

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 20, 2024

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

**GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE**
to the banquet



Mt 22:9

The Holy Father's Message for World Mission Day 2024

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome! Today we are united with Catholics worldwide to observe World Mission Sunday. This annual observance was instituted in 1926 by Pope Pius XI. World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church’s work of evangelization. This year’s theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: “Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet,” reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God’s love to everyone. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us of our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all, however different our situations may be!

This is the call that the author of our first reading, Isaiah, heeded hundreds of years ago. As a young man, while he was praying in the temple in Jerusalem, he heard the voice of the Lord saying: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Immediately, Isaiah responded, “Here I am! Send me!” (Is. 6:8) At that moment, Isaiah became a messenger of the Lord and a prophet to the people of Israel for many years. He preached the Good News of the coming of the Messiah, the One who would suffer and die for the forgiveness of our sins, as we heard in our first reading. Christ came and preached the Good News of the Father’s love for everyone. He suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, and before ascending to heaven, He commissioned his disciples to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt 28: 19 -20)

The Church has remained faithful to this mission entrusted to her by Christ for more than 2000 years. Today, the Lord is asking you the same question that He asked Isaiah several centuries ago; “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” The need for faithful messengers of the Good News is no less today than it was in the time of Isaiah. The words of Jesus in Matthew’s Gospel attest to this fact: “Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest’” (Mt. 9:37-38). When God calls a person to do some type of ministry, the tendency for most people is to tell God; I am not qualified. And like the prophet Jeremiah; “I cannot speak, for I am a child” (Jer.1:6). That the harvest is rich, but the laborers are few cannot be said without a heavy heart, because the call at times is not even about going around the world to preach the Gospel, it

is quite often just doing ministry in your local church, in your community or in your workplace. On this World Mission Sunday and as ambassadors of the just ended National Eucharistic Revival Congress, let us make the theme for this year’s World Mission Sunday; “Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet,” a reality in our lives and in our parish, by inviting at least one person to our Sunday Eucharistic celebration.

Happy Sunday Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

World Mission Sunday Collection We are taking up a collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith to support the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions. The proceeds benefit 1,150 territories where the Gospel has not yet been received, has been only recently embraced, or is courageously upheld in the face of persecution. Thank you for your generosity.

Hurricane Helene Relief Fund Special Collection October 26-27, 2024 We are reminded of a special collection to be held next weekend October 26th-27th, to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred, notably Hurricane Helene and Milton that has led to hundreds of lives lost and millions of families losing their homes and everything in them. Checks should be made out to St Bernadette Parish, Hedgesville 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 organizations 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. Thank

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 10/13

General Fund	\$3746.00
Online Giving	\$ 920.51
Maintenance	\$585.00
Outreach	\$ 150.00

Attendance 5 PM—97 9 AM—174 11 AM—105

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

you for your generosity.

Priests' Annual Retreat Fr Boh will be on an annual retreat from Monday, October 21 to Friday, October 25, 2024, at Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV. Please keep me in your prayers and know that you are in mine.

Confessions and Holy Mass Canceled: We are sorry to inform you that we will not have confessions or the 6 PM Holy Mass on Wednesday, October 23.

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 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 20th**
World Mission Sunday Collection
 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
Intention for Robert Covert (+)
 12 NOON Parish Evaluation Day
 McFadden Hall
 2:30 PM African Mass
- Monday—Friday** Fr. Boh out of town
- Tuesday, October 22nd**
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart
- Wednesday, October 23rd**
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 9:30 AM Social Concerns
 Ministry Meeting—Rel Ed Bldg
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM **Mass is canceled**
- Thursday, October 24th**
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
- Friday, October 25th**
 9:00 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction
- Saturday, October 26th**
 3—4:30 PM OCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
- Sunday, October 27th**
Disaster Relief Collection
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Glen Dolan (+)
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh



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 – get involved

Food for thought.....

Is God the entree or side dish of your daily life?

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 by this Friday.



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 of Oct. 26th - 27th and Nov. 2nd - 3rd where you can place your items. Thank you for helping them with this important charitable event.

Hoping to See More Bright Faces in the Future!

We had a fantastic time at the **Proof for God** retreat on October 5th, despite having only six youth in attendance. Seminararians Nathan Schmidt and Brian Tedeschi delivered a dynamic, thought-provoking session on God's existence, filled with faith and fun. Highlights included a creative Lego competition that illustrated one of Thomas Aquinas's Five Proofs for the existence of God. Degrees of Perfection. That we cannot make a perfect replica of what God creates. We ended the day with a campfire and s'mores, sharing a memorable experience.



We understand life is busy, but we encourage you to prioritize time for Christ. We've recently held a kayaking trip and this retreat, and we look forward to our next event—**cemetery cleanup on November 2nd**. ~Youth Group~

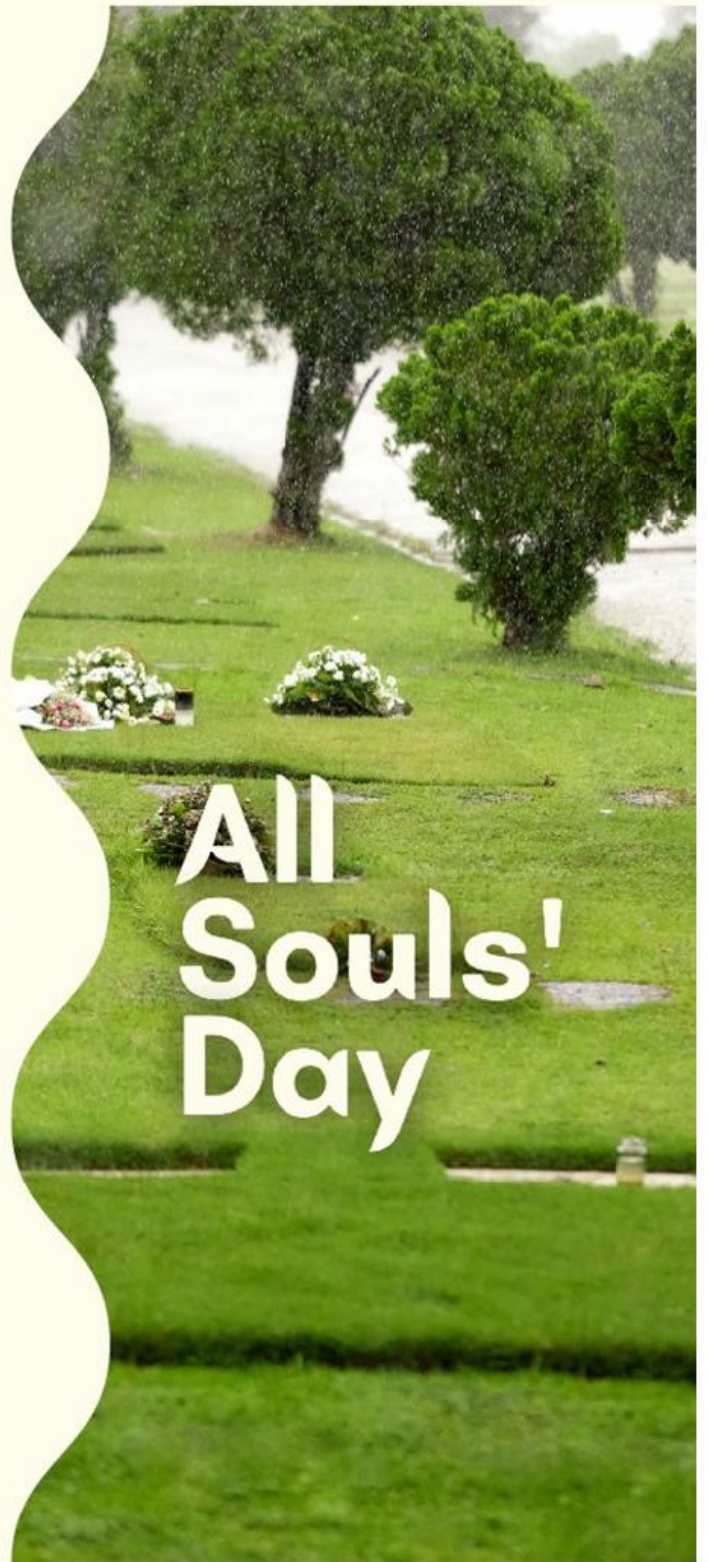
All Middle and High School Youth Invited- Youth Group Cleaning the St. Joseph Cemetery- Saturday, Nov. 2nd- 10:30 am- 1: 15 pm

Call or email the Parish Office to sign up to help, 304-754-7830, or office@stbernadettewv.org

This cemetery is quite old and represents the Catholic heritage of our area, as many of the people buried there were some of the first Catholics in the area who worked and sacrificed to build St. Joseph Church, the parish to our St. Joseph youth and the "mother parish" of the youth of St. Bernadette.

That being the case, most of the graves are not visited or remembered in prayer. Trash needs to be picked up and we will clean the headstones. We will attend Mass and then return to the cemetery for the blessing of the graves.

This is a Corporal Work of Mercy. Also, for those who visit a cemetery and pray on All Souls Day, a plenary indulgence may be granted.



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."

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Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. They still need our help. 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! FUNDRAISER FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND
8 AM-8 PM
panera Bread
FOXCROFT TOWNE CENTER AT MARTINSBURG

All money collected in the **Poor Box** (located on the back wall of the church) always goes directly to our 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 21st—Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday 22nd—Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday 23rd—Eph 3:2-12; (Ps) Is 12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday 24th—Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33; Lk 12:49-53

Friday 25th—Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday 26th—Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday 27th—Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

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.