

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

February 4, 2024

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

When Life is a “Drudgery”



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

Reflection from "MyCatholic.life"

Theme: When Life is a "Drudgery"

"Job spoke, saying: Is not man's life on earth a drudgery? My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; they come to an end without hope. Remember that my life is like the wind; I shall not see happiness again. (Job 7:1, 6-7)

The funny thing is, as soon as that reading is concluded at Mass, the entire congregation will respond, "Thanks be to God!" Really? Is this reading worth thanking God for? Do we really want to thank God for an expression of such pain? We most certainly do.

Job was clearly expressing feelings that we all face at times. He speaks of a sleepless night. Feelings of a loss of hope. Months of misery. Et cetera. Hopefully, these feelings are not an everyday occurrence. But they are real, and everyone experiences them at times.

The key to understanding this passage is to look at Job's whole life. Even though he felt this way, it did not direct his decisions. He did not give in to ultimate despair, he did not give up, he persevered. And it paid off! He stayed faithful to God through his tragedy of losing everything precious to him and never lost faith and hope in his God. In his darkest hour even, his friends came to him telling him he is being punished by God and that all was lost for him. But he wouldn't listen.

Remember his powerful words, "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord!" Job praised God for the good things he received in life, but when they were taken away, he continued to bless and praise God. This is the most central lesson and inspiration of Job's life. He did not give in to the way he felt in the reading above. He did not let the despair he was tempted with deter him from praising and worshiping God. He praised Him in ALL things!

The tragedy of Job took place for a reason. It was to teach us this essential lesson of dealing with the heavy burdens life can throw at us. Interestingly, for those who carry heavy burdens, Job is a real inspiration. Why? Because they can relate to him. They can relate to his pain and learn from his perseverance in hope.

Reflect, today, upon Job. Let his life inspire you. If you are finding a particular burden in life weighing you down, then try to praise and worship God anyway. Give God the glory due His name simply because it is due His name and not because you do or do not feel like doing it. In this, you will find that your heavy burden leads to your strengthening. You will become more faithful by being faithful when it's very difficult to do so. Job did it and so can you!

Prayer: Most worthy Lord, when life is hard and the burden is great, help me to deepen my faith in You and my love for You. Help me to love and worship You because it is good and right to do in all things. I love You my Lord and I choose to praise You always! Jesus, I trust in You.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters, welcome!

Today, the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. As a priest, I have an obligation to pray the official prayers of the Church daily. But some day I end up not praying all the prayers with the normal excuse: 'I was very busy'. Many of us live very busy lives and as a result our spiritual life suffer. We go for a whole day, sometimes days, without sacrificing a minute or two to lift our hearts and minds to God in prayer. In today's Gospel we hear that amid all the activity, Jesus rose "... very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Jesus felt the need to pray. In his humanity he needed refreshing and strengthening, and he sought it in contact with the Father. We all need to be refreshed and strengthened by God to be able to carry out the daily tasks that He gives us.

Dear friends in Christ, you don't need to live in a monastery to set aside time for prayer. All we need do is to create a lonely place in our lives. May we learn from the example of Jesus to combine action and prayer without letting any to suffer.

Annual Contribution Letters: I signed your individual contribution detail statement, and you should be receiving them soon in case you would like to claim them for tax-deductible purposes. Once again, thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you!

Preparation for Ash Wednesday: We find ourselves less than two weeks away from Ash Wednesday, February 14. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. We are invited to bring back to the Church the dried palms from last year's Palm Sunday so that they can be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday. A box shall be available in the Narthex for us to drop our palms as from Tuesday February 6th, 2024. Thank you.

Pope's monthly prayer intention for February 2024: For the terminally ill. That those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 2841.31
Online Giving	\$ 442.52
Maintenance	\$ 1535.13
Outreach	\$ 48.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Thanks to all who donated for Kevin Lathwell and his battle with stage IV prostate cancer. Your prayers, kindness, and generosity mean so much to us as we begin this difficult battle. Kevin has begun shots and pills and should begin chemotherapy around 2/9/24. Your generous donations will help with the medical expenses which are accruing. Thank you for being the light shining in the darkness and walking with us through this difficult time. We love you all! In Christ, Lathwell Family

Someone is here this weekend from the Hospitality Ministry to take orders for **homemade soups**. Prices are on the included flyer. Soups may be picked up next weekend.

Save the date!! From 11 AM—5:30 PM on February 14th, Ash Wednesday, Hospitality Ministry will hold a **Fish Dinner** fundraiser. More details to follow.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the third annual *Together in Holiness* marriage conference on February 10, 2024 from 10:45 am - 6:00 pm at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Charles Town, WV. Registration: \$32/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through December 11, 2023 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/wheelingcharleston or email cameron@forlifeandfamily.org.

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

Cindy Lathwell	Susan Fawcett	Zony Manongdo
Matthew Atha	Blake Gentry	Lucianna Wakelin
Alaitha Domich	Aly Seghanka	Ivo Zamora
Shaun Dunn	Martha Glover	Patrick Finney
Abby Conley	Joseph Walker	B. Sylvain Kao
Theresa Highlands	Frank Buberl	Shelley Zalek
Anthony Lathwell	Ariadne Domich	Robert Warburton
Lawrence Hudy	Kevin Lathwell	Jacob Lathwell
Dylan Lathwell	Megan Stotler	Ryan Haggerty
Colleen O'Neill	David Irwin	Suzy Kinn
Vimi Walker	Jose Rodriguez	Carolina Ortiz
Mary Beth Kearns	Sergio Flores	Joshua Hudy
Colin Weaver	Darren Keller	Fergus Farabaugh
Mike Donato	Ashton Kammerer	William Stegmaier

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

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, February 4th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Msgr. Ansgar
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Fr. Boh

Tuesday, February 6th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Theresa Highlands
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, February 7th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, February 8th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Margaret Maniaci

Friday, February 9th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, February 10th

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Andrew Abrahamian

Sunday, February 11th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10 AM Cherubs Gathering
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Anthony Abrahamian

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, Deb Mackesy, 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—St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr; 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 6th—St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs; 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday 7th—1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday 8th—1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30

Friday 9th—1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 10th—St. Scholastica, Virgin; 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday 11th—Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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.



St. Bernadette's
Kitchen is Cooking
for You!

Soup Sale Fundraiser

Order your Soup Today!

Ham & Bean

Beef Vegetable

\$10 per Quart

Vegetable

\$8 per Quart *or* 2 for \$15

Ready for pick up

Feb. 10 & 11