

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM
Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM
Tuesday: 9 AM
Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM
Thursday: 9 AM
Friday: 9 AM

Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass
with Benediction at 12 NOON

1st Saturday: 9 AM Mass
Rosary immediately following

Confession
Wednesday: 5—5:45 PM
Saturday: 4—4:45 PM
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

April 21, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.
(1 John 3:18)



Mission Statement:

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is a Christian community in the Catholic tradition following the direction of the Holy Spirit in building the kingdom of God and the church in Hedgesville and beyond. Through Word, Worship, Ministry, and Service we celebrate our common faith given in baptism. Grateful for our faith, we seek to grow in love toward all. “It is by your love for one another that everyone will recognize you as my disciples.” —John 13:35

REFLECTION

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” (1 John 3:18)

“These words of the Apostle John voice an imperative that no Christian may disregard. The seriousness with which the “beloved disciple” hands down Jesus’ command to our own day is made even clearer by the contrast between the empty words so frequently on our lips and the concrete deeds against which we are called to measure ourselves” (Pope Francis on the First World Day of the Poor, November 19, 2017).

My native village, Njinikom, in the Northwest Region, Cameroon, was one of the first villages to boast of a Secondary School. Because it was the lone secondary school in the area, students used to come from all over to pursue the secondary education. We should be noted that the secondary had no boarding facilities, so those who attended the school had either to rent or had to live with a relative. Tom noticed that for several days now, his classmate, Mark has been to lectures. That afternoon he decided to go check on him. When he got to his apartment, he was told by Mark’s friend that Mark had been admitted to the local hospital for the past two days. Tom decided to go straight to the hospital and found Mark lying on his hospital bed in pain with no one to help him since he had no family member around. Tom informed the principal and also let him to know that he had decided to stay with Mark and give him the much-needed assistance.

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” Tom’s decision and action to stay with his classmate and give him whatever assistance he could attests to Jesus’ command “Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” In the words of Pope Francis, Tom’s action are in contrast between the empty words so frequently on our lips and the concrete deeds against which we are called to measure ourselves with. We cannot say, ‘I love you’ but have nothing to show for. ‘Actions speak louder than words’, they say.

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.”

Brothers and sisters, these words of Christ handed down to us by Saint John in our second reading, challenge all of us to let our actions speak louder than our words. St Ignatius of Loyola said: “Love is shown more in deeds than in words.” It is comparatively easy to love in word or speech and not in deed and truth. It is reasonably simple to say, ‘I love you’ to other people, but have nothing to show for. The Apostle John reminds us of the Lord’s command, that our love should not just be words or mere talk but something real and active. It must show itself in concrete deeds and practical deeds, that is, through the giving up of ourselves for the service of others, no matter what the cost in time, money, reputation – and even life itself. St James articulates it beautifully in these words: “If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed, and filled’, without giving them the things needed for the body; what does it profit?” (2:17).

In the history of the Church, many Christians have not fully heeded this appeal of Christ, to love in deed and truth. However, so many pages of history have been written by Christians who lived out this precept of the Lord: “Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” Some of the most outstanding examples are Saint Maximilian Kolbe, St. Teresa of Calcutta.

This command of the Lord that has been handed to us today anew has and will continue to animate our financial and material support towards the activities of some of the ministries in our parish community, such as, Social Concerns, Bereavement, and quite recently our enormous support to Mary’s Refuge.

May God help us to truly love in deed and truth.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Some Important Notices

Thank you to those who volunteered last weekend!

We want to thank everyone who came out to support with beautifying the church grounds, especially the young people. Your presence gave the required energy and strength to get the work done in record time! Thanks to the members of the Garden ministry who worked behind the scenes to make it all happen - purchasing mulch and plants, setting up the snacks and the fruits. You are the engine of this operation! We accomplished a lot. We took care of weeding and mulching. That was a lot of work done in a few hours! We really appreciate everybody for taking care of this community. We are excited about how our church grounds are looking. I am sure God is happy with us for taking good care of this tiny part of the universe entrusted to our care!

May: The Month of Mary Every year, the Catholic Church celebrates the month of May in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of God. In his article ‘Madonna of humility’ by Fra Angelico, he writes: “The tradition of dedicating the month of May to Mary, came about in the 13th century. ... this month is the time when spring is at the height of its beauty. Spring is also connected with nature renewing itself. In her way, Mary gave new life to the world when she gave birth to our savior Jesus Christ.” This month affords us the opportunity to pray and to reflect on the life of our Blessed Mother. During this Marian month, pray the holy rosary daily, meditate on her virtues, and may they inspire you in your faith and your relationship with God.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3392.00
Online Giving	\$ 1760.53
Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Outreach	\$ 116.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Eucharistic Adoration: Come adore the Lord for one hour or more in Eucharistic Adoration. The Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed upon the altar of our parish church on Friday after the 9 AM Mass for adoration and will end with Benediction at 12 NOON. We must have at least one person present during each hour as the Most Blessed Sacrament may not be left alone while exposed. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

First Saturday: Join us for First Saturday Mass at 9 AM in the parish a rosary thereafter.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for May 2024 - For the formation of religious and seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

I wish you all and your loved ones a blessed and fruitful week.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Happy Sunday, Fr Boh (Pastor)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Raffle Tickets are being sold again this weekend to benefit Mary's Refuge Maternity Home. Please stop by to pick up a chance to win a beautiful themed basket on display in the Narthex. The drawing will be held May 4th - Just in time for Mother's Day.

🕯️ May Birthdays 🕯️ Below is a list of those celebrating birthdays in May. If you see them when you are out and about, wish them a Happy Birthday!

Bradley Liles	Jimzen Manongdo	Judy Boland
Louis Campbell	Curtis Fretz	Julie Ludwick
Stella Folk	Lois Howard	Kerry O'Neill
Essohouna Kao	Michelle Rodriguez	Joseph Beutler
Terry Stotler	John Valasek	Anthony Gould
Kevin Corrigan	Butch Rose	Rebecca Valasek
Dave Linthicum	Celeste Stotler	Kathy Zier
Carolyn Williams	Barbara Badanjak	Rachel Keller
Eavey Bleigh	James Fitzharris	Amber Thomas
Rondal Bleigh	Pat Reeser	Catherine Burghraef
Meilssa Shifflett	EllieHazel Farabaugh	Linda Guy
Pamela Friedberg	Lincoln Hey	Alexandria Donahue
Catherine McGuire	Dorothy Hess	Heather Beutler
Mary Cordelli	Dianna Colliflower	John Bork
James Lasick	Vicky Robertson	Kathleen Hall
Claire Pelletier	Cynthia Stegmaier	
Luis Rivera	Pat Tatem	

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Bob Baker, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Abby & Libby Conley, Shane Terry, Linda Spiker, Carol Bogacz, Vicki Lowery, Wayne Montañó, Ron Robertson, Pat Reeser, John Slattery

Please keep the sick and homebound, and those that have no one to pray for them, in your thoughts and prayers. You may call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 to add a name to our Prayer List.

WEEKLY CALENDAR **Sunday, April 28th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Joe & Anita Edwards

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Theresa Highlands

Tuesday, April 30th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, May 1st

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for John Slattery

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, May 2nd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

First Friday, May 3rd

9:00 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Fr. John Dietrich

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

First Saturday, May 4th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Rosary immediately following

10:30 AM Book Club

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Joseph Tatak

Intention for Chester Poplawski

Sunday, May 5th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Joseph Tatak

Intention for Thaddeus Reeser

11 AM Mass—Fr. Joseph Tatak

Intention for Carmela Gonzalez

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and are required to attend a Preparation Session before the Baptism can be scheduled. To register for the Preparation Class, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Will be held Wednesday evening from 5:20—5:50 PM, Saturday 4—4:45 PM, and Sunday 8:15—8:45 AM. Confession is also available by appointment at anytime. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Order of Christian Initiation: The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in August and ends in April. These classes are for members who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending OCIA, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

Sacrament of Marriage: Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Bernadette Catholic Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least six months notice is required. No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.

Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound: When a Parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Upon request and Communally as scheduled.

Parish Membership: We give a heartfelt welcome to all new people moving into our Parish. You can get a registration form from the Parish Office or you can register on our website at www.stbernadettewv.org. Those who plan to move from our Parish Community are asked to inform us.

St. Bernadette Pastoral Council: Pat Winkelman, Chairperson; Cindy Lathwell, Secretary; Members: Tom Bibby, Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Sara Struemke, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttman, Neil Shanholtzer, and Jeff Ferrell

Ministries: If you are interested in training for any of the following ministries: Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Lector, Altar Server, or Usher, please contact the Parish Office.

Hospital Visits: Because of the HIPPA regulations, we are not notified when someone from our Parish is in the hospital. If you want a Priest to visit you, please contact the Parish Office yourself, have a close family member contact us, or ask someone at the hospital to contact us. Friends and neighbors do not make the decision for a Priest to visit the sick. It must be at the request of the family. If you are local, we can make the visit. If you are in Winchester, please let the hospital know that you want a priest or contact the local parish.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 29th—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday 30th—Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday 1st—Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday 2nd—St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11

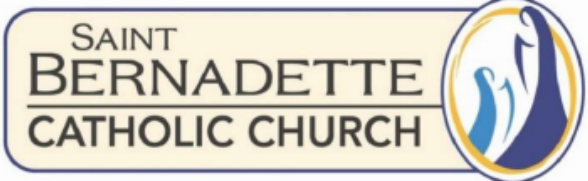
Friday 3rd—SS. Philip and James, Apostles; 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday 4th—Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday 5th—Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT
CARING FOR GOD'S CHILDREN**

To report an incident of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



Yard Sale

and Bake Sale

Saturday, May 25th from 7 AM - 1 PM

Rain or Shine

**Money raised goes to the
Social Concerns Ministry**

**Call Lynette at the Parish Office at
(304) 754-7830 to rent your space today!!!**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

I would like to rent a space at a cost of \$15 on May 25, 2024 from 7 AM - 1 PM.

You may set up any time on Friday, May 24th.

Note: 14 large spaces available.

Total number of spaces rented_____

I would like to rent a table at a cost of \$15 per table on May 25, 2024 from 7 AM - 1 PM.

Note: Limited number of tables available.

Total number of tables rented_____

I would like to rent a canopy tent at a cost of \$15 per tent on May 25, 2024 from 7 AM - 1 PM.

Note: Limited number of canopy tents available.

Total number of canopy tents rented_____

Please bring a baked good to sell at the bake sale.

You may donate a portion of your profits to the Social Concerns Ministry.