

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 30, 2024

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

The Justice and Mercy of Christ's Healing Power



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: She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Mark 5:28

Today's readings focus on the theme of sickness and death, highlighting God's almighty power over these dreadful forces. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom reminds us that God did not make us for death. He made us for life, in the here and in the hereafter. In the second reading, St Paul appeals to the Corinthians to contribute to a collection for the poor in the Church at Jerusalem. The Gospel narrates two miracles, offering a glimpse of God's power bestowed in Jesus Christ to restore life to the dead as well as to heal the afflicted from the most protracted illnesses

Permit me to share the story of one of my friends, Felix Akwe. He lives and works in Cameroon. We first met early in the morning on my second day in his home parish. I was on my first assignment as a pastor. On beholding Felix that morning, I could not brush off from my mind the thought that Felix would not live to see the end of that month. He looked so frail and visibly sick that no part of my brain suggested that he was not dying. During the more than two hours conversation I had with Felix that morning, he confirmed my suspicion. He had been sick for more than a year, he explained. None of the hospitals he had been to across the country – and he had been to many – had been able to even diagnose what illness afflicted him.

"As we speak, Father," Felix said to me, "the government, my employer, has given me until the end of this year to return to work. Failure to report back to my duty post would be considered a resignation from my employment." Felix would effectively lose not only his job, income, and livelihood, but any claim to retirement benefits. This was my friend's ordeal.

Felix had given up on any hope of healing from getting attended to in hospital, but not in God. Repeatedly during our conversation that morning, Felix reiterated that he believes God will heal him, if such is God's will for him. Felix explained that he would be embarking on a Nine-Day Novena Prayer to Saint Jude Thaddeus once he got back to the city, where he lived with his family. As a devotee to St Jude myself, I encouraged and reminded him that Saint Jude is the Patron Saint for Hopeless cases.

After our meeting that morning, I did not see Felix again until two months later. Felix was in perfect health condition. "Wahoo! Look at you! What happened, Felix?" were the first words out of my mouth. "Father Boh," he replied "miracles still happen. I did the novena prayer, as I told you, and believe me or not, on the last day of my nine-day novena, I was healed right there in Church." Felix returned to work with the government and the last time we met, he was looking good.

In today's Gospel passage, we meet two people: the synagogue official and the woman who was afflicted with hemorrhages. The synagogue official came to and pleaded with Christ on behalf of his little daughter. The woman afflicted with hemorrhages acted in the firm belief that Christ had so much power that "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Christ credits the woman's faith for her healing: "Daughter, your faith has saved you". Like the woman in the gospel, my friend Felix was rewarded for turning in faith to God through the intercession of Saint Jude Thaddeus.

The action – taken in faith – by the woman afflicted with hemorrhages; the synagogue official whose daughter was at the point of death; and by my friend Felix; are like the action taken by the Apostles in last Sunday's Gospel. Terrified by the storm that was overwhelming them at sea, they turned to the Lord who quietened the sea and rescued them.

The Gospel does not tell us if the woman had such great faith throughout her life. What we know is that in her affliction, she showed how everyone who has faith should act. The woman, the synagogue official, my friend Felix, and all of us who have shown faith during distress know or must know that Jesus is the answer. When all else had failed her, Jesus did not let her down. She did not give in to fears and defeat. She turned to Jesus. The message these stories of faith has for all of us is we should turn to Jesus for He is the answer to every situation in our lives.

God bless you.

Fr. Boh

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome, beloved brothers and sisters in Christ!

Today is the last day in the month of June. Tomorrow is the start of a new month, the month of July. We thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on us in this past month, and we ask for His guidance and blessings in the new month. To all of you to whom the month of July is special because of one anniversary or the other, we say 'CONGRATULATIONS' and we accompany you with our prayers. Happy New Month!!!

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund.....	\$3,584.00
Online Giving	\$ 612.00
Maintenance	\$ 15.00
Outreach.....	\$ 397.00

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK (CONTINUED)

Adoration and Benediction

Watch One Hour With Me! This is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. He invites you to spend just one hour each week with Him no matter how much this decision may cost you. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in our parish church for adoration every Friday immediately after morning Mass and ends with Benediction at noon. "Withdraw yourself from people and spend at least a quarter of an hour, or a half-hour, in some church in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Taste and see how sweet the Lord is, and you will learn from your own experience how many graces this will bring you." – St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696-1787)

National Eucharist Revival Congress in Indianapolis - July 17 to 21, 2024: This will be an historic gathering. "Catholics from every corner and every parish in our nation will come together to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith." This will be the First National Eucharistic Congress that has occurred since 1941. Leading up to this great event there has been a Eucharistic Pilgrimage's St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route that began the weekend of Pentecost, May 17–May 19, 2024, punctuated by many meaningful stops. The procession arrived with Our Lord in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia on June 20. Seminarian Nathan Schmidt was there and will share his experience with us in the next Sunday Bulletin.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for July - 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.

I wish you all a blessed week.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

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 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 (L)

Tuesday, July 2nd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention of Joseph Shanko(+)

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, July 3rd

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention of Pat Shanko (+)

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, July 4th

Office Closed

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Karen Bennett (L)

First Friday, July 5th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the Kao family

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

First Saturday, July 6th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Rosary immediately following

Intention for Karen Bennett (L)

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, July 7th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Msgr Ansgar

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 1st—Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday 2nd—Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Ps 5; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday 3rd—St. Thomas, Apostle; Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117; Jn 20:24-29

Thursday 4th—Am 7:10-17; Ps 19; Mt 9:1-8

Friday 5th—Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday 6th—Am 9:11-15; Ps 85; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday 7th—Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6

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.