



Well done,
my good
and
faithful
servant.

Come
share your
master's
joy.

SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES PARISH
"WHERE MIRACLES HAPPEN"

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NOVEMBER 15, 2020 — 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)

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



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How are we using what has been entrusted to us? Today Jesus tells the parable of the talents. Two of the servants use them to make more; the third buries his in the ground. Are we using our talents as well as we could? As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us consider how we use our God-given talents and how we could use them more beneficially.

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

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 14

4:30pm Ted LaMonica, Sr.

Sunday, November 15

9:00am Phillip & Declan Farrelly

11:00am Jean Lewandowski

Monday, November 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland

8:30am Frank & Lydia Savarese

Tuesday, November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:30am Elizabeth McGeady

Wednesday, November 18 - Dedication of the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul

8:30am Anthony Timinskas

Thursday, November 19

8:30am Deceased of Sweeney & McCullough Families

Friday, November 20

8:30am Charles W. Simmons

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 21

4:30pm Maria DiStefano

Sunday, November 22

9:00am Regina Marie Dengel

11:00am Paul Varricchio

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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FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

This week's readings are:

First Reading - Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

Next week's readings will be:

First Reading - Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel - Matthew 25:31-46

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO SEMINARY APPEAL
For today. For tomorrow. For all of us.

The 2020 - 2021 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal is now underway. **This weekend we welcome Christian Thompson from St. Charles Borromeo Seminary (Year of Study: I Pre-Theology) who will talk to us about the seminary and the appeal.**

A donation to the Appeal supports our seminarians, candidates for Permanent Diaconate and lay church leaders in their formation. Most importantly, your gift provides for the future of our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Appeal to provide for the future generations of the Church.

As the first Catholic institution of higher learning established in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the history of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is a vibrant narrative. As the 2020-2021 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal begins, please consider joining the next faith-filled chapter of the seminary's story through your generosity. Your support provides for the seminarians and students of today, which helps nourish our hope in the future of our Church.

You should be receiving your appeal letter soon, if you haven't already. There is an envelope enclosed so that your donation can be returned directly to the Seminary.



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

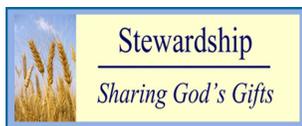
Do I have a gift that maybe I've kept to myself out of fear or apprehension that I could develop and share?



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 on the "Parish Giving" page.



2020 STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Just a reminder — This appeal is most important to the strength, vibrancy and health of St. Bernadette Parish, and we ask that you please be as generous as your means permit. Please return your census form and your donation to the rectory or put it in the Sunday collection basket. If your family information has not changed, just check "no changes" on the form. Thank you for your continued support of St. Bernadette Parish.

SYMPATHIES AND PRAYERS

We extend our sympathies and prayers to the families and friends of Florence DeAngelo, Dorothy Hamilton and George Noble who were recently buried from our church.



BULLETIN DEADLINES

November 22	due noon - Monday, November 16
November 29	due noon - Monday, November 16
December 6	due noon - Monday, November 30
December 13	due noon - Monday, December 7
December 20	due noon - Monday, December 7
December 27	due noon - Monday, December 14
January 3	due noon - Monday, December 14



ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

What's Happening

On Monday, October 26, seventeen students were inducted into Student Council during an Investiture Prayer Service in Dougherty Hall. They pledged to lead with honesty and integrity, give service to others, and support a spirit of anti-bullying at St. Bernadette School. We are proud of these faithful and courageous young men and women who will be our student leaders in the 2020-2021 school year.

Isabella Donohue - President
Sarah D'Alessandro - Vice President
Layla Toomer - Secretary
Aaliyah Hardy - Treasurer

Luke McGovern - 8th Grade Representative
Erin Organ - 8th Grade Representative

Nydia Kannah - 7C Grade Representative
Hailey Kenefick - 7C Grade Representative
Mia Perez - 7C Grade Representative
Bridget Blaney - 7T Grade Representative
Jack Coyne - 7T Grade Representative

Kevin Fornwalt - 6th Grade Representative
Bridget Grant - 6th Grade Representative
Emme McGovern - 6th Grade Representative

Ava Kelly - 5th Grade Representative
Brenna McCormick - 5th Grade Representative
Claire Quinn - 5th Grade Representative



School Development

Turkey Trot

St. Bernadette School 12th Annual Turkey Trot 5K, 1-Mile Family Walk is going Virtual! The event will be held October thru November 28th. We partnered with Bryn Mawr Racing for another amazing year.

Please visit website for details <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/DrexelHill/StBernadetteTurkeyTrot>



This year St. Bernadette Food Pantry will be conducting our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive on Sunday, November 22nd. The Food Drive helps our fellow parishioners who have been affected by the Covid-19 Pandemic. Please drop off your donations behind the last pew in the back of church.

If you wish to donate a frozen Turkey please contact Amy Sandman directly at 610-931-2176. Thank you again for your continued support and generosity.



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. **New Incentive - purchase gift cards on Sundays and receive an entry into the monthly drawing for a \$25 grocery gift card. School families will also earn a N.U.T. pass.**

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.

What's Happening

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, or contact Aimee Gustitis at 610-724-8950 or 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 until further notice

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 Kisella, 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, Steve Piperno, Pearl Polto, Sharon Pozzuolo, Christopher Rafferty, Michele Re, Mary Rhodunda, 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.



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 twice a month. Our next scheduled event is on Sunday, Dec 6 at 5:00pm. Our Christmas Restaurant Event (Tented, heated & lighted out door safe seating - back up safe seating indoors if necessary) @ Enoteca Tredici Restaurant located @ 915 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA. 19010. For more info call Barb (610) 896-6542. Catholic men are encouraged to participate.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Ronald Wayne would draw personal meaning from today's parable. Who is he? Ronald Wayne is the little-known third Apple founder who sold his 10% stake for \$800. Apple shares hit an historic \$1 trillion market cap value last August. Owning 10% of Apple right now sounds like a dream. But Mr. Wayne knows what it's like to watch that opportunity slip away.

Wayne joined Apple co-founders Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs, who were 21 and 25 at the time, to provide the new company with so-called "adult supervision" and to oversee mechanical engineering and documentation in exchange for a 10% stake in the business.

While both Jobs and Wozniak were young and broke, Wayne had assets, including a house, and feared that the financial burden would fall on him if the deal ever went south. So after spending a mere 12 days with Wozniak and Jobs, Wayne had his name taken off the contract and sold his shares back to the co-founders. Today a 10% stake in Apple would be worth \$95 billion. It would make Wayne one of the richest people in the world. Google the rest of his story and discover what he thinks of his decision.

If He were preaching in person today, I believe Jesus would have used this story of Mr. Wayne in a retelling of His original parable. We read there about the three reactions that the servants had to the gifts given them by the "man going on a journey." How we pity servant number 3 for his foolish choice. Talk about the need in life to balance prudence with wisdom! But the parable also stresses the importance of using one's gifts and talents to serve others, especially the poor.

This Sunday just happens to be World Day of the Poor in our Church calendar. It is the fourth one of these "Days" having been established by Pope Francis in 2017. Here are some of the thoughts in Pope Francis' inaugural Message given at that time and still relevant:

"Over these 2,000 years, how many pages of history have been written by Christians who, in utter simplicity and humility, and with generous and creative charity, have served their poorest brothers and sisters. The most outstanding example is that of Francis of Assisi...He was not satisfied to embrace lepers and give them alms, but chose to go to Gubbio to stay with them.

We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs...they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life.

...The Body of Christ, broken in the Sacred Liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.

...Saint John Chrysostom's admonition remains ever timely: 'If you want to honor the body of Christ, do not scorn it when we see it is naked; do not honor the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness.'

God love you and give you His peace!