

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

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**AUGUST 9, 2020 — NINETEENTH 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**



## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Do we have the courage to place our trust in the Lord? Peter thought he had enough courage when he stepped out of the boat as it was tossed on the waves during a violent storm. But he became frightened and started to sink. Though he began to doubt, he cried out to Jesus and the Lord saved him. When we doubt, may we look to our Savior for strength.

## 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 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*

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, August 8**

4:30pm Maria DiStefano

**Sunday, August 9**

9:00am Maureen Gibbons

11:00am Rev. Peter Smith

**Monday, August 10 - St. Lawrence**

8:30am Tom McElwee

**Tuesday, August 11 - St. Clare**

8:30am Jean Faia

**Wednesday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal**

8:30am Gloria Mattia

**Thursday, August 13 - Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus**

8:30am Special Intention

**Friday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe**

8:30am Special Intention

**Saturday, August 15 - Assumption of Mary**

8:30am Maureen Gibbons

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, August 15**

4:30pm Cornelius Kearney

**Sunday, August 16**

9:00am Maria DiStefano

11:00am Tommy DiEmidio



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

**This week's readings are:**

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

Second Reading - Romans 9:1-5

Gospel - Matthew 14:22-33

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

First Reading - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading - Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

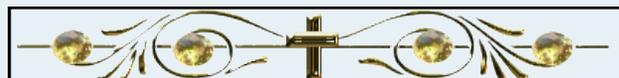
Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28



*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**

**How can I overcome the fears and doubts I have in my life?  
How can I support others striving to overcome their own fears and doubts?**

**FINANCIAL FACTS**

**July, 2020**

\$29,738 Collection + \$11,300 Parish Giving  
 Total Weekly Collections: \$41,038

**July, 2019**

\$43,880 Collection + \$8,297 Parish Giving  
 Total Weekly Collections: \$52,177

**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.



**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.**

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).

**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



**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).



**2020 MASS BOOK**

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



**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.



**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

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 Saturday, August 15.

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay—a foretaste of our own bodily resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts as well as being a Holy Day of Obligation. (The Solemnity of the Assumption is not an obligation when it falls on a Monday or a Saturday.)



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Fred Am-

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 Dec, 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 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, 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.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
2020 Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal  
OMV of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary**

Last weekend Fr. Jim Walther, OMV of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, was going to be here to speak to us about their mission. He had to cancel his visit because of an ordination in their community.

There will be a second collection this weekend to help them with their mission work.

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The Oblates of the Virgin Mary was founded by Venerable Pio Bruno Lanteri in northern Italy during a time of great moral confusion and spiritual discouragement. He formed the Oblates to be both contemplatives and apostles, men of study, prayer, and compassionate pastors. Today, serving in nine countries around the world, the Oblates bring hope for new beginnings with Christ. This hope springs from five key attributes essential to Oblate Spirituality: Mercy, Mary, Fidelity, Discernment, and Zeal for souls in today's world.

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. By the end of this year, they plan to have another ordained to the Diaconate as well as an ordination to the priesthood. Furthermore, as the retreat ministry continues to flourish, the June 2018 school year welcomed about twenty seminarians at different levels of formation.

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. The 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 cloth a seminarian. So that a man answering a call to the priesthood is not inhibited by lack of funds, the Oblates rely on the generosity of others to help us in this mission. We thank you for any generosity you can extend to our Mission Church. We are saddened that we can not join you in person at this time but please be assured of our prayers.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Back in June, a good friend sent me a video of something amazing. It seems an Amish farmer wanted to move his large pole barn to another place on his property. So, does he call in a moving company with heavy equipment? No! Instead he calls on about 300 of his closest friends, and they together actually lift the skeleton of the massive structure and walk it to the new location!

Viewed from a distance, the men's black clad legs are seen standing out from the bottom of the red building as they walk in unison following the directions of a leader. It's as if the building becomes a mammoth centipede! The video is worth downloading. For one thing, you will see the importance of "lending a hand" to a friend in need.

"Lending a hand" is precisely what Our Lord does in this week's chosen Gospel passage. A storm at sea is raging. Jesus has left His prayer place on the mountain and suddenly appears walking on the waves! When Peter catches sight of Him, He jumps out of the crowded boat onto the water and he takes a few tentative steps toward His Master. But all of a sudden, logic kicks in; awareness steps up, and Peter loses his confidence and begins to sink. Only when Jesus lends a hand to lift his friend up does the crisis end. (I often picture Jesus with a smile on His handsome Face, maybe even with an added chuckle, as color returns to Peter's scared face as he stands solidly again.

Of course, it is the perfect opportunity for Our Lord to remind Peter that his faith needs a little updating. Some added depth. More strengthening private prayer.

Naturally, the Holy Spirit wants us to ask ourselves some probing questions as He presents this well-known gospel scene. When life puts us in some "rough water" we know who we can depend on. Such "stormy seas" will come to nearly all of us at one time or another. So, do we turn to God when it happens, or do we rely only on our instinct for self-preservation? Or the cleverly concocted myth of self-reliance that we eschews help? That Amish farmer knew better with his problem.

Without belaboring the obvious, I trust that we have all learned a lot about ourselves and our dependency upon each other during these months of the pandemic, with the probability of more months to come. Hopefully, you and I as believers have stepped up our reliance on God. We know in a brand new way that some problems are too much for our finite fiber to cope with, much less to solve. We need a helping hand. God's is the best.

Maybe you don't have 300 friends to call on to help solve your problem. But you do have One better than those by far. He once said: "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you.*" He never reneges on a promise, and is always there to lend His most powerful Hand. After all, "*problems are only opportunities with thorns on them.*" (Hugh Miller, Scottish scientist, d.1856.) God love you and give you His peace!



## FAITH

*is not believing that God can –  
it is knowing that He will.*