

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

November 10, 2024

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B



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

In our Gospel passage last Sunday, Jesus asked us to love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with our strength and our neighbor as ourselves. Our first reading this weekend, from the First Book of Kings, gives us a concrete example of what it means to love God and neighbor.

The prophet Elijah is escaping from King Ahab who wanted to kill. As he's entering Zarephath in the middle of famine, he comes across a poor widow of Zarephath gathering sticks to bake her last measure of flour with the little oil so that she and her son can eat and then await certain death from famine. The prophet begs her for a cup of water to drink. As she was going to fetch the water, the prophet demands her for some food; "Please bring along a bit of bread". This request is made even though he knew how desperate her situation was due to the famine. It was a great trial for her 'faith' and a big sacrifice on her part. This is the kind of sacrifice that the command of Jesus—to love God and your neighbor as yourselves—as we heard in last Sunday's Gospel, makes on us. The prophet was not ignorant of just how low her stock of flour and oil was because the poor widow had told him that she had just enough for herself and her son, "when we have eaten it, we shall die." But Elijah bade her to make a cake for him, and make his first, and then prepare for herself and her son after. It looks to me that Elijah was not sensitive, that he didn't care about the wellbeing of this widow and her son. This request or demand from Elijah for something to be prepared for him, first appears to be a great trial for this poor widow. Normally, you would want the children to be first served. Or as Matthew Henry puts it in his commentary on 1 Kings 17: "Charity begins at home. I cannot be expected to give, having but little, and not knowing, when that is gone, where to obtain more." However, the widow gave him all she had. This is love of God at its best. Her generosity was rewarded. For a year, "the jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry" until the rains restored fertility in the land.

This is what Jesus ask of us His followers. In carrying out an act of kindness, we must trust that no matter the circumstances, God will always provide. It's not our job to judge or withhold. Give without expecting anything in return. Our job is to be conduits of God's grace. To give abundantly, without discrimination, and trust that God will provide our daily bread, and that is enough.

Dear friends in Christ, this week, be the 'widow of Zarephath' to the 'Elijah' that God puts in your path.

Happy Sunday
Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome to Saint Bernadette.

This weekend we celebrate the thirty-second Sunday Ordinary Time in Church, Year B. Our readings invite us to place our trust in God who will always provide for us and to be willing to sacrifice our all in serving Him by serving others lovingly.

Question of the Week: Last week somebody asked me, "What is conscience"? I answered the question but kept thinking to myself, would it not be a good idea to share the answer I gave with all of you, my parishioners. However, what I am sharing here is a more detailed answer than the one I gave the person.

The Advanced Dictionary of English defines conscience {noun} as, "the part of your mind that tells you whether your actions are right or wrong. It is also that part of you that makes you feel guilty when you have behaved badly". It is (conscience) "an inner feeling or voice viewed as acting as a guide to the rightness or wrongness of one's behavior". Applied in the moral sphere, conscience is the well-formed intellect. It is referenced and referred to as the sanctuary of the human person. That which makes the difference between men and women of integrity. Conscience can either be correct or erroneous, strict, or lax, scrupulous, or perplexed, certain, or doubtful.

Correct conscience: It tells us when a decision is good or bad, according to the objective law. An erroneous conscience, on the other hand, judges something incorrectly. When something is bad, it thinks it is good and vice versa.

Certain conscience: A certain conscience is convinced and does not hesitate to take a decision. While a doubtful conscience hesitates and cannot easily choose between what is good and what is bad.

Strict conscience: It judges according to the letter of the law, while a lax conscience finds excuses.

Scrupulous conscience: It sees sin where there is no sin. While a perplexed conscience sees sin in all choices to be made.

Well-formed conscience: It is correct, certain, and judges rightly.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 11/3

General Fund.....	\$ 3874.45
Online Giving.....	\$ 1408.14
Maintenance.....	\$ 1116.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 350.00

Attendance 5 PM—92 9 AM—200 11 AM—90

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

How can you arrive at a well-formed conscience? To arrive at such a conscience, we need to be well brought up and formed from infancy. People with well-formed consciences do not act to please anyone except God and God alone. Therefore, they will stand by what is true. And please know that there is no harm in being right alone. People who have consciences that have been well formed are ready to suffer anything as long as they stand for what is right. Truth does not depend on the democratic majority.

I hope you will find this informative and helpful.
 May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray and intercede for us all!
 Have a very blessed and fruitful week ahead of you!
 Fr Boh

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Congratulations to Isabel Wakelin and the Sharon Rose for winning the Tea Baskets. And thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser. The teens enjoy attending Mount 2000 every year, and the funds raised will help offset their costs.



The Parish Council meeting scheduled for this Tuesday at 6 PM is available for everyone to attend. Come see what our ministries are working on and what is to come here at St. Bernadette's.

On Sunday, November 17th we will make homemade Advent Calendars and/or Jesse Tree ornaments. This is a fun way to start a new tradition here at St. Bernadette's to prepare for Advent. This is open to the entire parish. This is a requirement for Religious Education families as it takes the place of a lesson that day. We will meet in the Religious Education Building after the 9 AM Mass.

2025 Liturgical Calendars are available in the narthex. Please pick yours up today.

Thank you to our Youth Group who came out and cleaned the headstones and grounds at St. Joseph Cemetery on All Souls Day.



Light for the Journey or Wisdom from the Well *"If you put all the love of all the mothers into one heart it still would not equal the love of the Heart of Mary for her children."* ~ St. Louis Marie de Montfort

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, Sharon Peterson, Theresa Comer, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Linda Spiker, Vicki Lowery, Eric Heartley, Michael Huey, Patricia Baker, Isabella Horning, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Ruth Warner, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Kenny DeHaven, Joseph Bosco, Kathleen McAndrews, Richard Monroe, Barbara Loefler

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, November 10th
Second Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Donald Wood (+)

Tuesday, November 12th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart
 6 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 13th
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, November 14th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Cindy Denton (L)

Friday, November 15th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, November 16th
 3—4:30 PM OCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 17th
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Marguerite Farren (+)
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #392
 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 5:00—5:45 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: Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Sara Struemke, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Kevin Ferrell, and Carol Bogacz

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 11th—St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday 12th—St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr; Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday 13th—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin; Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday 14th—Phmn7-20; Ps 146; Lk 17:20-25

Friday 15th—2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday 16th—3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday 17th—Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

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.