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**SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH**  
**"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"**

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**JULY 5, 2020 — FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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)

**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



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus addresses us with comforting words today: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” Let those words wash over us and all the responsibilities we have, all the stresses we’re under, and all the failures that haunt us. “My yoke is easy,” Jesus assures us, “my burden light.” As we gather together on this holiday weekend, let us rejoice in the freedom Jesus offers us from our heavy burdens.

## 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 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](mailto: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 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*

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 4**

4:30pm Josephine Sulena

**Sunday, July 5**

9:00am Albert Giotti (2nd Anniv.)

11:00am Craig Robertson

**Monday, July 6 - St. Maria Goretti**

8:30am James Mullen

**Tuesday, July 7 - First Martyrs of  
Holy Roman Church**

8:30am

**Wednesday, July 8 - St. Junipero Serra**

8:30am Francis Brady (7th Anniv.)

**Thursday, July 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong**

8:30am

**Friday, July 10**

8:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, July 11**

4:30pm Richard Reeves

**Sunday, July 12**

9:00am Catherine Lavan

11:00am Concetta Faia



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

**This week's readings are:**

First Reading - Zechariah 9:9-10

Second Reading - Roman 8:9, 11-13

Gospel - Matthew 11:25-30

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

First Reading - Isaiah 55:10-11

Second Reading - Romans 8:18-23

Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

**Church  
news**

It is with great joy and profound appreciation to God our Father that I announce to you that I am now the officially appointed Pastor of St. Bernadette Parish. It is a humbling position to be appointed to. To be responsible for the care of souls is the most profound vocation and task that one can accept. It is humbling to walk with others with their hurts and angers, worries and fears, joys and sorrows. I ask that you please walk with me as we begin this chapter of the life of St. Bernadette Parish. I cannot do this alone. By the grace of God and the charity of people may the good work we begin today come to a successful completion in the Kingdom of Heaven!

With much gratitude to God, I am  
Fr. Michael Saban



**THIS SUMMER . . .**

Take time to claim your strengths;  
they are gifts of God.  
Take time to have fun;  
it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.  
Take time to grow yourself;  
only you can grow you.  
Take time to trust yourself;  
God trusts you.  
Take time to be self-reliant;  
it is better than being dependent.  
Take time to share with others;  
they will bless you, and you will bless them.  
Take time to have hope;  
you are a child of God.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

When have I realized that my expectations had fooled me?  
Regarding hardships, what have I learned from asking for help?



## PLEASE — PLEASE — PLEASE Keep supporting 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 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, Kohl's, Sam's Boardwalk Style Pizza and JD McGillicuddy's. To enroll in the program, please contact the scrip coordinator, at [scrip4bernies@gmail.com](mailto:scrip4bernies@gmail.com) or Susan Coyne at 610-405-6439.



### 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.



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Fred Amattucci, Joseph Anthony, Lisa Pfaff Bevilacqua, 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, 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, Lexi Dunn, Bernie Dupras, Jason Durkee, Trevor Durkin, Matthew Dwyer, Marie Feola, Patrick Flanagan, 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, Jean McCormack, 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, Mary Wieners, Sharon Yost, 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.

### THIS SUMMER . . .



Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



### SOME THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

A good newspaper and Bible in every home, a good schoolhouse in every district, and a church in every neighborhood, all appreciated as they deserve, are the chief support of virtue, morality, civil liberty and religion. — Benjamin Franklin

No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his body, to risk his well-being, to risk his life, is a great cause. — Theodore Roosevelt

God grant that not only the love of liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the nations of the earth, so that a philosopher may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say: "This is my country." — Benjamin Franklin

Patriotism depends as much on mutual suffering as on mutual success. It is only by that experience of all fortunes and all feelings that a great national character is created. — Benjamin Disraeli

The true test of a civilization is not the census, nor the size of cities, nor the crops — no, but the kind of person the country turns out.

People hardly ever make use of the freedom they have, for example, freedom of thought; instead they demand freedom of speech as a compensation. — Soren Kierkegaard

America is a willingness of the heart. — F. Scott Fitzgerald



### THE STORY OF THE FOURTH OF JULY

#### The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation. But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776). It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775). And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

#### So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

In what seems now to be a lifetime ago, I had a minor role in a high school production of the Broadway play "1776." The unique aspect here was the fact that the cast was made up of both teachers and students. One did such things like that not only for the fun (which it was) but also to cement healthy relations with the students while building school community. Years later, one of the student cast members, indeed the one who played Thomas Jefferson, wound up being the next door neighbor of my sister. When he and I met again, our memories brought us back to our brief acting careers. We could even recite some of the lines from the script that we had to memorize way back when!

I thought of all this as our Independence Day weekend 2020 is upon us. Naturally, the events of the real 1776 come to the fore. We recall the bravery of our Founding Fathers in declaring independence from a tyrannical King George, whose decisions and actions had forced the issue. We also remember that July 4<sup>th</sup> was only the beginning. What followed was a bitter war, the first of many our country has fought since. That was the price in hardship and blood that our freedom cost in those tenuous days. Our young country paid it in full.

As Catholic Christians, we are keenly aware of another kind of war, a spiritual one, not limited to a calendar year. It pits us against the lesser parts of ourselves that we know can block our efforts to be independent of sin. We long for the peace of our promised heaven. Fortunately, we follow the greatest "Revolutionary" of them all: Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us how He fought for and won our freedom from sin and death. So the war is won, even though our individual battles go on.

On this weekend of parades, barbecues and dazzling fireworks that we use to mark the Fourth, it might seem out of place to reflect on this inner spiritual war. But our Scriptures today call us to do so, and they are beyond any fixed time. After all, they speak to us of real life, and its battles will be with us long after the parades are over and the fireworks fade away.

St. Paul once wrote about such a battle in his letter to the Romans, in Chapter 7, verse 19. Hear it again: "*For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.*" Sound familiar? This tyranny is far worse than that of King George. So, what a relief it is to hear Jesus say today these most comforting words in all of the New Testament: "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.*"

While we honor the heroics of our noble Founding Fathers, and our first army of colonials, we can, in this Holy Eucharist also honor God our heavenly Father. Gladly do we take His Son's yoke upon us, for it is truly easy and a light burden.

I close with something we all need to remember: the freedom we celebrate this weekend, and all freedom, including the spiritual, is never "the right to do as we please, but the liberty to do as we ought." Enjoy your holiday!

*Liberty is not the power of doing what we like,  
but the right to do what we ought.*