

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 28, 2024

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Multiplication of the loaves and fish



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: They will eat and have some leftover
 In Ordinary Time of the Church Year B, we read from the Gospel of Saint Mark. But this weekend, we begin reading from the 6th chapter of Saint John’s Gospel which recounts the familiar story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish and the feeding of the five thousand, common to all four gospels. John is the only evangelist who has no account of the institution of the Eucharist, but he models his story of how Jesus feeds the five thousand on what happens in every Eucharist. “Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining.” We will stay with chapter 6 of John’s Gospel for the following four Sundays. So, for five Sundays in a stretch, we can continue reflecting on the Eucharist – the central mystery of our faith.

Our readings this Sunday present us with the benevolence of God who satisfies the needs of all His creatures. Our first reading, taken from the second book of Kings, tells us the story of how Elisha, during a time of destitution and famine, feeds 100 men with twenty-five barley loaves and some ears of corn. In the gospel passage, like Elisha, Jesus feeds five thousand people miraculously. This miracle is aided by the generosity of a boy who made available five barley loaves and two fish. God is still doing this miracle of multiplication in our time. What loaves and fish are in your hands that God desires to use to meet the needs of the poor and needy around you? These loaves and fish could be your talent, your time, your listening ears, and so on. How can you, with whatever gift you have, put a smile on someone’s face? God is our Father; we are all children of this one Father. Let us each be another Elisha, another Christ to feed the hungry around us. God bless you! Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to Saint Bernadette!

At the start of yet another week, we come together as a family of God to render thanks to Him for the blessings He has bestowed on us as individuals and as a parish family. A special welcome to those who have chosen to worship with us this weekend for the first time. We want you to feel the love of Jesus as we worship together.

Thank You: Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$535 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click “How to Give” under “Resources.” #iGiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for the collection-see <https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/>.

Mission Appeal: Next weekend, Fr Binoy Vazhayil Thomas, a member of St Thomas Province of Little Flower Congregation, will be in our parish on the behalf of his congregation for

a mission appeal. He will celebrate all the Masses that weekend. For details, see the Bulletin insert.

Pope’s Prayer Intention for August 2024: Let’s join the Holy Father, Pope Francis to pray that political leaders 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.

Seminarian Nathan Schmidt ended his summer assignment here at Saint Bernadette last Thursday July 25, 2024. Please continue to lift him up to God in your daily prayers. Please find below a message of “THANKS” from Seminarian Nathan Schmidt.

Dear Parishioners of St. Bernadette Catholic Parish, Thank you all so much for a wonderful summer. I thank God for you all. Thursday, July 25, officially ended my summer assignment at this parish. I can’t adequately express my appreciation for what you all have done for me—but I can try. From the first week I was here, I knew I was in for a treat. You put together a meet-and-greet just for me! I never expected such hospitality, but I am thankful for it. Over the last month and a half, so many of you have taken me out to eat that I’ve hardly had to go to the store.

Your parish is so active that I’ve never been bored! Thank you for including me in so many corporal and spiritual works of mercy: preparing meals, visiting the nursing home, teaching the youth group, praying with strangers, cleaning graves, and more. You exemplify what a generous and faith-filled missionary parish should be like.

It’s been a joy to pray with you all and learn some of your stories. I’ve appreciated especially the rosaries after daily Mass.

I thank Fr. Boh for hosting me at his rectory, for giving generously of his time to mentor me, and for being a witness to the priesthood lived well. You all are lucky to have him as your pastor!

Right now, I am on a break until the beginning of my next semester at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. When I return to the Mount on August 14, I will begin four years of theology studies. Lord willing, at the end I will be ordained a deacon, and a year later, a priest. Some of you have asked me if I will be back at St. Bernadette’s as a priest. The Lord only knows where this journey will lead—but if it’s His will that I should be ordained a priest, and if I should get a choice, then I would be delighted to serve this parish!

Seminary formation can be a difficult road, so thank you so much for constantly encouraging me! If you’d like to write to me when I am back at seminary, use this address:

Nathan Schmidt, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary
 16300 Old Emmitsburg Rd., Emmitsburg, MD 21727 (cont.)

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

Most importantly, keep me in your prayers. I will hold you all in mine. God is good—all the time! And all the time—God is good.
Mr. Nathan Schmidt
Seminarian, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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.

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

Ashly Canby	Zachary Swisher	Deb Nichols
Julia Foreman	Kathleen Huntsberry	Laylah Harper
John Shipley	Dominic Rivera	Vickie Reid
Joseph Sobinovskiy	Kathleen Stritch	Bruce Shifflett
Vincent Foreman	Jacob Cumley	Ryder Bellman
Amelia Smith	Mary-Frances Smith	Luz Benavides
Phyllis Symuleski	Lynn Fitzharris	Patricia Gearity
Marlene VanMiddlesworth	Renee Gibb	Bernice Sullivan
Mark Pelletier	Sharlene Liberto	James Tatem
Sande Roscoe	Pat Winkelman	Raymond Burke
Amy Stone	Rick Roscoe	Gabriel Tost
Gwyneth Britner	Phil Lettal	Sarah Welsh
Maria Heredia	Wesley MacKinnon	Freddy Gibb
Emma Null	John Strzemieczny	Linda Spiker
Courtney Sansone	Robert Barnhouse	Serena Zamora
Kellie Sansone	Bruce Curley	Cameron Boswell
Josiah Nichols	Braden Pelletier	Father Boh
	Lucas Battaglini	

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, 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

Tuesday, July 30th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Jeanette Scofield
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, July 31st

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

Thursday, August 1st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

First Friday, August 2nd

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

First Saturday, August 3rd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Binoy Vazhayil
Thomas - Mission Appeal
Rosary immediately following
4—4:45 PM Confession
5 PM Mass—Fr. Binoy Vazhayil
Thomas - Mission Appeal

Sunday, August 4th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass
11 AM Mass—Fr. Binoy Vazhayil
Thomas - Mission Appeal
Intention for Donald Wood

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 Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttmann, 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 29th—Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus;
Jer 13:1-11; (Ps) Dt 32; Jn 11:19-27

Tuesday 30th—Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday 31st—St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest;
Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday 1st—St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church; Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146; Mt 13:47-53

Friday 2nd—Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday 3rd—Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday 4th—Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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.

ALL YOU CAN EAT



St. Bernadette's
CRAB FEAST

August 23rd
4-7pm

Includes: •fried chicken •corn on the cob
• potato salad •coleslaw •brownie sundae bar
•tea, lemonade & water •BYOB

\$65 per person / \$40 fried chicken
\$20 children 12
& under

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LITTLE FLOWER CONGREGATION
CST FATHERS

Mission Appeal

August 3 & 4, 2024

Little Flower Congregation (CST Fathers) is a Religious Order of Pontifical status, under the patronage of St. Therese of Lisieux, who wished to go around to all the continents of the world and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. Our missionary Religious Order was founded in 1931 by the late Rev. Basilius Panat CST in Kerala, India, who has always been inspired by the exhortation of Jesus, "Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). We are committed to serving the poor and marginalized, small-scale farmers, orphans and the destitute.

This mission appeal is about our new project, which is aimed at supporting the cause of differently-abled individuals. We have recently constructed a state-of-the-art center for the rehabilitation and training of differently-abled people within our premises. Our vision is to empower these individuals and enable them to lead independent lives by providing them with the necessary skills and support.

Currently, we are already engaged in several charitable activities, including the care of 920 terminally ill people through our mobile palliative care unit. We have adopted 180 underprivileged children and are actively supporting their education. Furthermore, we rehabilitate over 60 poor individuals in our home for the aged, in addition to looking after terminally ill patients who require palliative care.

The Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Centre is a significant addition to our mission, and we aspire to accommodate 40 differently-abled individuals in this facility. Through specialized training programs and care, we aim to help them stand on their own and become active, contributing members of society.

We believe that you would be a valuable partner in this endeavor. The funds raised through this mission appeal will directly contribute to the sustenance and development of the Good Samaritan Rehabilitation Centre, allowing us to provide essential services to differently-abled individuals. We believe that together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of those who are often marginalized and overlooked.

We kindly ask for your consideration and support for this mission appeal. Your support would be a blessing in our mission to serve the "little ones" in our society.

Contact person: Rev. Dr. Jojan Joseph CST, 129 Elmore St., Oak Hill, West Virginia,
jjoseph@dwc.org, 304-281-0086.