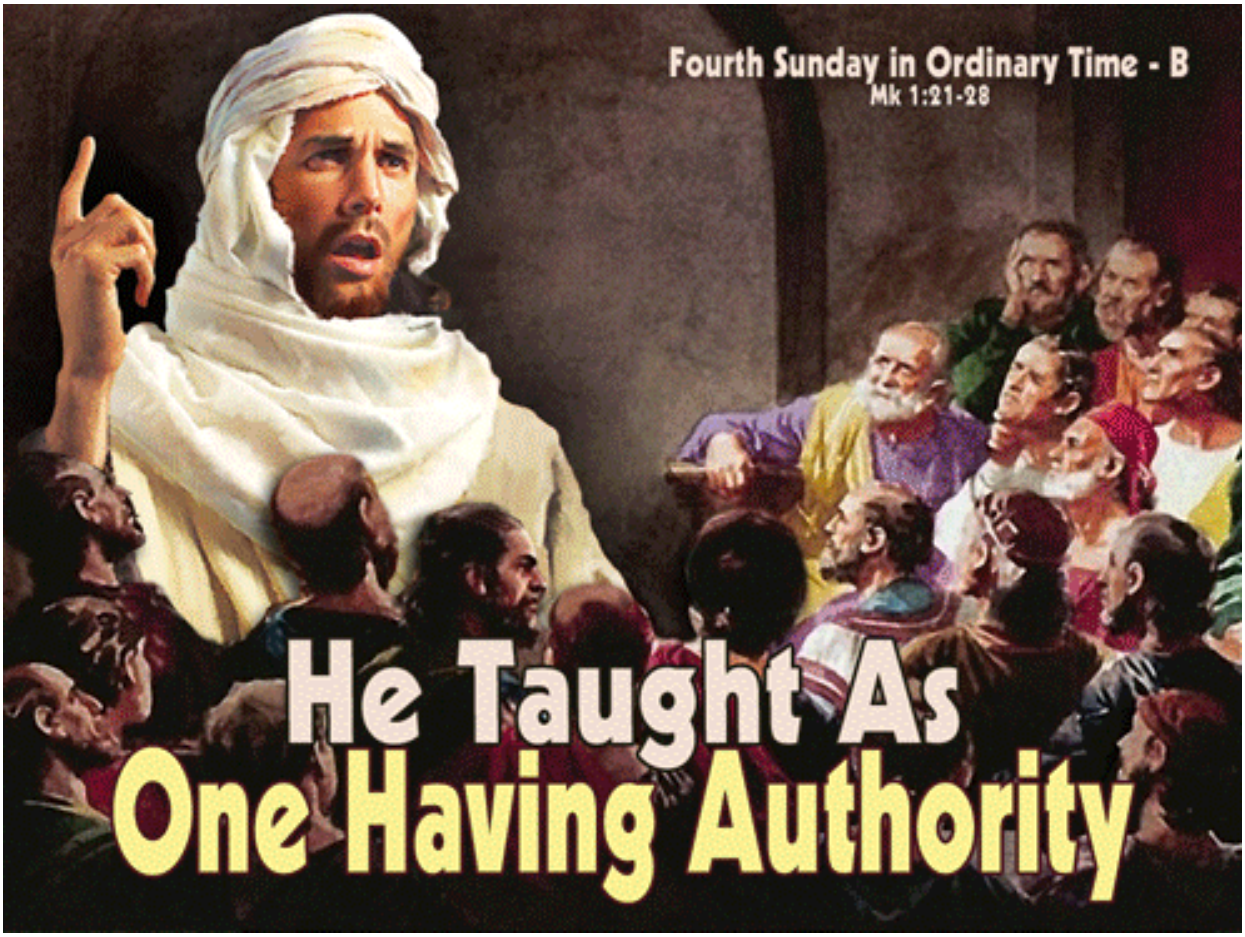

Saint Bernadette of Lourdes Parish

"Where Miracles Happen"

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January 31, 2021 — Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am

Holy Day Masses
Times Announced in Sunday Bulletin

Weekday Mass
Monday—Friday 8:30am

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we begin Catholic Schools Week, let us recall those who have taught us the way to transmit our faith, beliefs and traditions onto the next generation. Coming together today to worship, let us recall those who have taught us — our parents, teachers, other family members, priests, sisters and brothers — and thank them for the worlds they have opened 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**. 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 ever 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 place 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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 30
4:30pm Frank J. Montecalvo
Sunday, January 31
9:00am
11:00am George Belfato
Monday, February 1
8:30am
Tuesday, February 2 - Presentation of the Lord
8:30am
Wednesday, February 3 - St. Blaise
8:30am
Thursday, February 4
8:30am
Friday, February 5 - St. Agatha
8:30am

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 6
4:30pm Michael Killian
Sunday, February 7
9:00am Deceased of Holley & McConnell Families
11:00am Anthony & Mary Rocca

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 polices, 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.

Pastor, Rev. Michael J. Saban: 610-789-7676 (Ext. 104)
Business Manager, Robert J. Helmig: 610-789-7676 (Ext. 103)

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.

FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings are:
First Reading - Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35
Gospel - Mark 1:21-28

Next week's readings will be:
First Reading - Job 7:1-4, 6-7
Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
Gospel - Mark 1:29-39

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	31	Catholic Schools Week Begins
February	3	Feast of St. Blaise - **Throats will be Blessed at the 8:30am Mass**
		First Penance - 7pm
	14	Valentine's Day
	17	Ash Wednesday
	21	Confirmation - 11am Mass

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jordyn Navy Carroll
Franklin George Raines

Confirmation

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!

WE HAVE A GUEST!

As of Monday, 1 February, we will be welcoming Fr. Paschal Onunwa who is coming to us from Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Doylestown, Bucks County. He was there for 11 plus years and will miss and be missed by all those parishioners he served with love and joy. Fr. Paschal's assignment as Parochial Vicar will be "ProTem" or for a short while. He brings a lot of experience and commitment. He is a citizen of Nigeria, which is the Ireland of Africa — a lot of Catholics there. The Church there is a lot like what we were in the 1950's. He speaks loudly and laughs heartily. Let us welcome him as a guest who needed to land in a good place for rest and renewal. It will be good for all of us! AND he even enjoys cooking!

Fr. Michael Saban

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Ashes will be distributed ***within*** the Mass at 8:30am and 7:00pm. Ashes will also be distributed at a prayer service at 4:00pm.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:30am
(Recitation of the Rosary at 8:00am)

United Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Monday 7:00pm in the Chapel

Novena to St. Leonie Aviat

Tuesday 7:00pm in the Chapel

Men's Prayer Group

Tuesday 7:30pm in the Wright Center

Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesday 7:00pm in the Chapel

Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle

Thursday 7:00pm in the Chapel

Stations of the Cross

Thursday 7:00pm in Church followed by Confessions until 8:00pm

Confessions

Thursdays Following Stations of the Cross at 7pm
Saturday 3:30pm - 4:15pm
(February 20 – March 27)
(no Confessions Holy Saturday, April 3)

Operation Rice Bowl

This form of family prayer and sacrifice enables Catholic Relief Services to assist the poor in many parts of the world. Your envelopes for Operation Rice Bowl can be put in the regular collection on Palm Sunday, March 28.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What unclean spirits need to be driven out of my life? How can Jesus, with me and among us, defeat them?

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

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 Parish has enlisted ***Parish Giving*** to provide its parishioners and supporters with the opportunity to use Electronic Funds Transfer as an alternative method for giving. **The Program is free of charge for parishioners.** More information about Parish Giving is available on our Parish web site: **www.stbl.org** on the "Parish Giving" page.

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, Franco & Giuseppe Cucina Italiana, 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.

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL CELEBRATES

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

January 31 — FEBRUARY 5

Change Week: *All students bring in change and the top class wins a Pizza Party.*
All proceeds will go to the Parish Tuition Assistance Program.

Sunday, January 31

- 11:00 am Family Mass; Students receive a NUT pass for wearing their uniform
- 12:00-1:30 School Wide Virtual Open House (www.st-bernadette.org)
  Live Open House Presentation via Zoom

Monday, February 1: Celebrate the Community

- 8:15 Zoom Prayer Service in thanksgiving for our police and health care workers
- 5-7 pm Freddy's in Broomall

Tuesday, February 2: Celebrate the Students "*Souper Bowl*" Day

- Staff and students wear Bernie's spiritwear or favorite team jersey
- Service Project: PreK-Gr 4 bring warm adult socks for the homeless shelter; Gr 5-8 bring in canned soups
- PreK/Kindergarten PJ day
- PenPal activity: parents to send an envelope with stamp to school per child
- Pizza lunch provided to students and staff by Home and School
- Afternoon Bingo and movie/hot chocolate

Wednesday, February 3: Celebrate our Nation

- Students and staff are welcome to wear red, white and blue to school
  - ➢ **NOTHING POLITICAL**
- USA! Students and staff are invited to complete a form with questions regarding states they have visited - due Wednesday, January 27. Grade 8 will compile the data and make notations on a large USA map with paw print tacks; graphs will be completed to note various outcomes of the info gathered; forms will be sent out week prior to CSW (More information to follow)
- Step Up Day Grades K through 4
- Possible display of the patriotic flag performance of Mrs. Carney's grade 4 from the past year
- Teacher appreciation lunch provided by Home and School
- Maps will be provided for the homeroom classroom so class tallies can be noted
- 2:00pm participation in recitation of the Rosary for peace in our nation; homeroom teachers will remind students to have rosaries; 8th Grade Student Council will lead school in the rosary

Thursday, February 4: Celebrate Vocations

- Letters of appreciation
- Eucharistic Adoration offered in the morning
- Vocation Awareness Presentation Grades 5 to 8 in the afternoon

Friday, February 5: Celebrate the Staff

- Staff and Students wear Bernie's SPIRITWEAR
- Minute to Win It activity (Mrs. Wallace): Faculty vs. 8th Grade; approximately 3 rounds of challenges will be presented in the gym and telecast to the classrooms; teachers who wish to participate will be placed in random selections for the challenges

IT'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

As we enter the Month of February, we commence our celebration of our Catholic schools, a profound and wonderful history of sacrifice and enlightenment. It is a time to give thanks to all those who have gone before us who sacrificed so much that we might have this opportunity to learn about our faith -- our parents and grandparents who built these fine buildings, all those teachers who led the classrooms, especially the good sisters who staffed so many Parochial schools and girls' academies -- what dedication and witness to the faith! Around 1900, sisters operated about 3,800 Parochial schools across American and over 600 girls' academies. There were around 180,000 sisters of every religious order in 1965. Now there are about 50,000 across the nation. They are women of strength and dedication. We give thanks to all three religious orders who taught here over the 70 years our school has been open. What a history indeed!

This week, find the old class pictures and yearbooks. Can you remember the names of your teachers and classmates? Can you remember your high school roster? What great memories!

As we look at now and into the future, we will continue to sacrifice to keep our school going. It is still viable. It is still an opportunity for children to learn about the faith and who Jesus is and what His life, death and resurrection means for us in every age.

I thank you, the parishioners, who weekly sacrifice in your parish so that we can subsidize this school. It does make a difference to so many children who attend our school. We can still provide a nice education in a safe environment. People still make sacrifices for Catholic education in all its forms for many reasons. People attend our school for many reasons, but our primary reason is and always will be for the education of souls that they might live a worthy life and attain the things of Heaven. That is our purpose, our foundation, our reason to be. Everything else comes second. We are called to be something more than a simple private academy!

Thank you for all of your support!

Fr. Michael Saban

PS ----- YouTube this! 300 years of Sister History (in 5 minutes). It's an eye opener!

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elaine Ambrosano, Joseph Anthony, 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, 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, Greg Harvey, Kim Hayman, Lizzy Hennessy, Pat Henningsen, Michael Hogan, Judith Holmes, Baby Lila Holmes, Adrian Hughes, Christopher Hunt, John Ingle, Ashley Juliano, Regina Killian, 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, Sonya, Carmella Spano, Emily Tong, Mario Turchiarolo, Carol Tyson, Annie Walker, Lily Walker, Mary Wieners Lori Zytkonicz 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.