

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

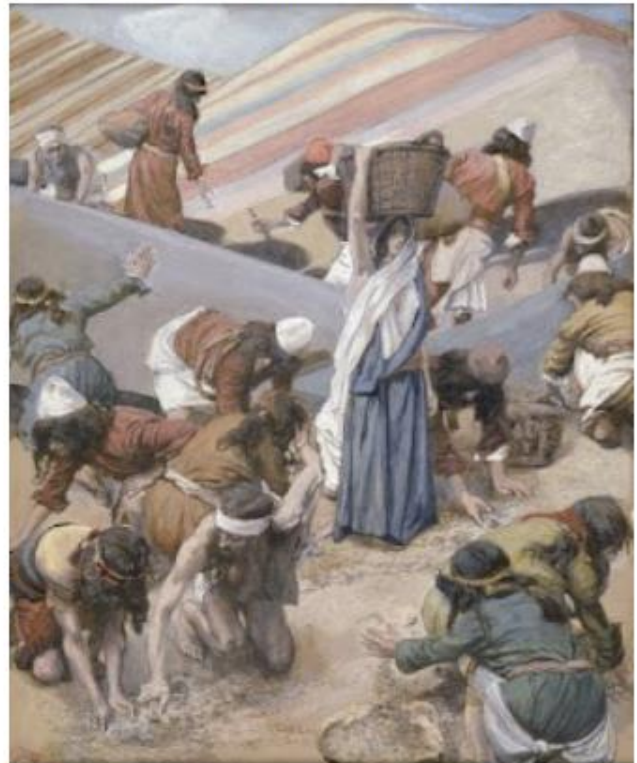
Confession

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

August 4, 2024

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven"
(John 6:32)



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

In one of the parishes where I worked back in my native Cameroon, one of the mission churches was in a new settlement. The people who lived there had been forcibly moved from their village and old homes by the government which used that area to set up a reserve. Leaving what one knows to embrace the unknown is difficult. Fortunately for the people, Emmanuel Ebune, who was hired by the government to negotiate with them and construct new homes for them, did a phenomenal job. Emmanuel was seen by the people as the provider of all they owned – new homes for families and single persons, not huts, made of sticks, mud, and mats, but solid structures. They also had a health center, a recreational center, farmland, etc. If the government wanted to convince the people about anything, Emmanuel had to bear the message to them. He was deemed by the people as their provider.

Beloved in Christ, in today’s gospel Jesus declares: "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven".

Jesus made this statement in objection to the interjection by the crowd claiming that the manna fed to the Exodus-people of Israel in the wilderness came directly from Moses. Our first reading retold the story of how God fed his starving people in the desert with manna from heaven in response to Moses’ plea on their behalf. And when they complained that the manna alone was not enough, meat was supplied to them in the form of quails.

The Exodus was a memorable event in the life of the people of Israel as a race and Moses was the central figure in that event. The story of the Exodus cannot be told without mentioning Moses. He was their hero. He remains a true model of leadership, a selfless leader who listened to the people he was leading out of Egypt and always brought their concerns to God. He, thus, became the frame of reference for accessing subsequent leaders. Just as the story of the Exodus cannot be told without mentioning Moses, so too, the story of the people in the new settlement mentioned above cannot be told without the name of Emmanuel Ebune.

It is, however, striking to note that despite all that Christ did, his contemporaries continued to compare him to Moses. They challenged him to prove that he could even measure up to Moses: “What can you do?” the people questioned. Clearly, they had not understood that the manna rained down on them did not happen on account of Moses’ power but by the power of God – the Great Provider. Moses was merely a tool in God’s hand, used by God to demonstrate his readiness to provide for his people. Just as Emmanu-

el Ebune was merely the contractor the Cameroon government hired to fulfill its commitment to provide for the people forced out of their place of birth to a strange, new settlement. The Israelites as well as the settlers turned the lesson upside down, mistaking Moses and Emmanuel for their providers.

Beloved in Christ, it is not only the people of Israel and the settlers who are caught up in this mistake. It is the general tendency among us, humans, to dissociate prosperity from the ultimate provider. I presume that all of us recognize that God is behind the rich blessings that we have received – as a country, as a family, and as individuals. All too often, though, we fail to recognize God’s providence. We tend to believe that the blessings we have, the success we have achieved, and the wonderful families we have been blessed with, stem from our own doing.

If we see God behind all our blessings, we will be generous towards those less fortunate than us. Then we would see ourselves as blessed to be a blessing to others.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters, welcome!

We are four days into the new month, the month of August 2024. We thank God for bringing us to this new month. To all of you for whom this month is very significant because of one anniversary or the other, we say CONGRATULATIONS! We accompany you with our prayers.

In the Catholic Church, each month of the year is dedicated to a particular devotion. This month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I would like to single out two major feasts that will be celebrated this month - **August 15, Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. We celebrate the doctrine 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. **Tuesday, August 6, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord** – Jesus revealed His heavenly glory to His apostles Peter, James, and John.

The Year of Prayer 2024 and The Jubilee Year 2025: In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3518.00
Online Giving	\$ 633.39
Maintenance	\$ 605.13
Outreach	\$ 386.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

of Prayer by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the Our Father, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer. We are invited to a deeper, prayerful encounter with Jesus Christ this year. The opening of the Jubilee is scheduled for December 29, 2024, with Masses at St Joseph Cathedral, Wheeling, and the Co-Cathedral in Charleston. Check out in next Sunday's Bulletin a list of things we shall be doing as a parish community.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for August 2024: For political leaders; that they may be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

Happy Sunday

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The second collection this weekend supports the diocesan selected mission co-op of **St. Thomas Province Little Flower Congregation**. Your generosity is appreciated.

Crab Feast tickets are on sale after all Masses. Visit the office during business hours to purchase tickets during the week.

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 23rd. 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.

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.

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, Abby & Libby Conley, Shane Terry, Linda Spiker, Vicki Lowery, Eric Heartley, Michael Huey, Patricia Baker, Isabella Horning, Raymond & Connie Roscoe

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 4th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Binoy Vazhayil
Thomas - Mission Appeal

11 AM Mass—Fr. Binoy Vazhayil
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Intention for Donald Wood

Monday, August 5th

5-8 PM VBS

Tuesday, August 6th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for John Scofield

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, August 7th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, August 8th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Jacquelin Oben

Friday, August 9th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Jacquelin Oben

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, August 10th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Jacquelin Oben

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

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 5th—Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday 6th—Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord; Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday 7th—Jer 31:1-7; (Ps) Jer 31; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday 8th—St. Dominic, priest; Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51; Mt 16:13-23

Friday 9th—Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; (Ps) Dt 32; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday 10th—St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr; 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112; Jn 12:24-26

Sunday 11th—1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

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.