

# 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*

## June 16, 2024

### 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Sowing a mustard seed



#### 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 Mysteries of the Kingdom

“With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private. Mark 4:33–34

The deepest mysteries of our faith can only be understood by someone who has deep faith. Understanding requires much more than just a keen intellect; it also requires an interior attentiveness to and familiarity with the voice of God. For that reason, as Jesus spoke to the crowds, He used parables and figures of speech rather than speaking directly about the mysteries of Heaven.

By analogy, if you were to attend a very special feast and you had well-formed taste buds, you might enjoy being served the best cut of meat cooked to perfection with a fine glass of wine. But to a small child, such a meal might not be that appealing. The same is true with music. If you were a musician who studied and played music throughout life, then you might have a greater appreciation for certain types of music. Others might simply be drawn to a certain type of music by the beat or because it has catchy lyrics.

In a similar way, a person who has only a little faith might not be immediately drawn into the deepest mystical truths of God when they are explained directly and clearly. Instead, they might find that a simplified Gospel message that uses familiar imagery or stories is better able to catch their attention and communicate the message.

This is good to understand because it’s good for us to turn to the means of communication with God most suited for our depth of faith and understanding. For most people, it will be very useful to see themselves as one of those people in the crowds to whom Jesus spoke His parables. We should especially see ourselves as a part of the crowds as we begin our journey of faith. However, when a person has spent much time in prayer and meditation over the years and their faith begins to deepen, they may find that parables and stories are not as inspiring as they once were. They need more. They long for God to speak to them more clearly and deeply.

Practically speaking, as your faith grows, it is good to look for the deeper ways that God speaks to you. How does He come to you and explain His will and the truths of faith more directly as Jesus did to the Apostles? Perhaps reading the lives of the saints, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, or some other spiritual book will engage you more deeply. Also, some Scripture passages may feed you more as you grow in faith, such as the passages where Jesus speaks more directly to His disciples.

Reflect, today, upon the way that you are most fully fed by God’s holy Word at this point in your life. The best way to identify this is to consider what it is that has given you the most consolation and inspiration as of late. How has God’s Word most powerfully resonated within you over this past year? Identifying the way that God has

spoken to you recently is the best way to decide how to continue to receive from Him all that He wants to teach you and reveal to you at this point of your journey of faith. Continue to seek out God’s voice and be open to letting Him draw you ever more deeply into the beautiful depths of the mysteries of His Kingdom.

(From ‘My Catholic Life!’ A journey of personal conversion!)

THE PASTOR’S DESK

Brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome!

A hearty welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time. Thank you for choosing to worship with us here this weekend at Saint Bernadette. Feel at home and know you’re always welcome.

Today we celebrate the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Church Year B. The readings invite us to exercise patience when waiting for the Lord. But this waiting shouldn’t be passive. Like the expectant farmer who plays an active role in making sure the soil is healthy, watching for obvious threats like crows or the more subtle attacks of pests, we must wait in prayer and trust, knowing that God’s time is the best.

Today, we celebrate ‘Father’s Day’. While we acknowledge the fact that we have never had a perfect father, or in fact, has ever been a perfect father, it is still of vital importance that we take the time to acknowledge all fathers and to applaud and encourage those who are endeavoring to bring their children up in a way that honors God. Happy Father’s Day to all the fathers in our parish.

**Just to say ‘Thank You’:**

Thank you all for your presence last Tuesday June 11th, to welcome our summer seminarian Nathan Schmidt. A special thanks to those who brought something for us to share. We wish him a happy stay here at Saint Bernadette and hope he finds his time here with us helpful in his journey to the priesthood.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Happy Sunday



PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 2819.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1194.90
Maintenance .....	\$ 225.00
Outreach .....	\$ 219.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP  
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Who knew that a canopy could make a space more beautiful? The awning over the handicapped entrance has been installed and leads the way to our new and beautiful Prayer Garden. Once complete, we will “cut the ribbon” on the new space with a prayer service after weekday Mass. Stay tuned for a date and time.



Loaves and Fishes continues to appreciate the donation of food items for their monthly distribution. Please do not leave clothing in the McFadden Hall closet.

A fellow parishioner is seeking help getting to Mass on the weekends. She is currently staying at the Martinsburg Healthcare Center on Clover Street in Martinsburg. Please call Rebecca Ramsey at 304-616-6901 or the parish office for more details if you can help.

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, June 16th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the Kammerer family*  
 Flag Raising Ceremony  
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Duke Arnold*  
 2:30 PM African Mass

**Tuesday, June 18th**

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

**Wednesday, June 19th**

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

**Thursday, June 20th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Friday, June 21st**

9:00 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
 12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, June 22nd**

10:30 AM Book Club  
 4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Cornelius  
*Intention for Marie Osbourn*

**Sunday, June 23rd**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Cornelius  
*Intention for Thaddeus Reeser*  
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Cornelius



**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](http://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 17th—1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday 18th—1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday 19th—2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 20th—Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97; Mt 6:7-15

Friday 21st—Memorial of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious; 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday 22nd—2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday 23rd—Jb 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

### 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



## ST BERNADETTE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER 2024

**POSITION** -- We did not do a detailed financial report for the 1Q2024 as we are in the process of changing banks, which entails closing 4 accounts at one bank and switching them to two accounts at the new location. At the same time, we need to track all transactions to ensure that they go into the correct account. For the quarter our expenses were \$3700 more than our income. The weekend collections were 2.78% higher than the same time last year. This is not quite the rate of inflation and has not kept up with the apparent growth we are having in our attendance. Our financial position is approximately the same as at the end of the year with the help of several diocesan programs detailed later.

**Catholic Sharing Appeal** – Thanks for the 46 gifts you have given thus far. Our 2024 goal is the same as last year (\$20,995). The first 50% goes to Diocesan programs. Money above \$10,498 is returned to St Bernadette, assessment free. At this point we are at \$13,810 (66%) so \$3,312 plus all additional received will be returned to St Bernadette. We have achieved our goal every year since Fr Boh's arrival and let's maintain that record. The benefit, in addition to saving the 12% assessment, is that we qualify for grant money which we have received each year that we requested. This year we received a grant for \$2,819 to purchase security cameras for the property. This brings our total grants for the past three years to about \$10,000. If you have not done so, please return a donation and CSA card found in the pews so that we can continue the success for St. Bernadette.

**Projects** – You are surely aware of all the projects occurring around St Bernadette Church. They include the new sidewalk, canopy and prayer garden, other landscaping, new LED lighting in the church, the installation of new handrails in the sanctuary, the repair of the major leak and damage in the rectory, the remodel of the second floor of the rectory and the ongoing maintenance of the facilities. A shout out to Joe and Elaine Comer and their volunteers on these projects, all on a gratis basis. The garden project, with Bill Klover and his volunteers, is also looking healthy. This is providing vegetables to people in need through Loaves and Fishes and other missions. Through grant requests, the Diocese will provide \$21,000 on these projects. Volunteers are always welcome to assist.

**On-Line Giving** – This is not a request, but a suggestion. On-line Giving is an easy way to donate on a regular basis. All you need to do is hit the online giving button on the parish website and follow directions. If you need assistance, Lynette, in the parish office will assist. So far in 2024 we have had 94 donors, of which 68 are recurring donors. On-line givers currently represent 40% of our income. They do not have to worry about their weekly envelope, and it makes much less work for the weekly counters and for Lynette in posting the donations. Give it a try, you might like it!

**THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO, AND FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ST BERNADETTE CHURCH.**