



**Whatever
you bind on
earth shall
be bound in
heaven.**

Matthew 18:18

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

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SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 — TWENTY-THIRD 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Each of us is our brother's (and sister's) keeper. Today we hear God calling us to be responsible for each other. No one should be left on their own to fail; we are called to pick each other up, to help each other out. This Labor Day weekend, when we honor all those who work to do the things that contribute to society, whether in a factory, on a farm, in an office, at home, or wherever it may be, let us resolve to work together in building the kingdom of God.

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.

Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 5

4:30pm Jack Dunn

Sunday, September 6

9:00am

11:00am Ted LaMonica, Sr. (3rd Anniv.)

Monday, September 7

8:30am

Tuesday, September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am

Wednesday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver

8:30am Howard & Catherine Walker

Thursday, September 10

8:30am

Friday, September 11

8:30am The victims of the 2001 Terrorist Attacks on New York, Pennsylvania & Washington DC

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 12

4:30pm Maureen Gibbons

Sunday, September 13

9:00am

11:00am Catherine Walker



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings are:

First Reading - Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Reading - Romans 13:8-10

Gospel - Matthew 18:15-20

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Second Reading - Romans 14:7-9

Gospel - Matthew 18:21-25



MONDAY — SEPTEMBER 7

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, street parades and athletic events.

**The rectory will be closed
Monday, September 7.**



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 scrip4bernie@gmail.com.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do to reconcile with someone I or others have excluded?

JOIN US FOR DINING UNDER THE STARS



DATE: Saturday September 19
LOCATION: St. Bernadette School Parking Lot
TIMES: 5:30pm-6:30pm Family Friendly Takeout
 7:00pm Adults Only Dine in Event (BYOB)

FEATURING

Nick's Roast Beef
 Cow & the Curd
 EL TLALOC Taco Truck
 House of Cupcakes
 J.D. McGuillicuddy's

AND

Raffle Baskets!

(No need to be present for drawing)

To reserve a table contact: Jeanne: jmccall.bianco@verizon.net
 Stacey: otstacey@yahoo.com *To maintain health guidelines,
 please wear a mask when ordering food and buying/placing
 raffle tickets.



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.

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, 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!**

St. Bernadette Home and School Association
Christmas Bazaar
VENDORS WANTED

- Date: Sunday, October 11th (rain date of October 18th)
- Location: St. Bernadette School parking lot
- \$60 for vendor space + table provided
- \$40 for vendor space + vendor brings own table
- Fill out attached Google form to register
- Payment can be made to @BerniesHSA via Venmo
- Email bazaar4bernies@gmail.com with questions

Our December Christmas Bazaar is being held outdoors in October due to COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.

Join us for the St. Bernadette Home & School Annual Christmas Bazaar, on Sunday, October 11th from 1-4 pm in the school parking lot. We have moved the event up to October, therefore it can be held outside and we can establish social distance in the parking lot. Come get a head start on your Christmas shopping while supporting local vendors, admission to the event is FREE, mask required to shop. Food will be available for purchase. (Rain date - Oct. 18th)

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 visit the school website for details: www.st-bernadette.org



Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty and Ever-Loving God, we remember September 11, 2001, and pray for all those that were affected by the terrible events of that day. We remember, with love and respect, all of those who went tragically to their deaths.

We remember those who still suffer from their injuries of that day nineteen years ago and pray for their recovery. We remember the still grieving families and friends and all who lost loved ones.

Gracious Lord, continue to console them in the hope that all who trust in You will find peace and rest in Your Eternal Kingdom. Bless them with Your presence and surround us all with Your love.

God of peace, bless all those defending and protecting our country and its ideals of freedom and liberty. Heavenly Father, answer our prayer and bring us hope through Christ, Your Son. May Your kingdom of justice and of peace reign and may the earth be filled with Your glory. Amen



WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fred Amatucci, Joseph Anthony, Lisa Pfaff Bevilacqua, 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, 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.



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.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The History Channel is one of my favorites, especially when its programming matches its name. Over this summer I was able to watch a series called "The Men who Built America." It was all about the tycoons, sometimes tyrannical men who captured the industrial revolution and made it work both for them and for our burgeoning country. Allow me to single out Cornelius Vanderbilt, who expanded our country's railroads and made its expansion happen by ultimately connecting people from coast to coast. Of course, Cornelius himself never lifted a shovel. He labored over investments and the workers' paychecks being available.

On this eve of Labor Day, it must be said that railroad construction in those days was largely a matter of hand labor with picks and shovels. It was hard work to say the least, and it is amazing what the workers produced. But it is a good thing to celebrate all laborers in our own time, and to honor the good benefits of work.

It so happens that our Scriptures this weekend speak of a different kind of labor: very real and the complete opposite of gang work. It is called "fraternal correction." What is it? It is the "admonishing of one's neighbor by a private individual with the purpose of reforming him, or, if possible, preventing his sinful indulgence." So it is a private matter, usually between good friends, in which one takes the initiative in pointing out the other's incipient or ongoing problem. It's Harry or Harriet calling their close buddy aside and saying things like "You have bad halitosis", or "You've been drinking a lot lately," or "The boss is concerned that you're coming in late too much." The range is as wide as the human situation permits.

Granted, this is difficult, and we have a natural tendency to avoid it. We wonder whether, after offering our counsel, we will still have a friend. But if our friendship runs deeper than a surface kind of thing, it becomes essential.

This concept runs through the Old and New Testaments. We read today that Ezekiel is commanded to do it, and if he does not, he faces his own peril of death. Jesus practiced it. Recall His response when Peter urged Him to dismiss the idea of suffering and death as part of His mission: "Get behind Me, Satan!"

As consolation, presumably here to those of us who accept the challenge of correcting a brother or sister, Jesus offers His promise to be present when as little as two people are gathered in His name. He knows the difficulty. He admires our courage. He makes the generous gift.

In the movie "Chariots of Fire," young Harold Abrahams, a champion sprinter, had just suffered his first-ever defeat. After the race, he sat alone, pouting in the bleachers. When his girlfriend tried to encourage him, he bellowed, "If I can't win, I won't run!" To which she wisely, and with courage replied, "If you don't run, you can't win." God love you and give you His peace. And Happy Labor Day!

