

## **SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH**

**"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"**

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**MARCH 28, 2021 — PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

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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. Michael J. Saban (Ext. 104)**

#### **Parochial Vicar (ProTem)**

**Rev. Paschal U. Onunwa**

#### **Resident**

**Rev. Hugh J. Dougherty**

#### **Permanent Deacon**

**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**



## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Holding our blessed palms and shouting hosannas, today we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We do so with a note of melancholy, for we know that his arrival is also his entrance into the dark days of abandonment, agony, and death. However, we know that in the end God will triumph and sin, darkness, and even death will be defeated. Confident in Jesus' redemptive power, we raise our voices in love and thanksgiving.

## 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 (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 Friday 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 Thursday at 7:00pm during zoom; contact Joyce McHugh 610-724-3003.

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](mailto: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

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**Saturday, March 27**

4:30pm Lawrence Farnese

**Sunday, March 28**

9:00am Dolores M. & John Georeno, Jr.

11:00am Daniel Giangliulio

**Monday, March 29**

8:30am Patrick Leonard

**Tuesday, March 30**

8:30am Beatrice Weber & Margaret Smith

**Wednesday, March 31**

8:30am Howard Walker

**Holy Thursday, April 1**

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (**no 8:30am Mass**)

**Good Friday, April 2**

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### The Resurrection of the Lord

**Holy Saturday, April 3**

7:00 pm Vigil Mass (**no confessions/4:30pm Vigil Mass**)

**Sunday, April 4**

9:00am

11:00am Vincent & Annette Touey

## 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.**

Pastor, Rev. Michael J. Saban: 610-789-7676 (Ext. 104)

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



### Sunday, March 28 - Passion (Palm) Sunday

*Collection for Operation Rice Bowl*

**Masses**

4:30pm - Vigil Mass

9:00am and 11:00am

### Holy Thursday - April 1

No 8:30am Mass

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

*(Church will remain open for visits until 10:00pm)*

### Good Friday - April 2

*Pontifical Good Friday Collection*

3:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

(day of fast and abstinence)

### Holy Saturday - April 3

**Masses**

7:00pm - Easter Vigil Mass

(No 4:30pm Vigil Mass)

*No Confessions on Holy Saturday*

### Easter Sunday - April 4

**Masses**

9:00am and 11:00am

(No Mass in O'Brien Hall)



## FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

**This week's readings are:**

First Reading - Isaiah 50:4-7

Second Reading - Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel - Mark 14:1 - 15:47

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

First Reading - Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading - Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel - John 20:1-9



## MASS CELEBRANT SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

**Saturday 3/27** Fr.Dougherty

**Sunday 3/28**

9am Fr.Paschal

11am Fr.Saban

**Monday 3/29** Fr.Saban

**Tuesday 3/30** Fr.Dougherty

**Wednesday 3/31** Fr.Paschal

**Thursday 4/1** Fr.Saban

**Good Friday 4/2** Fr.Paschal

**Holy Saturday 4/3** Fr.Saban

**Easter Sunday 4/4**

9am Fr.Dougherty

11am Fr.Paschal



## PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to this collection you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit [www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday](http://www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday).



**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](http://www.stbl.org) on the "Parish Giving" page.



The Easter Food Drive will take place this Sunday March 28 (Palm Sunday) from 1pm to 3pm. It will be no-contact so we ask that you drive up and the items will be placed in your car.



### 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.

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

#### *Holy Week and Easter*

The rectory office will be closed from Holy Thursday, April 1 through Easter Monday, April 5. The rectory will open at 9am on Tuesday, April 6.



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.**

SPRING is coming! If you plan to do home renovations, painting, or planting; don't forget to check if the retailer (Lowe's, Home Depot, etc.) offers gift cards through scrip. Plan ahead, physical gift card orders placed by 10am on Tuesdays will be available for pick up on Sunday. A full list of retailers can be found at <https://st-bernadette.org/scrip-program>. Our local inventory available for purchase without prior ordering includes: Giant, ACME, ShopRite, Colonial Village, Sam's Boardwalk Pizza & Dairy Bar, JD McGillicuddy's, Franco & Giuseppe Cucina Italiana, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steamburgers, WaWa, Dunkin, Panera & Kohl's. (you can pay your Kohl's charge with scrip gift cards)

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](mailto:scrip4bernies@gmail.com)

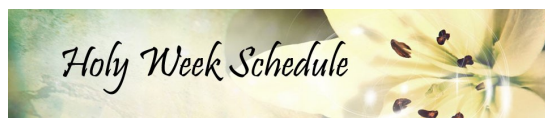
Many thanks to the parishioners who offer their rebate back to the school & parish, your donation and support is greatly appreciated. If you are a school family, you know the rebates add up and significantly reduce your tuition payment over the course of the year. Please tell a friend so more families can save!

— ALSO —

Help St. Bernadette of Lourdes School build a new STREAM lab by purchasing Bernie's Bucks Lottery Raffle Tickets, \$10/each. Raffle numbers are based on the April Pick 3 Lottery for a chance to win a cash prize every day. **Tickets will be for sale until the end of March** — after the 4:30 pm Mass at the entrance to church and on Sundays in the Wright Center during scrip sales.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

**WOW! Here we are at Holy Week already. Remember how it was last year? Masses, music, palm - but no people. Then the dash to attain palm from the front steps of Church. It was all gone in one hour! A silent Holy Thursday with few visitors at night. A Good Friday to an empty Church. An Easter Vigil Mass with all the ministers and best altar servers, but blank pews. What a time! This year the doors are open. We got the room. Do come back and walk with Jesus from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Unite your sufferings and losses to His Cross; join your pain to His; then bury it! Later, open that grave to find it all gone for you have joined the Resurrection; you found new life; you redeemed the hurt to hope and life. Take the time to participate in the Liturgies. Put your busy life on hold. You need to get back to the roots of your Faith. It's when you remember where you came from - that you can make better choices moving forward.**



**Palm Sunday                      Vigil Mass at 4:30pm; Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday                      Masses at 8:30am**

**Holy Thursday                      7pm Mass**

**Good Friday                      3pm Liturgy**

**Holy Saturday                      7pm Vigil Mass**

**Easter Sunday                      Masses at 9am and 11am**

**You never really appreciate Easter Sunday if you skip Good Friday. Life doesn't do that, neither should you. Last year we couldn't go for various reasons. This year we can. Hence we should. The doors will be open. Make sure you walk through.**

**Fr. Saban**

### ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

#### *What's Happening*

Fourth graders are excited about Easter! Each day of our Lenten Journey we try to do a good deed and be better followers of Christ. We are making our traditional clothespin crucifixes that remind us of Jesus' greatest sacrifice. In social studies, we are learning about the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, and how the colony of PA started based on freedom of religion. In science, we are learning about fossil fuels and renewable forms of energy. Fourth grade is an awesome year at Bernie's!

#### *Look What's New*

Many people have noticed the fence that partially surrounds the school parking lot. It came from the school administration's wish to keep the children safe while at recess - especially along Bond Ave. Much of the fence and new security cameras that are in and outside the school came from a safety grant given to our school by Delaware County and follow the recommendations of the Delaware County District Attorney's office. Hopefully it will keep the students and footballs in the parking lot.

## PALM SUNDAY

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Scholars of the Scriptures warn us not to be taken in by Hollywood recreations of the Passion events in terms of crowd size. The streets of old Jerusalem, which I have been privileged to walk, were narrow to the point that we might call them "alleys." The procession of Our Lord that wound up and down them on the way to Calvary would hardly have to attract many people to be called "a crowd." This not to ignore the real crowds that had followed Him during the years of His missionary days.

We twenty-first century followers of Christ, who follow in His path know that crowd size hardly matters. We know enough about Jesus to build our lives upon Him. We number in the billions. No matter the number of times we hear Mark's gospel, it never loses its punch and power.

Some years ago there was a popular song derived from a movie with the vapid lyric: "Love means never having to say 'I'm sorry'." What an empty definition when placed against the scenes of Our Lord's final hours! He shows us more than what loves looks like. He shows us love. St. John went further when he wrote "God is love."

Good Friday preachers struggle to say something new about its implications and are often bereft of the right words. All they can really do is stare in shock at what human hate can produce against its target and remind us of God showing us what love can do for the beloved. We are the beloved in this case, and our often shameful indifference is embarrassing to say the least.

All this becomes personal when we realize that our sins had a part to play in this unique tragedy. Our ugly response to God at times is what held the whips that lacerated His back. Our overdrawn egos drove the thorns into His holy Head. Our gross ingratitude hammered the nails into His hands and feet. Our vulgar voices did the shouting at Him. Our vincible ignorance spat at Him. Somehow we push all that aside when we willfully sin.

In the end, the size of the original group of onlookers that witnessed all this doesn't matter. That His Mother Mary was among them causes that ache in our throats that leads to tears. That His aunts and the youngest Apostle were there, gives our side a tiny morale boost. But the absence of the other Eleven shames us. But we really must admit that "we were there when they crucified Our Lord." Only His divine mercy makes us eligible for pardon.

So, as we begin Holy Week 2021, the call goes out to be a people who pause to think and remember why all these mostly ugly events happened. And if we need words, we have those of our great St. Francis of Assisi: "We adore you O Christ and we bless You, because by Your holy Cross You have redeemed the world."

God love you and give you His peace.



**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, Marian Moran, 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, Alex Tamaro, 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.