

Saint Bernadette Parish

A Roman Catholic Faith Community of the Diocese of Worcester

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Saint Bernadette Parish strives to embody the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ as a prayerful, Eucharistic, Marian, and faith-filled community of believers. We are committed to teaching the Catholic faith with joy and open arms and hearts, for all are welcome in God's house. Welcome Home!

Rev. Stephen M. Gemme
 Pastor

Deacon George E. O'Connor
 Parish Deacon

Sr. Muriel Audette, S.S.A.
 Pastoral Assistant

Mrs. Ginny Boland
 Administrator of Religious Ed.

Ms. Lori Howard
 Director of Youth Ministry

Mrs. Celeste Mikitarian
 Parish Secretary

Mrs. Amy Halloran
 Bookkeeper

Mr. Thomas Lowe
 Director of Contemporary Choir

Mrs. Kathrine Waters
 Director of Adult Choir

Mrs. Priscilla Nardi
 Director of Youth Choir

Mrs. Deborah C. O'Neil
 School Principal

Holy Baptism & the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Contact Sr. Muriel Audette to make arrangements for Infant Baptisms as well as for adult Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please inform a pastoral staff member of the needs of those who may be ill, hospitalized or elderly. We are privileged to serve the infirm.

Christian Marriage

Contact Father Gemme or Deacon O'Connor for preparation for Christian marriage and wedding plans.

First Communion & Confirmation

Contact Mrs. Boland for registration.

Schedule of Masses

**Saturday, Lord's Day Vigil,
 5:00 p.m.**

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays, 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days, 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays, 4:00 p.m. or contact Father Gemme

New Parishioners

Contact the Parish Office to register.

Holy Orders

Contact Father Gemme for information on priesthood or Deacon O'Connor for permanent diaconate.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 4

5:00 PM † Ted Kaczorek by his sister and family
 † Feliks Kaczorek by his daughter and family

Sunday, February 5

9:00 AM † Laura Breyfogle by the family
 † Marjorie Zanni by Horice & Cecilia Turner
 11:00 AM † Tony Brown by the Calvanese Family
 † James Nolan by the Byron Family

Monday, February 6

8:30 AM † Aime Lambert by the Shields Family
 † Robert Farrell by the Shields Family

Tuesday, February 7

8:30 AM † Souls in Purgatory by Pat Horrigan

Wednesday, February 8

8:30 AM † George and Sarah Tabot by the Shields Family

Thursday, February 9

8:30 AM Our Lady's Respect for Life Intentions

Friday, February 10

8:30 AM Special Intention for Ethel Grogan
 By Dick & Judi Winning
 † Louise Antonellis by the Kurina Family

Saturday, February 11

5:00 PM † Frank Mahoney, First Anniversary
 By his wife, Patti
 † Cecilia Chiras, Third Anniversary
 By Debbie & Imperia Pacific

Sunday, February 12

9:00 AM † John Barry, 6 Month Anniversary
 By Phyllis & Ronnie Fiske
 † Georgette Leonard by the Boland Family
 11:00 AM † Lillian Brunelle, Tenth Anniversary
 By the Lucier Family
 † Jackie Angers, 1st Anniversary
 By the Lucier Family

Masses, Feasts & Gospels

Sun.	Mk. 1:29-39	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	Mk 6:53-56	<i>Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>
Tues.	Mk. 7:1-13	Weekday
Wed.	Mk. 7:14-23	Weekday <i>Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i>
Thurs.	Mk. 7:24-30	Weekday
Fri.	Mk 7:31-37	Saint Scholastica, Virgin
Sat.	Mk. 8:1-10	Weekday Our Lady of Lourdes

Please remember in your prayers ...

For healing: William, Kathy, Allison, Hannah, Ed, Fr. Marteka, Carolyn, Jennifer, Emily, Nicholas, Mike, Becky, Colleen, Jeanne, Andrew, Jeannette, Susan, Jason, Erin, Ruth, Joan, Samantha, Marion, Pauline, Donald, Marie, Yvette, Sandra, Aiden, Helen, Richard, Bill, Alan, Norma, Andrea, Tyler, Jeanne, Tracy, Sharon, Jane, Barbara, Lynn, Sr. Joan McDermott, Ann, Peter, Bob, Dawn, Daniel, Arlene, Anna, Skip, Charlie, Jackie, Dick, Hailey, Irene, Sandy, Georgiana, Valerie, Mary, Kenneth, Jim, Clarice, Francine, Shane, Lynn, Joanne, Steve, Cory, Peggy, Kenneth

For peace of mind and strength: Karen, Patti, Linda, John, Lisa, Joseph, Rosie, Joanne, Mary Frances, Jane, Paul, Shirley, Debbie



Please pray for the sick, suffering & shut-in's of our parish. Keep them in your daily prayers that when they are physically weak, they will have the strength of God and His love.

From the Pastor ~

This Friday February 10, we welcome Bishop McManus to Saint Bernadette's to preside at Mass and open the 20th Annual Novena in honor of our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette. For 20 years people have gathered in our parish church to pray and ask Our Blessed Mother and Saint Bernadette for their powerful intercession. And each year many prayer requests have been answered and God has performed many miracles and given us many graces.



If you don't think that is true, look across the parking lot at our beautiful school, for it was once a novena prayer request. And having our parishioner Jim Boland in the seminary studying to be a priest and his sister Meaghan now a Dominican Sister of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, they were also both novena requests answered by our Blessed Lord. I know many of you also have prayer requests that have been answered. We thank God for so many years of blessings and grace. Please invite your friends and family to attend our novena as many nights as they can!

I thank everyone that worked so hard to make Catholic School's week such a great success. We had a great open house last Sunday and welcomed many new families to join not only our school, but the parish as well. Please remember all of our children in your daily prayers.

I also thank those that attended our diocesan screening of the Catholicism series on the Eucharist last Tuesday. During Lent we plan to show more episodes of the series and I will keep you updated when we have the times and dates scheduled.

With Lent just around the corner, please consider taking an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in our parish Eucharistic Adoration chapel. Time spent with our Lord in the Holy Eucharist is time well spent.

In Christ,

Fr. Stephen M. Gemme

20th Annual Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette

Friday, February 10th - Saturday, February 18th 7:00PM
Each Night ~ Please Come and Join Us!

Friday, February 10th - Opening Mass

* Bishop Robert J. McManus

Saturday, February 11th

* Fr. Richard F. Reidy, Pastor
Saint Ann, Oxford

Sunday, February 12th

* Fr. James B. Callahan, Pastor
St. Anna, Leominster

Monday, February 13th

* Fr. John F. Madden, Pastor
Saint John, Worcester

Sacrament of Reconciliation following Novena

Tuesday, February 14th

* Fr. John Gavin, SJ
College of the Holy Cross, Worcester
Anointing of the Sick

Wednesday, February 15th

* James Boland, Seminarian
Saint John's Seminary

Thursday, February, 16th

* Fr. H. Edward Chalmers, Pastor
Saint Stephen, Worcester

Friday, February, 17th

* Deacon George O'Connor, Parish Deacon
St. Bernadette Parish

Saturday, February 18th-Closing Mass/Presentation of the Roses

* Bishop Daniel P. Reilly, Emeritus of the Diocese of Worcester



Have you ever wondered about the power of prayer?
Have you ever wondered about the intercessory power of
Our Lady, Mary, Queen of Heaven?

Are you looking for another way to grow in your relationship with God?

Religious Education News

PK, K and Grade

Classes for grades Pre-K, K and Grade 1 are 10:15-11:15am in the Pre-school building. February Classes: February 5th & 26th

Grade 3 thru Grade 6

All classes for grades 3 thru 6 are 10:15am -11:45am in the school building. Please enter the building through the glass doors by the activity center. February Classes: February 5th & 26th

Grade 7 & 8

Junior High Classes are 10:15am-11:45am in the school building. February Classes: February 5th & 26th

Grades 9 thru 11

High School classes are 6pm-8pm in the school building. February Classes: February 5th, 12th & 26th

Youth Ministry News

Upcoming Events:

~ Saturday, February 4 ~

Bible Study with Father Gemme after 5:00pm Mass

~ Sunday, February 5 ~

Coffee Shop after 9:00am Mass

~ Saturday, February 18 ~

Novena Mass

~ Saturday, February 25 ~

Youth Ministry Movie Night after Mass

Knights of Columbus Pancake Dinner

Shrove Tuesday ~ February 21, 2012
From 5:00pm-7:30pm in the Pastoral Center

Free Dinner Admission
Donations Accepted
All are welcome!



Have you thought of a Vocation to the Priesthood?

Come and learn more...

March 30th - 31st

6pm Friday - 6pm Saturday

On Palm Sunday weekend, the Diocese's annual Vocations Retreat will be held at Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT from Friday, March 30, 6pm to Saturday, March 31, 6pm. This retreat center is only 30 minutes from Worcester.

Men who are high school age, college age, and post-college are invited to attend. The retreat is directed by Bishop McManus, and the cost is free. Transportation is also provided to and from the retreat center.

Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone, Director of Vocations @ 508-340-5788 or go to www.worcestervocations.com for more info.

Week at a Glance

Sunday, February 5th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass: 9:00am & 11:00am

Boy Scout Sunday

Religious Ed. Classes: PK, K & 1, 10:15-11:15am

Gr. 3-8: 10:15-11:45am, Gr. 9-11: 6:00-8:00pm

Youth Ministry sponsored Coffee Shop 10:00am

Altar Server Class, 12:30-2:00pm

Adult Confirmation at Cathedral

Monday, February 6th

Youth Choir, 6:00pm

Tuesday, February 7th

First Communion Registration & Parent Mtg., 7pm

Thursday, February 9th

Adult Choir, 6:30pm

Prayer Group, 8:00pm

Friday, February 10th

Novena - Mass w/ Bishop McManus, 7:00pm

Saturday, February 11th

Confession 4:00pm

Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Novena 7:00pm

Sunday, February 12th

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Marriage Day

Mass: 9:00am & 11:00am

Altar Servers' Class 12:30-2:30pm

Religious Ed. Classes: Gr. 9-11: 6:00-8:00pm

Novena 7:00pm



Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral on Sunday, February 5, 2012

Congratulations to *Douglas Rice* and *Michael Leonard* who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop McManus on Sunday, February 5th at 3:00pm.

With Douglas and Michael, let us pray the prayer for an ever deepening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit for them and for each one of us:

Almighty God grant us: The Spirit of *Wisdom*, that we may value and be motivated by the things that last forever; the Spirit of *Understanding*, to make clear to our minds the light of your truth; the Spirit of *Knowledge*, that we may know you and know ourselves and grow in holiness; the Spirit of *Fortitude*, that we may overcome obstacles and difficulties, especially those in a world that at times might not have Gospel values; the Spirit of *Counsel*, that we may choose the surest way of doing your will, seeking first the Kingdom; the Spirit of *Piety*, that we may find peace and satisfaction in the service of God while serving others; the Spirit of *Fear of the Lord*, that we may be filled with a loving respect and awe toward you. Teach us to be your faithful disciples and enliven us in every way with your Spirit. Amen.

In the Silence
Meditations for Eucharistic Adoration
By Vandy Brennan Nies

"Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

Mark 2:16

Beloved Jesus, I adore you and praise you for all that you are and all you call me to be. It is such a blessing to be here.

We live in a world where many people attach a particular significance to being seen with people of renown. A photograph taken with the president or an autograph of a baseball player is worth showing our friends with a certain amount of enthusiasm. If the archbishop walks into a room and calls us by name, people take note. Being seen at dinner with certain individuals might make some people feel important. Sometimes we forget that it certainly gets no more special than this.

Right here I am sharing a priceless Emmanuel moment with you, dear Jesus. You, my Savior, have willingly consented not only to being seen with me, but to sharing an interactive exchange where I speak to you and you speak to my heart. You have not simply autographed a piece of paper with your name, but you have signed yourself forever into my heart. You actually take delight in the time we spend together, calling every single one of us by name and allowing each and every person the confidence of knowing you personally ~of calling you friend. What a concept, Jesus!

Let me accept that intimacy, Lord, and give everything I have to this friendship with you. Let me never forget the intensity of your love, Jesus.

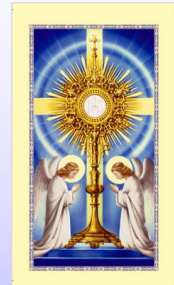
Sometimes you are so readily present that I take you for granted, Lord. Quite honestly, you have never given me any reason not to take you for granted; you are always here for me ~ for us ~ no matter what!

Please Jesus, pour into my heart a deep delight in knowing you and being seen with you. Let me speak your name with humble awe that I am so blessed to know you. Sharpen my awareness of you, and never let me be ashamed to let the world know that you are my friend.

Amen

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We invite you to come and spend time with our Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Our chapel is open 24 hours - 7 days a week. If you would like to sign up for a particular hour, please call the parish office at 508-393-2838.



Hours that need to be filled by an adorer

Monday -

Tuesday - 1pm, 4pm

Wednesday - 8am, 10am, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm

Thursday - 3pm

Friday - 8am, 9am, 4pm

Saturday & Sunday - All are welcome at anytime

During Eucharistic Adoration and through our prayers, we watch and wait; we remain silent in His presence and open ourselves to His graces which flow from the Eucharist. Intimacy with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration can deepen our awareness of just how much God loves us and how we respond to that love.

"Let this meeting with Jesus be a time of healing in mind, body, spirit and heart."
Vandy Brennan Nies

"Be Still and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

Fr. Ralph A. DiOrio, Ph.D., M.Ed., B.F.A.
Fellowship in Christian Unity
Prayer ~ Gospel ~ Healing ~ Anointing

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Sturbridge Host Hotel and Conference Center

366 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA

Luncheon Conference: \$60 per person

Reservations required

For details visit www.rdohealingministry.org

Or contact: Arlete Turturro at 914-669-8139.

Event Rescheduled from the October Storm:

The Catholic Church & Immigration....
We are One Family Under God

A presentation on the Catholic Church, immigration reform, and the practice of faithful citizenship. All are welcome.

Kevin Appleby

Director of Policy & Public Affairs Office,
Migration & Refugee Services,
US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Sunday, February 19, 2012

(Snow Date: February 26)

6:00pm-7:30pm

St. Rose of Lima Church
244 West Main Street
Northborough, MA 01532





St. Bernadette School News

The Worcester Diocese Catholic Schools Office recently published the 2011 Annual Report sharing information about Catholic education's celebration this Catholic Schools Week of "Faith. Academics. Service." Bishop McManus is quoted as stating that the theme highlights the "three essential elements that distinguish Catholic schools from all others." Superintendent Dr. Delma Josephson shares that "through the generosity of many, careful use of limited resources, and with God's grace, much has been accomplished in these most challenging economic times."

It is important that we are good stewards of the resources available to us. In that same Annual Report there is a chart outlining taxpayer savings throughout Worcester County as a result of students attending Catholic schools. For example, according to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, per pupil costs in the town of Northborough is \$12,035.00 and St. Bernadette students who reside in Northborough saved the town almost \$3,000,000 last year. With students residing in more than 30 communities, it is evident that there is also significant impact in those communities. During last year's Catholic Schools Week celebration the following article appeared in newspapers across the country.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTE \$19.8 BILLION TO NATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. While auto manufacturers, secondary mortgage lenders and investment bankers are reaping billions of dollars in federal funds, one entity is saving the nation billions – the network of almost 7,400 Catholic schools across the country.

According to Dr. Karen Ristau, president of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA), Catholic schools provide \$19.8 billion in savings each year for the nation. The figure is based on the average public school per pupil cost of \$8,701 and the total Catholic school enrollment of more than 2.2 million students.

"Catholic schools are a gift to the church – and to the nation," said Ristau. "The enormity of this gift is more striking during these challenging economic times."

In addition to the monetary rewards, the nation gains in other ways. Catholic school students excel academically on standardized tests, 99.1% graduate and 94% attend college. Studies show that graduates of Catholic schools are reliable workers, good citizens and more likely to attend church.

Research on school effectiveness in the last 10 years has focused on academic outcomes, including standardized test scores, graduation rates, post-secondary aspirations and college attendance. Catholic schools, while they aspire to academic success, include among their primary objectives an understanding of the Catholic faith, a commitment to the practice of religion and a strong set of values. These goals, along with academic achievement, are the key components of the Catholic school's effectiveness.

Catholic schools provide faith formation and values. Teachers view the formation of Christian character as a non-negotiable, which is Gospel centered, environmental, cross-curricular and essential in a society where values are often ignored.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, June 1, 2012

To joyously celebrate the
10th Anniversary of

Fr. Stephen M. Gemme's
Ordination to the Priesthood!

Additional details will be forthcoming
over the next several months.

*"You are a priest forever according to the order of
Melchizedek". Hebrews 15:17*



Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes Yellow Roses

Order your yellow roses for the Novena procession. Sign up sheet is in the gathering space. Roses may be picked up on Saturday, February 18th, prior to the Novena.



Bone Marrow Drive

The Anna Maria College nursing students are hosting a Bone Marrow Drive on February 14th from 11am - 2pm in the Bishop Flannigan Hall on campus. The event is being run by "Be The Match", which is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of bone marrow transplants. The students were inspired by one of their peers whose fiancé was recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

The event is geared towards individuals between the ages of 18 and 60 and is free to all. Along with bone marrow registration, the students are also offering raffles and snacks to those who attend. The goal of the nursing students is to give back to the community as well as to provide hope to their classmate and his family. Please join us as we work to save the lives of thousands. For more information, you can contact Tarrah Clemence at 774-230-7335 or e-mail TLClemence@amcats.edu.



The 9th "40 Days for Life" prayer campaign will take place in Worcester from February 22 through April 1, 2012. "40 days for Life" is a coordinated, national pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, and *peaceful* vigil outside abortion facilities. St. Bernadette's has chosen Saturday, March 31st as our day to pray at the vigil site (outside Planned Parenthood at 470 Pleasant Street, Worcester). If you would like to pray with us that day, please contact Russ & Eve Lindquist, Corinn Dahm, or Lee Crowley. To learn more about 40 Days for Life, please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/worcester.

Knights of Columbus

The February meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Wednesday, February 8th at 7PM at the St Rose of Lima Family Life Center



\$ MEGA CASH RAFFLE \$

The Festival Committee is looking for a small group of people to help revitalize the Mega Cash contest. We are looking for creativity and new ideas. Also, if there is a parishioner with connections to an auto dealership that would be willing to partner with us, we are also considering that option. Please contact Mike Darmiento mdarmiento@aol.com.

Welcome to St. Bernadette Parish



Thank you for joining us in the celebration of the Mass! It is our sincere wish to welcome you to our parish. If you are new to our parish or to the Catholic faith, we are honored to have you with us. Registration packets are available in the Gathering Space of the Church and at the Pastoral Center Office or by calling 508-393-2838. Please feel free to ask any questions about our Church.

Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, Baptism or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are active parishioners. To receive such a letter one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly and be committed to stewardship of time, talent & treasure. One means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish, or are unable to contribute at this time, please note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation, and you will not be noted as "inactive" on our roster. To request envelopes, contact the parish office at 508-393-2838.

Offertory Collection Week of January 29, 2012



Offertory Commitment: \$ 10,862.70
Loose: \$ 359.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Liturgical Roles - February 11th & 12th

Lector	EMC	Servers
5:00 p.m. S. Shields	Deacon George M. Darmiento D. Coad C. Lambert J. Winning	M. Ryan A. Ryan J. Wall
9:00 a.m. M. Herlihy	Deacon George B. Breyfogle B. Chute J. Legendre J. Somers	D. Arcona J. Arcona C. Arcona
11:00 a.m. J. Andrasco	J. Moineau F. DiMauro K. O'Leary P. Reuter R. Stokes	A. DiMauro E. Lien V. DiMauro

Altar Society Ministry - February 10

S. Hart M. Stupik L. Rame G. Patulak

Bulletin Information:

Please email all bulletin information to stbernadetteparish@stb-parish.net or drop it off to the Pastoral Center office no later than **Friday of the prior week**. Thank You.



Parish Ministry Leaders

Altar Servers

Chuck Dinovo 508-366-5288

Altar Society

Walter & Rose Zydlewski 508-485-7683

Art & Environment

Anne Wall 508-393-3042

Baptism Preparation

Sr. Muriel Audette 508-393-2838

Bereavement

Mary Jane Pierson 508-393-2766
Sr. Muriel Audette 508-393-2838

Coffee Hour

Marie LeBlanc 508-836-4490

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Deacon George O'Connor 508-393-3431

Knights of Columbus

St. Augustine Council #5724
Ken Foster, (Grand Knight) 508-393-7582

Parish Finance

Amy Halloran 508-393-2838

Lectors

Horace Turner 508-393-5340

Marriage Ministry

Deacon George &
Joyce O'Connor 508-393-3431

Mom's Group

Cristina Phaneuf 978-562-0333

Music Ministry

Contemporary Choir
Tom Lowe 508-393-8113

Adult Choir

Kathrine Waters 508-393-6484

Youth Choir

Priscilla Nardi 508-485-2705

Outreach

Mary Ellen Duggan 508-393-1819

Eucharistic Adoration

Sr. Muriel Audette 508-393-2838
Celeste Mikitarian 508-393-2838

Prayer Group

Marianne Kearney 508-351-6099

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Mary Anne Curtis 508-393-6751

Respect for Life

Evelyn & Russ Lindquist 508-393-9199
Lee Crowley 508-887-1064

R.C.I.A.

Sr. Muriel Audette 508-393-2838

Women's Faith Sharing

Peg Lien 508-393-7180

Youth Ministry

Lori Howard 508-393-2838