



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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MARCH 22, 2020 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30PM

SUNDAY: 7:00AM, 9:00AM AND 11:00AM

SUNDAY (SUMMER): 8:00AM AND 10:00AM

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8:30AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

TIMES ANNOUNCED IN SUNDAY BULLETIN

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:30PM — 4:15PM

Parochial Administrator

Rev. Michael J. Saban (Ext. 104)

Resident

Rev. Hugh J. Dougherty

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Thomas P. Fitzpatrick

Deacon Francis B. Burke, Retired

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 OF LENT

Today we celebrate *Laetare* Sunday, named for the first word in the opening antiphon: “Rejoice.” Lent can seem burdensome with its emphasis on penitence and sacrifice. But today we look with anticipation to its end in the Easter miracle. Jesus’ resurrection is the light at the end of the tunnel. Let us give thanks for the light he gives to our lives.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 21

4:30pm Bob Saunders

Sunday, March 22

7:00am Elise Senior

9:00am Charles DeVitis

11:00am Loretta Sabatino

Monday, March 23

8:30am Barbara O'Donnell

Tuesday, March 24

8:30am Sr. Philip Neri Brophy

Wednesday, March 25 - The Annunciation

8:30am Living & Deceased of the Kurdziel Family

Thursday, March 26

8:30am Living & Deceased of the Gentile Family

Friday, March 27

8:30am Dolores & John A. Georeno, Jr.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 28

4:30pm Deceased of Dalton & Farrelly Families

Sunday, March 29

7:00am Special Intention

9:00am Matthew Sweeney

11:00am Special Intention (Molly)

Masses will be said privately at the same Mass time as the intention. Masses can be viewed online on the parish website at www.stbl.org



SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Deacon Frank Burke, Marie Iannetta and Theresa Laverghetta who were recently buried from our church.



2020 LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mass Schedule

8:30am

Masses can be viewed online on the parish website at www.stbl.org

Monday-Friday

United Hearts of Jesus and Mary

Mondays 7:00pm in the Chapel

Novena to St. Leonie Aviat

Tuesdays 7:00pm in the Chapel

Men's Prayer Group

Tuesdays 7:30pm in the Chapel

Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesdays 7:00pm in the Chapel

Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle

Thursdays 7:00pm in the Chapel

Stations of the Cross

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

Confessions

Thursdays Following Stations of the Cross at 7pm

Saturdays 3:30pm - 4:15pm (February 29 - April 4)
(no Confessions Holy Saturday, April 11)

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, April 5.**

Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will have the traditional devotion of the Stations of the Cross. This will take place on Thursday evenings during Lent in the church. The opportunity for confession/reconciliation will be available afterwards until 8:00pm. Please take advantage of these Lenten practices. Do not just drift through this Lenten season.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

When have I judged someone unkindly without taking the time to look deeper?

What can I do to remember to allow Christ to illuminate my way?

FINANCIAL FACTS

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Envelopes Used: 154

Weekly: \$7,546 vs Target of \$15,000 **(a)**

\$5,671 Collection + \$1,875 Parish Giving

Mass Attendance: 328

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Envelopes Used: 280

Weekly: \$10,802 vs Target of \$15,000 **(a)**

\$9,190 Collection + \$1,612 Parish Giving

Mass Attendance: 771

(a) Weekly target necessary to fund Parish operating expenses and avoid operating deficit.

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.



WILL YOU HELP?

We are looking for men and/or women to help us clean the church on Wednesday mornings following the 8:30am Mass (when you are available). No experience is required — just a willingness to keep our parish church clean and welcoming for those who come here to worship. If you have any questions or wish to join us, please call Johanna Ryan at 484-988-2414.

EASTER 2020 BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the Easter Holiday, the following are the deadlines for the upcoming bulletins:

March 29 due noon March 23

April 5 (Palm Sunday) due noon March 23

April 12 (Easter Sunday) due noon March 23

Thank you for your cooperation!



LET US PRAY TOGETHER

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that we are all one family under God. God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing.

In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. In this time of need, let us seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



This week's readings are:

First Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel - John 9:1-41

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Ezekiel 37:12-14

Second Reading - Romans 8:8-11

Gospel - John 11:1-45

Attention Please!

Dear Friends,

It is with much regret that I must announce that ALL MASSES for the WEEKENDS and WEEK-DAYS are CANCELED as public gatherings are now discouraged. The Masses will be said privately by myself and Fr. Dougherty. Funerals, weddings and confessions will continue as scheduled. PLEASE continue to support St. Bernadette Parish by the online giving or dropping off the envelopes at the locked mailbox at the front door of the rectory THIS IS VITAL TO OUR SURVIVAL FOR REAL!!!! We must keep our lights on for when things get better.

The rectory office will remain open from 9am - noon and 1pm - 5pm Monday through Friday — for now! Pray hard that this terrible scourge be lifted from this planet soon!

Fr. Saban

Copies of the bulletins can be found outside the main entrance of church on Turner Avenue.



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fred Amatucci, Joseph Anthony, Lisa Pfaff Bevilacqua, Pamela Bower, Joseph Bradley, Marie Bree, Theresa Caputo, Michael Carroll, Robert & Joanne Christopher, Ron Christopher, Elaine Cole, Dennis Conway, Dave Costella, Barbara Cunningham, Molly Curtis, Vinnie D'Ambrosio, Ann Davis, Laurel Dee, Michael DeEmilio, Tom and Peggy Dever, Frances Diegnan, Christopher DiMarto, Gabriella DiSaverio, Julia Donohue, Darrin Dougherty, Dawn Dougherty, Michael Dougherty, James Drumm, Jeff Dudley, Bernie Dupras, Jason Durkee, Trevor Durkin, Matthew Dwyer, Marie Feola, Patrick Flanigan, Emily Flynn, Jerry Flynn, Joe Flynn, Sr. Rose Foulk, Maggie Franz, Maureen Gibbons, 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, Anthony Jones, Ashley Juliano, David Kasella, Linda King, Tommy Lake, Catherine Lavan, Wilmer Lehman, Steven Little, Betsy Long, Michele Malolie, Dalton Martin, Kathy Martin, James Maynard, Neil McClelland, Helene McCole, Karen McIlvaine, Sean McKeefery, Baby Rosie McKenna, Marianne McLaughlin, Megan McLean, Theresa Merlini, Jerry Misterman, Sue Mitchell, Bridget Morris, Charlie Morris, Dan Murphy, Kathleen Murtaugh, Matthew Nicholas, Nancy Nicholas, Sydney Nihill, Roman O'Brien, Sr. Eleanor O'Connell, SJ, Carmen Pettin, Pearl Polto, Sharon Pozzuolo, Christopher Rafferty, Michele Re, Dan Rock, Mimi & Rich Rogge, Anna Rokos, Marie Seiler, Michael Shane, Bridget Sharpe, Amy Sheeler, Marion Sloan, Rob Smith, Kristin Sorrentino, Carmella Spano, Emily Tong, Mario Turchiarolo, Dan Visintin, Annie Walker, Lily Walker, 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.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO SEMINARY

March 3, 2020

To: The Confirmandi of St. Bernadette Parish

Dear Confirmandi,

I write to offer my thanks to you for the warm welcome that I received at St. Bernadette Parish on Saturday, February 22 when I visited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. I thoroughly enjoyed the time that I spent with you and your families. Thank you for all that you did to prepare for the celebration of this Sacrament. Thank you as well for your Spiritual Bouquet and gift in the amount of \$100.00 to St. Charles Seminary. I am especially grateful for your arranging for the celebration of Mass for the repose of the soul of my mother, Elise Senior. It is very much appreciated. Be assured that I will remember you and your families in prayer as well.

In my homily at your Confirmation, I spoke about the fact that God does indeed have a unique plan for each of your lives, and a special purpose in mind for how you will be a person for others and make a difference in our world like Jesus Christ! The gifts of the Holy Spirit that you received in Confirmation will help you to fulfill God's plan for your life. Once again, I ask you, can it be that some of you young men could be called to the Priesthood? Can it be that some of you young women would be called by God to give your lives to Jesus in service of the Church as consecrated religious sisters? Please be open to the possibility that God's plan for your life, God's purpose may be that you would have a religious vocation.

Whatever God's plan is for your life, discovering it and following it is the work of a lifetime, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you received in Confirmation will help you to discern and to fulfill God's will. May God bless you always.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
 Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia
 Rector, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary



The St. Bernadette Scrip program is offered through Shop with Scrip. Scrip 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. Local grocery/retail gift cards available include: Giant, ACME, Shop Rite, Colonial Village, Swiss Farms, Freddy's and Kohl's.

Scrip is available for purchase on Monday nights in the school gym from 6:30- 7:30 pm & Friday mornings from 8:00 - 9:00 am in the school lobby, with the exception of first Friday mass dates. To enroll in the program, please contact the scrip coordinator, at scrip4bernies@gmail.com or Susan Coyne at 610-405-6439.



The St Bernadette Easter Food Drive is now underway. Due to the cancellations of all Masses, **all donations should be left in the white cooler outside the door next to the Wright Center no later than April 5, Palm Sunday.** Any monetary items or gift cards should be sent to the Rectory labeled Easter Food Drive.

Items needed are: Hams of all types, cereal, instant oatmeal, pancake mix, granola bars, pop tarts, peanut butter and jelly, instant side dishes, instant mashed potatoes, pasta and sauce, rice, noodles, canned soups, vegetables, fruit, brownie mix, condiments, cooking oil, juices, cookies, crackers, snacks, nuts of all kinds, boxed low sodium broths, canned tuna, beans of all kinds, Chef Boyardee, coffee, tea, sugar, parmalot milk, microwave food items, diapers any size, baby wipes, baby food, baby formula, dry and wet pet food, toilet paper, shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream, deodorant, cleaning products, and Clorox wipes.