Feast of Guardian Angels - October 2

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 4

Saint Bernadette of Lourdes Parish

"Where Miracles Happen"

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October 3, 2021 — Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am and 11:00am

Holy Day Masses
Times Announced in Sunday Bulletin

Weekday Mass
Monday—Friday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:30pm — 4:15pm

Pastor
Rev. Michael J. Saban (Ext. 104)

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Rev. Paschal U. Onunwa

Resident
Rev. Hugh J. Dougherty

Permanent Deacon
Deacon Thomas P. Fitzpatrick

Director of Religious Education
Marykate Murphy (Ext. 212)

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Administrative Secretary
Helen V. Kraus (ext. 101)

Parish Music Coordinator
Dorothy Toomey

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Mark talks about Jesus interacting with children, the gift that results from marital unions. It is telling about the disciples how they regarded the children as nuisances, something we must definitely resist in this anti-child culture of death that surrounds us. Instead, Jesus "becomes indignant" over their attitude and welcomes the children with His warm smile and gentle embraces.

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.

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 place 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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 2
4:30pm Deceased of Holley & McConnell Families
Sunday, October 3
9:00am
11:00am Neve Marino
Monday, October 4 - St Francis of Assisi
8:30am Vita Bove
Tuesday, October 5 - Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
8:30am Paul Varricchio (15th Anniv.)
Wednesday, October 6 - St. Bruno
8:30am Neve Marino
Thursday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary
8:30am Neve Marino
Friday, October 8
8:30am Neve Marino

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 9
4:30pm Leo Miller
Sunday, October 10
9:00am Regina Dengel
11:00am Lorraine Murray

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 polices, 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.

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MASS CELEBRANT SCHEDULE
(Subject to Change)

Saturday 10/2 Fr.Dougherty
Sunday 10/3
9am Fr.Paschal
11am Fr.Saban
Monday 10/4 Fr.Saban
Tuesday 10/5 Fr. Dougherty
Wednesday 10/6 Fr.Paschal
Thursday 10/7 Fr.Paschal
Friday 10/8 Fr.Saban
Saturday 10/9 Fr. Saban
Sunday 10/10
9am Fr.Paschal
11am Fr.Dougherty

FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings are:
First Reading - Genesis 2:18-24
Second Reading - Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel - Mark 10:2-16

Next week's readings will be:
First Reading - Wisdom 7:7-11
Second Reading - Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel - Mark 10:17-30

October	3	School Outdoor Holiday Market and Book Fair
	9	CYO Mass - 4:30pm
	17	Sacramental Pinning - 11:00am Mass
November	1	All Saints (not a holyday of obligation)
	2	All Souls

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Dante Michael Ferraro
Ryann Teresa Rakoczy
Emily Claire Rodolico

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Dr. Joseph D'Amico and Katherine Zimmerman who were recently buried from our church.

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

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Weekly: $9,406 vs Target of $15,000 (a)
$7,260 (Collection) + $2,146 (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.

ST. BERNADETTE 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**

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will open on Sunday, October 3rd immediately following the 11:00am Mass. It will be held in the Wright Center. Please come and support our school and buy books for the special children in your life. The Book Fair will also be open Monday and Tuesday from 8:30am until 11:30am. As always, thank you for your support!

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 Montie, Principal jmontie@stbl.org or 610-449-5184.

Congratulations to Joyce Lambert, our July/August $25 grocery gift card winner!

You could be the next winner. Every time you purchase gift cards on Sundays, your name is entered in the monthly drawing. Gift cards are available for purchase on Sundays from 9:30-11am in the Wright Center.

Please note, the new cutoff for National Gift Card orders is now 7pm on Mondays. Orders placed by 7pm on Monday will be included in our weekly order and available for pick up on Sunday at the weekly sale.

What is SCRIP?
SCRIP is a 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 program helps St. Bernadette families earn cash back on everyday purchases and also supports the parish. Even if you do not have school age children, you can still support the parish by purchasing gift cards to use at your favorite grocery or retail stores.

Where do I purchase SCRIP gift cards?
You can purchase SCRIP gift cards every Sunday from 9:30am - 11:00am in the Wright Center, entrance on Turner Ave. When you buy scrip gift cards on Sundays you earn an entry into the monthly $25 grocery gift card drawing.

What gift cards are available?
Local on-hand inventory for purchase on Sundays include: Giant, ACME, ShopRite, Colonial Village, CVS, Sam's Boardwalk Pizza & Dairy Bar, JD McGillicuddy's, Freddy's, Franco & Giuseppe Cucina Italiana, Krispy Kreme, WaWa, Dairy Queen, Dunkin, Panera, $50 Visa & Kohl's. You can pay your Kohl's charge with scrip gift cards. In addition, there are over 750 national cards available, a full list of retailers can be found at: stbernadette.org/scrip-program

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!
If you have any questions, please contact the SCRIP coordinators, Susan Coyne and Karen Murphy at scrip4bernies@gmail.com

Monday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The Annual **Blessing of the Animals will take place at 1pm this Sunday, October 3 at the St. Francis statue**.. Bring all of your animal friends to receive their blessing. Hope to see you there!

CELEBRATE SOCKTOBER
WRAP THEIR SOLES IN WARMTH

Saint Bernadette's CYO is sponsoring a month long, parish wide sock drive. The number one need of homeless men, women and children is dry socks. Your donation of new socks will make a difference to those living on the street.

The socks that are collected will be shared with those who stop in for a meal at the Life Center of Delaware County and Saint Francis Inn and other outreach organizations in the Kensington section of Philadelphia.

Baskets will be at each door of the Church for your donation. Thank you for your support of this CYO service project.

Msgr. Bonner/Archbishop Prendergast Class of 1970 - 50th reunion at The Drexelbrook Catering and Event Center on Friday, **October 22** 6pm to 10pm. For additional information email bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com or contact John Matthews (215) 260-4568; matthewstown@comcast.net.

Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1971 50th Reunion - Springfield Country Club Friday, October 29; cost is $50. For tickets go to https://www.eventbrite.com/.../cardinal-ohara-class-of...; also brunch Saturday, October 30 at Anthony's at the Lamb Tavern; tickets are $35 to be purchased at the same site; Mass at 4pm in the auditorium. **St. Pius X Class of 1967 54th reunion** dinner at Anthony's at the Lamb Tavern. The grade school reunion charge will be free! Any donation to St. Pius X Respect Life will be gladly accepted. If you have any questions, email John at jpw00077@gmail.com or call Amy (for 8th grade reunion reservations) at 610-446-5600 or call John at 610 -717-8938.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH
AND SO WE PRAY . . .

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation.

Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life.

To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK - Bill Albertson, Fred Amatucci, Elaine Ambrosano, Joseph Anthony, Frank Barba, Lucille Battista, 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 Diegnan, 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., 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, Stephen Murray, Kathleen Murtaugh, Matthew Nicholas, Nancy Nicholas, Sydney Nihill, Roman O'Brien, 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 Sarmento, 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.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

On Saturday, **October 16** at Noon, a "Public Square Rosary Rally" will be held in front of Saint Andrews Church, Drexel Hill. This year, as in past years, we will gather to commemorate Our Lady's wonderful "Miracle of the Sun" which took place in Fatima, Portugal on October 13, 1917. In prayer and song we will publicly honor Our Lady and beg her and her Son to protect our country and our world from the evil that is threatening to engulf us. Please join us for one hour on this special day when hundreds of thousands across our country will also be praying! Bring your Rosary, (and also a chair or blanket if you wish!) For more information, call Raphael at 610-613-7481.

UPDATE FROM FR. SABAN

Just to let you know, we, as in the parish, got a ton of thank yous and kudos and atta boys for our act of charity and adventure in placing those beautiful statues here on our campus. Simple acts make a lot of joy. And we all will enjoy it for years to come. Imagine the First Communion pictures this year! Just thought you all would like to know that we even had people from Myrtle Beach come up for it. WOW!

Thank you all for making the Day of Blessing a wonderful event.

Fr. Saban

WHY YOU SHOULD TAKE TIME TO REFLECT

When was the last time you set time aside to just reflect on life and your circumstances? When was the last time you were able to sit back and reflect on all of the good you've experienced and even the sorrows you've endured?

Reflection helps give us proper perspective

With how busy life can get in today's day in age, it's easy for us to become overwhelmed and worked up. Whether we become overwhelmed with huge life circumstances or the smallest mistake, when we take the time to step back and reflect, we can see the bigger picture more clearly. When we get ahold of ourselves and gain perspective, we can then refocus appropriately. Reflection can also give us time to soak in other's perspectives, as well.

Reflection lets you learn from your past mistakes

None of us lead perfect lives and sometimes we make mistakes along the way. That's okay, it happens. Instead of letting these mistakes get you down or hinder you from reaching your potential, reflect on them. Figure out where you went wrong and think of ways you can fix that and avoid those mistakes from happening again. Our mistakes and failures can be huge learning tools, we just have to take the time to reflect on them.

Reflection allows you to get great ideas

Some of our greatest ideas have come from deep times of reflection on life and all it brings. Some ideas are sparked from passions that we have in our hearts and other ideas are ignited from pain and suffering. When you set aside time to reflect, you can unlock some of your greatest ideas that are currently hiding away. Don't you want to let those ideas flow freely? Don't you want to see the potential your ideas have? Reflection will always be an important step towards success.

Reflection lets you lend a hand to others

Reflection helps you see past yourself when you need to the most, and that's a beautiful thing. When you think about what's going on around you, you can often be brought to the attention of the needs of those you're around on a regular basis. This gives you the opportunity to find ways you can help assist them, even if it's just by offering them a pep talk or a coffee date. You'll become more widely aware of those in need when you pause and reflect.