

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 19, 2024 Solemnity of Pentecost

The descent of the Holy Spirit



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

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the promised Gift of the Father and the Son, to Jesus’ disciples. After rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days offering them proof of His resurrection, teaching them, and reminding them of all He had revealed to them about His death and Resurrection to prepare them for the next step of their mission.

During the ten days after Jesus’ Ascension, the eleven Apostles gathered in the upper room – most likely the place where they ate the first Eucharist – with Jesus’ mother and many other disciples, totaling 120. As they met, they cast lots, and chose Matthias as Judas’ successor.

On the fiftieth day after Jesus’ Resurrection, ten days after His Ascension, the 120 disciples were again gathered in the upper room when they experienced something beyond their imagination. From the sky, a noise like a strong driving wind filled the room. Tongues, as of fire, fell upon all gathered, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, they were given the gift of tongues, which enabled them to speak in different languages to the diverse groups of people in Jerusalem.

The disciples went out into Jerusalem and boldly proclaimed the Gospel. Peter stood up and gave a stirring and powerful sermon that presented the whole mystery of salvation. He spoke of Jesus as the Savior and of the need to repent and be baptized. “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day” (Acts 2:41). The new followers then devoted themselves to learning from the Apostles and to the celebration of the Eucharist.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. The Holy Spirit formed the Church and empowered each baptized member to fulfill a specific duty. Some preached, some cared for the poor, and some shed their blood for their faith. The newly converted and empowered disciples traveled far and wide to expand the newborn Church that grew rapidly as the new Body of Christ fulfilled its mission.

In the years and centuries ahead, the Holy Spirit continued to form the Church. The Apostles were inspired to write what is today the New Testament so that future believers would have firsthand accounts of the Gospel. The Apostles’ and Saint Peter’s successors helped form Sacred Tradition, the ongoing deepening revelation of the Word of God to address new questions.

The Holy Spirit also sanctifies every individual believer, especially through the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord...They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations” (#1831). The Holy Spirit also instills twelve fruits: “The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as

the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: ‘charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity’” (#1832). These graces are given in Baptism and perfected in Confirmation. Each baptized and confirmed member of Christ has the potential to fully realize these graces to grow in holiness and fulfill their divine mission.

(from “My Catholic Life! A journey of personal conversion!”)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome!

Today, we celebrate the great solemnity of Pentecost. Originally, it was a Jewish feast of the harvest. We know it as the great birth of the Church when the Holy Spirit came down in wind and flame to transform the Apostles into great missionaries of the Gospel. With the Spirit within them, the frightened apostles were transformed into men of great courage and fiery preachers and evangelizers. The strength they received from the Spirit enabled them to hold firmly to the love of Christ, facing the violence of their persecutors unafraid. We each received the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Confirmation to enable us to live a courageous Christian life. May we allow ourselves to be transformed by the Spirit so that we will speak the language that all can hear and understand – the language of love.

The Easter or Paschal candle With the celebration of the solemnity of Pentecost, we conclude the Easter Season, and the Ordinary Time in Church Year B resumes tomorrow, Monday, with week seven. At the conclusion of the Mass during the Day, that is, the 11 AM Mass, the Easter, or Paschal, candle will be extinguished and moved to its permanent location near the baptismal font with due honor so that it is lit at the celebration of baptism and the candles of those baptized are lit from it and also at funerals.

Happy Pentecost!

2024 Diocesan Quo Vadis Camp: The Diocesan Vocations Office of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is organizing a Quo Vadis Retreat, an event open to boys from 6th to 8th grade. It will take place at Priestfield Pastoral Center in Kearneysville, WV on June 17th to June 20th. There will be activities like games, kayaking, campfires, and discernment talks to name a few! This is a camp that is centered around talking about the idea of discerning a future vocation while

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

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| General Fund | \$ 4089.00 |
| Online Giving | \$ 1229.34 |
| Maintenance | \$ 585.00 |
| Outreach | \$ 378.00 |

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

having a blast at the same time. Registration can be found at wvpriests.org. Email Ross Semler (rsemler@dwc.org) for more information or call the Vocations Office at 304-233-0880, ext. 442. I highly recommend this Quo Vadis Retreat for all the 6th to 8th boys in our parish. Please, consider registering and attending this retreat. (For more, see bulletin insert)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Flag Day is Friday, June 14, 2024. On Sunday the 16th, after the 9 AM Mass, Kevin Ferrell and Boy Scout Troop 32 will hold a short ceremony in the parking lot in front of the Religious Ed Building to replace the old flag. A new flag is being purchased for this ceremony.

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.

St. Joseph School is seeking a great communicator with excellent interpersonal skills for the role of dean of the middle school and assistant to the principal. The ideal candidate would be one who embraces the SJS mission and who is looking for a place in which to be respected and supported, while growing professionally. We are an equal-opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity. Job summary: The dean of the middle school fulfills the mission of the Catholic school by working with the principal in the management of the school, faculty, staff and students, with emphasis on curriculum and instruction, as well as student discipline. This position reports to and is evaluated by the principal. Reports to: Principal Job Type: Full-time, Exempt, Contract Pay: \$55,000 plus (depending on qualifications and experience) Please email a letter of introduction and résumé to Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjsvw.org.

Saint Joseph School in Martinsburg is seeking two enthusiastic and responsible individuals to join our team as lead summer camp pre-K teachers. As a lead teacher, you will play a vital role in creating a safe and engaging environment in which children can learn and have fun. This is a rewarding opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of young campers. The salary is \$13 to \$15 per hour. Please email a letter of introduction and résumé to PK Director Katie MacKinnon at kmackinnon@sjsvw.org.

We are welcoming new students to St. Joseph School's early childhood education program. Our program serves those ages 6 weeks to 4 years. A part-time option is available for Little Crusaders (2-year-olds) and Pre-K Jr. (3-year-olds). For more information, please email Meg Partington at mpartington@sjsvw.org or go to sjsvw.org.

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 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

Tuesday, May 21st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for John Slattery

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, May 22nd

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Lena Ponturo

Thursday, May 23rd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Ministry Meeting—Rel Ed Bldg

Friday, May 24th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for John Slattery

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, May 25th

7 AM—1 PM Yard Sale/Bake Sale

10:30 AM Book Club

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Thaddeus Reeser

Sunday, May 26th

The Most Holy Trinity

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 Sonny Acuna

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 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 20th—Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday 21st—Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday 22nd—Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday 23rd—Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49; Mk 9:41-50

Friday 24th—Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday 25th—Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday 26th—The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity; Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

**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.

Quo Vadis Retreat

Middle School Discernment Retreat

Boys in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are invited!

Noon on June 17
through 1pm on June 20

Priest Field Pastoral Center
Kearneysville, WV

Campers will enjoy outdoor activities including:

**Prayer • Kayaking • Discernment
Camp Fire • Games**

Opportunities for Charitable and Spiritual
Works of Mercy

The camp is staffed by laypeople, priests
and seminarians from the
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

RETREAT IS FREE!!!

To Register, scan the QR code or visit WVPriests.org

