



**SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH**  
**“WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN”**

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**AUGUST 2, 2020 — EIGHTEENTH 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 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



## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Thousands of people, many of them sick and all of them hungry, walked for miles from towns throughout Galilee just to see and hear Jesus. How fortunate we are that Jesus is with us here whenever we gather in his name. He nourishes us at this table, strengthening our weaknesses and fortifying us for our own journeys. Let us pray today that we may all eat and be satisfied at this Eucharist.

## 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*

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, August 1**

4:30pm Bob Saunders (8th Anniv.)

**Sunday, August 2**

9:00am Regina Marie Dengel

11:00am Catherine Lavan

**Monday, August 3**

8:30am Maria Teresa Del Pescio

**Tuesday, August 4 - St. John Vianney**

8:30am Anna Salvucci

**Wednesday, August 5 - Dedication of Basilica of St. Mary Major**

8:30am Mary & Joseph Sulena

**Thursday, August 6 - Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:30am Marie Condo

**Friday, August 7 - St. Sixtus II and St. Cajetan**

8:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, August 8**

4:30pm Maria DiStefano

**Sunday, August 9**

9:00am Maureen Gibbons

11:00am Rev. Peter Smith



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

**This week's readings are:**

First Reading - Isaiah 55:1-3

Second Reading - Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel - Matthew 14:13-21

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

First Reading - 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Second Reading - Romans 9:1-5

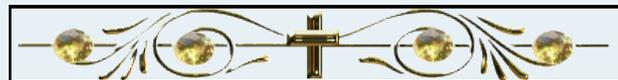
Gospel - Matthew 14:22-23



*Please join with the  
St. Bernadette Parish Community  
at the 11:00am Mass  
on Sunday, August 16, 2020  
at which time  
Reverend Michael J. Saban  
will be installed as the  
sixth Pastor of  
Saint Bernadette of Lourdes Parish  
by Bishop John J. McIntyre.*

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*Light reception  
immediately following  
in O'Brien Hall.*



**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

**When have I felt visceral emotion when seeing a family member, friend, or stranger in need?  
Do I turn to God in my need?**

## ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA 2020 Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal

**This weekend Fr. Jim Walther, OMV of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, was to be here to speak to us about their mission. He had to postpone his visit because of an ordination in their community. More details will follow.**

The Oblates of the Virgin Mary began a mission in the Philippines in the mid-1990's conducting retreats based around the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. As the popularity and demand for these retreats increased the Oblates set about having a permanent foundation there. Today the Oblates run a Retreat Center in Cebu and a Novitiate House of Theology and Retreat Center in Antipolo.

The future looks bright for the Oblates presence in the Philippines. In December 2016, two Filipinos were ordained to the priesthood. In August 2018, two more Filipinos were ordained to the Diaconate. Furthermore, as the retreat ministry continues to flourish, the June 2018 school year welcomed about twenty seminarians at different levels of formation and at the end of May they are expecting 5 more seminarians to enter.

In spite of these successes, there are many challenges. The Philippines is a very poor country and the majority of Filipino families are poor and live on very modest means. Our seminarians are no exception. The Oblates, therefore, shoulder the full cost of training a young man for the priesthood. Presently, it costs approximately \$10,000 a year to educate, feed and clothe a seminarian. The Oblates of the Virgin Mary use funds raised through Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeals to cover these costs so the men in the Philippines may pursue their vocational callings without being hindered by ability to pay.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption  
Mass - 8:30am
- 16 Fr. Saban's Installation as Pastor  
11am Mass followed by light reception  
in O'Brien Hall



**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.**



#### **Basketball Coaches** **Boys Junior Varsity (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)** **(A Team) Coach**

The CYO is looking for a Boys JV Basketball Coach for the upcoming season. All interested candidates should reach out to Ed Quintus, Athletic Director @ [insurance@edquintus.com](mailto:insurance@edquintus.com).

#### **Girls Varsity (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) (A Team) Coach**

The CYO is looking for a Girls Varsity Basketball Coach for the upcoming season. All interested candidates should reach out to Ed Quintus, Athletic Director @ [insurance@edquintus.com](mailto:insurance@edquintus.com).

Local grocery/retail gift cards available include: Giant, ACME, ShopRite, Colonial Village, Swiss Farms, 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/>

**\*\*NEW\*\* mobile app** - if you have been using the MyScrip-Wallet shortcut on your mobile device, they now offer an app called RaiseRight (by Shop with Scrip). Download it, and use the same Shop with Scrip login. For more information on the app, please visit: <https://www.raiseright.com/>

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).



#### **2020 MASS BOOK**

We will begin taking Mass intentions for **September through December on Monday, August 3**. The rectory will be open Monday - Thursday from 9am—noon and 1pm—5pm (**1pm - 3pm on Fridays**) to take your requests.



### FINANCIAL FACTS

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.



### WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Declan Robert Murtagh  
David Thomas Pasciolla



### GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS

Does God always give us what we ask for in prayer? Sometimes His answer is no. He knows what we do not know. He knows everything and His negative answer is part of His plans for our lives.

*My life is but a weaving, between my God and me.  
I do not choose the colors, He worketh steadily.  
Of times He weaveth sorrow, and I in foolish pride,  
Forget He sees the upper, and I the underside.  
Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly,  
Will God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why.  
The dark threads are as needful in the  
skillful Weaver's hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern  
He has planned.*

Lord, it is hard to accept a negative answer, but keep us humble enough, patient enough, faithful enough to trust. Thank You that You always answer our prayers in Your way with a yes or a no. How good it is to know that You never make a mistake.



### 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 Amatu- tucci, 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 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, Anthony Jones, Ashley Juliano, David Kasella, Linda King, Tommy Lake, 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, Theresa Merlini, Jerry Mysterian, Sue Mitchell, Bridget Morris, Charlie Morris, 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 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.



### ASSUMPTION OF MARY Saturday, August 15

Saturday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For those who are able to attend, Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am on August 15.

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Back in June, the CBS Sunday Morning show presented a feature about a hobby spawned by the Covid 19 lock down, one with devotees famous and non. It's making and baking bread in your home kitchen. Housebound as we were in those early bouts with the virus, people had the time, if not the talent, but learned by doing of the fun involved in creating wonderful varieties of bread. This not to omit mention of those enticing aromas emanating from their ovens just shy of that first taste. This offset the imbalance generated by a paranoia over carbohydrates. After all, who can imagine a delectable sandwich without the bread?

With this weekend's Readings in mind, especially Isaiah's talk of a banquet and Our Lord's miracle of feeding the crowd, it was natural for me to think about a link with this current fad. We human folk love our bread, as the supermarket aisle testifies to so many commercially made varieties of it. When it isn't handy, some respond by making their own.

Apply those thoughts to the special Bread, that of the Eucharist. While most of our parishes and other institutions delegate the chore of making and baking the unleavened bread to others, still we know the Holy Eucharist as bread par excellence after the Consecration at Mass.

Among the many lessons to be gleaned from the pandemic shutdown is the fact that our Christian life is weakened and left hungry without this Gift of His Divine Son.

Unfortunately, too many other people who call themselves Catholic have actually fallen prey to a worse kind of pandemic than Covid 19: loss of faith in the Mass and the Holy Eucharist. They must have decided somewhere along the line to disregard what Our Lord said about the bread and wine followed by a very clear directive to "Do this in memory of Me." I pray for them and let their judgment go to the One who said that.

Meanwhile, we sinful but repentant believers have our hands full just being faithful these days. That Jesus chose this humble method of identifying Himself with a host of bread and a cup of wine is remarkable, imaginative, and loving. In fact, it's divine. No wonder that the Eucharist is called "the true treasure of our Church." Hardly a hobby and never a fad.

By the way, if you're going to be baking any bread, making the best of things with your limited "domestic tranquility," invite some friends over for a slice. Maybe even a whole loaf. That would be a reminder of the kinship the Eucharist promotes.

*"It is the greatest of all mistakes to do nothing because you can only do a little. Do what you can."* (Sydney Smith, English wit and Anglican clergyman.) – God love you and give you His peace!

### ANONYMOUS REFLECTIONS ON FAITH



"Keep faith. The most amazing things in life tend to happen right at the moment you're about to give up hope."

"Faith. It's all about believing. You don't know how it will happen. But you know it will."

"Your faith can move mountains and your doubt can create them."

"Your hardest times often lead to the greatest moments of your life. Keep the faith. It will all be worth it in the end."

"Faith. It does not make things easy, it makes them possible."

"True peace comes from knowing that God is in control."

"Don't worry. God is always on time. Trust him."

"Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God."

"Your future is as bright as your faith."