

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

October 13, 2024

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

The rich young man ran up to Jesus and knelt before him.....and asked,
“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” (Mark 10:17)



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

THEME: “Beyond Good Intentions”.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Mark 10:17

This story starts out looking quite good. Here is a young man who is quite wealthy who comes to Jesus with a question grounded in faith. By asking Jesus what He must do to inherit eternal life, this man most likely believed that Jesus had the answer. And in his excitement, he wanted direction from Jesus.

Jesus tells him that he must keep the Commandments, to which the young man responds that he has observed them from his youth. But then Jesus says something that this young man never expected Him to say. He says, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” Ouch! This must have stung this rich young man in the heart. The passage continues by stating that this young man walked away sad because of what Jesus said.

The young man started with good intentions, that is clear. But good intentions are not enough. Following Jesus and gaining eternal life is an all-consuming and radical commitment of every part of our lives. It’s not enough to tell Jesus that we will keep the Commandments, but that’s all. Sure, that may get us into Purgatory, but what we should desire is Heaven! So how do we obtain Heaven?

We only obtain Heaven through a life of perfection. Yes, it’s true. If we want Heaven, we must ultimately become perfect in every way. Every worldly attachment must disappear, and every sin must be overcome. Our good intentions must turn into a radical and total gift of self to Jesus, seeking Him and only Him.

The rich young man walked away sad because he failed to realize that Jesus’ invitation to him to give everything away was an act of love. He did not understand that he would find happiness in this radical commitment to follow Christ.

Reflect, today, upon the radical call of Jesus in your life. He wants every part of your life. You may have good intentions of trying to be good, but are you willing to go all the way following Christ in a full and unlimited way?

(My Catholic Life! A journey of personal conversion!)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

My brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome!

A special welcome to visitors and those who have recently joined this parish family. I am truly delighted that you have decided to be a part of our family.

New members are a gift from God and an encouragement to us as we build His Kingdom. Please feel welcome and at home.

Parish Evaluation Day: “An unexamined life is not worth living”, says John Henry Newman in his book ‘Short Road to Perfection’. It is with this in mind that I want to remind ourselves that our parish evaluation session is right around the corner. It will be held on Sunday, October 20th from 12—2 PM in McFadden Hall. This involves all of us, parishioners of Saint Bernadette parish. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you plan to participate. Thanks.

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession): The Sacrament of Penance or Confession is one of the Seven Sacraments of the Church. It is a beautiful opportunity to confess your sins committed after Baptism to God and seek true forgiveness. “While it may seem difficult to confess your deepest fears, regrets, and sins, confession is a liberating experience that allows you to repair your relationship with our Lord” (from an article in ‘Catholic World Mission’).

This Sacrament is so important to our lives as Catholic Christians. It is a Sacrament of Healing. Regularly going to confession can heal and cleanse the soul and alleviate the guilt of living life in sin having sinned against God. While confession is largely known for the forgiveness of sins, there are many other numerous benefits that you can experience as well, when you choose to go for confession consistently. The ‘National Catholic Register’ quoting the landmark encyclical of Pope Pius XII - “Mystici Corporis Christi” on the Catholic Church as the Mystical Body of Christ (1943), gives us 9 benefits for those who practice frequent confession — even if one has only venial sins to confess. He says that through the regular reception of the Sacrament of Confession, “genuine self-knowledge is increased, Christian humility grows, bad habits are corrected, spiritual neglect and tepidity are resisted, the conscience is purified, the will is strengthened, a salutary self-control is attained, and grace is increased in virtue of the Sacrament itself.” (Mystici Corporis

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 10/6

General Fund	\$3900.14
Online Giving	\$1534.89
Maintenance	\$1132.00
Outreach	\$ 141.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 137.00

Attendance 5 PM—112 9 AM—178 11 AM—95

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Christi, 88). Here at Saint Bernadette, we have individual Confessions on Wednesday from 5 - 5:45 PM, Saturday from 4 - 4:45 PM, and on Sunday from 8:15 - 8:45 AM. I am appealing that we respect the time so that the confessor can have some time to prepare for Mass. Thank you for your understanding. May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us. Have a blessed week! Fr Boh (Pastor)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

We are selling tickets today for a chance to win a beautiful **basket full of teas and a teapot with a homemade knit cozy**. Tickets are just \$5 each and will support our youth for their Mount 2000 retreat in February.

We wish to fill our book, "**Remembering Our Loved Ones**," again as we did last year. This is a record of our loved ones that will be on display for the entire month of November. Please take a page home to add your personalized information. As well as names and dates for those you have lost, their memorial entry can include a personal tribute, a short poem or other message, or an illustration that captures the essence of their life and character.

All Soul's Day envelopes are available in the narthex. The envelopes will remain in the altar throughout November. Join us for Mass on Saturday, November 2nd, to celebrate those we have lost throughout the year.

Social Concerns Ministry is collecting items for a fall distribution to those in need. Donations are being collected in the cart in the McFadden Hall closet until October 20th.

Items from the **Lost & Found** will be on display in McFadden Hall for the month of October. All items that have not been claimed by November 3rd will be donated.

Be sure to check out the new **bulletin board** in the narthex. All current parish events will be posted there. All flyers must be approved by the office.

The **Land of Peace** will be selling their hand carved religious items on the weekend of October 27th. The only source of income for Land of Peace is selling the religious carvings from the Holy Land that are hand made by the carvers and artisans in Bethlehem area from materials such as Olive Wood or Mother of Pearl!

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

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, October 13th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Robert Klouda (+)
10—11:45 AM Religious Education
11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Tuesday, October 15th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Amber Dobson (L)
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, October 16th

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

Thursday, October 17th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, October 18th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Laura Samford (+)
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, October 19th

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

Sunday, October 20th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Cecil Comer (+)
10—11:45 AM Religious Education
11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
2:30 PM African Mass



All Souls' Day by William-Adolphe Bouguereau

ALL SOULS DAY

Please join us on All Souls Day to remember the family and friends that we have lost throughout the year.

Envelopes for All Souls Day are available in the Narthex. Please fill them out and place them in the collection. The envelopes will be on the altar throughout the month of November.

There will be a special remembrance for the following parishioners who passed away this year:

Donald Wood, John Scofield, Jennifer Conley, Dawn Miele, Sarah Bright, Kathy Reeser, Thaddeus Michael Reeser, Megan & Bridget Ruth Gibb, Marguerite Marie Goyette Cavanaugh, John Eugene Slattery, Lois Howard, Christopher Dolan

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**All Souls Day Mass
Saturday, November 2, 2024 @ 9 AM**

Youth Updates

February 7—9, 2025 Mount 2000 is an energized weekend of prayer, activities, talks, and music that is life changing. Teens are united to Christ through the Eucharist, renewed in spirit through Reconciliation, and strengthened in holiness. It is for 7th - 12th graders. This is an awesome opportunity for our teens! Early bird registration begins at the end of this month. *This is a mandatory retreat for our second year confirmation formation.* Please call the Parish Office to register.



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 the weekends Oct. 26th- 27th and Nov. 2nd- 3rd where you can place them. Thank you for helping them with this important charitable event. (Good towards Confirmation Community Service Hours.)

Save the Date for Saturday, November 2nd to help clean up the headstones and graveyard at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Martinsburg. Arrival time TBD and ending with a blessing of the graves by Fr. Gallagher after St. Joseph's 12 NOON Mass. (Good towards Confirmation Community Service Hours.)



Prayer Warrior Needed

We have a list of specific names in need of prayer. If you are willing to pray for someone by name, please contact Sara Struemke, Religious Education Director. If not, we encourage you to keep all Religious Education students, OCIA participants, discerning participants, and volunteers in your prayers.

Let's lift on another in prayer!

Diocese of Kumba donation update

We raised over \$900 on the Stained Glass raffle for the Diocese of Kumba!! You all are amazing!! Congratulations to Elveta Guinn, new parishioner and OCIA candidate, who won this beautiful 100 year old stained glass window from our church.



Fr. Boh presented Bishop Agapitus a check for \$12,000 at the luncheon on September 29th. Since the end of September we raised another \$5177. Fr. Boh now has a real check to present to the Bishop for \$17,177.



Diocesan News

HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND SPECIAL COLLECTION OCT. 26-27

In late September, Hurricane Helene slammed the coast of Florida and ravaged portions of the southeast with strong winds and flooding rains. Hundreds of lives have been lost and millions of families lost their homes and everything in them. Entire towns have been destroyed.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of October 26th-27th, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made securely online by visiting dwc.org and clicking "Click Here to Donate to Hurricane Helene Relief."

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA's Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. The fund assists organization on the ground in the immediate aftermath to support individuals and families who have lost nearly everything. Every dollar contributed will be used to provide essential services like shelter, food, and medical care to those affected.

Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.




Diocese
of
Wheeling-Charleston

Disaster Relief Special Collection Oct. 26-27
CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA'S HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND

Celebrate ‘Five with 5’ for Bishop Brennan’s Fifth Anniversary

As we honor the fifth anniversary of the installation of Bishop Mark Brennan as the Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we call upon the faithful to Celebrate Five with 5! This is an opportunity for us to commemorate Bishop Mark’s milestone year with gifts Christ taught us were the greatest to give – prayer and works of mercy. Throughout the year faithful will be able to go online to <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/> and gift their five.

Gift of Prayer: Choose to mirror the prayers of Bishop Mark. His daily prayerful habits include praying the rosary during a road trip for pregnant women as well as the husband/father; for engaged/newly married couples; for the intentions of the faithful of the diocese; and for Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life.

Gift of Works/Deed: inspired by his example, Catholic Charities WV compiled five acts of service - volunteer in your community; listen and encounter with others; serve the vulnerable; provide spiritual and emotional support; and advocate for justice.

Add your gift online: <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/> For more information see this week’s FaithInWV e-bulletin available with archived editions at: <https://faithinwv.org>



Did you know...

- last year nearly 4,200 families contributed \$3 million to the CSA
- more than \$2.1 million directly supported 91 parishes and 21 missions
- 250 faithful from the DWC have the opportunity to attend the National Eucharistic Revival this summer thanks to CSA funds
- parishes, Catholic schools, and parish food pantry programs all have the opportunity to apply for funding through the CSA grant program
- CSA funding provides for children who cannot afford to pay an opportunity to enrich their faith lives at Camp Carlo
- your parish leaders have the opportunity to continue their education in administering to their churches at the diocesan hosted PACE conference sponsored by the CSA.
- the CSA helps provide care and supplies for expectant mothers through the Walking with Moms program.
- 1,203 Catholic school students received tuition assistance in 2023 thanks to the CSA

Giving Options



CASH OR CHECK

Checks should be made payable to **Catholic Sharing Appeal** and dropped at the parish office or mailed to: Catholic Sharing Appeal, PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003.



CREDIT CARD / ACH / PAYPAL - ONLINE GIVING

To donate by credit card, PayPal, debit/ACH or automatic draft, please visit: csa.dwcministries.org/donate or scan the QR code.



TAX-SMART STRATEGIES

- Gifts of Appreciated Securities (Stocks)
 - Donor Advised Funds (DAF)
 - Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)
 - Life Insurance
- Visit csa.dwcministries.org/donate for more information

All money collected in the **Poor Box** (located on the back wall of the church) always goes directly to our area chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



St. Joseph Conference
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Neighbors helping neighbors
within the boundaries of St. Joseph and
St. Benedette Parishes
(304) 671-0569

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, 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 14th—Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Ps 113; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday 15th—St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday 16th—Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday 17th—St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr; Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98; Lk 11:47-54

Friday 18th—2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145; Lk 10:1-9

Saturday 19th—Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday 20th—Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

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.