

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

July 21, 2024

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

His heart was moved with pity for them, ...
he began to teach them many things. (Mark 6:34)



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: No Break for the Shepherd while the Flock Hungers

All of us need and deserve a break after working hard. The gospel passage for this sixteenth Sunday teaches us not to take a break at the expense of the people God has put in our care.

Jesus' Twelve Apostles, who were sent out two-by-two in last week's gospel passage and instructed to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick, have accomplished their mission to preach throughout the country. The Apostles report back to the Lord who, clearly appreciates their hard work. The Apostles were exhausted. The gospel tells us that they "had no opportunity even to eat". So, Jesus ordered them to a "deserted place" for a well-deserved break: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest for a while". This is happening as people mob them. We can imagine people in the crowd pleading for healing from diseases and infirmities. Christ and His Apostles must decide what is a good break. Is it a good break to abandon people who come to you and/or rely on you for healing and spiritual nourishment? Will it be a good break to abandon those placed in your charge just because it is my break time?

In today's gospel passage, Jesus teaches us how to take a good break. Jesus does not shoo these crowds away. He does not say to them "Leave us alone! We need a break. We need time to eat". Instead, Our Lord is moved with pity for the crowds who are like "sheep without a shepherd." For Christ, there is only one option: back to work! These poor sheep have hurried out to the desert just for an opportunity to be with Jesus. It would be unfitting to send them away without giving them something, so Jesus begins to "teach them many things".

As humans, we would be asking questions. What about the rest the Apostles needed and deserve? Was it not Jesus, Himself, who commanded the time of rest? How will the Apostles find time even to eat? The answer to these questions is simple. When God makes it clear that others have a claim on our time, we must respond—even if it means some sacrifice of "our" leisure. (Yet all our time belongs to God, anyway!)

Jesus teaches His Apostles how to take a good break. Soon after his ministry began, crowds began to follow Jesus everywhere. Jesus had to go away from the crowds to "deserted places" often, to pray. Whenever people found him out, he was always praying to his Father (Mark 1:35; 1:45; 3:13). Prayer was Jesus' source of refreshment. He found rest in doing the Will of His Father.

The lesson for all of us is this: whenever we have a moment of rest—whether it's a five-minute coffee break or a two-week vacation—we, too, should make our rest prayerful and devoted to accomplishing the will of Our Father in Heaven. We can take a good break by picking leisure activities that will direct our thoughts to God. For instance, we can take a walk and admire God's creation, rather than watch a television show that glorifies a life of sin. We can get off social media and its toxic impact on our lives in favor of meditating on the Word of God.

Even when we have planned our rest or break from work or other daily routines, we should never forget that the work of

pared to interrupt our break and rest to take care of the needy.

God has a plan. If we submit to it, God will never let us down. In the case of the Apostles, there was nothing to fear. God was going to renew their strength and feed the crowds that preceded them to that place of rest. We read in Mark, chapter 6, that when the people started to get hungry, Jesus miraculously multiplied five loaves and two fishes to feed 5,000 men and their families (Mark 6:35-44). All of them "ate and were satisfied!" (Mark 6:42). After feeding the multitudes, Jesus went up a mountain alone to pray (Mark 6:45-46).

Conclusion: God alone provides the food, rest, and prayerful contemplation that we need, even if we must turn parts of our "break" into acts of service.

God bless you!

(Nathan Schmidt, Seminarian on Summer Assignment)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A few notices:

Prayer for Eucharistic Revival: As a parish community, we shall no longer be reciting the Prayer for Eucharistic Revival during our parish Masses. However, you are free to continue saying this prayer as an individual or as a family.

Our Summer Seminarian Nathan Schmidt: Seminarian Nathan Schmidt has been with us for about six weeks for summer assignment. His assignment ends this Thursday July 25th, 2024. What's summer assignment? Summer assignment is an integral part of the discerning and formation of candidates for the Sacred Priesthood. Each summer assignment provides the seminarian with an opportunity to broaden his pastoral experiences. That said, I am sure Nathan enjoyed his stay with us and hopefully it has been helpful in his formation to the priesthood. As he prepares to return to the seminary at the end of summer break, we wish him all the best as he continues with his formation to the priesthood. I want to ask you to remember him in your daily prayers. Let us also continue to pray for those discerning a vocation either to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, or to the religious life.

Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD): Please be generous in this week's special collection. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 2705.50
Online Giving	\$ 757.14
Maintenance	\$ 215.00
Outreach	\$ 130.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

ALL VOLUNTEERS must complete their VIRTUS training and background check immediately. Those who are not in compliance will not be allowed to volunteer until they are compliant with the current guidelines. The Bishop has instituted yearly Safe Environment training to include the Protecting God's Children Module and monthly bulletins for all employees and volunteers. If you completed the training before 2023, you must now complete the module Protecting God's Children Online Awareness Session 4.0.

Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching. Just 3 weeks away! SCUBA dive into a friendship with God. August 5—9th from 5—8 PM. Spots are still available! Fill out a registration form (in the narthex) and drop it off at the office or fill out the online form. **This is a FREE event and dinner is provided.**



Save the Date: **Crab Feast...coming August 23rd.** Tickets go on sale next week after all Masses.

The **Social Concerns Ministry** is collecting items to fill Blessing Bags for the homeless. Travel size toiletry items and small snacks are preferred. Monetary donations are always welcome. Items can be left in the marked bin in the narthex.

The next **Hedersville Loaves and Fishes** distribution is scheduled for Saturday July 26th. Items can be left on the shelves in the McFadden Hall closet as you enter on your left. Please do not leave clothing.

Mary's Refuge will host a BBQ for men of all trades with a heart for making a difference. Miracles in the making! BBQ, baby bumps and building community for Mary's Refuge. Sunday, July 28th from 4-6 PM in the backyard of Mary's Refuge. RSVP at life@marysrefuge.com.

All money collected in the **Poor Box** (located on the back wall of the church) always goes directly to our area chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



St. Joseph Conference
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Neighbors helping neighbors
within the boundaries of St. Joseph and
St. Bernadette Parishes
(304) 671-0569

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, Chris McCusker, Barb Loeffler

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 21st

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10 AM Hospitality Ministry Meeting—McFadden Hall
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 2:30 PM African Mass

Tuesday, July 23rd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, July 24th

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

Thursday, July 25th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, July 26th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Kao family
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, July 27th

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Sunday, July 28th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

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 22nd—St. Mary Magdalene; Sg 3:1-4b or Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday 23rd—Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday 24th—Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday 25th—St. James, Apostle; 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28

Friday 26th—Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Jer 3:14-17; (Ps) Jer 31; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday 27th—Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday 28th—2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

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.

Mary's Garden

St. Bernadette's has a new prayer garden, dedicated to the devotion of Mary, Undoer (or Untier) of Knots, located at the top of our parking lot. Here is the story behind this shrine:

The story of this devotion began when a German nobleman and his wife were on the brink of divorce. The nobleman was distraught and turned to his priest for counseling. The two prayed to the Blessed Virgin Mary for the marriage at every meeting. At the last meeting, the nobleman gave the priest a ribbon from his wedding. The nobleman and his wife followed wedding traditions from that time and wrapped a white ribbon around their hands. The priest took the knotted ribbon and placed it next to an image of Our Lady of the Snows. He asked Mary to "untie the knots" of the nobleman's marriage.

The ribbon miraculously loosened and completely untied. After this occurred the nobleman and his wife reconciled. A grandson of the couple became a priest and commissioned a painting in honor and memory of his grandparents and the story.

In the painting, Mary unties the ribbon knots, one angel gives her the knotted ribbon, while another angel holds the unknotted side and presents it to us. Mary also crushes Satan's head, which represents the Immaculate Conception. The dove above her head symbolizes her spouse, the Holy Spirit. At the bottom of the image, you see Saint Raphael the Archangel guiding the nobleman to a monastery. Pope Francis discovered the painting while studying in Germany in the 1980s and has since shared his love for this devotion with the world.

Mary's Garden is still a work in progress. The plants and flowers you see in this space are donated by many parishioners and lovingly planted by the St. Bernadette's Garden Ministry. The Mary, Undoer of Knots Shrine is placed just behind a white arbor. Located near the shrine, and inside a container, you will find prayer pamphlets and white ribbons. After you pray to Mary, take a ribbon, and tie it to the arbor. Leave your worry, stress, anxiety, hurt, and upset, in the form of this tied ribbon, on Mary's arbor. Our Blessed Mother will be your comfort as she brings you closer to God.

