

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 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Love one another



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

Beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord, welcome!

A hearty welcome to those worshipping with us for the first time. Thank you for choosing to worship with us this weekend! Today we celebrate the Sixth Sunday of Easter in Church Year B. The central theme of today's readings is love. We are invited to reflect on how to love one another just as Christ has loved us. However, I would like to focus my reflection on these words of St Peter taken from today's first reading: "Get up. I myself am also a human being." These words of Peter speak to his humility and to the fact that he sees himself as a mere instrument in the hands of God. Peter resisted the temptation of being treated as a god by Cornelius. Peter had walked on water, had been a disciple of Jesus, had spoken in languages he never knew before, had healed the sick, and just recently raised a woman from the dead in Joppa. He might have felt the temptation toward elitism, toward pride, to have a Roman centurion bow to him. Peter did not allow these things to go into his head; "Stand up. I myself am also a human being". He knew that all that he had done was by the power of Christ. He is a mere mortal, and that it was by His grace, and not any merit of his own, that he was chosen to be an apostle of Christ. Therefore, he did not deserve any special respect or homage paid to him as if he was more than a man. Not to us, LORD, not to us, but to your name give the glory". (Ps.115:1)

Paul and Barnabas will face a similar situation in Lystra from a crowd following their healing of a man crippled from birth and like Peter, they would resist the temptation. Upon hearing what they had done, the people say of them: "The gods have come down to us in human form". Acts. 14:11) They tore their garments—a public expression of dismay—and will say, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and bring you good news, that you should turn from these vain things to the living God, who made the sky and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them". (Acts 14:15)

The Apostles, Peter, Paul, and Barnabas would not recognize our world today. We live in an era sometimes characterized by its "Cults of Personality." People appear to have an insatiable appetite to be known and have their "ten minutes of fame." Many do all they can to be recognized on social media. Many of us, Christians, sign on to idol worship by viewing and treating our preferred political leaders as demi-gods. We do the same when we treat our preferred priests as demi-gods. Pastors show lack of humility when they wallow in the praise that some Christians lavish them with. Happily, good examples exist. Many stories of humility are told about the Holy Father, Pope Francis. One example, Pope Francis set was electing to ride in a tiny car, during his visit to the United States, shunning the glamor of luxurious SUVs.

The mission that Christ entrusted to his first disciples was unshakable because of the humility and dedication

of the disciples. And as one author rightly puts it: "Their work was not about gaining themselves an audience. They do not want to be treated as special people. They recognize they are human, made of flesh and blood like everyone else, save for one distinction: They realize that they are saved by the grace of God given them in Christ Jesus!"

Brothers and sisters, the relay baton has been passed-on to us. In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us: "It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain". It is by His grace, and not any merit of our own, that have been chosen to be priests, deacons, animators, lectors, etc. in the Church. Do we at times feel superior to others? Do we refuse privileges or titles? May the humility of Peter be our inspiration and guide as we strive to serve the Lord. May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us. Happy Sunday. Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Parish Notices: Novena to the Holy Spirit

Please join us in praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit beginning this week on Friday May 10th. Novena to the Holy Spirit is the first novena, we follow the example of the apostles and pray for nine days to prepare for Pentecost. The Novena prayer shall be said every day after Mass immediately after the Prayer of Saint Michael.

Congratulations to our First Communicants!

Last Sunday, April 28th, our young parishioners from Saint Bernadette – Hannah Beutler, Mary Beutler, Elijah Crotti, Sebastian Domich, Thomas Gautreaux, Marcus Hunstberry, Michael Rivera, Madalyn Smith, Sylvie Swisher, and Alex Weaver, received their First Holy Communion, and today, May 5th, Lincoln Hey joined them bringing the number of those who have received First Holy Communion in our parish this year to eleven! We wish to congratulate all of them and together, pray they will always grow closer to Jesus, as they receive Him in the Eucharist! The honor is ours - Fathers Joseph Tata and I, to give these our young parishioners the Most Precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the first time. We are grateful to their parents, our out-gone and the new Director of Faith Formation, Deb Mackesy and Sara Struemke, our second-grade teacher Theresa Highlands, and our religious education catechists/teachers who together worked hard to prepare them for this very special day on their journey of faith. We are grateful to our music director Linda Abrahamian and the choir for leading us in the beautiful liturgy.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3534.00
Online Giving	\$ 570.89
Maintenance	\$ 55.00
Outreach	\$ 190.98

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

CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last but not the least, we want to thank Jeff McCoy for capturing this special event in the lives of our young parishioners! Thank you all!



Welcome to Fr Joseph Tata: We warmly welcome Fr Joseph to Saint Bernadette. Thank you for accepting to come and celebrate this weekend Masses for us and with us at Saint Bernadette. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us this weekend. Fr Joseph is a diocesan priest of the diocese of Kumbo, Cameroon. He is currently studying at Saint Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, MD. We wish you safe trip back to Baltimore and best wishes in your studies.

The Prayer Intention of Pope Francis for the month of May 2024: that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Mary's Refuge and St. Joseph's Angels want to thank St. Bernadette parishioners for the many wonderful donations that continue to come in. When there is a need, St. Bernadette's always knows how to step up and help.



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.

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, Bob Baker, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Abby & Libby Conley, Shane Terry, Linda Spiker, Carol Bogacz, Vicki Lowery, Wayne Montaño, Ron Robertson, Pat Reeser, John Slattery

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 5th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Joseph Tata
Intention for Thaddeus Reeser
11 AM Mass—Fr. Joseph Tata
Intention for Carmela Gonzalez

Tuesday, May 7th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, May 8th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
5-5:45 PM Confession
6 PM CANCELED

Thursday, May 9th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
9:30 AM Bereavement Ministry Meeting in RE Bldg

Friday, May 10th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, May 11th

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

Sunday, May 12th

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Vincent Gonzalez

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 6th—Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149; Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday 7th—Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday 8th—Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday 9th—Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98; Jn 16:16-20

Friday 10th—Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday 11th—Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday 12th—Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord; Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:17-23; Mk 16:15-20

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.



Vacation Bible School registration form

(One per child)

August 5 - 9th 5 - 8 PM



Or register online

Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home parish: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Crew number or name (for parish use only): _____

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