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the Community of St. Bernadette...
To worship God; proclaim the gospel;
teach and explore our faith; welcome all; serve
all; challenge each other to grow in faith;
and further the presence of God in the world.*

October 17, 2021

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekend Liturgy St. Bernadette

Saturday: 5:30 pm Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Liturgy St. Bernadette
Tuesday: 7:00 pm Wednesday & Thursday: 7:00 am

Weekend Liturgy Christ the King

Saturday: 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am (Spanish), 11:00 am,
1:00 pm (Spanish), 3:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Liturgy Christ the King
Mon-Fri: 6:30 am and 8:30 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm (Spanish)

OFFICE HOURS
Mon—Thurs: 8:00 am—2:00 pm
Friday: CLOSED
Saturday and Sunday before and after Mass

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BAPTISM Please schedule several months prior to desired date of celebration, visit our website, www.stbernadette.org

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples contact Father Austin Murphy at least six months before your desired wedding date. All couples are required to attend Marriage Preparation.

RECONCILIATION is celebrated Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the chapel or by appointment.

MINISTRY WITH THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND: Families members please notify the parish office when someone is in the hospital or ill, especially if he/she is unable to attend church and wishes to receive Holy Communion.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Second Sunday of the Month, after the 11 am Mass or contact the office if you or someone you know wishes to be anointed.

MONSIGNOR SLADE CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Pre-K—8th Regional School for St. Bernadette 410-766-7130
Learn more at www.msladeschool.com

SPECIAL NEEDS: The worship space is equipped with a Hearing Assistance Program. The receiver is in the sacristy. For sign language interpreting or other special assistance, please call or write Pastoral Associate Dan Miller

STEWARDSHIP: We are grateful for your generosity and encourage the use of collection envelopes or electronic debit. Please access the website and click "Online Giving."

NEW PARISHIONERS: We are happy to welcome you to St. Bernadette Parish. Please contact the parish office or visit our website to register.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please notify the parish office of any change of address.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Email bulletin submissions to secretary@stbernadette.org or in writing to the Parish Office by 12:00 noon on Monday, one week before bulletin date.

CONSTANT CONTACT— the bulletin and other important parish information are emailed weekly. Please call the office to be on the email list.

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time —October 17, 2021

Reading Oct 16/17

Isaiah: 53:10-11, Hebrews: 4:14-16, Mark 10:35-45 (146)

Reading Oct 23/24

Jeremiah: 31:7-9, Hebrews: 5:1-6, Mark 10:46-52 (149)

This weekend's presiders will be:

- ♦ Saturday 5:30pm: Fr. Vin
- ♦ Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am: Fr. Austin

Next weekend (Oct 23/24)

- ♦ Saturday 5:30pm: Austin
- ♦ Sunday 9:00 am and 11:00 am: Fr. Rob

Mass Intentions (Oct 16–Oct 22): +Linda Batchelor +Justin Hileman, +Suzie Boch **Rosary** after 9 am Mass Nov 14

Altar Flowers for this weekend were donated by Heather Comstock, in loving memory of Hildegard Comstock.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Concert

Series: October 31, we will present a special concert at 3:00pm "*Edgar Allan Poe, America's Romantic Poet*" The poetry of Edgar Allan Poe and a festival of texts and tunes inspired by his poetry. You are welcome to wear an "appropriate" Halloween Costume. The concert is free and open to the public, no tickets are required, however, a freewill offering will be taken. Doors open at 2:30pm. The church is located at 8501 Loch Raven Boulevard, Towson, MD 21286 More information: www.ihmchurchmd.org or 410-668-7935. The concert will last about an hour. Note: the concert is geared to adults and older children and may not be appropriate for young children.

St. Bernadette Bereavement Ministry

serves those in the months and years after the loss of a loved one. Families receive *Journeying through Grief* booklets through the first year, targeting the struggles and questions that arise. Please call the office to receive the books.

Have you experienced a miscarriage?

Holy Innocents Ministry provides a place for your child to be buried in sacred ground. Contact Holy Innocents Ministry: 410-547-3142 or visit www.holyinnocentsbaltimore.org Email: holyinnocents@archbalt.org

Altar Flower Donations: We are once again excepting donations for altar flowers. If you would like to remember a loved one who has passed away or would like to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, Baptism or any special occasion by donating flower arrangements for weekend Masses, please contact Susan Lilly slilly@stbernadette.org) or 410-969-2787 to sign up, the suggested donation is \$50. All donations will be acknowledged at the start of each Mass.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS: If you need to receive a gluten free host at communion time, they are available. Please see the presider or staff member before mass to assure there is one consecrated for you.



PARISH GENEROSITY

(envelopes only)

Oct 9/10: \$6,075

Thank you for your generosity!

SPOTLIGHT ON SAINTS



St. Francis of Assisi was wealthy and educated but also became a prisoner of war. During his confinement he had a conversion experience. He composed songs and hymns to God and nature and felt that God's creations were part of his brotherhood. While in meditation on Mount Alvernia he received the stigmata. He is the patron saint of animals, merchants, and ecology. His Feast Day is October 4.

BURIAL of ASHES: Do you have the ashes of a loved one that you would like to have buried? Contact Fr. Patrick Carrion, director of the Office of Cemeteries, at pcarrion@archbalt.org, before October 22, 2021 for information on group burial of urns on All Soul's Day (Nov 2nd) at Holy Cross Cemetery. Cost of burial is \$350 per urn.

Rebuilding is a Christian-based support group for separated and divorced people sponsored by St. Bernadette Parish. The group currently meets virtually every Wednesday from 7-9 pm. Each session is standalone so new members can join at any time. Send an email to: rebuildingsevern@gmail.com with questions and for more information.



Knights of Columbus and Cross Catholic Outreach "Box of Joy" is a Christmas ministry inviting parish members to pack hope and happiness

for thousands of children in dire poverty around the world. Parish families can pack gift boxes with presents like small toys, bar soap, pencils, toothbrush, toothpaste, hard candy, crayons, coloring books, socks, or T-shirts. Our goal is to provide 100 "Box of Joy" this year. Saint Bernadette Knights of Columbus Council will handout materials and boxes to participants after each mass during the month of October. Collection of boxes will run November 6 – 14, all boxes can be dropped off at the parish.

Creating Community will meet Wednesday October 20th at 7 pm in the Meeting Room. If you are interested in helping plan events for the parish community, please join us. If you would like to know more about this ministry, contact Marge Sholl at ccc@stbernadette.org.

Winter Relief Update – SAVE THE DATE! Arundel House of Hope (AHOH) intends to run a modified Winter Relief Program this year. We are scheduled to host up to 16 men and women the week of November 15th. Our week of sheltering is made possible through the generosity of our parishioners who donate the needed meals, supplies, and time to fill the various roles and shifts – it is truly an "all hands on deck" effort. **See the insert in this week's bulletin for more information**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

<https://www.stbernadette.org/youthministry>

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROCESS

- Please pray for the Fall 2021 Confirmation cohort of candidates, as they enter the final month of preparation before they are Confirmed on October 30 by Bishop Lewandowski.
- Current candidates and already-Confirmed teens who interested in **serving as peer leaders for our next cohort** should contact Ms. Rena for more information.
- **All teens in grades 9-12 interested in preparing to celebrate Confirmation sometime in 2022** should participate in our High School Youth Ministry fall series, “The Invitation,” which has already begun. Visit the “Youth Ministry” page on our website to register and contact Ms. Rena to get caught up on what’s been missed.
- Registration for the next Confirmation cohort (with the Sacrament taking place in Spring 2022) will open on November 10, 2021. There will be a Confirmation Spring ’22 Information Session for eligible teens in grade 10-12 and their parents on Wednesday, November 10, from 7:00-8:30 pm in the St. Bernadette Parish Hall.

High School Youth Ministry’s fall *pre-Confirmation* series ***The Invitation*** has begun, and continues each Wednesday evening in October. Visit the parish website’s “Youth Ministry” page to learn more and to complete the required registration forms!

Middle School Youth Ministry’s fall series **ICONIC** is underway! **This series on Jesus invites participants to think, reflect and pray about our Lord and to know Him better.** All middle schoolers, regardless of parish or school, are invited to participate in youth ministry. Visit the parish website’s “Youth Ministry” page to learn more and to complete the required registration forms!

The **High School Youth Ministry Team** will meet on **Wednesday, November 3**, from 7-8:30 pm at St. Bernadette Parish Hall. But in the meantime, any adults and Confirmed teens interested in leading our Confirmation and HSYM programs should contact Ms. Rena for details on joining in!

All adults and high school teens are invited to join the **Middle School Youth Ministry Team** in serving those in grades 6-8 in youth ministry. Contact Ms. Rena for more information.

Contact Ms. Rena for details on joining the Confirmation/HSYM team.

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St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Dear Friends,

This week's bulletin is going to be a little different. I want to share with you a "state of the parish" – or Annual Report – in order to update you on how things are going here at St. Bernadette, especially as we continue to emerge from the challenge of COVID. My purpose here is to report on the financial performance of our parish for the last year as best as I can, as I begin my first year as your Pastor here.

A parish operates very much like a household; we have sources of income and we have expenses. In order to address these two items, we maintain a budget and that is monitored and reviewed by the Pastor as well as by our Finance Committee. We have contracted the services of Lochte & Company who manage our bookkeeping and accounting. Our bills are very similar to those of your household: we have gas & electric costs, water costs, maintenance, and insurance bills. Additionally, we have the salaries for our employees, with the associated benefits costs. There are also technology and administration costs that are not insignificant. Along with these, the hosts, wine, candles, incense, and other items that we use in our liturgies have their own costs. Day-to-day, I work with the Staff to try and minimize the costs that we can so that our expenses don't outstrip our income.

With the return to in-person worship and the loosening of space restrictions on our gatherings, we have experienced only a 5% decrease in our overall Offertory, which is not that bad – although our expenses will always remain and in some cases go up. I want to encourage you all to be attentive to your regular giving, but I also want to thank you for your great generosity in returning to supporting our parish!

As we participated in the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese, we are presently at 89% of our goal, with \$57,838 pledged to the campaign. Even in a pandemic, you are proving yourselves attentive to the

needs of the broader Church, and you should be proud of that. This generosity is also reflected in our continued capability to give to and support the many causes that we have adopted as a parish.

A few considerations that have helped us look ahead to a better year this year are that the monthly bill for the *Catholic Review* is being removed, and the new Annual Appeal will cover those costs. That's a savings to our budget of over \$11,000. We're also sharing some staffing costs with Christ the King as part of the pastorate process, which will reduce some of the costs of operation. However, as activity begins to increase, so will our costs, so please be as generous as you are able this year!

I want to end by expressing gratitude to Fr. Patrick Carrion for his wonderful and competent leadership over the past two years – especially navigating the challenge of COVID. He has left us in a great position and been a faithful steward of your generosity.

I am excited about entering into this new year with you all. While it is challenging to serve as a pastor of two large communities, it is also a blessing to encounter so many dedicated disciples. Know of my prayers for you each day, and I ask, in your charity, that you pray for me as well.

St. Bernadette of Lourdes, pray for us!

In God's Peace,



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Category	Description	Income
Offertory	Envelopes, Second Collections, Electronic Giving, Loose	\$741,119.80
Other Operating Income	Donations, Funerals, Subsidies,	60,156.72
Income from Investments	Accounts, Endowments	81.19
Specific Operating Income	Fundraisers, Special Collections, Dorcas, etc.	160,260.94
Evangelization & Faith Formation	Religious Education, Sacramental Preparation	9,968.00
Total Income		\$971,586.65
Category	Description	Expense
Facilities Costs	Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance	\$ 84,526.21
Administration	Technology, Office Supplies, Bank fees	66,326.09
Worship	Supplies, Copywrites, Flowers,	16,780.23
Specific Expenses	Charitable giving, Catholic Review, Creating Community	181,546.67
Labor & Benefits	Salaries & Benefits	388,720.09
Evangelization & Faith Formation	Religious Education & Sacramental Preparation	10,722.55
School & Archdiocesan Support	Diocesan assessments for School and Cathedraticum	175,872.08
Total Expenses		\$924,513.92
Operating Income		\$47,072.73

WINTER RELIEF SHELTER

NOVEMBER 15-22, 2021

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FRONT DESK VOLUNTEER: ensure the safety, security, and comfort of our guests. We need at least 2 volunteers to fill the evening (4:40 pm-11:30 pm) and late night (11:30 pm to 7:00 am the following morning). Volunteers are needed throughout the day on Sunday (Nov 21), as well. WIFI is available for those who are able to telework. Front desk volunteers must be at least 18 years old and should be fully vaccinated.

Duties include:

- Assisting the site coordinator in carrying out the plan of the evening
- Dispensing prescription and over-the-counter medication
- Making sure a variety of snacks and beverages are available throughout the evening
- Maintaining order in the hall

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR will assist the site coordinator in making sure the daily transportation needs of our guests are met.

Health and Safety Advocate will help to ensure we're following the appropriate protocols to provide a safe environment for our guests and volunteers.

To sign up, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E094DA4A92BA3F94-front2>, Click the Sign Up box for the shift you want, then click the "Submit and Sign Up" button at the bottom of the page. On the Sign Up screen, fill in your name and email address, then click "Sign Up Now" at the bottom of the page.

If you are interested in serving in these capacities or have any questions, contact our site coordinator, Mike DaPonte, at mike.daponte@yahoo.com.

Our Meal Coordinators will be reaching out to the various groups and ministries who have provided meals in the past.

All volunteers and guests must wear masks inside the hall while not actually eating or drinking. Volunteers must be 18 or older, and are asked to be fully vaccinated.

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