

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 27, 2024

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Jesus healing the blind man near Jericho



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, on this thirtieth Sunday in ordinary time, the church invites us to place our faith and hope in Christ, our high priest. As our high priest and mediator, Christ opens our eyes to see the marvels that God has done for us.

I will reflect on our first reading taken from the cheerful part of the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. It begins with God commanding the people to “Shout with joy ...” for the captives are finally free. The prophet talks of hope for the scattered remnant of Israel as he imagines them returning from exile joyfully to their homeland and families. For Jeremiah, the return seems impossible because those he can see returning to Israel are the weak and helpless, that is, the blind and the lame, women with children, and women in labor. Will these people be able to make it back to Israel? This is probably the question or worry that is running through Jeremiah’s mind. God will not change their conditions because of the journey despite the odds. One thing is certain, it will be a difficult and slow journey given the limited human abilities and life stages of the people. Only God can help them. Through the prophet Jeremiah, He assures them that He will lead them to brooks of water, and along smooth and straight paths so that none should stumble. He will provide all that they need to sustain them at every step.

God is not like us who admire the strong and disregard the weak. God does not leave anyone behind. This sounds almost like the U.S. military sacred commitment ‘to leave no one behind on the battlefield’. God is not like a classroom teacher who stops explaining things to the less gifted once the brighter ones have understood. God is interested in everybody, especially the poorest among us.

The journey back home for the captives is a long and difficult one and it would have been tempting to leave the blind and the lame, women with children and the pregnant women behind because they will be a burden and make the journey slow and difficult. By making sure they don’t leave anybody behind, God is reminding us that everybody, especially the marginalized, is part of his family. He would not allow anyone to be left behind, no matter how much of a “burden” we might wrongly think they are. We see a similar thing in today’s Gospel passage. The response of the crowd to the cry of the blind man Bartimaeus shows how ready we are to sideline those we consider a burden to us. Jesus’ attitude towards Bartimaeus shows that the blind man is part of his mission and his family: “... Call him.” “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus will not allow anyone to be marginalized from the family of God, especially not those who society considers not to have much

value.

Today, we are reminded that everybody is part of God’s family, and we must treat people for who they are and not what they are. May the example Christ put before us in today’s Gospel, help us not to see anybody as a burden to be left behind especially the poorest among us but as a child of God to be loved and cared for.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear friends in Christ, welcome to Saint Bernadette! A special welcome to those who are visiting and worshipping with us for the first time. If you are new in the area and looking for a parish, consider making Saint Bernadette your parish. If you are thinking of registering to become a member of this parish family, please, contact one of the ushers for a registration form, or you can register online at office@stbernadettewv.org. or call the parish office during office hours at (304) 754-7830. Thanks in advance.

Next Thursday, October 31st, as the children and all of us know, is Halloween, the evening celebration that provides an outlet for costume creations, scary stuff, and candy consumption. It is the vigil of All Saints Day, November 1, the Solemnity and a day of obligation for us Catholic Christians. Masses shall be celebrated in the parish at 9 AM and 6 PM on Friday November 1st, to give Christians a chance to fulfill their obligation by attending Mass. Saturday, November 2nd, is All Souls’ Day. This Day is dedicated to prayers for the dead. We shall have the Rosary for the Dead at 8:30 AM before Mass at 9 AM. Visits to cemeteries where your loved ones are buried are strongly encouraged on this day in particular and on every other day throughout the month of November.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for November 2024: For anyone who has lost a child. We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 10/20

General Fund	\$ 2783.00
Online Giving	\$ 1879.02
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Local Outreach & Disaster Relief	\$ 395.00

Attendance 5 PM—89 9 AM—138 11 AM—91

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

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. Winner will be drawn on November 3rd.

This is the last week to claim your items from the **Lost & Found**. All items that have not been claimed by November 3rd will be donated.

Youth Updates: Please continue to teach your children that we learn in Matthew 10:45, "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus set an example for Christians to follow by serving others and we are encouraged to use our God-given gifts and talents to do the same. Our youth group offers many ways in which we can serve our parish and our community. Youth Group is open to all children in middle school and high school. Call the parish office for more details.

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

🕯️ November Birthdays 🕯️ Below is a list of those celebrating birthdays in November. If you see them when you are out and about, wish them a Happy Birthday!

Brandi Cook	Riley Williams	Mark Mihalek
Rick Inclima	Denise Irwin	Laura Wingerd
Leonard Frederick	Pilar Breland	Ethan Dunn
Raymond Heredia	Pat Nara	Becky East
Hunter Soto	Lauren Pelletier	Margie Ruggiero
Cameron Copenhaver	Dorothy Foley	Michelle Susinko
Robert Kucharek	Monica Straley	Yvette Lopez
Bert Pié	Laken Copenhaver	Amanda Steiner
Peggy Slattery	Maureen Gentry	John Wakelin
Carl Drummond	Chastity Rodriguez	Grace Lathwell
Maria Muller	Madalyn Smith	Joshua Wright
Ryan Ludwick	Jordan Stover	Delmont Spiker
Donna Machin	Margarita Baker	Sidney Steele
Thomas Sloan	Ashley Battaglini	Sebastian Domich
Constance Brewer	Lee Hare	Alberto Muller
Conrad Cook	Elida Lettal	Sylvie Swisher
Anice Folk	Daniel Boyce	
Tracy Purdy	Terry Glover	

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 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
Intention for the People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 29th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Mary Montañó (+)
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, October 30th
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Fr. Boh
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Msgr. Ansgar

Thursday, October 31st
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

First Friday, November 1st
Holy Day of Obligation
All Saints Day
Office Closed
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction
 6 PM Mass
Intention for Sara Anne (L)

First Saturday, November 2nd
All Soul's Day
 8:30 AM Rosary
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 3—4:30 PM OCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Stan Small (+)

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 (+)



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, Kenwood Collard

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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



Youth Group Coat &
Bagged Lunch

Give Away



**November 16th- 9:15 am-
11:30 am**

Lackey Hall, St. Joseph Church

We will help the needy in our community by preparing bagged lunches and give away gently used coats and jackets. If you are in middle school or high school and would like to help with this, or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office, (304) 754-7830, or Linda Abrahamian, (304) 279-2315, linda.abrahamian@gmail.com



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



1200 Rosary Election Crusade

Legion of Mary



When: Monday, **November 4, 2024**

Where: **St. James The Greater Church**

49 Crosswinds Dr. Charles Town, WV 25414

7 AM Mass

8 AM Rosary Prayer begins

6 PM Angelus

Would you pray with us for an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament for a Godly election?

Click on the QR Code to Sign up



"Am I not here, I, who am your mother?" Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! FUNDRAISER FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

8 AM-8 PM

panera Bread

FOXCROFT TOWNE CENTER AT MARTINSBURG

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

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.



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 28th—Sts. Simon and June, Apostles;
Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16

Tuesday 29th—Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday 30th—Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday 31st—Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144; Lk 13:31-35

Friday 1st—Solemnity of All Saints; Rv 7:2-4, 9-14;
Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday 2nd—Commemoration of All the Faithful
Departed; Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Sunday 3rd—Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18; Heb 7:23-28;
Mk 12:28b-34

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.