

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 22, 2024

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Taking a child, he placed it in their midst (Mark 9:36)



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: “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

In his book, ‘Africa: Our Way to Preach God’s Word’, Michael McGrath, S.M.A tells the story of an office manager in a company, Treasure. She was a bright young woman, always clean and tidy herself and in her work. She was liked by many people because she was on top of her job. The other girls in the office teased her, calling her “Miss First”.

This name came from the habit Treasure had of always wanting to be the first. If a free place on a bus was offered, she wanted to be first there to get it. When a higher position was open, she wanted to be the first on the list to apply for it. At times, free meal tickets were given, and she would rush to be the first. Of course, when the director of the company asked for a good secretary to help him, Miss Treasure could see herself second to nobody.

One day, the supervisor of the company was preparing the duties of all the staff following a decision by the board of directors of the company to save the company some money. The supervisor had made his list following the new board’s regulations. The list prepared by the supervisor started with the words: “The first staffer to arrive in the morning will clean the office ...”

The next morning who was there before everyone else, Treasure, “Miss First”, of course! When the supervisor gave her the first thing she had to do – cleaning the office – Treasure wished, for once, that she would not have been ... the first!

Treasure is not the only one with this attitude of always wanting to be before others, or above others. There are many people like Treasure in our society, and indeed, even among the twelve friends of Jesus, we see something like this. The Gospel tells us that the disciples had been discussing on the road who was the greatest. They too want the first places. They are trying to get positions of honor. They want to be before and above others around them. Ambition, drive, success, and winning are the themes of the world today. And our teaching from Christ today seems contradictory, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Jesus’ message does not fit with the way we see the world work. He tries to correct the way the world sees greatness. Our society tells us that being first, being in control, and having people do what you want is true greatness. This is contrary to the teaching of Jesus Christ who points out that suffering, surrender, humility, and charity are the true way to greatness.

“If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all”, emphasizes that in the

Lord’s eyes what is important is living a life of service and sharing the gifts, talents, and resources that God has given us for the good of our brothers and sisters, as he says: “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mk. 10:45)

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome!

Today we celebrate the twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B. The readings this Sunday challenge us to give up false ambition, for it is destructive to the community, and take up true ambition, which is the desire to serve others. However, the best and purest kind of service is that which is rendered to the weak, the innocent, and the marginalized symbolized by the little child that Jesus holds out to his disciples in today’s Gospel passage. May God help us to do whatever we can to make this world a better place.

Visit of The Rt. Reverend Agapitus Nfon to Saint Bernadette: Most, if not all of us are aware that Bishop Agapitus Nfon, Bishop of the Sacred Heart Diocese of Kumba, Cameroon shall be visiting our parish next Sunday, September 29th, 2024. He is coming to see us – Christians of Saint Bernadette Catholic Church and personally thank us for all that we have been doing to help him in his pastoral work in Kumba. He is not coming for the African Catholic Community. He will celebrate both Masses that Sunday and have lunch with us immediately after the 11 am Mass in the McFaden Hall.

Veritas Psychotherapy Individual, Couple, and Family Counseling: I just wanted to remind everyone about the Psychotherapy group for men starting next Tuesday, September 24 at Priestfield. This is for those struggling with unwanted sexual compulsions or failed attempts at living a pure life. If you are planning on going, please contact Fr Boh or call the number 301-873-9556, paradigm782@gmail.com.

See the flyer from Fr. Mat Rowgh regarding training for pastoral leadership at the VA Medical Center on the bulletin board in the Narthex just outside the vestry. Thank you!

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 9/15

General Fund.....	\$ 4645.40
Online Giving.....	\$ 2268.39
Maintenance	\$ 515.00
Outreach	\$ 335.00
Kumba.....	\$ 2675.00

Attendance 5 PM—110 9 AM—168 11 AM—117

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

I wish you all and your loved ones a blessed and fruitful week.
 May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.
 Happy Sunday

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Daily Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week will be held in the Religious Education Building while the narthex is being painted.

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. A check will be presented to Bishop Agapitus while he is visiting St. Bernadette.

Pie making has been moved to October 2nd and 3rd to start after the 9 AM Mass in McFadden Hall. If you are interested in helping to peel and chop apples, please contact the Parish Office.

We are taking **pre-orders for apple and pumpkin pies** this weekend. After this weekend you can call the office to place your order. No money will be taken until the pies are distributed on October 5th and 6th. There will be a limited number of pies made so place your order soon.

Catholic Charities West Virginia invites you to the **Charity in Action Awards Luncheon**. The event will be Monday, October 14th from 12 – 1pm at The Purple Iris, 1956 Winchester Avenue in Martinsburg. We are honoring Maggie Garrido-Cortes, Regional Resource Connection. As with each priest within the Vicariate, I would also like to extend to each of you and your "plus one", guest invitations to the event. Please RSVP with names and parish no later than October 2nd. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. There is a flyer on the bulletin board in the narthex with more details.

The CSA campaign will still be ongoing for several more months. Even though we are above target, only 58 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.

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. If you have moved, please call the office to update your address.
Help keep our records current.

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

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 22nd

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Oben family

10—11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Lois Howard (+)

Tuesday, September 24th

9 AM Mass (in Rel Ed Bldg)
—Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, September 25th

9 AM Mass (in Rel Ed Bldg)
—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Bernice Mackesy

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, September 26th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Thomas Mackesy

Friday, September 27th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the Kao family

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, September 28th

3—4:30 PM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, September 29th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Bishop Agapitus

Intention for Kpama family

10—11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Bishop Agapitus

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 23rd—St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest;
Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday 24th—Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday 25th—Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday 26th—Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90; Lk 9:7-9

Friday 27th—St. Vincent de Paul, Priest;
Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144; Lk 9:18-22

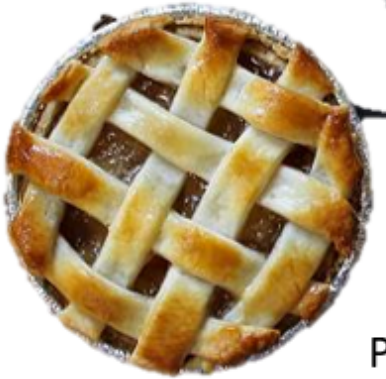
Saturday 28th—Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday 29th—Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6;
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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.

Apple and Pumpkin Pie Fundraiser



Pies will be on sale after all Masses on
**Help is needed to assemble
Apple and Pumpkin Pies
October 3 & 4, 10 AM – 2 PM
In McFadden Hall**

Bring a cutting board and paring knife!

October 5 & 6 and October 12 & 13 - While supplies last!

Pies are \$12 each.

Pre-Orders taken Sept 21 & 22, or call the office.

Apple pies are unbaked and frozen with baking instructions. They are packaged in freezer bags and will keep for 6 months frozen. Baking instructions are included.

Pumpkin pies are baked and frozen. They are packaged in freezer bags and will keep for 6 months frozen. Simply thaw in refrigerator and it's ready to serve.