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**FEBRUARY 18, 2018 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**SUNDAY MASSES**

**SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:30PM**

**SUNDAY: 7:00AM, 9:00AM AND 11:00AM**

**SUNDAY (SUMMER): 8:00AM AND 10:00AM**

**WEEKDAY MASS**

**MONDAY—THURSDAY 8:30AM**

**FRIDAY—4:00PM**

**HOLY DAY MASSES**

**VIGIL MASS: 7:00PM — HOLY DAY: 8:30AM**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAY: 3:30PM — 4:15PM**

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### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

A few days ago we may have been told, “Repent, and believe in the Gospel,” as ashes were placed on our foreheads. We hear these words again in today’s Gospel. Lent is an appropriate occasion to consider our sins, promise to turn back to God, and place our trust in the One who has power over sin and death. As we begin the first week of Lent, let us take these words to heart.

## Parish Information

### NEW FAMILIES

Welcome to St. Bernadette Parish! To register in the parish, please come to the rectory on Sunday mornings between 9:00am and 12:00noon. 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. CCD classes are held in the parish school for all students attending public school. CCD 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. The chapel is open for visits Monday through Friday from 7:30am - 5:30pm.

**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.

**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.

**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE** takes place in the chapel on the last Sunday of the month at 7:00pm.

**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 - call Tom Fitzgerald at 610-446-3667.

**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 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 place in bags and left in the vestibules of church. Any monetary donations or donations of gift cards should be sent to Fr. Papa. If you have a question, call the Food Pantry at 610-789-7676 ext. 213.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Saturday, February 17**

4:30pm Elizabeth McGeady

**Sunday, February 18**

7:00am

9:00am Magdalen Murphy

11:00am Sr. Mary Bertha

**Monday, February 19**

8:30am

**Tuesday, February 20**

8:30am

**Wednesday, February 21**

8:30am

**Thursday, February 22 - The Chair of St. Petr**

8:30am

**Friday, February 23**

4:00pm

**Saturday, February 24**

4:30pm Thomas P. Mulholland

**Sunday, February 25**

7:00am

9:00am Sgt. Amadeo Medora

11:00am Joanne DiDio

**FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL REFLECTION****This week's readings are:**

First Reading - Genesis 9:8-15

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3:18-22

Gospel - Mark 1:12-15

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

First Reading - Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Second Reading - Romans 8:31b-34

Gospel - Mark 9:2-10


**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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| February | 19 | President's Day - <b>Rectory Closed</b> |
| March    | 6  | Confirmation - 4:30pm Mass              |
|          | 13 | Blood Drive                             |
|          | 20 | First Penance - 7:00pm                  |
|          | 25 | Palm Sunday - No Baptisms               |

**WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Finnegan James Creighton

Nathan David Mullen

Gaige Franco Smith



Congratulations to the following students who achieved honors at Cardinal O'Hara High School:

**First Honors**

Nicholas Warsavage

**Second Honors**

Kylie Swanick, Allissa Lavin, Amelia Teti, Kathryn Yuknek, Mia Mullin, Jameson Rossillio

**ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**Office of the Archbishop**

January 31, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

With this letter I formally announce that beginning in the Fall of 2018, the grades for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be 7th and/or 8th grades. This revised standard is mandatory for all parishes within the Archdiocese and to all schools and religious education programs, including private Catholic schools and Independent Mission Schools.

I am hopeful that this new standard of 7th and/or 8th grades will better prepare our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation to receive the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit to live more boldly the faith they have received in Baptism.

May God give you peace!

Sincerely in Christ,  
 Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.  
 Archbishop of Philadelphia

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*For the Parish of St. Bernadette, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in 7th grade.*

*Those children presently in 6th grade will receive their Confirmation on March 6, 2018.*

*Those children presently in 5th grade will receive their Confirmation when they are in 7th grade (Spring, 2020).*

## FINANCIAL FACTS

### Envelopes Mailed Out in February, 2018 -- 1,231

#### Sunday, February 11, 2018

Envelopes Used: 282  
 Weekly: \$12,541 vs Target of \$15,000 (a)  
 \$9,714 Collection + \$2,827 Parish Giving  
 Mass Attendance: 740  
 Poor Box: \$112

#### Sunday, February 12, 2017

Envelopes Used: 340  
 Weekly: \$13,451 vs Target of \$15,000 (a)  
 \$11,327 Collection + \$2,124 Parish Giving  
 Mass Attendance: 817  
 Poor Box: \$164

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



### ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL

#### What's Happening

Let the Games begin! Inspired by the international sporting event hosted every four years, the Winter Olympics came alive at Bernie's. The sports included Speedskating, Snowboarding, Ski Jumping, Bobsledding and Alpine Skiing. The "homemade" equipment used consisted of paper plates, shoe boxes, cotton balls ( snow) and an assortment of gym equipment mimicking the apparatus used by the Olympic athletes. (Items generously donated by our parents) In grades 5-8, students picked their teams, the countries they represented and dressed accordingly .

A handmade torch ( Sue Coyne) was carried to mark the beginning of the games along with the accompanying theme of "Bugler's Dream and Olympic Fanfare" As stated by Pierre Coubertin, co founder of the modern Olympic Games, "The most important thing is not to win but to take part!"

#### Registrations for 2018 - 2019 School Year

Registrations are now being accepted in the office during regular school hours. **A list of required admission forms can be found on our website: [www.st-bernadette.org](http://www.st-bernadette.org)**



### BERNADETTE SOCIAL CLUB

The St. Bernadette Seniors meet in the Wright Center for lunch at 12:30pm (doors open at 12 noon) on the **second Friday of the month**. We are an over 55 group, and new members are always welcome. **Our next meeting is Friday, March 9.** Please call Pat Lyons at 610-789-2516 for more information about the Social Club.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

#### **"60 Years of Giving Hope to All"**

#### Supporting Special Education

"Every morning our 6 year old daughter, Ella, is excited to go to Our Lady of Confidence Day School (OLC). I think what we like best about OLC is that it's a Catholic education, first and foremost. Ella is getting a well-rounded education - she's learning to read, do math, she learns about God, she's learning her prayers. She also has gym, computer and music classes. At OLC, Ella gets, what every other child in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia gets, in a more loving setting, and a smaller setting. The Catholic Charities Appeal is a big supporter of Special Education. The cost to educate one of our children, out of pocket, would be almost \$20,000, which is something as a Catholic school teacher and a cook, we could never afford, so without the help of the Catholic Charities Appeal, Ella would not be here."

— *Chrissy & Kevin Nichol, OLC parents*

There are four Schools of Special Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia: Our Lady of Confidence Day School, Saint Katherine Day School, Saint Lucy's Day School for Children with Visual Impairments, and Archbishop Ryan Academy for the Deaf. When you support the Catholic Charities Appeal you're supporting these incredible students



### ST. BERNADETTE CYO

#### JV Baseball

The CYO is looking for a new head coach for the JV Baseball team (Grades 5 and 6). If you are interested or if you need more information, please call Rebecca Fiore at 484-832-9233.

## HOPE AND PRAYER

The season of Lent calls us to deepen our faith life. A way to do this is to learn and recite the Act of Hope. Consider God's mercy as you reflect on Christ's death and resurrection and find hope in the promise of salvation.

*O my God, relying on your infinite mercy  
And promises, I hope to obtain pardon of  
My sins, the help of your grace, and life  
Everlasting, through the merits of Jesus  
Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.*

### AN ANCHOR FOR THE SOUL



Did you know that the anchor represents hope? During the time of Roman persecution of Christians, it was adopted as a Christian symbol because it forms a cross. It was found in the catacombs and in homes, serving as an encouragement to Christians without drawing the attention of authorities. Since that time, the anchor cross is found in many churches and reminds us of hope and stability in Christ. As you meditate on the cross this Lent, consider the anchor cross and use it as an inspiration for hope in stormy times.

*“Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve and ignore the tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, [that] does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow....And it can do so much, because a tiny flicker of light that feeds on hope is enough to shatter the shield of darkness.”*

Pope Francis  
April 2017 TED Talk

## EASTER FOOD DRIVE

The Easter Food Drive will begin on Sunday, February 18 and conclude on Palm Sunday April 25. We will be collecting spiral hams, for our parish families in need. Hams can be dropped off to the Wright Center after the 11am Mass on Sundays.

Items needed for the Easter Food Drive are: cereal, instant oatmeal, breakfast bars/granola bars/protein bars, Pop tarts, pancake syrup, pancake mix, crackers/cookies/snacks, juice, tea, coffee, peanut butter and jelly, unsweetened apple sauce, mac and cheese, condiments, salad dressing, instant mashed potatoes, instant side dishes, pasta/pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned soup, low sodium chicken broth, Chef Boyardee items. All non-perishable items are accepted including toiletries, laundry pods, Clorox wipes, etc.

If anyone would like to get service hours and help out at the pantry, contact Amy Sandman at 610-931-5692. God bless!



## 2018 LENTEN SCHEDULE

### Mass Schedule

**Monday-Thursday** 8:30am  
(Recitation of the Rosary at 8:00am)  
**Friday** 4:00pm

### Novena to St. Leonie Aviat

**Tuesday** 7:00pm in the Chapel

### Men's Prayer Group

**Tuesday** 7:30pm in the Chapel

### Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena

**Wednesday** 7:00pm in the Chapel

### Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle

**Thursday** 7:00pm in the Chapel

### Stations of the Cross

**Friday** 2:00pm in Church  
(When school is in session - February 23,  
March 2, 16, and 23)


### Confessions

**Saturday** 3:30pm - 4:15pm  
(February 17 - March 17)  
3:00pm - 4:15pm (March 24)  
(no Confessions Holy Saturday, March 31)

### Operation Rice Bowl

This form of family prayer and sacrifice enables Catholic Relief Services to assist the poor in many parts of the world. Your envelopes for Operation Rice Bowl can be put in the regular collection on Palm Sunday, March 25.

## PRAYER GROTTTO

 Prior to Ash Wednesday (February 14<sup>th</sup>), we will be setting up the framework for the parish-wide Prayer Grotto that we did last year. We hope that everyone will join in on this very simple yet powerful Lenten activity, as our parish family comes together in prayer. This will encircle everyone in the parish, including the homebound and anyone who wants to participate.

Take a blank piece of paper from the back of church, write out your prayer petition and take a clothes pin to hang it on the framework in the back of church. (You are not limited to one.)

Then in-turn, please take down a prayer petition that someone else has hung and take it with you to pray for that petition each day at least through lent. (Once again you are not limited to one.)

If you know someone in the parish who is unable to get to church and would like to participate, perhaps you could bring their prayer petition to hang for them and bring one home to them to pray for.



**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - Fred Amatucci, Joe Anderson, Joseph Anthony, Tommy Bellenghi, William Bowen, Pamela Bower, Joseph Bradley, Marie Bree, Jarod Callan, Theresa Caputo, Michael Carroll, Elaine Cole, Dennis Conway, Dave Costella, Charlie Craig, Barbara Cunningham, Ann Davis, Laurel Dee, Michael DeEmilio, Joan DiJoseph, Christopher DiMarto, Gabriella DiSaverio, Julia Donohue, Darrin Dougherty, Dawn Dougherty, Michael Dougherty, James Drumm, Jeff Dudley, Ed Dugan, Jack Dunn, Bernie Dupras, Jason Durkee, Jeffrey Edwards, William Egbert, Marie Feola, Joseph Ferrandino, Patrick Flanigan, Emily Flynn, Jerry Flynn, Joe Flynn, Sherry Fon, Toni Fonzo, Tom Forester, Sr., Rose Foulk, Maggie Franz, Larry Gallow, John Gavin, Christine Grosso, Joan Grycewicz, Rachel Hagan, Christian Hampton, Kim Hayman, Lizzy Hennessy, Judith Holmes, Baby Lila Holmes, Christopher Hunt, John Ingle, David Kasella, Edward Killian, Brooklyn & Madelyn Kulinski, Thomas Laskey, Wilmer Lehman, Steven Little, Betsy Long, Michele Malolie, Elaine Marino, Michael Marino, Dalton Martin, Kathy Martin, Larry Martin, James Maynard, Neil McClelland, Helene McCole, Kathleen McGinley, Karen McIlvaine, Barbara McLaughlin, Theresa Merlini, Leo Miller, Bridget Morris, Charlie Morris, Dan Murphy, Matthew Nicholas, Sydney Nihill, Sr. Eleanor O'Connell, SJ, Maria Perno, Carmen Pettin, Leslie Pogwist, Sharon Pozzuolo, Michele Re, Dan Rock, Mimi & Rich Rogge, Anna Rokos, Kathi Rosenberry, Evelyn Runk, Rev. Michael Scuderi, Michael Shane, Bridget Sharpe, Marion Sloan, Rob Smith, Kristin Sorrentino, Caroline Tamaccio, Emily Tong, Mario Turchiarolo, Carol Tyson, Jim Tyson, Dan Visintin, Annie Walker 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. This is the only way to assure a visit by a priest or Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist.



## PRESIDENTS' DAY CELEBRATIONS AND TRADITIONS

Like Independence Day, Presidents' Day is traditionally viewed as a time of patriotic celebration and remembrance. In its original incarnation as Washington's Birthday, the holiday gained special meaning during the difficulties of the Great Depression, when portraits of George Washington often graced the front pages of newspapers and magazines every February 22. In 1932 the date was used to reinstate the Purple Heart, a military decoration originally created by George Washington to honor soldiers killed or wounded while serving in the armed forces.

Patriotic groups and the Boy Scouts of America also held celebrations on the day, and in 1938 some 5,000 people attended Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral in New York City in honor of Washington.

In its modern form, Presidents' Day is used by many patriotic and historical groups as a date for staging celebrations, reenactments and other events. A number of states also require that their public schools spend the days leading up to Presidents' Day teaching students about the accomplishments of the presidents, often with a focus on the lives of Washington and Lincoln.



## ST. BERNADETTE GROCERY CLUB AND NATIONAL SCRIP PROGRAMS

Scrip is a way to save money on St. Bernadette School tuition, CCD registration and high school tuition. For Grocery Scrip, 4% is returned on every dollar spent at Acme, FreshGrocer, Giant, Pathmark, SuperFresh, Kohl's, Swiss Farms and Colonial Village and can be purchased by anyone. Grocery scrip is available daily for purchase from the home sellers:

- Megan Kearney 610-446-4219
- Karen Rollo 610-789-1531
- Carolyn Frank 610-220-8716
- On Monday from 6:30pm – 8pm in the school gym  
(When CCD is in session)

Our National Scrip Program includes gift cards to hundreds of retailers, airlines & restaurants providing a 3% tuition voucher for every dollar spent. This scrip is ordered through Megan Kearney. For a complete list of participating companies, go to [www.st-Bernadette-org](http://www.st-Bernadette-org). If you have any questions, call Megan Kearney at [mbkearney95@verizon.net](mailto:mbkearney95@verizon.net) or 610-446-4219.



## 10th ANNUAL MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE — MARCH 3 7:30am - 4:30pm *"Christ Crucified - the Power and Wisdom of God"*

This year, we celebrate the 10th Annual Man Up Spirituality Conference in the Archdiocese. The conference provides an opportunity for men to come together in true Christian brotherhood and to hear inspirational talks from fellow men on the journey of faith. The day, which will include time for Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will conclude with Mass.

### Location

Miranda Center at Neumann University, Aston

### Speakers include

Seth Joyner, Jim Towey, Don Saleski,  
Mark Forrest, Brian Gale, Marty Rotella

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Hebrews 13:1-2

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