

# 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

## August 11, 2024

### 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B



**"Do not grieve the  
Holy Spirit"**

**Ephesians 4:30**

#### 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

THEME: "Be Imitators of God"

Many parents pray and hope that their children resemble them. In their early years, most children try very hard to be like their parents. Children mimic or try to imitate their parents.

If you are a mother, chances are you have seen your girlchild climb into and try to walk around in your oversized, high-heeled shoes. Your girlchild has wasted your make-up or lipstick trying to look like their mother does. Fathers who smoke have caught their young sons holding an imaginary cigarette between their fingers, pretending to smoke. If you are a father, chances are you have caught your young sons with your shaving stick, peering into the mirror, claiming to be trimming imaginary facial hair. Nearly all children dream of becoming their parents.

In our second reading, Saint Paul invites the Christians in Ephesus and, all of us by extension, to be like Christ. Like our own children who dream of being another version of us, parents, Saint Paul invites all of us to lead true Christian lives by becoming "imitators of God".

As our children who imitate their parents, Saint Paul invites all of us, made in the image and likeness of God, to "be imitators of God"; and to be "as beloved children". Saint Paul tells us how we can do this. We must not "grieve the Holy Spirit of God with which you were sealed for the day of redemption."

In other words, we must not "imitate evil but imitate good". For "whoever does what is good is of God; whoever does what is evil has never seen God." (3 John 1:11). Saint Paul urges "imitators of God" to rid themselves of "all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling... along with all malice". They must "be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven [us] you in Christ".

To be good imitators of God, we must be childlike. Like children follow in the footsteps of their parents, we are to follow in the footsteps of Christ who celebrates the greatness that comes with being child-like. Setting a child before his Apostles, Jesus says: "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven". (Matthew 18:2-4)

Achieving greatness is no easy feat. Ask every girl child who broke their ankle trying to walk on the high heels of their mother. Achieving greatness takes coaching. Mothers teach their girl children how to properly apply lipstick. Fathers teach their sons how to shave without cutting up themselves. "Imitators of God" are not abandoned to themselves. They "shall be taught by God," says today's gospel passage. S/he

"who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me," says the Lord.

Let us pray for the strength in faith to be true imitators of God by doing away with all forms of bitterness, anger, slander, and malice to give room for kindness, compassion, and mutual forgiveness that should be innate to Christ's followers. May our faith nourish daily by 'the living bread that came down from heaven', strengthen us to live in communion with the Spirit and right relationships with others in a world filled with terror and violence and even in a Church marked sometimes by betrayal and disillusionment.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Good morning, brothers, and sisters, in the Lord, Welcome!

We're grateful to God for His blessings and watch over us for the past week and we are grateful for the gift of yet another week. If you're a new parishioner, we welcome you as our brothers and our sisters. Thank you for choosing St Bernadette as your parish. And to those visiting and worshipping with us for the first time, we warmly welcome you to Saint Bernadette.

Today, we celebrate the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Church year B. Today's readings invite us to meditate on Jesus the bread of life, our physical and spiritual sustenance.

**Thursday, August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: This is a Holy Day of Obligation.** We recognize and honor our Blessed Mother Mary as Queen of the Universe. The Dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary states that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

**Holy Day Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass), and on Thursday 15, at 9:00 a.m.**

**The Year of Prayer (2024) – Let's Prepare Our Hearts as People of Prayer**

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 3471.50
Online Giving .....	\$ 1379.02
Maintenance .....	\$ 565.00
Outreach .....	\$ 346.00
Mission Co-Op .....	\$ 1850.00

Attendance 5 PM—98 9 AM—104 11 AM—130

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

The Holy Mass - the highest form of prayer; Liturgy of the Hours; Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament; 24 Hours for the Lord; Various Aspects of the Lord's Prayer; Divine Mercy Hour every First Friday of the month; Mass of the sick (during which we are going to administer the Sacrament of the sick); Rosary Prayer (October).

**Veritas Psychotherapy Individual, Couple, and Family Counseling:** A ten-week Men's Psychotherapy group starting September 24, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Group will meet at Priestfield Retreat Center. Overnight lodging is available. The group is suitable for those struggling with unwanted sexual compulsions or failed attempts to live the pure life they long for. The group is limited to 12 men and a pre-screening is required. Please call 301-873-9556 or see [www.veritaspsychotherapy.com](http://www.veritaspsychotherapy.com).

I wish you all and your loved ones a blessed and fruitful week. May Saint Bernadette Soubirous pray and intercede for us. Happy Sunday, Fr Boh (Pastor)

### WHAT'S GOING ON?

**A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School this past week.** We had a lot of fun and it is always so nice to see the smiles on the kids faces as they learn about Jesus and God's love for us. Next year's theme is True North—Trusting Jesus in a Wild World. Stay tuned for dates for next summer.

Do you want to learn more about our **Faith**? Do you need to receive any **Sacraments**? We invite you to come visit with our **OCIA** Leadership after any Mass on August 10 & 11. Classes start September 7. Do you know of anyone that would respond "yes" to these questions. Please invite them for us. Or call Eric at 301-440-3295.

**Crab Feast** tickets are on sale after all Masses. Visit the office during business hours to purchase tickets during the week. See you Friday, August 23 from 4-8 PM.

If you are a **confirmation student looking to earn service hours** the Hospitality Ministry could use your help during the crab feast being held on Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please speak to April Canby or Sara Struemke or call the parish office for more details.

We are truly blessed that our religious education programs are overflowing with eager young hearts. However, **our need for dedicated teachers is great.** We cannot nurture and guide these children in their faith without your help. If you're hesitant, know that we will provide all the support and training you need. Please consider this important calling and reach out to me if you can help. Sara Struemke - 304-754-7830 or 307-712-0001.

### 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, Sharon Peterson, Theresa Comer, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Linda Spiker, Vicki Lowery, Eric Heartley, Michael Huey, Patricia Baker, Isabella Horning, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Ruth Warner, Brenda Bonfila

*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, August 11th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Nancy Corrigan*  
11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Sarah Bright*

#### Tuesday, August 13th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Garfield Missenis*  
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

#### Wednesday, August 14th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Sam Struemke*  
9:30 AM Social Concerns  
Ministry Meeting—Rel Ed Bldg

5-5:45 PM Confession  
6 PM **Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary**—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Laura Sanford*

#### Thursday, August 15th

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Jacquelin Oben*  
9:30 AM Hospitality Ministry Meeting—McFadden Hall

#### Friday, August 16th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Jacquelin Oben*  
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
12 NOON Benediction

#### Saturday, August 17th

4—4:45 PM Confession  
5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Jacquelin Oben*

#### Sunday, August 18th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
9 AM Mass—Fr. Joe Tata  
*Intention for Victorine Kangoum*  
11 AM Mass—Fr. Joe Tata  
*Intention for Sarah Bright*  
2:30 PM African Mass

**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 5:00—5:45 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](http://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 Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

**St. Bernadette Finance Ministry:** Paul Guttmann, 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 12th—Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday 13th—Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday 14th—St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr; Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday 15th—Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday 16th—Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; (Ps) Is 12; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday 17th—Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday 18th—Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

## 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

# Blessing Bags



## St. Bernadette Social Concerns Ministry

Blessing bags are care packages filled with essential items that are distributed to those experiencing homelessness. They are important because they provide necessities and comfort to those in need, showing compassion and support for the homeless community.

### Ideas of Items Needed:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Wet Wipes
- Comb
- Chapstick
- Bottled Water
- Gum
- Mints
- Canned soup (with pull top)
- Fruit Cup
- Granola Bars
- Beef Jerky
- Trail Mix
- Hand Sanitizer
- Socks
- Other ideas ----->

**Collecting donated items one more week. Please leave items in the labeled collection bin in the narthex. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Blessing Bag assembly will happen at a later date.**



## **Thank You to Our Amazing Meal Crew and All VBS Volunteers!**

Our SCUBA Dive into Friendship with God VBS was a resounding success, thanks in no small part to the incredible support of our meal crew and dedicated volunteers!

A special thanks to Jean for leading the meal efforts and ensuring our children and volunteers were well-fed. Jean's dedication, including making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in the school chapel one evening, was truly remarkable. We are also grateful to Jean, Peggy, Martha, Jane, Carol, and all others that helped by contributing delicious home-baked goodies and other contributions. Thank you, Jean and team, for making our SCUBA adventure even more special with your culinary delights. Your generosity and hard work are deeply appreciated.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to all the teen and tween volunteers who led the way for the littles and helped make VBS such a joyful underwater sea dive. You all truly embodied our theme of "God is a real friend."

We all attended Mass on Wednesday evening, and it was a blessing to see the church so full. The children also enjoyed a visit from Farmers Bill and Joe, who spoke about ministry and service within the church and community. This led to a discussion about how they can help and serve in our parish garden here at St. Bernadette's.

To the adults who made it all possible: Lynette transformed her room into a submarine to help the children memorize Scripture. Cindy and Louise led the science station, building a stronger foundation each day in the Scripture and Saints. Ashton and Zac dove into lots of water-filled recreational activities, making sure everyone had a splash of fun.

Suzy brought our daily Bible adventures to life with creativity, from climbing into our very own whale to paddling stormy waters like the apostles did, and sitting in quiet contemplation in the tomb where Christ was laid. Our fabulous crew leaders—Mary, Maria, and Anne—served as the best spiritual moms and grandmas, guiding the children through each station with love and care.

A special shout-out to Suzy and Louise for spending hours cutting and ironing letters onto t-shirts generously provided by the parish. These shirts will serve as forever memories of this week and all the fun within.

Joe came to the rescue when we had a little incident with a colored table, sanding it the very next day. This was a blessing, especially since just a few days before Billy had power-washed the entire pavilion from top to bottom in about six hours. Lynette and Billy then sanded the tables right after that, making everything ready for the **Crab Feast**. Have you bought your tickets yet?

We send a huge thank you to the parish and Father Boh for supporting this ministry of Vacation Bible School. It was a deep underwater adventure all week. The building and grounds were lively with so many children and volunteers giving their all. What a blessing it is that we got to do this.

With gratitude,

*The VBS Team*

P.S. We're still looking for a few passionate adults to help teach Religious Education this year. The children of our parish are eager to learn about Jesus, and your guidance can make a real difference. If you're excited about sharing our faith and making an impact, we'd love to have you join us! Please contact Sara Struemke, 307-712-0001 or call the parish office for more details.