



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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AUGUST 16, 2020 — TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We gather today, as we do each Sunday, as the Body of Christ. Together we pray, we worship God, and we are nourished with the Word and the Eucharist to strengthen us on our journey to the kingdom. In today's first reading, the Lord says that "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Let us make this home of our faith community, this holy place, a home in which all peoples are welcomed to join us in worship and prayer.

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.



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

Monday, August 17

8:30am Marie L. McLaughlin

Tuesday, August 18

8:30am Tom McElwee

Wednesday, August 19 - St. John Eudes

8:30am Regna Ronayne

Thursday, August 20 - St. Bernard

8:30am Edward Anelli

Friday, August 21 - St. Pius X

8:30am Sal Novello

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

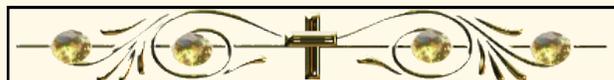
Saturday, August 22

4:30pm William Flounders

Sunday, August 23

9:00am Great Grammy

11:00am Larry Wolf (30th Anniv.)



ALL ARE WELCOME!

This Sunday, August 16

11:00am Mass

**Reverend Michael J. Saban
will be installed as our sixth Pastor
by Bishop John J. McIntyre.**

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



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings are:

First Reading - Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

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

Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Isaiah 22:19-23

Second Reading - Romans 11:33-36

Gospel - Matthew 16:13-20



WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

- Owen Robert Brown
- Cole William Christie
- Emma-Lena Margaret Ettore
- Peter James Luthy
- Owen Gabriel Lynch

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

**To what peripheries can I go to serve others?
Do I see everyone as potentially eligible for salvation?**



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 on the "Parish Giving" page.



**TENDERNESS TOWARDS
THE ELDERLY**

Pope Francis

"I would like to invite the young to perform a gesture of tenderness towards the elderly, especially the loneliest in their homes and residences, those who have not seen their loved ones for many months.

Dear young people, each one of these elderly people is your grandparent! Do not leave them by themselves. Use the inventiveness of love, make telephone calls, video calls, send messages, listen to them and, where possible in compliance with the healthcare rules, go to visit them too. Send them a hug.

They are your roots. An uprooted tree cannot grow. It does not blossom or bear fruit. This is why the bond and connection with your roots is very important. "The blossom of a tree comes from what it has underground," says a poet from my homeland."



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.



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.

THOUGHTS ON COMPASSION

Compassion is a simple way of moving through the world with respect for all beings. It is about practicing acceptance, concern and understanding for others, with the realization that whatever we do for someone else helps us grow as spiritual beings. Here are some thoughts from notable spiritual teachers on the power of compassion to break down barriers and help us unfold our hearts:

“Compassion is a muscle that gets stronger with use.” (Gandhi)

The works we do for one another determine our true strength.

“Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” (Plato)

Compassion is most worthwhile when it becomes most difficult to practice.

“Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.” (14th Dalai Lama)

Never doubt the impact of one person’s goodness to affect greater change.

“I would rather feel compassion than know the meaning of it. I would hope to act with compassion without thinking of personal gain.” (Thomas Aquinas)

Compassion helps the giver perhaps more than the recipient.

Not all of us can be world-renowned spiritual teachers... and that’s okay! We too can grow closer to universal love through small acts of goodness every day.

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, 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 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The concept starts out innocently enough. The patient elementary school teacher says: “Boys and girls, when you color, try not to go outside the lines.” Later on in life, other teachers come along with a direct order: “People, maintain a margin when you write by hand or type a text on your computer. It is an expected courtesy.”

We learn on our own that polls feature another type of margin, what the industry jargon calls “a margin of error.” One more instance of margins appears with the sad fact that in our American society certain of our brothers and sisters are actually “marginal people.” That’s a euphemism for people who, for predetermined reasons, are considered “the outsiders.”

The Gospel perspective detests that label. Because Jesus did. It is true that His Jewish contemporaries held that Gentiles, as idolaters, were of a lower class. They had no such word as “marginalized” in their language, but they would recognize the concept. It would take the example of Jesus Himself, and later on of St. Paul, to break down that inherent hostility.

It seems that Our Lord Himself had to learn in His human nature that His mission was not to be boxed in by this kind of thinking. It was to be universal. Listen to that reaction of His to that unnamed Canaanite woman who is the unsung hero in the story. After all, she had a lot against her in making a request of this famous Nazarene. She had reason to be nervous. First of all, she is a woman alone in man’s world. But if that were not enough, she is a Gentile. Do those impediments stop her? Definitely not! Being a maternal caregiver with a very sick daughter, she works up the courage to ask this popular Nazarene to cure her charge. Then He retorts with a line that would put off any sensitive type: “*It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs.*” *Dogs, you say?* She thought. Undaunted, she pipes up: “*Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the tables of their masters.*” Respectful but insistent. Ultimately very faith-filled. Our Lord zeroes in on that faith of hers and cures her daughter instantly. Any onlookers among the audience, both Jew and Gentile, had to have been stunned and puzzled.

So where does that woman’s story leave us? For one thing, it’s an opportunity to examine our list of labels for other people. Even the best of us have them, deep inside and mostly muzzled. But they’re there. Who do we “marginalize?” Who are “outside the lines” that we draw in our imaginary album of people we know or even don’t know? Who are the good and the bad in our “book?” Does this gospel make us uncomfortable? And where does our faith in Jesus fit into the picture? Good questions. But tough questions. It’s always going to be that way for people with a right conscience who claim to follow Christ. People like you and me.

There is a call here to consider what being grateful for your gift of faith means as you approach that same Nazarene in the Eucharist today. I’m always a bit nervous as I near Him. But that long gone Canaanite woman is my hero. She inspires me to get out of my preconceived notions. Past any trace in me of that nasty margin of prejudice. I can add to that the definite truth of what an unknown wag hit upon when he opined: “*Some people’s minds are like concrete: thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.*” God love you and give you His peace!

