

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

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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 29, 2024

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us."
(Mark 9:38)



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: "He is not one of us".

"They Call Me Lucky", is the title of a Mexican movie. This movie happens to have been one of my favorite movies when I was in high school. I used to watch this movie at least once every day. After a successful raid in the bank, as the actors sit down to decide on how to share the booty, they conclude that Chino – one of the actors, will receive the lowest amount because "he is not one of us, he is a Gringo".

Gringo is a person that is not from Latin America. "He is not one of us ..." seems to explain everything. We heard the same kind of talk in two of our readings this weekend. In the first reading, we see a young man coming to Moses to report that two people are prophesying who were not in the group when the Spirit came down on them. In the Gospel, we see John comes to Jesus with a similar complaint: "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Moses corrected the way of thinking of Joshua and Jesus corrected the same way of thinking in John and the other apostles. This same way of thinking may be also in us. What is it in people that makes them speak like this - "he/she is not one of us? What is it that makes them try to leave some people out? Is it not the attitude of US vs THEM? This is motivated by the attitude of placing people in groups based on culture, race, language, religion, etc.

Dear friends in Christ, this is a real challenge for all of us. Competence is sacrificed on the altar of favoritism in our world and even in the Church today. Just listen to how some Catholics speak about their fellow brothers and sisters who do not attend the Latin. Come to think of it, how do we speak about people of other Churches? Today we are challenged to change our attitude in our relationship with others, especially in the service of God.

May God bless you!

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Beloved brother and sister, welcome!

Tuesday is the start of a new month, the month of October. We are grateful to God for His protection and blessings received during September and we thank Him for the gift of the new month. For those who will celebrate anniversaries in October, we accompany you with prayers and best wishes. Traditionally, the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the seven awesome and best-known of all Catholic devotions. During this month, we shall pray the Rosary as a community after the 6 pm Mass every Wednesday and after our community morning prayer every Friday.

Welcoming Our September Guest

It is a great honor for me, in the name of St. Bernadette, to welcome His Lordship Bishop Agapitus Nfon, pioneer bishop of the diocese of Kumba, Cameroon (my Bishop). This is the first time His Excellency, Bishop Agapitus Nfon is visiting St Bernadette. Thank you, Bishop, for making St Bernadette your gate of entry into the USA during your visit to the DMV Metro Area. Enjoy your stay with us and journey mercies back after your stay here in the USA. We wish God's choicest blessings in your pastoral ministry.



PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 9/22

General Fund	\$ 3448.59
Online Giving	\$ 440.27
Maintenance	\$ 40.00
Outreach	\$ 212.00
Kumba	\$ 1410.00

Attendance 5 PM—101 9 AM—190 11 AM—104

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

building was removed.

The Prayer Garden was designed and built by many parish volunteers, working with a local landscaping firm, and with funding from a Capital Improvement Grant from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV.

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Pope's Prayer Intention for October 2024 - For a shared mission: We pray that the Church continues to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion, and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Pie making has been moved to October 3rd and 4th 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.

Pre-order apple and pumpkin pies by calling the office. 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.

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

Alyssa Smith	Christopher Boyce	Bonnie Hart
Jonathan Gautreaux	Scarlett Liberto	Kigani Kao
Devin Wilburn	Dawsin Wilburn	Sandra Nelder
Kevin Ferrell	Barbara Fincke	Dimaris Ortiz-Gonzalez
Dominic Hudy	Braddock Donato	Jean Bibby
Lisa Sobinovskiy	Dorin Takwa	James Borowczyk
Gina Sobinovskiy	Chad Beutler	Everett Cook
Eugene Stevens	Rebecca Hudy	Jessica Hott
Joshua Beutler	Amanda Null	Henry Hutton
Leah Boyce	Carol Sloan	Anna Gautreaux
Brynleigh Hott	Robert Fawcett	Linda Steele
Penny Stritch	Joyce Alvarez	Annabelle Cook
Michael Beutler	Ernestine Zamora	Bobbie Kucharek
Dennis Murphy	Raymond Bartholow	Frank O'Neill
Hayley Cotter	Ella Bell	Mira Cotter
Matthew Orsie	Alexander Keller	Deborah Lasick
Tara Lynn Roscoe	Debra Mackesy	Sandra Wojcicky
Jane Foley	Anne Milton	Carol Borowczyk
Janice Stevens	Stephen Scalia	Vincent Hudy
Carol Joseph	Mary Patrice Ulicny	

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

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 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 (Glen) Dolan (+)

Tuesday, October 1st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Jason Dobson (L)
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, October 2nd

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Christine D'Angelo (L)
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, October 3rd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10 AM Pie Making

First Friday, October 4th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the Kao family (L)
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 10 AM Pie Making
 12 NOON Benediction

First Saturday, October 5th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Rosary immediately following
 3—4:30 PM OCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Sunday, October 6th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Joseph Edwards (+)
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

St. Bernadette Dedicates Prayer Garden

The Christians of Saint Bernadette Catholic Church, Hedgesville, gather for the blessing of the Prayer Garden Sunday, September 22, 2024.

What began with an empty lot and a large concrete pad is now a beautiful garden dedicated to prayers and worship. “We set this space apart from all common and worldly uses as a sanctuary of God’s presence, where we may gather for community, family, and/or individual prayers,” said Fr. Boh, the Pastor of Saint Bernadette. He invited parishioners to join him in the blessing the Prayer Garden, located next to the church, on September 22, after the 9 am Mass.

The garden features a large statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Walking Rosary, a large Hail Mary Prayer Sign, a large Cross, and the Stations of the Cross. It is surrounded by flowers, shrubs, and manicured green spaces. Many of the plants, and their colors found in the garden, are symbolic and are planted in honor and devotion to the Blessed Mother.

The garden was created after the parish demolished a large building (over 5000sq. ft.), that included a log structure and a car shop. The building had been abandoned and vacant for many years and was uninhabitable. The building was donated to St Bernadette Parish by the owner's family after his passing. The concrete slab and open space remained after the building was removed.

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Fr. Boh Blesses the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue





Fr. Boh blesses the Walking Rosary and Cross

Blessing Our New Prayer Garden



Fr. Boh blesses the Prayer Garden



Hail Mary Prayer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATES



Confirmation Service Hours Opportunities

October 3 & 4 at 10 a.m. – Pie Making. Come join us to help make pies! A great option for home-schooled students.

October 5, 8:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. – Youth Group Retreat in Greencastle, PA. Cost: \$15. **Earn up to 3 service hours! Must register by Sept. 30** by calling 304-754-7830.

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!



OCTOBER 5TH, 2024
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM



NIGHT

AT THE RACES

TO BENEFIT	St. JOSEPH PARISH
	Saint Joseph School <small>Martinsburg, WV</small>

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO
WIN \$2500

DINNER, DJ, HORSE RACES
50/50 DRAWING
DOOR PRIZES

HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT CHARLES TOWN RACES
750 HOLLYWOOD DR. CHARLES TOWN, WV 25414



**2024 St. Joseph Catholic Parish
A Night At The Races Gala**

October 5, 2024 (6 pm – 10 pm)
Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone #: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Sponsorship Level with Benefits:

(Please mark with appropriate sponsorship level)

- _____ \$5,000.00 TITLE SPONSOR
(1-Event Presenting Sponsor)
- _____ \$2,500.00 DINNER SPONSOR (1)
- _____ \$1,000.00 BEVERAGE SPONSOR (1)
- _____ \$750.00 TABLE SPONSOR (1)
(8 Seats) # of Tables _____
- _____ \$100.00 per Person/Ticket
of Tickets: _____

Please designate my contribution to:

- _____ St. Joseph School
- _____ St. Joseph Parish
- _____ Where it is Most Needed

Gift Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Return: St. Joseph Parish, PO Box 885, Martinsburg, WV 25402

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 30th—St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday 1st—St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Jb 3:1-3, 11-17. 20-23; Ps 88; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday 2nd—Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels; Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday 3rd—Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27; Lk 10:1-12

Friday 4th—St. Francis of Assisi; Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday 5th—Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday 6th—Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16

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.

Please join us for one hour of prayer for the protection of the unborn and their mothers.



Life Chain

**SUNDAY OCT. 6TH -
2PM-3PM**

**MARTINSBURG
SQUARE (CORNER
OF KING ST AND
QUEEN ST) - RAIN
OR SHINE**

For more information, please call the Parish Office,
(304)754-7830



Hedgesville, WV

HERITAGE DAYS

St. Bernadette Catholic Church

Parking by donation

Coffee & Muffins for breakfast

Pulled Pork Sandwich Platter for lunch

includes Cole Slaw, Chips and a Drink

Bake Sale

(Bake sale donations may be dropped off at the church during the day Friday or before the event begins on Saturday)

Saturday
October 12th
8 AM – 3 PM

**Come out and support your
parish and your community.**