

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 6, 2024

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Jakob and Rahel



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

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
10/06/2024

THEME: “But from the beginning ...”.

For the past three Sundays Mark, the Evangelist, has made us journey with Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. Going down to Jerusalem, Jesus knew that his final moments on this earth were at hand. Mark recounts that “He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days” (Mk. 8:31). Therefore, for Jesus to have introduced another topic for discussion with his disciples in full view of his imminent death lends full importance to the significance of that subject matter. For those of us who have been by the side of a dying person, you would agree with me that the dying person does waste words on irrelevant matters. Therefore, for Jesus to focus on marriage so close to his impending death, is indicative of its supreme importance to our Christian life.

Both the first reading and the Gospel passage of our liturgy this weekend focus on the sanctity of marriage and family life. They both remind us that marriage is instituted by God and so, must be cherished and protected. Unfortunately, today marriage is under serious attack.

In today’s Gospel passage, Jesus takes us back to the origin of marriage: “But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female’” (Mk. 10:6). Christ attaches great importance to these words. At this time, the Jewish teachers held different viewpoints about marriage especially when it came to divorce which often caused arguments. Jesus wanted to draw their attention to the original motives for instituting marriage by God Himself who is the absolute author of this union. Christ therefore emphasizes that things can only work well for us if we ask for their origin. Just as a user’s manual for new electrical appliances and other machines is necessary for resolving any ensuing problems in the use of a product, so too, Christ left behind valuable instructions regarding the purpose of marriage for his Church and his followers. Whenever we depart from the original intentions that God had for marriage, we are bound to fall into trouble. Therefore, divorce, polygamy, polyandry, homosexuality, lesbianism, and you name the rest are departures from the original intention of marriage. That Moses gave an exception does not cancel that original intention. He permitted divorce not because he approved of it, but because people had

created problems through their disobedience.

Prayer: Lord, help me to embrace who I am, and who You made me to be.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Greetings my beloved brothers and sisters in Christ!

The week leading up to the visit of Bishop Agapitus Nfon to our parish was a challenging one for all of us in this parish. With his visit to our parish now behind us, permit me seize this opportunity and medium to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for what you did as a family and/or as an individual to make his visit what it was – a complete success. A special thank you to all of you who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure we had more than enough to eat. Thank you for your time and generosity. May the good Lord, giver of all good gifts, bless and reward you abundantly as only He can.

Parish Evaluation Day: We are reminded of our parish evaluation session scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2024, from 12 noon to 2 pm. This involves all of us, parishioners of this parish. Please mark your calendars.

Special Collection: Bishop Mark Brennan 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 St Bernadette Catholic Church 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.”

I wish you all and your loved ones a blessed and fruitful week.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Happy Sunday

Fr Boh (Pastor)

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 9/29

General Fund	\$ 3207.85
Online Giving	\$ 712.26
Maintenance	\$ 65.13
Outreach	\$ 116.00
Kumba	\$ 2975.00

Attendance 5 PM—88 9 AM—176 11 AM—132

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Father Boh will celebrate a **Memorial Mass** for the Tedd Reeser, Glen Dolan and Lois Howard this Friday, October 11th at 9 AM. There will be a breakfast following Mass in McFadden Hall.

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. A flyer will go out next weekend with more information about our All Soul's Day Mass.

Pies are available for payment and pick-up after all Masses this weekend. A limited number of pies will be available for those who did not pre-order.

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.

Stitches from the Heart will display pray shawls this weekend. They are made by our passionate crocheting and knitting parishioners. They are free to take to a loved one in need. Please see the volunteer at the table in McFadden Hall.

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. Please see the flyer for more details.

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 group from **Bethlehem Olive Wood** will be here next weekend selling their homemade olive wood carvings. Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue to live in hard economical situations. Your purchase will help 200 families and will support peace in the middle east.



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 6th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

10 AM Join us for Donuts & Coffee

Intention for Joseph Edwards (+)

10—11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

Tuesday, October 8th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Emma Dobson (L)

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, October 9th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Joseph Bosco (L)

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, October 10th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, October 11th

9:00 AM Memorial Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Thaddeus (Tedd) Reeser, Lois Howard, and Christopher (Glen) Dolan

9:30 AM Memorial Mass
Breakfast

Saturday, October 12th

8 AM—3 PM Heritage Day

3—4:30 PM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

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

Bishop Agapitus Visits St. Bernadette Parish Church



Bishop Agapitus delivering his homily



The Bishop leads the congregation in the Universal Prayer



Presentation of the Sacred Gifts



the Bishop and Concelebrants at Mass



Left: Keven leading the procession at the end of Mass

Right: the beautiful sanctuary of St. Bernadette's Parish Church





Some of the food on display



Salad table



Fruit table



Food ready to be served



Desserts



Cross section of parishioners at the reception



Patty and Bill Wright with the Bishop and Fr. Boh



Bishop Agapitus and Fr. Boh cut the cake

Religious Education Updates



October 6, 2 – 3 p.m. – Life Chain through Youth Group. Join us for this meaningful event. **Earn 1 service hour.**

October 12, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Heritage Days. Help for all or part of the day! Call the office to schedule a time that works for you. **Earn up to 6 hours of service.**

Safe Environment Classes

Safe Environment classes will be taught to all grades on **October 6** during Religious Education hours. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

PROMISE TO
PROTECT



Prayer Warrior Needed

We have a list of specific names in need of prayer.

If you're willing to pray for someone by name, please contact Sara Struemke, Religious Education Coordinator. If not, we encourage you to keep all Religious Education students, OCIA participants, discerning participants, and volunteers in your prayers.

Let's lift one another in prayer!



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>

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 7th—Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary; Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday 8th—Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday 9th—Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday 10th—Gal 3:1-5; (Ps) Lk 1; Lk 11:5-13

Friday 11th—Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday 12th—Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 13th—Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90; Mk 10:17-30

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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS
FALL OUTREACH
DISTRIBUTION

There will be an Outreach Distribution at St John's Lutheran Church (101 West Martin St. Martinsburg) on Tuesday, October 29th, 2024.

The following items are needed:

- Hygiene products (body wash, deodorant, wipes, and toilet paper).
- Socks, tee shirts, gloves, and hats
- Towels and blankets (gently used)

Please drop off your donations in
McFadden Hall.

There is a cart in the closet.

We are so grateful for your generosity.

Please have all donations in by October 20th, 2024

