

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 Saturday: 9 AM Mass
Rosary immediately following

Confession

Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM

Saturday: 4—4:45PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Elisha and the Shunammite woman

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

Loving God Above All

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, this weekend we celebrate the 13th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A. The readings for this Sunday encourage us to make our relationship with God first in all we do. Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. The first reading recounts a beautiful act of hospitality to Elisha by a woman and she is rewarded by God. The psalm reminds us that all the good things in our lives come from God. And in the gospel Jesus tells us that we must stop clinging to our own self-interests to follow him.

A young girl came up to me in one of the parishes that I served as a deacon in my native Cameroon, to seek my opinion on a decision she was about to make pertaining to a job offer (and this was to be her first job as a nurse) by a hospital run by the Full Gospel church. She had applied for a job and the human resource person who oversaw hiring asked her to renounce her Catholic faith and become a member of the Full Gospel church if she wanted the job. She asked for a week to reflect on the matter before taking any decision. It is worth noting here that in Cameroon people are hired based on language, or tribe, or faith (in the case of a denominational institution), and not based on qualification, competence, and/or experience. The young girl came to me for my advice or what I would call a second opinion, because before approaching me she had made up her mind not to accept the job offer. I simply went along with her decision and at the end of our discussion she told me that although she desperately needed a job, she was not ready to sacrifice her Catholic faith for a job.

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, ... and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Saint Luke puts it more harshly: "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple" (Lk. 14:26). This saying of Jesus must have left his listeners astonished and bewildered by its sheer incredibility. Was Jesus not asking too much from his followers and potential followers? We cannot understand Jesus until we understand that he came down from heaven to turn our worldly ideas about life upside down. What Jesus is saying is that there are no half measures when it comes to following Him. Following Jesus might even mean putting Him above family relationships. He challenges us, His disciples, to prioritize our commitment to Him above all

else.

Jesus challenges us to be willing to bear the burdens and endure the hardships that come with following Him. And the good news is that God is generous, and he rewards those who help his servants as generously as He rewards his servants themselves. "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple – amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." This was the case with the woman of Shunem in the first reading, who welcomed the prophet because he is a prophet and was rewarded with the gift of a son although her husband was getting on in years.

Dear friends in Christ, it is great comfort to know that it pays to serve God; that there is a reward to our faith. That even the smallest acts of kindness and service done in God's name will not go unnoticed by God. May we be encouraged to continue serving God in whatever capacity and may we open our hearts to welcome the stranger in our midst.

I hope you have a blessed week.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous pray for us.

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear parishioners,

Welcome to our Eucharistic celebration on this 13th Sunday Ordinary. A special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time and our parishioners who are returning after a period of absence.

I hope you are enjoying the good summer weather. I hope you are going to enjoy our Independence Day celebrations with your family and friends. As always, it will be a wonderful occasion to gather again and share with those we love. As we celebrate may we commit or recommit to defend the right to life of every person, that fundamental right without which we cannot talk of liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Happy Independence Day.

The Pope's Prayer Intention for July 2023 - For a Eucharistic life: We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 2995.00
Online Giving	\$ 432.77
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 230.00
Outreach.....	\$ 218.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Call the office today (304-754-7830) to reserve your spot for our July 8th, **Parish Yard Sale**.

Calling all bakers!! Baked goods are needed for the bake sale that will take place in conjunction with our yard sale on July 8th. Baked items can be dropped off at the office during the week or early Saturday morning.

Parish Youth are needed to help "Farmer Bill" harvest the vegetables grown in the yard on the other side of the Religious Education Building. Please leave your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet in the narthex and Bill will call you to schedule a time to come pick vegetables.

Our **Social Concerns Ministry** is in need of small, gently used fans for their outreach program. If you have one to donate, please drop it off at the office.

Thank you to the following individuals for making our Teacher's end of the year luncheon and Sacrament Celebrations so special. April Canby, Rick & Brenda Inclima, Carol Sloan, Jane & John Batten, Anjanette & Wayne Montano and Peggy Slattery.

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

Schlegel Joseph	Miller April	Melonas Nancy
Copenhaver David	Milton John	Murphy Rattanaporn
Nichols Nicholas	Murphy Chinnatham	Wine Nicole
Lopez Robyn	Gautreaux Thomas	Ayers Stephanie
Shanholtzer Mary Beth	Gautreaux Anthony	Guttmann Paul
Hicks Anne	Huntsberry Aria	Howard Thomas
Montgomery Danny	McCoy Alexandra	Scalia Melania
HudynBenedict	Bedard Lisa	Hoak Dennis
Sansone Mike	Hudy Ignatius	Grimsley Thomas
Wilburn Jody	Nees Matthew	Landry Lucy
HaggertymMichael	Rivera Amanda	Horning Isabella
Miller Linda	Slattery John	Klover Margaret
Hess Robert	Bogacz Lawrence	Dunn Charles
Miller Ed	Trauger Victoria	Gentry Michael
Smith Josephine	Ferrell Allison	Givens John
Ayers Esme	Null James	Givens Alexander
Weaver Kathleen	Anderson Robert	Sheghanka Shaala
Zaycosky Susan	McCoy Adam	

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Joe Schlegel, Walter Shenk, Isabella Horning, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Cathy Poplawski, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Victoria Porter, Bob Baker, Theresa Highlands, Betty Beniot, Bob Pieffer, Hank Chase

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, July 2nd

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 Deb Mackesy

Tuesday, July 4th

Happy 4th of July
Office Closed
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Wednesday, July 5th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Ed Hickey & family
 5—5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, July 6th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Guido Delloso

Friday, July 7th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Those Who Have No One to Pray for Them
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, July 8th

8 AM—2 PM Parish Yard Sale
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 9th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Joe & Anita Edwards
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Gisela Siepmann

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.

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 3rd—St. Thomas, Apostle; Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117; Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday 4th—Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday 5th—Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday 6th—Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115; Mt 9:1-8

Friday 7th—Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday 8th—Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday 9th—Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

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.