

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

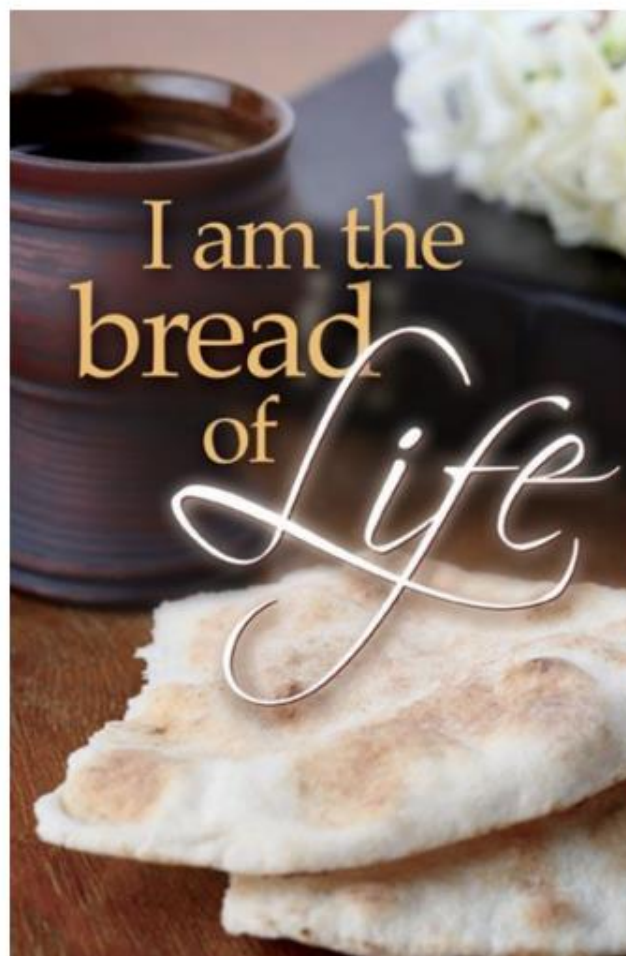
Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass
with Benediction at 12 NOON

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 18, 2024

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B



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: "Watch carefully how you live"

To watch carefully means to give serious attention to what you are doing so that you can avoid harm, damage, or mistakes. Watch carefully is a piece of advice offered concerning prudent future action. It is meant to prevent us from putting ourselves in harm's way or danger. Therefore, to avoid such harm, danger, or calamity, we must take such advice or warnings seriously. An African proverb says, "It is the stubborn fly that follows the corpse into the grave".

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, we are all used to warning signs. For example, we have warning signs on our highways that ask you to buckle up, slow down, right lane closed, or do not enter, and on some portions of the roads, the GPS even alerts you to the fact that you are approaching an area of the road with a history of accidents; drive safely. We have warning signs on products, notably on medication and on manuals of appliances which give safety precautions or warn you of any pending dangers if directives are not followed. Similarly, we have warning signs on buildings that say, "no soliciting", "no trespass", "beware wild dogs", "watch your step", or "smile, you are on camera".

We are at the end of summer and schools will resume next week. Before returning to school, our children, notably those who live in boarding facilities, will hear their parents advise and warn them against things they should do and those they should not do and the kind of friends they should make.

In today's second reading, Saint Paul issues a warning to the Christians in Ephesus and to all of us: "Brothers and sisters: Watch carefully how you live, ... because the days are evil". They are to watch carefully by being sober and wise because the days are evil and full of temptations. When therefore St Paul warns the Ephesians and all of us not to drug ourselves with wine, which leads to debauchery, but to be filled with the Spirit, he is inviting us to review our priorities in life. We can do three things to heed the warning by Saint Paul.

Firstly, we are to "advance in understanding" by immersing ourselves in the Word of God. Thus, we shall "not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what the will of the Lord is" for us. God's Word as the Psalmist says is a lamp for our feet, and a light for our path (Ps. 119:105). It will guide us to our eternal home, heaven.

Secondly, we must heed Paul's recommendation to pray together despite our differences. As a Christian community, we should meet to pray, sing, and reflect, Paul encourages us. This recommendation of St Paul sits well with the invitation of Pope Francis to the faithful ahead of the 2025 Jubilee, "to intensify

prayer to prepare us to live well this event of grace and to experience the power of God's hope."

Thirdly, we must accept the invitation of Christ to eat His Body and drink His Blood. We cannot behave like the Jews who think in sensual terms. We must put a premium on the pursuit of values rather than on pleasure – for pleasure dissipates, but values live on. Therefore, dear friends in Christ, let's pray for the grace to heed the invitation of Jesus to hunger always for this bread and drink so that nourished by it, we can overcome the temptations that assail us as we make our journey toward the eternal banquet that has been prepared for us in heaven. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome! Summer is almost over and tomorrow students and teachers in Berkeley County will be heading back to school for the start of a new School Year 2024-2025. I know our children are in various states of excitement. "Many CAN'T wait. Many CAN wait", says Fr Bill, (Pastor of Saint Justin Martyr School, Missouri). Dear students, these words of Saint Paul to the Ephesians; 'make the most of the opportunity' are timely to you as you head back to the classroom. Permit me to borrow from Paul and encourage you to make the best of every opportunity to learn and grow. To make new friends who may be different from you. Show kindness and tolerance to others although this will not always be the easiest choice. But this will always be the right choice. Please, know that we are accompanying you with our prayers and best wishes for a very successful and fun school year. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Seat of Wisdom pray and intercede for you. God bless you!

Marriage Banns First call: Roosevelt N. Boh and Lisa E. Thottumari. If you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

The Year of Prayer (2024): As part of our activities for this Year of Prayer called by Pope Francis, we shall have community morning prayer every Friday immediately after the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Divine Mercy on the First Fridays of the remaining months of this year at 3 PM to end our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING—8/11

General Fund	\$ 3728.16
Online Giving	\$ 1336.25
Maintenance	\$ 545.00
Outreach	\$ 197.00

Attendance 5 PM—88 9 AM—135 11 AM—133

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

August Birthday Blessings: We forgot to pray and bless those celebrating their birthdays this month. This birthday blessing shall be given during all the Masses next weekend.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.
Fr Boh (Pastor)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Mark your calendars: *OCIA* starts September 7th from 3—4:30 PM. *Religious Education* for Kindergarten through 8th grade will start Sunday September 8th 10—11:45 AM. If you haven't signed up yet and would like to attend either class, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

Our **annual Parish Picnic** will begin directly after the 11 AM Mass on Sunday, September 8th in the pavilion. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share. Fried chicken and desserts will be provided by the church. A flyer will go home next weekend.

Celebrate 'Five with 5' for Bishop Brennan's Fifth Anniversary

As we honor the fifth anniversary of the installation of Bishop Mark Brennan as the Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we call upon the faithful to Celebrate Five with 5! This is an opportunity for us to commemorate Bishop Mark's milestone year with gifts Christ taught us were the greatest to give – prayer and works of mercy. Throughout the year faithful will be able to go online to <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/> and gift their five.

Gift of Prayer: Choose to mirror the prayers of Bishop Mark. His daily prayerful habits include praying the rosary during a road trip for pregnant women as well as the husband/father; for engaged/newly married couples; for the intentions of the faithful of the diocese; and for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Gift of Works/Deed: inspired by his example, Catholic Charities WV compiled five acts of service - volunteer in your community; listen and encounter with others; serve the vulnerable; provide spiritual and emotional support; and advocate for justice.

Add your gift online: <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/>

For more information see this week's FaithInWV e-bulletin available with archived editions at: <https://faithinwv.org>

Middle school math teacher Saint Joseph School in Martinsburg, W.Va., is seeking a middle school math teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Candidates must hold or be eligible to hold West Virginia professional teaching certification. A long-term substitute with a bachelor's degree or first-class permit may be considered if there is a lack of fully qualified candidates. Morning duties would be part of the job. Applicants should be driven to promote high moral standards and academic excellence. We are an equal-opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity. Job Type: Full-time, Contract Pay: \$36,000 to 42,000 per year. Please email a letter of introduction and résumé to Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjswwv.org.

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, Glenda Bonfila, Jammie Dobson

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 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

Tuesday, August 20th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, August 21st

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Kurtis Struemke

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Thursday, August 22nd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Jacquelin Oben

Friday, August 23rd

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Jacquelin Oben

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

4-8 PM Crab Feast

Saturday, August 24th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Jacquelin Oben

Sunday, August 25th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Jacqueline Oben

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. 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 19th—Ez 24:15-23; (Ps) Dt 32; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday 20th—St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church; Ez 28:1-10; (Ps) Dt 32; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday 21st—St. Pius X, Pope; Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday 22nd—Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51; Mt 22:1-14

Friday 23rd—Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday 24th—St. Bartholomew, Apostle; Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145; Jn 1:45-51

Sunday 25th—Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32 or 5 2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

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.

Lunches for Homeless



Cleaning St. Joseph Cemetery

OUR YOUTH GROUP

SUMMER

SERVICE



BINGO AT HARMONY





Help Fill the Pantry 2024

August/September

***Backpacks
School Supplies***

October

***Hamburger
Toiletries***

***Halloween Candy
Toilet Paper***

Additional Pantry items are always needed:

**Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Canned Fruit, Soup, Peanut Butter,
Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Baked Beans, Rice, Syrup,
Pancake Mix, Cereal, Hamburger Helper**

**Monetary donations can be made out to
St. Bernadette with Loaves and Fishes on the memo line.**

**For more information contact:
Karen - 301-992-1368 or Bill - 571-216-9320**