



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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AUGUST 30, 2020 — TWENTY-SECOND 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



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we hear Jesus tell his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, where he will suffer and be killed and that — guess what? — whoever comes after him must take up his cross and follow him. It must have been quite a shock. This is the first time Jesus told them this. We know what really happened two thousand years ago, but the challenge is new for each generation of disciples. Are we willing to take up our crosses? Will we follow? Let our sharing in the Eucharist strengthen us as we take up the cross and follow him.

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 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.



I just wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude and appreciation on the occasion of my Installation as Pastor last week. Your words and cards and gifts are a sign of your remarkable generosity, and I sincerely appreciate it! My family, especially my parents, were so grateful for your hospitality. They are in their 80's and found so much joy and life on Sunday.

Thank you also to all those who helped in so many ways, great and small, to make it a beautiful day: Dottie and the choir for such a beautiful Mass: the super servers who kept everything flowing: Helen and Marykate and the boys who set up the hall so warmly: Mrs. Monaghan for the delicious victuals: CYO for supplying the drinks: Tom McFadden, who spent the summer painting the hall—it looks so fresh. Thank you one and all!!

This has been quite an unusual year, and I am sure that the theme will continue. With grateful hearts and confident spirits, let us move forward to continue to be a faithful people of God in these most interesting times.

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Fr. Michael Saban
Pastor for 2 Weeks!*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 29

4:30pm Thomas and Mary Mullin

Sunday, August 30

9:00am Regina Marie Dengel

11:00am Maureen Gibbons

Monday, August 31

8:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 1

8:30am Dominic & Victoria Marsella

Wednesday, September 2

8:30am Loretta Fiocca

Thursday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great

8:30am Deacon Frank Burke

Friday, September 4

8:30am Helen & Harry Lawville

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 5

4:30pm Jack Dunn

Sunday, September 6

9:00am

11:00am Ted LaMonica, Sr.



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings are:

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-9

Second Reading - Romans 12:1-2

Gospel - Matthew 16:21-27

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading - Romans 13:8-10

Gospel - Matthew 18:15-20



**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.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Looking at the way I lead my life, what aspect do I need to deny myself and in what way can I take up my cross and follow him?



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.

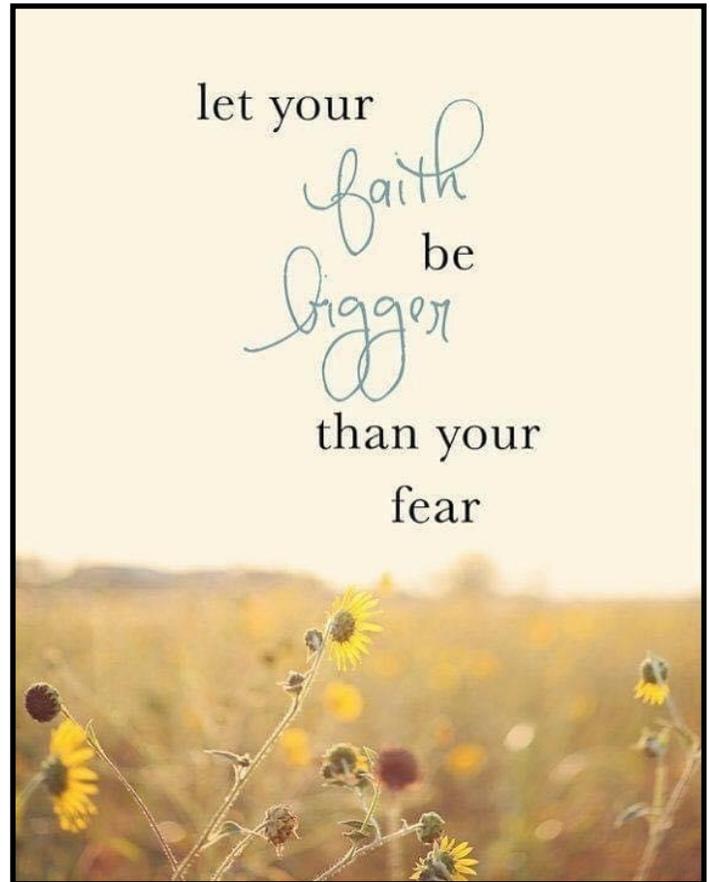


Scrip Gift Cards can now be purchased on Sundays from 9:30am - 11:00am in the Wright Center. Enter through the Turner Ave door and per current guidelines, please wear a mask.

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.



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

ALUMNI



Hello St. Bernadette's Parish! We are in need of your assistance. We are currently trying to obtain emails of all St. Bernadette School alumni. Our database needs some updating, and we want to have as many contacts as possible so we can keep our great alumni up to date on what's going on at our school. If you are an alumni, or know anyone who is, we ask that you please send an email to alumni@stbl.org containing your name and graduation year. Thank you!

HOME AND SCHOOL

St. Bernadette custom face masks will be available for purchase in the back of church after the 9am Mass on August 30th and September 6th. Masks are \$10 each, come in 3 sizes, and all funds raised will go directly to our school students. Orders can also be placed by emailing jaclyn.p.mcdevitt@gmail.com. **Quantities are limited - first come, first served!**



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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
Wedding Anniversary Mass
Archbishop Nelson Perez
Principal Celebrant

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is celebrated to pray for and with married couples who are married 1 - 5 years, and couples who have been married 25 years or more or who have been married 50 years or more.

DATE

Saturday, October 17

TIME

5:15pm Vigil Mass

LOCATION

Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

RSVP

Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500 or
 visit www.phillycatholic.org or
 email famlife@archphla.org



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.

**NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS
 SUPPORT GROUP**

Nourish for Caregivers is a Christ-centered Catholic ministry that supports the practical, emotional & spiritual needs of family caregivers. Our monthly meetings are for anyone juggling the challenges of everyday life, health, career and caring for a loved one, whether it be a family member with disabilities, an ill or aging parent, spouse, friend or grandparent. Meetings are held monthly and are happening online and in person in various locations/times around the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. To find a group, visit phillyevang.org/nourish, or contact Aimee Gustitis at 610-724-8950 or aimeegustitis@outlook.com.

**NOURISH FOR CAREGIVERS
 "HOUSE CALLS"**

During these uncertain times, *Nourish For Caregivers* will continue to foster community for caregivers in the privacy and safety of your own home through Nourish "House Calls". Our mission is to bring hope and encouragement to those who feel hopeless and helpless in the face of this viral epidemic. Caregivers may participate via land line, cell phone, or through the use of a computer/tablet device. We hope you will join us as well as share this information with other caregivers who may benefit from these shared experiences. Each call will last approximately one hour depending upon the number of participants.

Tuesdays 11:00 am and 9:00 pm

Thursdays 11:00 am and 9:00 pm

Visit this website for log-in information: <https://page.co/j05Km>

HONESTY

If we're transparently honest, living out Christianity is not easy all the time. Especially in our present Western culture, which identifies wealth as a sign of one's value and importance. We applaud the limousine riders of our day, even rushing to take a "selfie" with them whenever possible. Who among us would rush toward a beaten Man wearing a crown of thorns that makes His blood trickle down to His eyes?

On the other hand, true honesty has to admit that while belief in uniting one's suffering with that of Christ (the old "offer it up" line) may ease the pain, it does not remove it. Ask any martyr. But at least we know the pain can be spiritually enriching. I think of that every time I'm in the dentist's chair. But wherever you think of it, hold on to it as the honest truth. It's not a cliché,

"Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, and shouts in our pain. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." (C. S. Lewis, *The Problem Pain*) God love you, and give you His peace!

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Anthony Joseph Dydak

CHURCH CHAT with FR. SABAN

PARISH UPDATE

As Summer comes to an end and we prepare for a new school year, I thought I would let you know how things are at this point.

First: At the time of the scribbling of this article, our school is opening to receive our students both in person and online. Mrs. Montie, our dynamic principal, is very conscientious of all the practices and procedures to keep the students in a good place. I have the utmost confidence that it will be a productive year with a lot of new ways of learning and teaching. It is like going to be a student and a teacher for the first time, again!

Second: MaryCatherine Murphy, our Director of Religious Education, is preparing a year of PREP on-line with recorded classes with questions and answers to follow each lesson. Our PREP students will meet occasionally to prepare for Sacraments. It will be a different year.

Third: Our guys and girls getting married here have either changed dates, pushed them back a year, or are committed to their day of marriage and plan a reception full-on later next year. It's a hard choice to gather the people that you love to watch and witness your marriage to the one you love. But, they are striving to do the best thing for those they love.

Fourth: All CYO events are up in the air. We will play that out as the situation allows. Decisions change daily. Fields are available, then shut down. There will be a back up plan with small groups. More about that as the Fall season reveals itself.

Fifth: Novenas and study groups are still going on in our main church. Also the prayer garden is getting some good mileage out of it again. Keep using it! And, if you get a moment, can you weed the garden too! I do it but can't keep up! I wish I was as strong as a weed!

Sixth: Church is open for daily and Sunday Masses. We are allowed 75% of capacity. If we get that, it must be Christmas! I took all the strings down. You are adults. You know by now how to social distance. We've got lots of room and have reached only about 10% of our capacity (which is 900 people according to the fire marshal). Please follow the recommendations for this time — the washing of hands, keep tissues with you before and after use — be wise and safe.

Seventh: Our Stewardship appeal will be coming out soon. This year will be dedicated to our roofs. Convent must be replaced. School developing leaks at each heavy rain. I would like to keep ahead of this so it doesn't turn into a severe structural issue. This is so important! I do not want to start up the school year and then close due to collapsed ceilings and failed roofs. That will be the final swan song of the school, especially.

Eighth: We had to replace an electrical cable that runs from the pole to the transformer behind the church — at a cost of about \$20,000. Hopefully insurance will cover part of it. Hopefully!!! If not, it's all ours. But we did get a new transformer out of it from PECO. It's very nice and shiny. It powers the church, the Wright Center and part of the school. What a week it was last week! At least it's fixed!

Well, that's enough for now. I don't want to be a "Debbie Downer" or a "Whiny William". Thanks for all your support. It can be a good year. We just have to keep on our toes and land on our feet and other clichés! Enjoy the last days of Summer. Get the sun, beach, read and walk. It's here to enjoy! CAPICHE?

Your 2 week old Pastor,
Fr. Michael Saban