

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM

Saturday: 5 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM

Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM

Thursday—Friday: 9 AM

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

1st Friday: Perpetual Adoration of the
Blessed Eucharist after 9 AM Mass
with Divine Mercy & Benediction at 3 PM

1st Saturday: 9 AM
Rosary immediately following

Confession
Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM
Saturday: 4—4:45PM
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

July 10, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Good Samaritan



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

A few months ago, I received a very disturbing phone call from Cameroon from the elder brother of a young man named Gerald. He had helped me in the parish where I last served before traveling to United States. Gerald had been attacked by bandits who inflicted several wounds on his head and made away with the motorcycle taxi he was riding. This phone call was followed up by pictures of Gerald in the hospital. The pictures put me to tears. As I was trying to digest this, I received a text from Gerald's elder brother informing me that the hospital had refused Gerald any treatment because they have not paid in the deposit of about \$600.00. I didn't have the money, and so, I decided to share my worry with a parishioner who immediately accepted to help. He showed up in the office the next day with \$600.00. A day or two later, the same parishioner came to the office and gave me some additional money: "I hope this will help pay for the rest of his medical bills," he said. He went on to say that the other day when he left the parish office, the story of the Good Samaritan flashed through his mind and when he got home, he thought that he should do something more to help not only with his medical bills but with some extra money for his feeding. This is the kind of love that today's readings speak about - love of God and all human beings regardless of race, creed, or color.

This kind of love is exemplified by the Good Samaritan. The story of the Good Samaritan invites us to make ourselves neighbors to others, especially those in need: 'Go, and do the same yourself.' The parishioner above did not know Gerald, he had never seen him, but he acted as a neighbor to him. This is what the Commandments of God ask of us - love God and neighbor. When we are really moved by love, we shall certainly be neighbors to many, and cross many boundaries to be closer to those in need. It is this love that moved the Samaritan to stop and to help the man in need. The same love made him pay the bills and promised to take care of whatever might be necessary. It is this love that moved the parishioner to assist Gerald begin his treatment. It was the same love that made him show up again and gave more financial assistance to Gerald. The action of the Good Samaritan is not just being charitable but a manifestation of unconditional love for neighbor.

Dear friends in Christ, every day, in so many ways, we meet people who desperately need our help. How we respond is our choice. We can choose to respond to the need by crossing to the other side just like the priest and Levite in today's Gospel passage. We can close our eyes and hearts to them. Or we can offer them the much-needed help like the parishioner. Or again, like the Samaritan, we can go out of our way to help in whatever way we can. The help we give might seem very little,

but as Flor McCarthy puts it: "... These are the little drops of 'oil and wine' which can take some of the pain out of a wound." Jesus sends us out today to do like the Samaritan. Aided by His grace, may we reach out to those who need help and do what we can to care for them in whatever way we can.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Welcome to our Sunday celebration on this Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C. On behalf of all the Christians of this Parish, I welcome all of you who are visiting us for the first time. You are always welcome to join us for Mass or for any of our many parish events. It is my hope and prayer, dear sisters and brothers, that you are all safe and healthy. Let us continue to hold and support one another in our prayers and to place our trust in the Lord during these trying times. God will never abandon us. May God continue to watch over us and bless us!

For the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV: After a few inquiries about self-serve food at picnics, receptions and events this summer, Bishop Brennan has lifted the requirement that food be served, and beverages be poured at events at parishes, schools and agencies taking place at our properties in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. At picnics or buffets, guests can now scoop their own food or pour their own drinks/coffee. This now relaxes any food service COVID restrictions that were put into place when the pandemic began.

Wednesday Evening Mass: We are reminded of our Parish Wednesday evening Mass which begins at 6 pm. The Holy Mass is preceded by the celebration of the Sacrament of Confession at 5 pm. So far, the attendance has not been encouraging. Please, try to insert this into your Wednesday schedule.

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY**

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 2452.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 971.51
Maintenance.....	\$ 575.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 65.00
Mary's Refuge.....	\$ 50.00
Vacation Bible School.....	\$ 723.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 100.00

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE
OF STEWARDSHIP**

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Next week's Diocesan Collection is for Catholic Communications Campaign and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. The collection that supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development will help the more than 37 million people in the United States that live in poverty. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Registration for Religious Education for Grades 1-6 and First and Second Year Confirmation ends August 7, 2022. If you are transferring from another parish, please attach a copy of the Baptism and First Communion Certificate to the registration form. Registration forms can be mailed to St. Bernadette, dropped off in the collection basket, or emailed to the Religious Education Director at reled@stbernadettewv.org.

Religious Education Teacher is needed for Grade 7. Substitute teachers are also needed. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer. If you have any questions, you can contact Deb Mackesy at the Parish Office.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA—15 years or older), will begin Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 9 AM to 12 NOON at the Religious Education Building. **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age)**, will begin Sunday, August 21, 2022, from 12:30—2 PM at the Religious Education Building. These classes are for members who wish to enter in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending RCIA/RCIC, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

A **Divorce and Beyond Group** will be offered beginning in September, for further information contact Richard Hitchcock, 803-331-2565 or email at rhitchsr@gmail.com. Watch the bulletin for time and dates. There is a proven 19-step process of adjustment to the loss of a love. Those who appear not to hurt when their love relationships ends have either already worked through a lot of hurt, or have yet to feel the pain. Acknowledge that you're hurt. It's natural, expected, healthy, even OKAY to hurt. Pain is nature's way of telling us that something in us needs to be healed.

We are at 41% of our goal. The **Catholic Sharing Appeal, (CSA)** is an annual appeal that offers funds to a variety of ministries, services and programs throughout our diocese, as well as the needs of our parishes. To make a gift or learn more about this important appeal, please visit the CSA website, www.dwc.org/CSA, to donate to our parish today.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 10th

9 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass

*In Thanksgiving for Anjanette & Wayne Montano***Tuesday, July 12th**

9 AM Mass

Intention for Rudy & Victor Massey

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, July 13th

9 AM Mass

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

Thursday, July 14th

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Tom Jacobs***Friday, July 15th**

9:00 AM Mass

In Thanksgiving for Pat Tatem

Adoration following 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, July 16th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

*Intention for Jake Lathwell & Mary Meyer***Sunday, July 17th**

9 AM Mass

Intention for Joseph Kammerer

11 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Chris Ridley, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Isabella Blackshear, Ginger Spice, Colleen O'Neill, and Ernie Montano

*Please keep the sick and homebound in your thoughts and prayers.
You may call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 to add a name to our Prayer List.*

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and must have regular attendance at Sunday Mass for at least six months and are required to attend a Preparation Class 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.

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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 Committee: Paul Guttman, Kacie Morrell Humbert, 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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 11th—St. Benedict, Abbot; Is 1:10-17; Ps 50; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday 12th—Is 7:1-9; Ps 48; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday 13th—Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday 14th—St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin; Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102; Mt 11:28-30

Friday 15th—St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Ps 38; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday 16th—Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Ps 10; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday 17th—Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

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 one of the Bishop's designees at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.