

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,  
with all your soul, and with all your mind.  
This is the greatest and the first commandment.  
The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



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

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OCTOBER 25, 2020 — THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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**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

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**Pastor**

Rev. Michael J. Saban (Ext. 104)

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Rev. Hugh J. Dougherty

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Dorothy Toomey



### THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we hear the LORD remind the Israelites of their past, where they'd come from and what they overcame. We come here today as we are now, but we must recall who we were in the past, what we have accomplished and what we have overcome. We can empathize with our neighbor, for the joys, difficulties, and worries she is experiencing today are comparable to what we have ourselves experienced. Let us thank God for the grace that brought us here today and the continued grace to see ourselves in our neighbor.

## 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*

*Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, October 24**

4:30pm Ann Whalen

**Sunday, October 25**

9:00am Sally Kurdziel

11:00am Alfred Jacobini

**Monday, October 26**

8:30am Loretta Caruso

**Tuesday, October 27**

8:30am Jim Bongard

**Wednesday, October 28 - Saints Simon & Jude**

8:30am Margie DiValerio

**Thursday, October 29**

8:30am William Thompson

**Friday, October 30**

8:30am Dolores M. & John Georeno, Jr.

*Sunday - Solemnity of All Saints*

**Saturday, October 31**

4:30pm Arthur DeLuca (30th Anniv.)

**Sunday, November 1**

9:00am Jim Doyle

11:00am Joe & Virginia DiMario



**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION**

**This week's readings are:**

First Reading - Exodus 22:20-26

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Gospel - Matthew 22:34-40

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

First Reading - Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Second Reading - 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12a



In anticipation of November, the Month of the Holy Souls, the Mass at 8:30am on Monday, November 2, will be offered for all the Holy Souls and especially for all those who have been buried from our parish from November 1, 2019 - November 1, 2020. It is our sincere hope that those who have lost a loved one will be able to attend this Mass on All Souls Day. As we celebrate the lives of those who have died, we hope that coming together at Mass will help with the grieving process for those left behind. In accordance with the guidelines, please observe social distancing and wear a mask. Thank you!

**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)

**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**

**In what ways am I a model for other believers, as the Thessalonians were? What can I do to model the greatest commandments to others?**



**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.

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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).

**SATURDAY**  
**11/7/20**  
**2:30PM**




**RAFFLES**  
+  
**PRIZES**



**50/50**  
+  
**CONTESTS**

**FALL FESTIVAL**

**CORNHOLE**

**TOURNAMENT**

**\$35 ENTRY**  
**TO FESTIVAL**  
INCLUDES BBQ, BEER  
REFRESHMENTS + SB CYO GIFT  
**\*\* MUST BE 21 TO ENTER \*\***

**\$125 ENTRY**  
**TO TOURNAMENT**  
INCLUDES TEAM ENTRY  
TO FESTIVAL  
FIRST PLACE : \$500  
SECOND PLACE : \$250

**ST. BERNADETTE - PARKING LOT**  
1001 TURNER AVE

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT CYO**

St. Bernadette's CYO First Annual Fall Festival and Cornhole Tournament—Saturday, November 7 beginning at 2:30pm in the school parking lot. To sign up go to <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSdkyW9IBzd.../viewform...> For more information on sponsorships, please email [berniescyo@gmail.com](mailto:berniescyo@gmail.com)

# ALUMNI

## ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL ALUMNI Update Your Information Now

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](mailto:alumni@stbl.org) containing your name and graduation year. Thank you!



## WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Cecilia Terezia Egge  
Maximilian Christopher Egge

## ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA

### Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 11:00 AM

The Archdiocesan Office for Child and Youth Protection is hosting a free webinar on internet safety. It will be presented by the Network of Victim Assistance in Bucks County, PA. We invite you to join us! Registration is required for the session. The webinar will be 1.5 hours long.

#### **CTRL ALT Safety: Understanding Your Digital Footprint**

What does it mean to be Smart Online?

When communicating online—who are kids talking to and how can adults recognize the differences?

What information do kids share online?

What “online presence” means

How can adults protect kids from becoming a victim

Recognizing signs of unsafe usage and how to have open communication with your child/student

#### **Registration link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_H62wGIVkTomLZFXeSBjicA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H62wGIVkTomLZFXeSBjicA)

### Friday November 13th-Sunday November 14th Catholic Moms Summit

So many of us struggle to find joy within our vocation of motherhood, and this Summit is here to help you do exactly that. Our dynamic presenters will be sharing inspiration, wisdom, and encouragement from a wide variety of experiences and backgrounds, and this event is a great opportunity for you to connect with other moms just like you from around the world. I know it will be an experience unlike anything you've ever done before. Be sure to register, and then share this unique event with your friends.

More information: To register go to: [Catholic Moms Summit](#)

### Nourish for Caregivers Support Groups

*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](http://phillyevang.org/nourish), or contact Aimee Gustitis at 610-724-8950 or [aimeegustitis@outlook.com](mailto:aimeegustitis@outlook.com).

### Rosary Campaign for an End to the Coronavirus

Join us online, by phone or in spirit as we pray the Rosary asking the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary to put an end to the coronavirus and to bring restoration to those most severely impacted by the pandemic.

**Rosary in English:** Monday through Thursday at 8pm

**For more details and log-in, visit:**

<http://www.phillyevang.org/rosary>



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Fred Amattucci, 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, Jeannette Maleno, 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.



### 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**

**All inquiries are strictly confidential.**

**Call/email: Lauren at 215-720-5828 or**

**[RachelsVineyardGP@gmail.com](mailto:RachelsVineyardGP@gmail.com)**

**Financial aid is offered if needed.**

**National website: [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org)**

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

Voted among the "Ten worst songs of the 70's" by readers of "Rolling Stone" magazine was an item sung by Brazilian singer Morris Albert simply called "Feelings." But in 1975, the year of its release, it was named by the "People's Choice" as "the favorite new song." Interesting how times change. I realize that many of you hearing me or reading this have no idea of what I am talking about, so please Google the song to find out.

For my purpose here, I'd like to quote the Rolling Stone reviewer Andy Greene. The song has been mocked for a good 40 years as one of the ten worst largely for its lack of specificity. What kind of feelings is Morris singing about? It's clearly a love song, but it's hard to think of a vaguer term than "feelings" to describe, um, "feelings."

Many good Christians reading or hearing today's Gospel section from Matthew are frustrated in their pursuit of perfection when they learn that they must love not only God, but also their neighbor. "Must" is the operative word. "How," they ask, "am I supposed to love the difficult person who is my residential neighbor?" (You can supply different adjectives to describe that neighbor.)

The problem intensifies for good faithful people, a lot like you, when they learn that "neighbor" is a worldwide description of people, most of whom they don't even know. The root of the difficulty is that word "feelings."

Feelings are morally neutral. They are fleeting sometimes, but always involve an affection for someone we deem as "special" and worthy of our attention. They are the stuff of Valentine's Day, wrapped in roses and chocolate for one of the opposite sex. And of deep perennial affection for a chosen friend of the same or opposite sex alike. They are, so to speak, "warm and fuzzy."

The love Our Lord Jesus mandates has nothing at all to do with feelings. It is, in the instance cited here, a willed fidelity to the Covenant between Yahweh and Israel. In a more general application, this love is a matter of willing and doing. We freely choose to love God. That, in turn, is described by Jesus in another place as 'keeping His commandments.' Regarding our neighbor, it means we wish all the best for them. Even if they repulse us at times. Even if we wished they lived a thousand miles away. Even if they have betrayed us. For that last, consult Jesus' reaction to Judas' kiss.

Once on a railroad train an elderly man accidentally broke a minor regulation and was unmercifully bawled out by a young train employee. Later a fellow passenger nudged the old gentleman and suggested he give the employee a piece of his mind. But the old man just smiled. "Oh," he said, "if a man like that can stand himself for all of his life, I surely can stand him for five minutes."

