

"MANY ARE INVITED, BUT FEW ARE CHOSEN."



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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OCTOBER 11, 2020 — TWENTY-EIGHTH 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We are invited to a feast today. We gather around the table of the Lord, summoned by the Holy Spirit to share in this Eucharistic meal with family, friends, and neighbors, fellow pilgrims on the journey. May this feast nourish and sustain us as we go forth in joy to continue building the kingdom in our little corner of the world and beyond.

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-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

Monday, October 12

8:30am Dolly Faia

Tuesday, October 13

8:30am Carol & Colleen Coyle and Family

Wednesday, October 14 - St. Callistus

8:30am Robert Simpson

Thursday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus

8:30am Special Intention (R)

Friday, October 16 - St. Hedwig and St. Margaret

Mary Alacoque

8:30am Deceased of Holley & McConnell Families

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 17

4:30pm Regina Marie Dengel

Sunday, October 18

9:00am Joseph McCarthy

11:00am Paddy & Ester Dalton

**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)



FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings are:

First Reading - Isaiah 25:6-10a

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

Gospel - Matthew 22:1-14

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21



**Catholic Charismatic Renewal
2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
LIVE from the Shrine of
Our Lady of Czestochowa
Saturday, October 17**

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, 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. 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.



**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.



September, 2020 (4 Weeks)

Total Weekly Collections - \$49,302.00

September, 2019 (5 Weeks)

Total Weekly Collections - \$58,119.67

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 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



**ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL
Can You Help Us?**

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 please contact Joanne Montie@jmontie@stbl.org or 610-449-5184 OR reach out to Fr. Saban after Mass.



**MAIN LINE SINGLES
DINNER CLUB
(AGES 52-66)**

Catholic men and women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests and dine together twice a month. Our next scheduled event is on Sunday, October 11 at 5:30pm – a restaurant event @ Xolo Tacos located at 14 N. Merion Ave. in Bryn Mawr. For more information, call Barb at 610-896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

World Mission Sunday

The annual worldwide celebration of our shared call to Mission, **World Mission Sunday**, will be celebrated on **October 18**. That Sunday will also mark the beginning of a year-long commemoration marking the **110th Anniversary** of the *Pontifical Mission Societies* in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This year, in response to the challenges facing the Mission Church from the pandemic, we are invited to respond in the most generous way we are able. Thank you for your kindness in praying for and supporting the missionary work of the Church throughout this Mission Month and The Archdiocese of Philadelphia's 110th Anniversary Year. **Please put your envelopes in with the regular collection on Sunday, October 18.** Thank you and God bless you!

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.

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

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What can I do this week to put on Christ, to pass along God's generosity to others?



RACHEL'S VINEYARD MINISTRIES

We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, safe, loving, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for your future and freedom from the pain within your heart and soul.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat November 6 - 8

IHM Spirituality Center — Malvern, PA

A Woman's Testimony

I received great inner healing during my retreat. I recommend it to anyone suffering from abortion. I was able to forgive myself and found Christ's unconditional love.

A Man's Testimony

For 18 years, I had been haunted by guilt that no one could take away. Through the retreat, I was able to forgive myself. God has given me a peaceful mind, cleansed my heart and washed away my guilt.

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

**Call/email: Lauren at 215-720-5828 or
RachelsVineyardGP@gmail.com**

Financial aid is offered if needed.

National website: www.rachelsvineyard.org



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 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, 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.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

A while ago, a friend of mine confided that she and her husband had to refuse a family wedding invitation because the couple had invited some 300 people to the event. That was an obvious disregard for the government's official limits on crowd size in a world with Covid 19. Such callous defiance put the health and safety of the invitees in certain danger of contamination with the probability of them becoming spreaders of the contagion. The whole matter, just one of many such examples, remains largely inexplicable to me. That is, if you overlook the stubbornness rooted in some people or their culpable ignorance.

We hear Our Lord's timeless parable of the wedding feast today, coming as it does on the heels of the one about irresponsible vineyard tenants last weekend. Intangible riches, represented by fine food and drink, can be squandered irresponsibly with all variety of lame excuses.

We note that Jesus tells the story in what you might call "three acts." First, there are the two different calls to the proper guests on the king's list. Then follows the call to the "outcasts", whom we might describe today as "marginal people." Finally, there is the king's dreadful sorting out of the people at the banquet. In that last act, the fate of the person caught without a "wedding garment", the clothes representing an authentic Christian lifestyle full of good deeds.

All in all, the lesson intended comes at us afresh. Shortly we will declare in our Creed that we believe "in one baptism." The banquet here represents a heaven of indescribable delights, beginning with seeing God "as He is." It makes any refusal on our part to come properly "dressed" to be the height of ill manners and foolishness. Why even flirt with the consequence of being "bound and cast out" in a hell of our own making?

The way we come to a special affair like this reflects our opinion of it and reveals the true spirit in which we come. If we go to visit at a friend's home, we don't go in the clothes we wear to paint the house or weed the garden. It is plainly a matter of respect that we should present ourselves in our friend's house as best we can.

The more important garments for entering the king's hall are those of the heart and soul—the garment of humility, the garment of faith, and the garment of reverence. They display for all the world what we think of God's invitation. They honor all that God's Son taught us about "how to dress."

Our present earthbound lives are God's gift to us. Where we wind up in the future is largely up to us. We have to keep that invitation to heaven we got at the mount in a very safe place. I believe it's only prudent that we take the time, while we can, to build the best wardrobe for our future whereabouts. Meanwhile we have time to repent, reform, and renew ourselves. Speaking of time I can't help but agree with how someone powerfully described time. He or she called it "a seamstress specializing in alterations." Think about it! God love you, and give you His peace!