

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 9, 2024

10th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Genesis 3:12-13

¹² *And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.* ¹³ *And the*



LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

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:

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome!

We are once again in the Ordinary Time, in the Church's Liturgical Calendar Year B. The priests and deacons wear green vestments – a sign of hope and new life. Our liturgy today considers the most basic concern of our faith – the problem of the human condition and the God-given solution to it.

I used to be a good soccer player, as most of you have heard me say severally. I remember one very important game where my team lost zero to one which caused us to lose the regional championship that year. During that game, the best and highest goal scorer in our team squandered three glaring scoring opportunities. Each time he missed scoring, he would bend down and adjust his clicks as if to say, 'You see, it is not my fault, blame the clicks'. Twice, a member of the technical team would run up to the touchline and hand him a new pair of clicks. But when he missed scoring a third time at very close range, the team manager was left with no other choice than to replace him. However, as he walked out of the pitch, he held one of his clicks in his hand making gestures that seemed to suggest that the clicks and not him are to be blamed for his poor performance. It is hard to get people to admit when they are wrong or when they make a mistake. Taking ownership of the mistakes we have made takes courage.

In today's first reading, we see the pathetic efforts of Adam and Eve to shift the blame for their sin from themselves onto the serpent, and even unto God Himself. God wanted to know from Adam if he had eaten from the tree of which he – God, forbade him to eat. Adam responded by blaming everyone else but himself. "The woman whom you put here with me – she gave me fruit from the tree". He ultimately pushes the blame on God for putting the woman. It carries this innuendo that if it had not been for his wife he would never have eaten of it. This was the truth and a matter of fact, yet, it was finger-pointing, instead of accepting his mistake. When the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The answer of the woman is far nobler. She acknowledges that she had been led astray, and under the influence of the serpent's deceit, had broken God's commandment. "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it."

I don't know about you, but I can be quick to cast blame far away from myself when I sin or when I make a mistake. Many times, I am like Adam trying to toss my mistake in the air, hoping it sticks to anything at all when it lands and distracts the attention away from myself. This is part of our depraved nature. The Psalmist

urges us to act differently: "Then I declared my sin to you; my guilt I did not hide. I said, 'I confess my transgression to the LORD,'" and you took away the guilt of my sin" (Ps. 32:5). You don't admit your mistakes. When you accept responsibility for your mistakes, not only can you receive God's grace, but you can also learn from what happened. Somebody has said: "Real success is built on failure. Failure is the way you become a success. You figure out what doesn't work."

There's a common saying about carpenters in my native village, Kom, in Cameroon, to the effect that, once the piece of furniture that a carpenter produces fails to meet its standards, the carpenter blames his tools. Like Adam and Eve, like my teammate in the story above, or like the carpenter, often, we too are into the game of finger-pointing when we sin or make a mistake. The truth is that we have made mistakes, and we are going to make mistakes. We need to know that it is okay to make a mistake and that it is okay to fail. But the good news is that God does not abandon us when we sin, He did not abandon Adam and Eve. All we need do is "admit I sinned, I have made a mistake", knowing as today's psalm says: "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

PARISH NOTICES

Corpus Christi Procession! Thank you to everyone who joined us for the amazing celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi last Sunday especially those who joined in the procession.

Our Summer Seminarian

On the behalf of the parishioners of Saint Bernadette, I want to heartily welcome our Summer Seminarian, Nathan Schmidt. Mr. Nathan is a seminarian for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV. He will be doing his summer assignment here at St. Bernadette Parish from June 3 to July 25. Nathan is from Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling, West Virginia and has just finished his second year of priestly formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

In addition to serving at our liturgies, Nathan will also be assisting in our youth ministry activities, participating in various aspects of our faith formation, and in the forthcoming Quo Vadis Retreat scheduled to hold in Priestfield Pastoral Center from June 17th to June 20th, our Confirmation Camp.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3796.00
Online Giving	\$ 1072.39
Maintenance	\$ 1360.00
Outreach	\$ 145.06

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

PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God,
in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your
Church.

We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church as priests.
Inspire in them a generous response.

Grant them courage and vision to serve your people.

May their lives and service call your people
to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that,
faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ, we may:
announce glad tidings to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives,
set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.

As we reflect on this prayer, we are encouraged to pray for Nathan and all
seminarians especially for the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston as they
continue their journey to the priesthood.

A quick reminder for the upcoming **Quo Vadis Retreat**: We are barely
one week away from the start of the Quo Vadis Retreat in Priestfield Pas-
toral Center, WV from June 17th to June 20th. If you have not registered
your child or children for this camp, please endeavor to do so ASAP.
Thanks.

Flag Day: This day shall be celebrated on Friday June 14. This day is to
commemorate the flag's adoption on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the
Second Continental Congress. We shall observe this day at Saint Berna-
dette on Sunday June 16th with a flag-raising ceremony after the 9 AM
Mass.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Happy Sunday! Fr Boh (Pastor)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Join us in welcoming Seminarian Nathan this Tuesday at 6 PM in McFad-
den Hall. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please let us know how
many in your family will attend so that we can purchase enough pizza.

~~THANK YOU~~

Thank you to all of the parishioners at St. Bernadette for the generous sup-
port for the **4th grade class quilt**. With the money raised, we will be able
to sponsor a child from the Unbound program once again. ~~Suzy Kinn

The **Bereavement Ministry** would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to
all of you who so graciously donated food and drinks for John Slattery's
funeral. As always, the food was delicious. The family expressed their sin-
cere appreciation for everything you did to make their day a little easier.
It is because of your generosity that we can extend these luncheons to the
families. It certainly helps lessen the burden on the families during these
difficult times. Please know that we are all grateful for all you do.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fry-
er, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Fo-
ley, 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, Ray-
mond & 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 9th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Thaddeus Reeser
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Silas Gonzalez

Tuesday, June 11th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
10 AM Stitches from the Heart
5 PM Parish Council Meeting
6 PM Pizza Party—Meet and
Greet Seminarian Nathan Schmidt

Wednesday, June 12th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
5-5:45 PM Confession
6 PM Mass
Intention for John Slattery

Thursday, June 13th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, June 14th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Marie-Francoise Kao
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, June 15th

10:30 AM Book Club
4—4:45 PM Confession
5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Karen Bennett

Sunday, June 16th

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

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 10th—1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday 11th—Memorial of St. Barnabas, Apostle; Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3; Ps 98; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday 12th—1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 13th—Memorial of St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church; 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65; Mt 5:20-26

Friday 14th—1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27; Mt 5:27-32

Saturday 15th—1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday 16th—Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

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.



Pizza Party


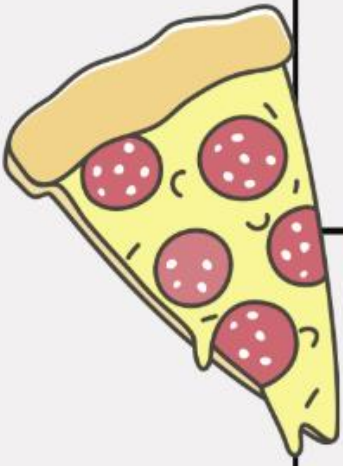
MEET AND GREET

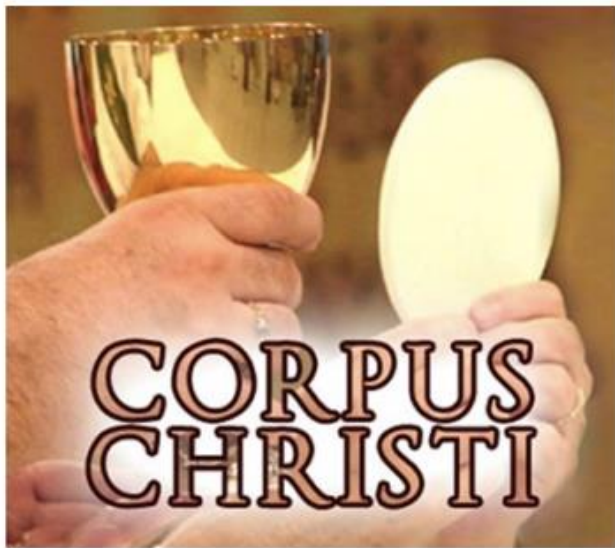
**Seminarian
Nathan Schmidt**

Tuesday, June 11th @ 6 PM

Parish Council meeting starts at 5 PM.
This is the best way to learn what
happens behind the scenes at St.
Bernadette's. Everyone is welcome.

Sign up in the narthex. Let us know
how many will attend and what you
will bring to share. All festivities take
place in McFadden Hall.





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