

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 23, 2024

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Jesus Stifling the Tempest



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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

REFLECTION

At the end of my second year of philosophy in the Major Seminary, I was sent to a parish in a remote village for my summer pastoral assignment. Upon arriving the parish, the pastor sent me to one of the mission churches of the parish. It was a long distance away, only part of which could be traveled in a vehicle. The rest of the way necessitated trekking through a forest. I started off my journey at the car park where I boarded a bush taxi. The part of the road that I could travel in the bush taxi ended at the bank of a huge river with no bridge for crossing. Once the taxi pulled to a stop at the bank of the river, the passengers reached out for their luggage. Then, each passenger swam or waded across the river to the other side of the bank. In no time, everybody had gone leaving only the driver and me at the bank where the road came to a dead end. I turned to the driver and told him that I didn't know how to swim; that I had never seen or crossed such a huge river in my entire life. I let the driver know I didn't think I could make it across the river. "If you don't cross now", the taxi driver warned, "you will not be able to cross once the rain-water collects into the river." He said so because it had just started raining. The taxi driver drove off, and I was left alone. As terrified as I was, I figured had no other choice than to try to cross the river. I mustered courage and started crossing. The bed of the river was about twenty meters (about 65 feet) wide. I had barely covered two meters (about six feet) than I was being carried by the fast-rising waters of the river. I wrestled against the torrent as I could sense my feet being swept away from beneath my body. Fortunately, I got a hold of a big rock that jotted out of the riverbed and held onto so firmly that if the rock felt pain, it could have been hurting from just how tightly I hung on for dear life. It lasted only a few minutes, but seemed like an eternity, before I heard a splashing noise as if the river tide was rising with a rumble. When I looked up, I saw four boys crossing the river a few meters away from the spot where I had committed every ounce of energy in me to hang onto the rock. I cried out to them for help. Their response was scaring and disheartening: "Sorry, sir, we can't help you. That's a bad spot. Nobody dares to cross this river in that spot. How did you find yourself there?" This response scared me to death! However, I made a quick prayer asking God to help me get across the river safely if the mission that laid ahead for me was His mission. If not, then I would understand if God let me drown. At the end of this prayer, I reluctantly let go of the rock and started to move forward to cross the river. To this day, I thank God that He got me across to the other side of the river with no further incident.

The four young men who had refused to help me were still at the bank of the river when I got there. I was angry with them for refusing to offer help, but dared not show my anger since I was now going to be entirely dependent on them to see me safely through the dangerous trek through the forest on the next lap of my journey to the mission church. When I later introduced myself to them as a student of the Major Seminary, they were very apologetic because, as it turned out, the young lads were altar servers in the very mission church to which I was going. They told me that they had stayed-on to come to my rescue in case I was drowning.

In this weekend's Gospel, we meet people who are also in danger of being overwhelmed by the waters of the sea. We read: "A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion." You can picture this scene. The apostles are terrified by what is unfolding, but Jesus does not seem to be aware of anything that is happening around Him. The apostles cannot understand how Jesus could be sleeping while they were in peril. So, "They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" They had been working hard to keep the boat afloat and, according to them, all while Jesus was not bothered and/or didn't care.

While the apostles did not show great faith, they did the right thing, though. They went to the One who has the power to help them. They called on Him whom, they knew, could get them out of such a situation of danger. They themselves did not have the power to help themselves. They had done all they could, but all they could do and had done was not enough to get them out of danger. Much like me, trying to count on myself in that wild river crossing; or looking up to the taxi driver or to the four young men to save me. Like the Apostles in the storm, I did the right thing, in the end, by turning to the One who has the power to save all of us.

Jesus calmed the storm. The Psalm puts it beautifully in these words: "He hushed the storm to a gentle breeze, and the billows of the sea were stilled. He also calmed the fears of His frightened apostles.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$3,890.00
Online Giving	\$2,036.75
Maintenance\$ 250.00
Outreach.....	\$ 185.00

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

REFLECTION (CONTINUED)

Our lives can be likened to crossing the sea in stormy weather. Our lives are marred by stormy situations. We struggle with difficulties of all kinds: the protracted illness of a family member, loss of work, loss of a child, spouse or loved one. We are in a storm when we are going through a divorce; when our colleagues at work seem to have ganged up against us; when we cannot get out of an addiction; etc. Often, in such situations, our friends and loved ones are not there to support us. As a result, we are tempted to turn to other sources for help because, like the apostles, we wonder if God cares at all. We wonder if God is asleep and question why He would be allowing so much evil to wreck our lives. We desperately try to find help anywhere: we take drugs trusting that they have the power to save us. We turn to friends, like I turned to the four boys hoping to find help from them. All too often, we find out in real life that those we count on are not there in our times of trouble. Jesus, alone, has all the power to help us in whatever trouble or danger we find ourselves, but He needs to see faith in our hearts to work the miracle we pray and hope for. May He grant to each one of us the kind of faith that obtains miracles from Him who, alone, can quieten the storms in our lives.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Happy Sunday....Fr. Boh

WHAT'S GOING ON?

We welcome Fr Cornelius to St Bernadette. Fr Cornelius is a priest of the Diocese of Kumbo (not Kumba), in the Northwest Region of Cameroon. Father is currently studying at St Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. We thank you for accepting to come celebrate this weekend Masses for us and with us. We wish you all the best in your studies and priestly ministry.

Loaves and Fishes appreciates the contributions of toiletries and food items for their monthly distribution on the last Saturdays of the month. They are not, at this time, accepting clothes, so please do not leave any clothes items in the closet in McFadden Hall. Thank you.

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 23rd**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Cornelius

Intention for Thaddeus Reeser

11 AM Mass—Fr. Cornelius

Tuesday, June 25th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, June 26th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, June 27th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, June 28th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the Kao family

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, June 29th

9 AM Maggie Cavanaugh

Funeral at Hedges Chapel

10:30 AM Book Club

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Sunday, June 30th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Maggie Cavanaugh

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for June Williams

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 24th—Nativity of St. John the Baptist; Is 49:1-6; Ps 139; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday 25th—2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday 26th—2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday 27th—2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79; Mt 7:21-29

Friday 28th—St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr; 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday 29th—Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday 30th—Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43

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.