

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 7, 2024

14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Jesus is rejected in his home-town



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

“The spirit entered into me and set me on my feet.” Ezekiel 2:2
 When I finished second year of theology in the Major Seminary, I was sent on summer assignment to a parish. When I got to that parish, the pastor sent me to a mission church with this instruction: “When you go this mission church, I want you to help reconcile me with the Christians of this mission church. It is almost a year”, he continued, “since I last visited that mission church, and since then they have never had any sacrament celebrated in that mission church”. The pastor had a misunderstanding with the pastoral council of that church over a church project that they had decided to execute without his approval and as a result he decided to stop the project. The decision of the pastor was met with fierce opposition coming especially from the members of the mission pastoral council. They informed the pastor that he was no longer welcome to that mission church. This decision was the brainchild of the pastor’s classmate in primary school, as I was made to understand.

Here, I was being sent on such a great mission to people I had never met in my life and to a place I have never visited before. Like the prophet Ezekiel, I was wondering to myself; ‘if they have rejected their pastor, it is doubtful that they will receive me well’. However, I had no choice. I set out for the mission church Saturday afternoon and got there in the evening. I was welcomed by the catechist of the mission church who immediately briefed me on the issue they were having with their pastor. I pretended as if I have never heard anything like that. He advised me not to get involved in the matter given just how angry the people were with the pastor.

On Sunday morning during the Sunday service without a priest, I decided to mention the matter during the time for announcements. The reaction wasn’t funny at all. Before I could finish the first sentence, the chairperson of the mission pastoral council got up from his seat and told me that if that is the purpose of my coming to that mission church, then I have failed only on day one and won’t be a wrong decision if I can leave before it is too late. After saying this, he walked out of the church followed by some members of the pastoral council. It might have been tempting for me to walk away from my assignment with this rejection, but I refused to allow this rebellious gesture to sway me from my mission. I decided to go sit down one and one with the chairperson in his home later that day, but unfortunately for me, he was not home. I left word with his wife to let him know that I called around in his absence. The next day he came to the mission, and we had a very good conversation. And at the end of our conversation, he promised me that all will be fine. Two weeks later we held a mission station pastoral council meeting and arrived at a harmonious decision - the pastor should come visit the mission at his earliest convenience.

In our first reading for this weekend Masses, we heard that: “The spirit entered into me and set me on my feet.” This “spirit” is often interpreted as the Holy Spirit, the divine presence of God that empowers and guides believers. In this context, the spirit entering

Ezekiel signifies God calling him and equipping him for his prophetic ministry. Ezekiel was sent to the children of Israel, a rebellious nation that has rebelled against the Lord. They were a hard, stubborn, and stiff-hearted people. And because they did not heed the warning of the prophets to repent, they went into captivity, yet that was not enough to convince them to turn to the Lord because they were a rebellious nation.

It might have been tempting to walk away from the rejection and verbal abuse that the rebellious people would have inflicted upon him. But God tells Ezekiel: “Whether they heed or resist – for they are a rebellious house - they shall know that there a prophet has been among them”. Therefore, Ezekiel was to stay the course and do as the Lord had commanded; to preach to the people what he has heard without changing or adding anything. This was what the parish pastor expected of me in this mission church to which I was sent.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, all the baptized have received a prophetic vocation, a call to announce to others the word of God. We might never be called to a difficult mission like Ezekiel, but as baptized Christians, we are called to preach the Gospel faithfully, in word and deed, to our children, neighbors, our colleagues at work. There’s a saying that: “You cannot give what you do not have”. So, to be able to live out our prophetic vocation, we must first listen carefully to the word of God and let it penetrate our hearts. We cannot rely solely on our own strength to do this, we must rely on the Holy Spirit, the divine presence of God that empowers and guides us. May God help us to be faithful messengers of His good news to our brothers and sisters.

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome!
 Today is the fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today’s readings introduce Jesus as a prophet and explain how prophets and other messengers from God inevitably suffer rejection. The readings challenge us to face rejection and hardship with prophetic courage. May the spirit that entered the prophet Ezekiel and set him on his feet, may that same spirit possess us and set us on our feet.

The Precious Blood of Jesus Christ: Did you know that the month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood? The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX for celebration on the first Sunday in July, which is the anniversary of the liberation of the city of Rome from the insurgents. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 2,860.00
Online Giving	\$ 778.79
Maintenance	\$ 145.00
Outreach	\$ 100.00

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 TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

through His Blood. It is the Blood made present on our altars at every Mass by the words of Consecration. This probably explains why the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), decided to schedule the Eucharistic Revival Congress in the month of July. Leading up to this historic gathering in Indianapolis, Indiana from July 17th through 21st, 2024, there has been a series of events that have taken place. One of these events is the Eucharistic Pilgrimage's St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route. The pilgrims arrived with Our Lord in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV last June 20. Our summer seminarian, Nathan Schmidt, was present when the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage passed through Wheeling, WV and shares his experience: "When the pilgrimage van, carrying the Blessed Sacrament, pulled up to our cathedral in Wheeling, I felt as though Jesus was passing through our town just as he journeyed through Palestine 2,000 years ago. We did our best to give him a royal welcome: a holy hour, all-night adoration, and a procession through town the next morning. It was such a powerful moment that I noticed that even some non-Catholics in town were intrigued by our devotion. Yet the very same Jesus is present at every Mass – let's treat him with just as much devotion whenever we receive him in Holy Communion!"

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July 2024: For the pastoral care of the sick. That the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us. Happy Sunday, Fr. Boh

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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!

Margaret Bartholow	Esme Ayers	James Zaycosky-Null
Amelia Stritch	Kathleen Weaver	Adam McCoy
David Copenhaver	Susan Zaycosky	Nancy Melonas
Nick Nichols	April Miller	Rattanaporn Murphy
Paul Kusmitch	John Milton	Nicole Wine
Robyn Lopez	Chinnatham Murphy	Stephanie Ayers
Mary Beth Shanholtzer	Thomas Gautreaux	Paul Guttmann
Anne Hicks	Anthony Gautreaux	Thomas Howard
Danny Montgomery	Aria Huntsberry	Melania Scalia
Benedict Hudy	Alexandra McCoy	Yara Harper
Mike Sansone	Peter Lettal	Alana Struemke
Jody Wilburn	Ignatius Hudy	Thomas Grimsley
Michael Haggerty	Amanda Rivera	Isabella Roscoe
Linda Miller	Christian Beutler	Margaret Klover
Robert Hess	Lawrence Bogacz	Charles Dunn
Ed Miller	Dominick Ruggiero	Michael Gentry
Josephine Smith	Victoria Trauger	Shaala Takwa
James Donahue	Allison Ferrell	

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, 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 7th

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

Tuesday, July 9th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Nestorine Boh
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, July 10th

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

Thursday, July 11th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Nestorine Boh

Friday, July 12th

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

Saturday, July 13th

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Sunday, July 14th

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 Nestorine 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 5:20—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, 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 8th—Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday 9th—Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday 10th—Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday 11th—St. Benedict, Abbot; Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9, Ps 80; Mt 10:7-15

Friday 12th—Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday 13th—Is 6:1-8, Ps 93; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday 14th—Am 7:12-15; Ps 85; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

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.