

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

May 12, 2024

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord



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

Brothers and sisters, welcome!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. After Jesus rose from the dead - on Easter Sunday, we learn that He remained on earth and appeared to His disciples and others multiple times in resurrected form. After forty days, Jesus ascended into Heaven, leaving the mission of the Church under the care of the Apostles. To carry out that mission he promised to send the Holy Spirit as their guide. On Pentecost day - which we will celebrate next Sunday, He fulfilled that promise. We relive these events liturgically during the Easter season. The Solemnity of the Ascension technically was this past Thursday (40 days after Easter), but it was made a diocesan option in the United States of America to celebrate the Ascension on the traditional Thursday or the following Sunday. In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, this solemnity is celebrated today.

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven, He commissioned the disciples to go preach to all nations, to baptize, and to live what He had taught them. His last statement to his disciples which forms the first part of our Gospel passage speaks of signs that will accompany those who believe: "In my name, they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." Who would not be happy to be associated with signs like these?

The apostles fulfilled the mission that Christ entrusted to them thanks to the help of the Holy Spirit. Today the task of preaching the Gospel to the whole world depends on us. It is a great privilege but a daunting task. However, He has given us what we need to accomplish this task - the Holy Spirit. The best way to preach the Gospel is by living a Christian life. This is the only way that the signs associated with believers can be verifiable in our lives. And if we have not been able to realize these signs in our lives, then, this will be an indication of the futility of our discipleship with Christ. Remember the saying; "Your life might be the only Gospel that someone else would read."

The casting out of devils, the healing, etc. that Jesus says will be associated with believers is the type that comes as the fruit of personal engagement, personal intervention to see that goodness prevails. All these signs that Jesus enumerated; driving out demons, speaking in

new languages, etc. are meant to demonstrate the presence of Christ in believers. So, the question to ask ourselves is, is Christ present in us, that is, is the Spirit of Christ alive and active in us who call ourselves Christians? Unfortunately, this is a question we must answer individually. Each one of us must search himself to see if Christ is alive in him or her.

While leaving his disciples, Christ wanted them to know that everything now depended on them. The way people would perceive his mission would depend on the way the disciples would ever thereafter carry themselves. "Those who encounter the disciples of Christ after his ascension," says Anthony Chukwuma Anijielo, "would perceive his mission as a healing one, if his disciples - now his palpable, his incarnate representations in the world - worked curatively among men." As believers and followers of Christ, we must be personally engaged to ensure that goodness should prevail; "By their fruits, we shall know them" (Mt. 7:20). Working to root out evil in the world and replete the world with goodness is an admirable way of expelling the powers of darkness. It is something that lies within our power. So, if we fail, we cannot blame Christ because He has given us the Holy Spirit as our help and guide. We have only ourselves to blame for our reluctance to remain rooted in goodness. If we replete the world with goodness, then, men would know we are his disciples.

If you were present at the scene of the Ascension to spend those very last moments of Jesus with Him, I am sure you would have savored every second of it. What would you have loved to hear Jesus tell you? What would you have told Him? Know that Jesus is still present with us and in a special way, He is present with us in the Holy Eucharist. Listen to Him as He speaks to you during Eucharistic Adoration and your quiet moments of meditation.

Prayer: Lord, open our eyes to see; open our ears to hear; open our hearts to love as you loved us, that we may one day join You in heaven. Amen.

May St Bernadette Soubirous pray for us.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3684.00
Online Giving	\$ 1682.03
Maintenance.....	\$ 2027.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Honoring our mothers on Mother's Day!

Today is Mother's Day. A day set apart to honor and celebrate the sacrifices, the hard work, and the endless love that mothers give selflessly to their children and families. This day allows us to say "Thank You" to God and to the wonderful ladies for the life we so enjoy. For those whose mothers and grandmothers are still alive - cherish them today. Hug and kiss them. Honor them. Thank them. For those whose mothers have gone home to the Lord, remember them. For all who bear the name Christian, the name of our eternal family, let us also honor the mother of the Lord today. Her maternal care for Jesus still embraces all those who are joined to Him, as members of His Body, by that great new birth of Baptism. Thank you mothers for the gift of life and love! There are things that only Mom can do, a warmth that only Mom can give, and a devotion for her children that only Mom can have. Forgive us for all the things we take for granted. We love you, Mom!
Happy Mother's Day!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Do you love your Catholic Faith? Would you consider sharing your love of faith with others? St. Bernadette's is looking to form a **TEAM of parishioners that will work together in helping people wanting to join the Catholic Church through the OCIA program** (formerly called RCIA). Many hands make light work. You do not have to know it all, we will train you. Please pray about joining this new team. If you have a desire or just questions, please call/text Eric Colliflower at 301-440-3295.

The Diocesan collection for May is for Catholic Relief Services to be collected on May 26th. Catholic Relief Services provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

If you know of any family that needs financial assistance or you know of anyone who is sick and homebound, please contact the parish office. 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, Carol Bogacz, Vicki Lowery

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, May 12th**

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Vincent Gonzalez

Tuesday, May 14th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, May 15th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Robert Baker

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Martha Hamilton

Thursday, May 16th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, May 17th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, May 18th

10:30 AM Book Club

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Crystal & Alann Reyes

Sunday, May 19th

Pentecost Sunday

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Pocholo Gayoso

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 13th—Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 14th—St. Matthias, Apostle; Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday 15th—Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday 16th—Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26

Friday 17th—Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday 18th—Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday 19th—Pentecost—Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**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.