



**LORD,
TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?
YOU HAVE THE
WORDS OF
ETERNAL LIFE.**

JOHN 6:68

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

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AUGUST 22, 2021 — TWENTY-FIRST 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)

Parochial Vicar

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



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“ Many returned to their former way of life, because they could not accept what Jesus said.” The reality of growing in faith requires a movement of the heart towards fully accepting Trinity. If we allow ourselves to further explore the depth of our relationship, our beliefs are naturally going to increase.

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.

Entrance to the Chapel is through the Prayer Garden. The entrance code is 5076.

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 in the chapel; contact Joyce McHugh 610-724-3003.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP meets in the chapel every Tuesday at 7:30pm.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP information can be obtained by calling Doris Hurd at 610-789-2708.

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 21

4:30pm Bill Brennan

Sunday, August 22

9:00am Cornelius Kearney (18th Anniv.)

11:00am Regina Ronayne

Monday, August 23 - St. Rose of Lima

8:30am Thomas & Mary Coyle

Tuesday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew

8:30am David MacMullen

Wednesday, August 25 - St. Louis

8:30am

Thursday, August 26

8:30am

Friday, August 27 - St. Monica

8:30am Deceased of Holley & McConnell Families

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 28

4:30pm Dolores M. & John Georeno, Jr.

Sunday, August 29

9:00am Thomas & Mary Mullin

11:00am Francis Grandizio



MASS CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

(Subject to Change)

Saturday 8/21 Fr. Dougherty **Thursday 8/26** Fr. Paschal

Sunday 8/22

Friday 8/27 Fr. Saban

9am Fr. Paschal

Saturday 8/28 Fr. Saban

11am Fr. Saban

Sunday 8/29

Monday 8/23 Fr. Saban

9am Fr. Dougherty

Tuesday 8/24 Fr. Dougherty

11am Fr. Paschal

Wednesday 8/25 Fr. Paschal

FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings are:

First Reading - Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel - John 6:60-69

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Second Reading - James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Gospel - Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Do you or someone you know or are married to interested in becoming Catholic, become fully initiated into the church, or just wants to learn the faith again through the eyes of an adult?

Thursday, September 9, our RCIA group will be meeting in the Wright Center meeting room—entrance on Turner Ave. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm. It will be under the direction of Deacon Tom and Fr. Paschal. We will be using the Ligouri Press RCIA Plan. It is very straight forward and directive. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 610-789-7676 Ext. 104 and leave your name and phone number with Fr. Saban



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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Because of various vacation schedules, all items for the bulletins for August 29 and September 5 must be at the rectory no later than noon on Monday, August 23. Thank you!

The rectory will be closed Friday, September 3 and Monday, September 6 to celebrate Labor Day Weekend!

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)

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL Support us Through EITC



Individuals and businesses in Pennsylvania can receive up to a 90% tax credit by donating through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. By re-directing tax dollars you are already paying, you can help provide a quality education for children who otherwise would not be able to afford it. For more information, contact: Kevin Kelly, Vice President, Foundation for Catholic Education at kkelly@foundationFCE.org or 610-793-8597 OR Joanne Montic, Principal jmontie@stbl.org or 610-449-5184



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 Di-gnan, 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, Lori Keenan, Regina Killian, David Kisella, Linda King, Wilmer Lehman, Bobby Liebling, Jr., Rosemary Lista, Steven Little, Betsy Long, Elaine Loro, Clint Losch, Jeannette Maleno, Michele Malolie, Claudette Mapes, Dalton Martin, Kathy Martin, James Maynard, Don Mayo, Neil McClelland, Helene McCole, Jean McCormack, Karen McIlvaine, Sean McKeefery, Rosie McKenna, Marianne McLaughlin, Theresa Merlini, Christopher Milecki, Jerry Misterman, Sean Patrick Mitchell, Sue Mitchell, Marian Moran, Bridget Morris, Charlie Morris, Kathleen Murtaugh, Matthew Nicholas, Nancy Nicholas, Sydney Nihill, Roman O'Brien, Sr. Eleanor O'Connell, SJ, Fran Ott, Carmen Pettin, Steve Piperno, Pearl Polto, Sharon Pozzuolo, Christopher Rafferty, Michele Re, Mary Rhodunda, Dan Rock, Mimi & Rich Rogge, Anna Rokos, John Rusenko, Tony Anthony Sarmiento, Marie Seiler, Michael Shane, Bridget Sharpe, Amy Sheeler, Theresa Sherwin, Marion Sloan, Rob Smith, Kristin Sorrentino, Carmella Spano, Alex Tamaro, Emily Tong, Mario Turchiarolo, Carol Tyson, 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.

You can purchase SCRIP gift cards every Sunday from 9:30am - 11:00am in the Wright Center, entrance on Turner Ave. For your chance to win, buy scrip gift cards on Sundays and earn an entry into the monthly drawing.

Local on-hand inventory for purchase includes: Giant, ACME, ShopRite, Colonial Village, CVS, Sam's Boardwalk Pizza & Dairy Bar, JD McGillicuddy's, Franco & Giuseppe Cucina Italiana, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhburgers, WaWa, Dunkin, Panera & Kohl's. (You can pay your Kohl's charge with scrip gift cards.) A full list of retailers can be found at st-bernadette.org/scrip-program. Plan ahead for national card orders. Place your order by 10am on Tuesdays for pick up on Sunday.

The St. Bernadette Scrip program is the parish program where you purchase gift cards to your favorite stores and receive a rebate that can be applied towards school tuition, PREP, high school tuition or donated 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

Thank you 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!



Sunday, August 15, 2021

**Weekly: \$11,454 vs Target of \$15,000 (a)
\$9,273 (Collection) + \$2,181 (Parish Giving)**

(a) Weekly target necessary to fund Parish operating expenses and avoid operating deficit.

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.



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

Last weekend we welcomed our parish family back to Mass. It has been quite a while since we have all gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist, hear the word of the Lord, pray, worship and sing together. That is what makes us a parish community. Life Online is nice but only two dimensional. Life in Person is more full and real.

Our school is opening face to face again in two weeks. It does make a difference. We will have over 300 students PreK-3 through 8th grade, and we will be striving to keep our school safe and clean like last year. All in all, a good sign!

PREP, CYO and other groups will be meeting in person again so far as I know. (This is within two weeks before you get it in the bulletin.) We will adjust the circumstances as things will change. Let us continue to be patient and persevere with this situation. We must remain fluid in our ability to adjust to new circumstances. It will somehow all be fine in the end -- and if it isn't fine, it's not the end!

Also, I hope all the little changes inside and outside the church are completed soon. Some small pieces of religious art and some seriously big and beautiful statues from a closed neighboring parish will be here soon. I think that the legacy of the closed parish is the faith of the people, priests, sisters and all who worked to make their parish a sign of the Kingdom of God here on earth. The patrimony or stuff of the parish also should not be trashed but re-used in other places. So, I accepted an offer to bring these items here since we do have several people from that parish here now at St. Bernadette. You won't miss these items! Keep watch at the side of the church by the convent - it will be truly beautiful.

Thank you for all your loyalty and support! You keep me hopeful that we are not fraying apart or slowly dissolving! May the Lord Jesus bless you and Our Lady of Good Health protect you!

Always in and through Christ,
Fr. Michael Saban, Pastor



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. BERNADETTE PREP CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (Students must be registered by August 31)

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) for students in Grades 1 through 8 who attend public school is held on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:45 PM in the parish school building. Classes run from September to May. The program's mission is to assist parents in their primary role as educators of their children in the Catholic faith. The program provides sound catechesis on the teachings of the faith so that children may be formed in the Catholic tradition.

For information regarding the Parish PREP Contact: Marykate Murphy, Director of Religious Education (Office located in the WRIGHT CENTER) Phone: 610-789-7676 ext. 212 or email MMurphy@stbl.org

To register for the 2021-2022 PREP Year, please visit: <https://st-bernadette.org/prep-online-registration>

2021-2022 PREP Tuition

Please note ~ our fees have stayed the same for the last 7 years. To respect families still trying to decide about in person PREP, there will be no late registration fees this year. Please plan to register by August 31, 2021

1 Child - \$175 (5.84 a week); 2 Children - \$320 (\$10.67 a week); 3 or more Children - \$370 (\$12.34 a week)

A deposit of \$50 per family is required at the time of registration, which will be applied to the final fees.

All PREP Tuition must be paid in full by Dec. 31, 2021.

PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our program runs on the generosity of our volunteers and God always provides the right people. All regular volunteers are required to obtain clearances/background checks and attend the required Safe Environment classes and training. Please fill out the PREP VOLUNTEER FORM - <https://st-bernadette.org/prep-volunteer-form> - and Marykate Murphy will be in contact!

Welcome Back to St. Bernadette School

We are very excited to welcome everyone back to the 2021-2022 school year at St. Bernadette School! We also welcome over 40 new families to our Bernie's community this school year!!! There is new information on our website, <http://www.st-bernadette.org/> Please visit and see all the new and innovative things that are in place for the children when they return, including our new STREAM, "STEM" Lab. As always, we are extremely grateful to our parish families who support us through both their prayerful presence and financial generosity. Our school community prays for the health and well being of our parish family each day.

This year our school theme is JOY. As we embrace the challenges in life, each of us, children and adults, are called to joy as we approach each day in the confident embrace of our loving God and His Blessed Mother, Mary. We look forward to a year of academic, social, and spiritual growth for each of our precious students. May God bless each of our families in the year ahead as we journey together in FAITH and JOY!

CALENDAR: First Three Weeks of School

Monday, August 30, 2021 6:30pm

PreK and Kindergarten Information Night: All parents of students in PreK3, PreK4, and Kindergarten are invited to attend this important evening meeting to learn about your child's program and to meet your child's teacher. The meeting begins at 6:30pm. in O'Brien Hall.

Tuesday, August 31, 2021

Opening Day for Grades 1-8, 8:00am sharp to 1:00pm (Drop off begins at 7:45am)
Kindergarten Preview Day (Please see the teacher's letter for your time)

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

Grades 1-8, 8:00am to 1:00pm
Opening Half Day for Kindergarten, 8:00am to 11:30am
PreK Preview Day (Please see the teacher's letter for your time)

Thursday, September 2

K-8, 8:00am to 1:00pm
PreK Preview Day (Please see the teacher's letter for your time)

Friday, September 3rd and Monday, September 6th

No school; Enjoy your Labor Day weekend!!!

Tuesday, September 7

Opening Day for PreK3 and PreK4. A warm, loving welcome to our youngest learners!!!!

Thursday, September 9th 7:00pm

7:00pm Back to School Night for Grades 1-4: Parents are expected to attend this important evening meeting to learn about your child's program and to meet your child's teachers. The meeting begins at 7:00pm in O'Brien Hall.

Friday, September 10th

8:30am Opening Mass for students in 1st through 8th grades: *Parents are most welcome to join us as we pray for a healthy, joy-filled year of learning and growing in faith, grace, academic excellence and friendships.*

Sunday, September 12th

Sundaes on Sunday, 12 noon to 1:00pm. A fun way to celebrate the beginning of the school year with ice cream sundaes served in O'Brien Hall immediately following the 11:00am Mass.

Tuesday, September 16th 7:00pm

7:00pm Back to School Night for Grades 5-8: Parents are expected to attend this important evening meeting to learn about your child's program and to meet your child's teachers. The meeting begins at 7:00pm in O'Brien Hall.

ST. BERNADETTE HOME AND
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
INVITES ALL OF OUR SCHOOL
FAMILIES TO JOIN US FOR
SUNDAES* ON SUNDAY!



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12TH
12-1PM**



Head down to O'Brien Hall following the 11 o'clock mass to celebrate the start of another wonderful school year with an ice cream treat.

*as we continue to follow safety measures, the ice cream treats will be individually wrapped and handed out.

ST. BERNADETTE HOME & SCHOOL Outdoor Holiday Market

Mark your calendar for the St. Bernadette Home & School Outdoor Holiday Market (formerly Christmas Bazaar), on Sunday, October 3rd from 1-4 pm in the school parking lot. Shop fall items, get a head start on your Christmas shopping and grab a bite to eat while supporting local vendors. Admission to this family friendly event is FREE. (Rain date - Oct. 10th)

VENDORS wanted! If you or someone you know sells unique craft items and would like to reserve a vendor spot, there is an online registration form, please see the school website for details: www.st-bernadette.org/home-school