

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 3, 2024

31st 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

My brothers and sisters in Christ, on this thirty-first Sunday in ordinary time, the message from our readings is the simple message at the heart of our faith, the command to love. Love God and love your neighbor. The Gospel reading builds on this teaching of love and links the law of Moses to the teaching of Christ. Please note that the question posed to Jesus by one of the Scribes expects Jesus to list just one commandment: “Which is the first of all commandments?” Jesus refuses to limit his answer to providing only the first or the most important commandment. Instead, He starts by repeating the command God gave Moses that we heard in our first reading. “The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” He then goes on, “The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” Jesus uses his answer to demonstrate that we cannot love God without loving our neighbor too. Jesus is teaching us that we cannot separate the two great commandments; we cannot have one without the other.

By expanding the answer, Jesus wanted the Scribe and all of us to understand that the Word of God is not to be sliced and diced. It is not to be manipulated. It is not to be consumed in bits and pieces. It is not to be quoted or referenced at our convenience. The Word of God is to be understood in its entirety. Scripture teaches that “love is of God” and that “everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God”. Adding that “Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love”. (John 4: 7-8). “Whoever loves God must also love his brother. If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ but hates his brother, he is a liar.” (1 John 4: 20-21).

Our second reading explains why our routine sacrifices and formal worship add nothing to God unless we love God and our neighbor. The one, pure sacrifice of love consented by Christ “the perfect high priest” on “the altar of the Cross” suffices. “In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another”. (John 4: 10-11).

My dear friends in Christ, we have been commanded to go out and Love God and everyone. True love of neighbor springs from the love of God, and on the other hand, there can be no true love of God which does not express itself in love of neighbor. If we are to follow today’s teaching to go out and love God and everyone, then, we need to work at love. We need to pray for the gift to love those we do not

know and those we dislike.

Some questions for your personal reflection this week: What actions have I undertaken in the distant or recent past to show my love of God by loving my neighbor? Do I see everyone as a neighbor or as an opponent in the ongoing election campaigns and upcoming general elections? What can I do in the coming days, weeks, months, or years to begin to lead a life that is centered on love of God by growing or deepening love for my neighbor?

Let us pray: Lord God, may our actions this week; be the acts directed to God or ones directed to humanity, may flow from hearts filled with love.

Happy Sunday!

Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome! A special welcome to those visiting and worshipping with us for the first time and new members. I’m truly delighted that you’re here. Please feel welcome

We thank God for bringing us to this new month, November. We are grateful for the blessings and graces we received from God last month and ask for His continued blessings and guidance in this new month. For those who will be celebrating anniversaries this month, we accompany you with our prayers and best wishes.

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four weeks of preparation before Christmas. The Church then uses this end-of-the-year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end will transition into a new life in God’s heavenly reality. We give thanks to those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope for their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day.

What are some of the acts of charity that we can offer for our departed loved ones? The first act of charity we can offer for a loved one who has come to the end

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 10/27

General Fund	\$ 4202.00
Online Giving	\$ 865.51
Maintenance	\$ 15.13
Local Outreach	\$ 300.00
Diocesan Special Collection...	\$ 2821.00

Attendance 5 PM—95 9 AM—212 11 AM—95

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

of his/her earthly pilgrimage is the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Every Catholic Christian deserves a funeral Mass at a Catholic Church. The Catholic Mass is the most powerful prayer we can offer. A funeral Mass is particularly important. It is a serious help to the deceased on their final journey to heaven. It's truly the best gift we can give a loved one! A funeral service at the funeral home is inadequate for our Catholic deceased. Secondly, prayers should be offered for them. For example, the Rosary Prayer, Adoration, Stations of the Cross, etc. Thirdly, fasting is an efficacious sacrifice that can be offered for a holy soul in Purgatory. You can choose a day within the week and give up something you really like. Last but not least, visits to a cemetery during this month.

May God grant eternal rest to our departed loved ones.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous pray for us.

We wish you and your families a blessed week.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The Youth Group is asking for donations of gently used coats, jackets, and sweatshirts in all sizes for men, women, and children for their annual coat drive. **Please no other clothing.** There will be a container in McFadden Hall this weekend where you can place them. Or you can bring them to the office during regular business hours. Thank you for helping them with this important charitable event.

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.

Saint Joseph School is participating in the **Box Tops for Education** program. They are primarily collected through the app, with which you scan receipts from stores. Our school is listed as St Joseph School [TA/PTO]; you can search for it by that name or by location (Martinsburg, WV).

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 Loeffler

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 3rd

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—Fr. Boh

Intention for John Slattery (+)

Tuesday, November 5th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, November 6th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, November 7th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, November 8th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Donald Wood (+)

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, November 9th

3—4:30 PM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Marie Osbourne (+)

Sunday, November 10th

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—Fr. Boh

Intention for Donald Wood (+)



Collecting NOW through December 20th

SWEATS FOR VETS

Donations will be made to
the veterans at the
Martinsburg VA Medical Center.

Donation Items:

- New sweat suits only - for men and women (*sets preferred*)
- All sizes accepted with a focus on XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
- Solid colors preferred (*no designs or logos*)
- Socks and gloves are also welcome

TWO easy ways to donate!

ONE: Shop our Amazon Wishlist
and have your donation shipped to us.

TWO: Donations may be dropped off
Monday - Friday 8am - 6pm or weekend
donations can be placed in our back door dropbox.

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Funkstown, MD 21734
301-733-7579

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Christmas

Children's Choir

All children in kindergarten- 5th grade invited to join!

Will sing at the 5 PM Mass on Christmas Eve

Practices : All Sundays before Christmas starting on Nov. 24th,
except for Dec. 15th, from 4:00pm- 4:45 pm

Please sign up before Monday, Nov. 18th by calling the Parish
Office, (304)-754- 7830 or our Music Director, Linda
Abrahamian, (304)279-2315, linda.abrahamian@gmail.com



Prayers for the
Holy Souls
followed by
Mass

If you would like,
bring a small
framed picture of
your loved one(s)

Evening Prayer for the
Faithful Departed
Monday, November 25th
at 6:30 PM at Priest Field
Pastoral Center

Fellowship and
light refreshments
afterward

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 4th—Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday 5th—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday 6th—Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday 7th—Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105; Lk 15:1-10

Friday 8th—Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday 9th—Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome; Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Sunday 10th—1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

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.