



SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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NOVEMBER 14, 2021 — THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30PM

SUNDAY: 9:00AM AND 11:00AM

WEEKDAY MASS

MONDAY—FRIDAY 8:30AM

HOLY DAY MASSES

TIMES ANNOUNCED IN SUNDAY BULLETIN

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:30PM — 4:15PM

Pastor

Rev. Michael J. Saban (Ext. 104)

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Paschal U. Onunwa

Resident

Rev. Hugh J. Dougherty

Permanent Deacon

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



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we are reminded that one day Jesus will return in glory as the world comes to an earth-shattering conclusion. As frightening as the warnings are in today's readings, they are accompanied by assurances that God remains with us, always. Soon we will be reminded that Emmanuel means "God is with us." Jesus — Emmanuel — will return in glory at the end of time. Let us pray in thanksgiving today for God's abiding presence with us here on earth.

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 jsavaresejr@gmail.com

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 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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 13

4:30pm John & Bernadette Harold

Sunday, November 14

9:00am Phillip Farrelly

11:00am Ted LaMonaca

Monday, November 15 - St. Albert the Great

8:30am Jean Lewandowski

Tuesday, November 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland and St. Gertrude

8:30am Elizabeth McGeady

Wednesday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30am Patrick Murphy

Thursday, November 18

8:30am Neve Marino

Friday, November 19

8:30am Charles Uebele, Jr. (4th Anniv.)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 20

4:30pm Paul Varricchio

Sunday, November 21

9:00am Maria DeStefano

11:00am Jack Dunn

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.

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Business Manager, Robert J. Helmig: 610-789-7676 (Ext. 103)



MASS CELEBRANT SCHEDULE
(Subject to Change)

Saturday 11/13 Fr. Dougherty **Thursday 11/18** Fr. Paschal

Sunday 11/14

Friday 11/19 Fr. Saban

9am Fr. Paschal

Saturday 11/20 Fr. Saban

11am Fr. Saban

Sunday 11/21

Monday 11/15 Fr. Saban

9am Fr. Dougherty

Tuesday 11/16 Fr. Dougherty

11am Fr. Paschal

Wednesday 11/17 Fr. Paschal

FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings are:

First Reading - Daniel 12:1-3

Second Reading - Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel - Mark 13:24-32

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Daniel 7:13-14

Second Reading - Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel - John 18:33b-37



- November 25 Thanksgiving Day
- Turkey Bowl
- 27 Turkey Trot
- 28 First Sunday of Advent
- December 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- Holy Day of Obligation (**Rectory Closed**)
- 23 School Mass - 8:30am



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.



BULLETIN DATE

DEADLINE

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| November 21 | Noon - Monday, November 15 |
| November 28 | Noon - Monday, November 15 |
| December 5 | Noon - Monday, November 29 |
| December 12 | Noon - Monday, December 6 |
| December 19 | Noon - Monday, December 6 |
| December 26 | Noon - Monday, December 13 |
| January 2 | Noon - Monday, December 13 |



Sunday, November 7, 2021

**Weekly: \$12,709 vs Target of \$15,000 (a)
\$8,584 (Collection) + \$4,125 (Parish Giving)**

Stewardship - \$3,445

(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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY MARRIED

Brendan and Shannon (Hughes) Buchanan

AN ADVENT DAY "SEASON OF ANTICIPATING OR LONGING"

**IHM Conference Center
401 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010**

Date: Monday, November 29 from 9:30am - 2:30pm
Presenter: Sister Marie Gipprich, IHM
Stipend: \$40
(includes Continental breakfast, Lunch and Mass)

The Advent season usually is a time for anticipating the feast of Christmas. We look forward to the celebration of Christ's birth in time and in our hearts. Many times at this time of year we experience a longing for something we won't find under the Christmas tree. During our time together, we will discuss the difference between anticipating and longing, both of which are gifts of the Advent season.



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, Peter Celucci, Robert & Joanne Christopher, Ron Christopher, Elaine

Cole, Mike Connors, Quinn Connors, Dennis Conway, Dave Costella, Barbara Cunningham, Molly Curtis, Donna D'Amrosio, Ann Davis, Laurel Dee, Michael DeEmilio, Connie Dever, Tom 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, Baby Rita May 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, Emily Meakim, 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 Sarmiento, Marie Seiler, Michael Shane, Bridget Sharpe, Amy Sheeler, Theresa Sherwin, Marion Sloan, Rob Smith, Kristin Sorrentino, Carmella Spano, Catherine Staffen, Alex Tamaro, Emily Tong, Mario Turchiarolo, Carol Tyson, Annie Walker, Lily Walker, Mary Wieners, Lori Zytkecz 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

The nurse will be available to take your blood pressure after the Masses next Sunday, November 21. Please see her in the room off the sanctuary (former cry room).

2022 MASS BOOK

We are now taking Mass intentions for January, February and March of 2022. Masses can be scheduled in the rectory Monday - Friday from 9am - noon and 1pm - 5pm. In anticipation of the clergy changes in the Spring, we are only doing 3 months at a time.



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL *What's Happening*

The seventh grade is working hard preparing for Confirmation. The students are planning their service projects. Choosing a Confirmation name takes some research. The students are working to pick a saint they most want to emulate. Confirmation is in February and our young adults will be ready to accept this new responsibility as they grow in their faith.

Academically, the seventh grade has begun their study of life science. We are examining what distinguishes living from nonliving organisms. We are studying the classification system of living things and the scientific names of organisms. These young members of our faith community are growing in faith and knowledge. Please pray for them.



This year, the St. Bernadette food drive is next Sunday, November 21. The food drive helps our fellow parishioners who are in need. Please leave any donations behind the last pew in the back of the church on the Blessed Mother side. If you wish to donate a frozen turkey please contact Amy Sandman at 610-931-5692. Any monetary donations should be sent directly to the rectory labeled **Food Pantry**. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Items Needed for the Food Drive

turkey gravy, canned yams, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, low sodium stock, macaroni and cheese, tomato sauce, pasta, soups & canned soups, canned fruit & vegetables, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, boxed or bagged side dishes, coffee and tea, hot chocolate, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, cereal, snacks, crackers, other breakfast items, toiletries and Clorox wipes, laundry detergent, cooking oil, condiments, microwaveable meals, and canned meals.



Congratulations to Karen Rollo, our September \$25 grocery gift card winner! You could be the next grocery gift card 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 & Karen Murphy at scrip4bernies@gmail.com

MAIN LINE SINGLES DINNER CLUB (AGES 52-67)

Catholic men & women are cordially invited to join "The Main Line Singles Dinner Club" to share common interests & dine together two times a month. Our next scheduled events are:

Sunday, November 28 "Post Thanksgiving House Party" (safe seating) at 5:30pm at a member's home in Havertown

Sunday, December 12 A Christmas Restaurant Event (safe seating) at 5:00pm at "The Choice Restaurant" located at 845 W. Lancaster Ave. in Bryn Mawr

For more information, call Barb at 610/896/6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

November is certainly a month to remember. At the highest level, we recall all those who have gone before us “marked with the sign of faith.” At a lower level, we have the memories of the past summer.

As always, the ongoing battle of the optimists versus the pessimists goes on. Right away, certain pessimists seem to have an edge. All he or she has to do is start the complaints about November weather. The earlier sunsets and the dipping temperatures are right up his alley. He finds pal even in the poet Emily Dickinson, who wrote that “November always seems to me the Norway of the year.”

But then the optimist has his scorecard filled with the fact that November is a holiday month, without the hurried rush when you get to spend time with family and friends and celebrate Thanksgiving joyfully. There is at least one poet in their corner by the name of Alexander Louis Fraser: “Fear not November’s challenge bold – We’ve books and friends, and hearths that never can grow cold, these are how we make amends!”

All of this comparison and contrast sets up a reflective look at the Scripture for this weekend. The Gospel features Our Lord giving His predictions about the “end times,” a frightful time ahead. But He does it in the name of full disclosure, lest we doubt God has a plan.

But immediately after that dark note, Jesus follows up with the promise that His angels will gather up “His elect.” Our task, then, is to be among that number. Easy enough to decide but hard to meet the requirements. The excerpt from Daniel hits the optimism button with this promise that we are destined “to live forever shining like the splendor of the firmament.”

All of that is guaranteed by Christ’s offering on the cross, which the Letter to the Hebrews assures us it is true because by that cross He has “made perfect forever those who are being consecrated.” Since we were consecrated as God’s children at our baptism, the gift is ours to lose. So optimism takes the prize.

It is a good November thing to remember, because just as the year winds down, inevitably so will we. Take a second look in the mirror. The November scriptures want us to stop pretending to ourselves. Obviously, a lot depends on our faith and its consequent outlook.

Somebody has well said that there are really only two kinds of people in the world: those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good morning, Lord,” and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good Lord, it’s morning.” Which are you?

God love you, and give you His peace.

HOLY HOUR WITH THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, December 5 — 2pm - 4pm

Need some encouragement during these difficult times in the world and in the Church? Join us for a holy hour with fellow priests, religious and lay faithful as we seek strength and hope from Jesus, our Good Shepherd, the saints and one another. The Holy Hour includes Rosary, Litany and Benediction. Afterwards join us for a short talk on a saint, exploring how he or she remained faithful to Christ and His Church during the trials of his or her time.

TALK TOPIC

How Carmelite Nuns Brought an End to the French Revolution

PRESENTER

Fr. Seán Loomis, Parochial Vicar, Annunciation BVM Havertown

LOCATION

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 3422 Dennison Ave, Drexel Hill

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit phillyevang.org/events to RSVP.