



Saint Bernadette Catholic Church

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Dear Friends,

Who could have imagined? Two months ago we were living in anticipation of Easter, Graduations, Confirmations, Spring Break, Weddings and so on.

Instead we now find ourselves locked up, locked out and walking into stores and banks with masks on. Never before have we ever been so cognizant of how far away 6 feet really is. And yet, life goes on. Maybe we are even getting to know our families a little better.

After this is all over, I hope you will share your insights with me as to what, spending this much time with your family, really meant.

As for our Parish Staff, we are finding new ways to do/be "church". We started by combining all of our various mailing lists. Then we mailed a letter to every household, for which we had an address, explaining what we were doing. A number of letters have come back undeliverable, which allowed us to update our database. Over the last several weeks our new Director of Faith Formation (Jasmine) has called every household for which we had a phone number. She reached a lot of parishioners, some of whom were in need of our help.

Our Christian Service Kitchen has remained opened and the daily numbers are in creasing. We are celebrating Mass, other Liturgies and devotions electronically. Who would have thought???

This is our first ever, electronic bulletin. We hope it will be the forerunner of things to come. Perhaps someday when your spouse gently nudges you in church and tells you to "shut off your phone", you will be able to reply: "But honey...I'm reading the bulletin."

Each of the headings, on the website front page, takes you to a different section... just click on it. We hope you will find this useful and user friendly.

Please know Fr. Mike, Msgr. Mac and I pray for you daily.

Your Brother in Christ,

Deacon Jim

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Liturgies Online

Can't make it to Weekday or Weekend Holy Masses? St Bernadette offers the daily readings on our website enabling viewers to accompany the Liturgy of the Word Services Monday through Saturday. They are also a perfect way to find time in your day for spiritual reflection.

The Sunday Mass is also recorded and posted on our website. If a friend or family member is homebound, this is a wonderful way to share the beauty and meaningfulness of the Mass with them.

For future consideration: Baptisms, Weddings or Funeral Masses posted on our website so family and friends who could not attend in person can still experience the Liturgy.

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Devotions Online

The term “Devotion” means love, loyalty, or enthusiasm for a person, activity, or cause. Within the Church devotions are prayers or some other religious observance. Devotions strengthen us spiritually so we are better equipped to meet the challenges of daily living. Just as physical exercise helps an athlete perform better on the playing field, on the court or in the arena, “Devotions” help us to live a better life day to day.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praying a rosary, journeying through the Stations of the Cross, prepare us to live a holier life. The Seven Last Words help us to better understand what Jesus was trying to say to us from the cross. “The Mural, A Journey Through John” gives us insight into the scriptural basis for the seven sacraments of the Church.

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Christian Service Continues

Our Christian Service Ministries have a long history of serving the needy, the poor and the underprivileged.

Christian service is the act of doing work which, thereby, shows GOD's love to others and doing so with a willing heart. It could be sharing a Gospel, or visiting the sick or the shut-in. Most commonly it is about sharing with others. Our Christian Service Kitchen serves lunches to well over 300 people per week. The Parish also provides food, socks, hygiene bags, and toys for children at various times during the year.

The parish accepts non perishable food, socks, various types of hygiene items (soaps, hand sanitizer, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shave crème, preferably all in travel size containers), new backpacks, new toys and school items (pencils, crayons, coloring books, markers, etc.)

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Community Outreach

Community outreach is about giving, contributing, and helping those who cannot help themselves. **Community outreach** also allows us to influence younger generations to give back to the **community**. It helps the **community** grow in a substantive way.

GET ON THE BUS Get On The Bus rallies Catholic faith communities throughout the state to provide the children of incarcerated parents with the opportunity to visit with their mother or father – a parent they likely see one day a year thanks to Get On The Bus. This year, over 1,000 children will board buses and travel to prisons hundreds of miles from their homes for Mother’s and Father’s Day.

Seniors Ministry Every year our youth visit local nursing homes to visit with the sick and elderly. This past year we delivered over 40 hand made blankets.

Share the Warmth Donations of warm coats are collected every year and are provided to the homeless and underprivileged during the cold and wet winter months

See also Christian Service

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Online [Giving](#) “The Ripple Effect.”

When you throw a pebble into a pond, it creates a ripple effect. It causes small waves which keep expanding ever outward. It all begins with that single pebble.”

When a person makes a gift to our parish, it too causes a ripple effect. It makes things happen. It touches lives, which touch other lives, which touch still others...

Please take a moment to consider the long term effect your gifts of time, talent and treasure. Let your special gift strengthen the initial “ripple” or begin it anew for our parish.

Give Online

Cash, Checks, Money Orders

Credit Card Payments

Estates, Property

Negotiable Instruments (Stocks, Bonds, etc.)

Remember us in your Will.

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