

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

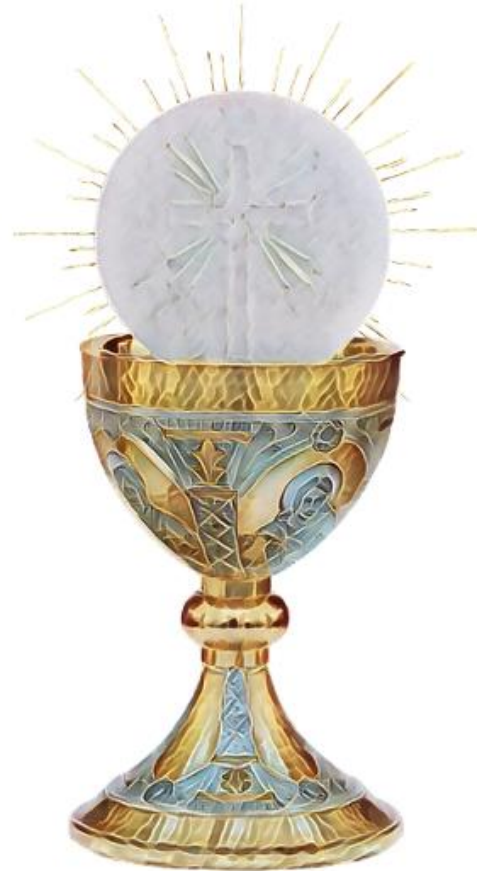
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM

or by appointment

September 15, 2024

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Not by Faith Only



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: Faith Without Works Is Dead!

It is very common today to hear a Christian say that “I have faith”, meaning simply that he/she has been baptized into a particular Christian Church, that he/she prays, attends mass or service regularly, reads the Bible regularly, etc. Such a one believes that his/her faith is alive and active. But St James in today’s second reading gives us a different standard or criteria to know if one has faith or not. “You have faith, and I have works. Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works. ... faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead”. Therefore, putting work into our faith is strongly recommended, or else our faith is useless. The question now arises, is James not contradicting what Saint Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8). Not at all, Saint James is not pushing a works-based salvation. If he were, this would inherently not only contradict what Paul is telling the Ephesians but also the teachings of Jesus Christ. Rather, James is emphasizing the idea that genuine faith is accompanied by corresponding actions. Once we hear God’s Word, we must act on it to be transformed by it.

James wants to draw our attention to the fact that faith must be demonstrated; that it must be evident in a person’s life not just discussed. An inactive faith is no faith at all. True faith does something, and as Penn Foster says: “The faith of a believer can atrophy, and we can become orthodox corpses unless our faith is put to work”. Saint James is teaching us that true faith acts on behalf of the poor and oppressed. If all we do is say, “Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,” but do not give them the necessities of the body, that shows a dead faith.

Our Lord Jesus Christ explains what will happen at the final judgment of the nations where the people are separated as sheep are from goats. Those who will inherit the Kingdom are those who demonstrated the kingdom of God through the way they treated others, especially the vulnerable, and vice versa. Jesus isn’t saying that our acts toward the poor and needy are what save us. But if our hearts have truly been transformed, we will demonstrate that by being compassionate, wel-

coming, loving, and generous to others—especially the “least of these.”

Permit me to end with these words of Sarah J. Hauser: “True faith means our hearts have been changed, and a changed heart is demonstrated through action. Faith with no demonstrable action is no real faith at all. It’s dead, James tells us, like a body without a spirit”.

May we put our faith into action by making the necessary sacrifices to help others.

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome!

Today, September 15th, is the day the Holy Catholic Church usually celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. But we cannot celebrate it this year since falls on a Sunday – the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year. However, it will be important to remind ourselves what are the Sorrows of Mary. There are seven traditional sorrows of Mary; 1) The Prophecy of Simeon (Lk.2:34-35); 2) The Flight into Egypt (Mt. 2:13-15); 3) The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem (Lk. 2:41-51); 4) Mary meets Jesus as He carries His Cross to Calvary (Lk. 23:26-31); 5) Mary stands near the Cross of her Son Jesus (Jn. 19:25-27); 6) Mary receives into her as the body of Jesus taken down from the Cross (Jn. 19:38); and 7) Mary helps place the body of Jesus in the tomb (Jn. 19:39-42). Having experienced all these, Mary can help us stand before the crosses in our lives with dignity, trust, and strength.

Parish Prayer Garden: We’ll be inaugurating our Prayer Garden next Sunday, September 22, 2024, weather permitting.

Parish Evaluation Day: We are planning to take advantage of this year’s Mission Sunday, October 20, 2024, to hold an evaluation session from 12 noon to 2 pm. This involves all of us, parishioners of this parish. Please mark your calendars.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING—9/8

General Fund	\$ 3826.00
Online Giving	\$ 1354.15
Maintenance	\$ 390.00
Outreach	\$ 280.00
Kumba	\$ 2955.00

Attendance 5 PM—119 9 AM—185 11 AM—77

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

If you have not formally registered with the parish, please take a registration form home. Fill it out and either snap a picture and email it to office@stbernadettewv.org or drop it in the basket at Mass next weekend.

Tickets will be sold this and next weekend after all Masses for a chance to win a 100 year old stained glass window from our church. \$5 per ticket. Winner will be announced after the 11 AM Mass on 10/22.

If you would like to contribute to the collection for Fr. Boh's **Diocese of Kumba**, please write a check out to St. Bernadette with Kumba on the memo line. Cash must be in a clearly marked envelope.

The CSA campaign will still be ongoing for several more months. Even though we are above target, only 54 gifts were given. All additional funds are returned to St Bernadette free of diocesan fees and will continue to support our capital projects. Visit www.dwc.org to contribute online.

Weis 4 School: Saint Joseph School is again participating in the Weis 4 School program to raise funds for educational technology and other academic needs. The deadline to register is Thursday, Oct. 31. All you have to do when you shop at Weis is scan the barcode that is posted on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/SJSMartinsburg>) to register your Weis card for the program. The barcode is attached. Feel free to share the barcode with friends and relatives!

Instrument drive: Saint Joseph School is seeking any unused instruments that you or a neighbor/friend/family member have! We have a large beginning band this year (41 students) and want to make sure they all have the opportunity to learn an instrument. Your help could jump-start the next generation of musicians. Here is a list of instruments we are accepting (**the ones in bold are needed the most**): **Flute, Clarinet, Alto saxophone, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba**, Oboe, Bassoon, Bass clarinet, Tenor saxophone, Baritone saxophone. All donations can be dropped off at the school, 110 E. Stephen St. in Martinsburg. For details, please email Annie Hales at ahales@sjswv.org.

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

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, September 15th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Oben family

10—11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Dolores Deal (+)

2:30 PM African Mass

Tuesday, September 17th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, September 18th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, September 19th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, September 20th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, September 21st

3—4:30 PM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Sunday, September 22nd

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Kpama family

10—11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Christopher Dolan (+)

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 16th—Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs; 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday 17th—1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 18th—1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 19th—1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118; Lk 7:36-50

Friday 20th—Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs; 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 21st—St. Matthew, Apostle and evangelist; Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday 22nd—Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37

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.

Youth Group Retreat – October 5th

Theme: PROOF FOR GOD



- **9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. on October 5 at Joy El Camps and Retreats, Greencastle, PA**
- **Transportation provided via carpool from St. Bernadette Church parking lot. The carpool departs at 8:45 AM and will return at 4:15 PM**
- **Cost is \$15. Make checks payable to “St. Bernadette Church.”**
- **Please call your parish office to register.**
- **St. Joseph’s 304-267-4893 or St. Bernadette’s 304-754-7830.**

What will we be doing?

- **Prayer Service**
- **Learn from seminarians about Proof for God’s existence and the Resurrection of Jesus.**
- **Creative and fun activities.**
- **Free time outdoors. A gym is available for inclement weather.**
- **Deepen your relationship with God.**
- **Make new friends.**



Proceeds will create new transitional apartments for our mothers ready to take their next steps.

LINKS OF LOVE
Golf TOURNAMENT

Lace Up



YOUR GOLF SHOES

Registration: Noon

Shotgun Start: 1:00 pm

Catered Dinner: 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

BECOME A

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REGISTRATION
INCLUDES

- Green & Cart Fees
- Door Prize Ticket
- Goodie Bag
- Catered Dinner

EVENT
INCLUDES

- Door Prizes
- Longest Drive
- Closest to the Pin
- 30/30 Raffle

SEPTEMBER 30
2024



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Do you have projects around the house that you need help with?

Help our OCIA and Confirmation Formation participants earn service hours. This is a free service to you!

Examples of projects might include help with moving, weeding, yard work, shoveling, light housework, or running errands.

If interested, please **text** Sara at 307-712-0001 or email at reled@stbernadettewv.org