

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM

Saturday: 5 PM

Tuesday: 9 AM

Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM

Thursday—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 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mt 21:33-43

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

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome!

This weekend we gather as a Catholic Christian family to celebrate the twenty-seven Sunday Ordinary Time Year A. The readings invite us to reflect on God’s care for His people as a good gardener cares for his vineyard. We are also invited to reflect on our response to His invitation to cooperate with Him in the building of His Kingdom here on earth – a Kingdom of justice, love, and peace.

Peter and Anne raised four children but are now alone. They feel disappointed and sad. Anne tells us why.

‘We did everything we could for those children. We wanted them to have the things we didn’t have. We bought a house. Peter had to do a lot of overtime to be able to keep up with the mortgage repayments. Times were hard. Life was a constant struggle. Still, those children never lacked anything.

‘Many’s the night I didn’t get a wink of sleep because of them. They had a lot of illnesses when they were young but, thank God, in time they grew out of them. Though we saw some of our neighbors going regularly to the pub, we hardly ever went out. We saw others going abroad for their holidays, but we could never afford to do that. But we gladly sacrificed these things for the sake of the children.

‘We sent them to good schools. They never lacked money for books or school outings. They were always well dressed. We taught them good values. We taught them their religion, and we tried to give them good example. And just look at how they have repaid us. They say that good example rubs off on the children. Well, in our case, it didn’t.

‘John (the oldest) quit university and went into the pub business. He works hard, and by all accounts is doing well. He now owns three pubs. But money has become his god. Though he sends us a couple of bottles at Christmas, we hardly ever see him.

‘Anne, a teacher, married a fellow with a big job. They don’t believe in having children. They rarely come to see us, though we get cards from them from exotic places.

‘Peter has three children and seemed to be happily married. But then he suddenly left his wife and went to live with a young girl. He never shows up.

‘Paul, our baby, is still unmarried. He’s touring the world like a hippie. Doesn’t believe in working or settling down. Last word we got from him he was somewhere in Australia.

‘None of them go to Church. Now what more could we have done for them? Do we deserve to be treated like this?’ (This story is from ‘New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies, Year A, by Flor McCarthy, SDB)

Perhaps some of us feel and can even identify with the

disappointed Anne and Peter. You too had tried, as best you could, to give the children just the best. Those of us parents know how much of our time is taken by our children. There are so many things to be done for them. Some of us parents, don’t have ‘a life’; it is either dropping off the child at school, or for this or that extracurricular activity.

Today’s first reading seems to suggest that even God sometimes feels like this - disappointed. ‘‘What more could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?’ is a cry from the heart. The prophet Isaiah compares the people of Israel – God’s people – to a vineyard. This vineyard had been given special care by God, but instead of giving Him good and sweet grapes, it had only produced sour ones. All He gets in return for the love He has shown them is utter ingratitude - sin, infidelity, oppression and exploitation, hatred, bloodshed, a religion of ceremonies and external cult without conversion of the heart. In the Gospel too, the landowner does everything right! He makes his vineyard a first-class vineyard that gives the tenants every advantage. Yet the tenants to whom he leases the vineyard are unproductive, wicked, and greedy.

We are God’s vineyard and are beautifully made to produce good fruit. The Jewish leaders to whom this parable was originally told failed to produce good fruit. Instead of producing justice, they produced bloodshed; instead of producing righteousness, they produced distress. Consequently, they are disenfranchised, and the vineyard is passed on to other tenants (Church).

Beloved in Christ, God has given us gifts and opportunities and He expects us to bear the fruit for the Kingdom. We have often failed Him. This weekend’s Liturgy of the Word is a reminder to us that the judgement of destruction pronounced on the tenants is a warning to us, the new tenants. God is interested in the people who will bear the fruit for the Kingdom. Let’s pray for the grace to give back to God our Father the fruits He expects to get from us.

God bless you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3593.00
Online Giving	\$ 932.02
Maintenance	\$ 1526.00
Outreach	\$ 128.36
Mission Co-Op	\$ 2136.03

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

Congratulations to the catechumens and candidates who were accepted into our parish last weekend. Janique Blake, Samantha Meyer, Crystal Ortiz, and Carolina Ortiz- Gonzales. Please continue to pray for them.



Rite of Acceptance
10-1-2023



WHAT'S GOING ON?

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to collect over \$2000 for the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. We will continue to collect money for this great ministry for the next 2 weekends. Please put "Sisters of Charity" on the memo line of your check.

Beginning next weekend, **Religious Education** will end at 11:45 instead of 11:30. Thank you for your cooperation.

The **Garden Ministry** is looking for volunteers for the fall clean up scheduled for Saturday, October 14th, at 10 AM and Sunday, October 15th, after the 11 AM Mass. We will be trimming, weeding, mulching and planting. No prior gardening skills necessary... just a willingness to help make the parish grounds sparkle! Contact Elaine Comer at 304-261-9230 or veunnone@gmail.com to sign up.

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. There will be a container in McFadden Hall on the weekends of Oct. 14th-15th and Oct. 21st- 22nd where you can place them. Thank you for helping them with this important charitable event.

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, Theresa Comer, Bob Baker, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Linda & Bernie Guy, Carol Bogacz, Jackie Crouse

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 8th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
10:15—11:30 Religious Education
11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Nestorine Boh

Tuesday, October 10th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, October 11th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, October 12th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, October 13th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Nestorine Boh
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, October 14th

9—10:30 AM OCIA
4—4:45 PM Confession
5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Mike & Katie Lehmann

Sunday, October 15th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
10:15—11:30 Religious Education
11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Nestorine Boh
2:30 PM African Mass

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and must have regular attendance at Sunday Mass for at least six months and are required to attend a Preparation Class 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 5:20—5:50 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: Tom Bibby, Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Deb Mackesy, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

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 9th—Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; (Ps) Jon 2; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday 10th—Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday 11th—Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday 12th—Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1; Lk 11:5-13

Friday 13th—Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday 14th—Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 15th—Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

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.