



PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

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*Annual Blessing of the Animals  
1:00pm Sunday, October 4  
at the St. Francis Statue*

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

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**OCTOBER 4, 2020 — TWENTY-SEVENTH 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's readings speak of harvesting grapes in a vineyard. God calls us to work in the vineyard, each doing our part to ensure a good harvest. We gather each week in the Lord's name and receive Christ in the word and the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus promises the kingdom of God to those who produce its fruit. We pray that we may be nourished in word and sacrament so that we may go forth to produce fruit for the kingdom.

## Parish Information

### NEW FAMILIES

Welcome to St. Bernadette Parish! To register in the parish, please email Deacon Tom Fitzpatrick at [deacontom@stbl.org](mailto: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](mailto: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-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, October 3**

4:30pm Maureen Gibbons

**Sunday, October 4**

9:00am Vita Bove (8th Anniv.)

11:00am Deacon Frank Burke

**Monday, October 5 - Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos**

8:30am Emily F. Sweeney

**Tuesday, October 6 - St. Bruno & Bl. Marie Rose Durocher**

8:30am Joseph McCarthy

**Wednesday, October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary**

8:30am Special Intention

**Thursday, October 8**

8:30am Stephanie Marchesani

**Friday, October 9 - St. Denis and Companions & St. John Leonardi**

8:30am Healing of Louisa Pasqua

*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, October 10**

4:30pm Paul Varricchio (14th Anniv.)

**Sunday, October 11**

9:00am Anna McHugh

11:00am Daniel J. Murphy



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

**This week's readings are:**

First Reading - Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading - Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel - Matthew 21:33-43

**Next week's readings will be:**

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-10a

Second Reading - Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14



**RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

*"Behold, I am with you always,  
until the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:20

**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.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**

**Wedding Anniversary Mass**

**Saturday, October 17 - 5:15pm**

The annual Wedding and Anniversary Mass to pray for and with married couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who are married 1-25 years and couples who have been married 25 years or more or 50 years or more. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez.

**Location:** Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul

**More information:** Visit [phillycatholiclife.org](http://phillycatholiclife.org)

**Holy Hour for the Election**

**50 States – 50 People – One Hour**

**Sunday, November 1 - 2pm - 3pm**

Join us for an hour of prayer and adoration before Jesus in the Eucharist as we petition for grace and blessing upon our country, especially asking for God's will to be accomplished in the upcoming presidential election. We hope for at least 50 people to be present, one for each State of the United States of America, but more are welcome!

**Location:** Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter and Paul. Free parking is available. Social distancing will be observed.

**RSVP:** [phillyevang.org/events](http://phillyevang.org/events).

**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**

**What one specific thing can I do with my time and talents  
to produce fruit in the vineyard I call home?**



**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](http://www.stbl.org) on the "Parish Giving" page.



**Catholic Charismatic Renewal**  
**2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**  
**LIVE from the Shrine of**  
**Our Lady of Czestochowa**

Join us for a day filled with internationally known speakers such as:

**Maria Vadia**  
**Fr. Joseph Ita-Sam, CM**  
**Fr. Rafal Walczyk, OSPPE**  
**Bob Valiante**

At a time when people are feeling isolated and alone, let Jesus minister to you with uplifting teachings, anointed praise and worship, healings at all levels and a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Day concludes with Vigil Mass and Healing Service. Registration fee of \$35 includes the Virtual Conference and the ongoing work of spreading the Grace of the Holy Spirit in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Special Registration Pricing for WATCH PARTIES — \$35 for first person; \$10 each additional. Join with friends or family, locally, nationally, or internationally! Program begins at 9:00 AM with optional Rosary at 8:30 A.M. Detailed Schedule to be announced. For tickets and more information visit: [www.PhillySpirit.com](http://www.PhillySpirit.com), email us: Info @PhillySpirit.com or call at 215-315-7008.

**GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND**



The representative from Bethlehem Wood will be at our parish next weekend, **October 10 and 11**. These beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land are part of a tradition handed down from one generation to another. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Christian families in Bethlehem/Holy Land. Last century, the Christians were about 37% but today they are only 5%.

By your support, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy Land. Please stop by our tables in the vestibule of church and get your gifts directly from the little town of Bethlehem. Thank you and God bless you for supporting our fellow Christians in the Holy Land.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE**  
**NEWLY MARRIED**

Jake and Laura (Caporizzo) Pickett



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Fred Amatucci, Elaine Ambrosano, 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 Diengan, 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, 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.



**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY**

On Saturday, October 10 at 12:00 Noon, a "Public Square Rosary" will take place in front of St. Andrew Church to commemorate Our Lady of Fatima's "Miracle Of the Sun" on October 13, 1917.

For more information, visit [www.anf.org](http://www.anf.org) or call Raphael at 610-613-7481. Feel free to bring a chair or a blanket.

IT'S TIME FOR SOME  
C H U R C H C H A T A G A I N  
WITH FR. SABAN

Well, Sunday, September 20 was the first Sunday since 13 March that all the Masses were attended by over 100 people each time! It was so great to see so many more coming home!

Two weeks ago, Archbishop Perez stopped over to the school to do a visit & meet & greet. WOW! It was so nice to see him, and he was so happy and joyful and fun! I think the students and faculty really got a good "pick me up" from this visit! Thank you Archbishop!

The Annual Stewardship Appeal will be held in October as usual. This year it includes a financial report. The numbers looked good last year. This year will be totally different. We do have a few projects to get done also. The Wright Center/Convent roof needs to get replaced. Your generous sacrifices are so needed this year. We are keeping the Church and rectory very simple this year as to cover the huge cost of the school as it is open during the Covid time. The policies and procedures are very expensive to maintain, and the costs were not calculated into the school budget. It's a lot more complicated than before! We will keep trying to do our best to maintain our parish life and the safe functioning of our school. Your support is so essential and appreciated!

I hope you enjoy this fine weather. Go to Valley Forge. Do a walk there. See the trees as they change colors. It's a beautiful time to reflect on the beauty of creation and the glory of God who created it all.

Thank you for your charity, your generosity and all your support! Capiche!

Rev. Michael J. Saban



St. Bernadette Home and School Association  
**Christmas Bazaar**  
*Sunday, October 11th\**  
*1-4pm*

St. Bernadette School parking lot on the corner  
of Bond and Harper Avenues

**HANDMADE GIFTS, SWEET  
TREATS, A BITE TO EAT,  
HOME DECOR AND MORE!**

Featuring hot sandwiches from Bria and Latella's Italian  
American Deli and Sam's Boardwalk Pizza!

Masks must be worn at all times while shopping. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

\*rain date, October 18th



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](mailto:scrip4bernies@gmail.com).



## ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL Can You Help Us?

Much to the joy of our families, students and faculty, St. Bernadette School reopened our doors on Monday, August 31. The faculty, staff and students were thrilled to be back! The new “normal” for us includes masks, social distancing, hand sanitizing and hand washing throughout the day. We added the beautiful prayer the Memorare to our daily prayers, asking the Blessed Mother to intercede for our beloved St. Bernadette Parish family to remain healthy and peaceful during these uncertain times. Our faith in a loving and merciful God guides our school. Now more than ever, we need our Catholic schools to stand as beacons of hope and healing as we work to instill in our students Christ centered values.

Reopening has been a daunting task for all of our families and staff as we have worked with Father Saban to ensure the safety of our precious children. As we approach the winter months, we face another challenge. We need to purchase air purification systems for each classroom. Can you help us? If you would like to sponsor a classroom system, the cost is \$625.00 per classroom and we need a total of 16 systems. No donation is too small as we work together to keep our children safe and our Catholic school open. God bless you and be assured of the prayers of our school community.

For more information contact Joanne Montie@[jmontie@stbl.org](mailto:jmontie@stbl.org) or 610-449-5184 OR reach out to Fr. Saban after Mass.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

“The Vineyards I’ve Seen” sounds like the title of a handsome coffee table book produced by a wine connoisseur and a photography expert. This writer is neither of those, but I have remembered impressions of vineyards in places far flung. I recall especially my visit to our own Napa Valley, California. I can picture the administration building and production facilities hugging the road. But beyond those, a vast acreage of grape vines stretching as far as the eye could see. With warm sunshine occasionally criss-crossed by cloud shadows, the plants climbed gentle hillsides with ease. Or they seemed to slide gently downward into shallow valleys. Their very vastness spoke of huge investment; of expert care and massive productivity applied to rendering that glassful of enjoyment at a diner’s table.

Thousands of years ago, the vineyards of Galilee and Judea were commonplace, although likely less grand. Still, they held vital importance for their owners and society in general. Wine was the beverage of choice in such places back then, since drinking water came only from rivers, streams or wells. The Carpenter from Nazareth knew a lot about vineyards. No doubt He had in His divine mind the special connection with wine that He would soon initiate. But for now, such a place would be a teaching tool for Him to describe certain aspects of His kingdom. He would acknowledge the wicked tenants who sometimes came along, thieves who would violate the rules of justice.

His audience of chief priests and elders that day would somehow miss the direct reference to themselves as they self-righteously declared the punishment due the evil tenants in Jesus’ story. Easy to do if you’re self-satisfied and unaccustomed to others’ corrections.

“The people” in Our Lord’s gospel message ultimately refers to the future Church the gospel writer had in mind that forms the people of God. That brings the story home to this twenty-first century, and to us. Right here and right now.

I believe we can recognize at least two truths about the present day Church that did not exist when Jesus taught with this parable. First, that this people of God is made up of both sinners and saints. Second, its huge present day numbers do not preclude God’s personal love and care for each of us. I for one find immense consolation in that latter truth.

In these unusual and trying times that we are living in right now, we may think of ourselves as receiving the opposite from God: forgotten and abandoned by Him. But we believe He has never revoked His promise to be “with us always, until the end of the world”, do we not? Obviously then, God deserves our trust. Only with it would we have enough motivation to be a part of Isaiah’s “people that will produce good fruit.”

Here are some consoling words about all of this from none other than one of our nation’s Founding Fathers: “Behold the rain which descends from heaven upon our vineyards; there it enters the roots of the vines, to be changed into wine: a constant proof that God loves us, and loves to see us happy.” -Benjamin Franklin

God love you, and give you His peace!