

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

109 West Main St. • PO Box 11 • Hedgesville, WV 25427

Phone: 304-754-7830 • Email: office@stbernadettewv.org

www.stbernadettewv.org

Office Hours: Mon—Thurs 10 AM—2 PM; Fri 10 AM—12 PM

Office is located in the Religious Education Building

Pastor, Rev. Fr. Aloysius Boh

Parish Secretary, Lynette Kammerer

Music Director, Linda Abrahamian

Sacristan, Kevin Ferrell

kevin.a.ferrell@gmail.com

Religious Ed., Sara Struemke

reled@stbernadettewv.org

OCIA, Eric Colliflower

Finance Chairperson, Paul Guttman

Youth Ministry Coordinator, Linda
Abrahamian

Maintenance, Joe Comer

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 8, 2024

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Today is Grandparents Day



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: “Ephphatha!”— that is, “Be opened!” Mark 7:34b

These are powerful words. Why are they powerful? They are powerful because they are more than words. They are words that accomplish what they say. These words are spoken by Jesus after the deaf man is brought to Him with the request for healing. By saying the command “Be opened!” the deaf man’s ears are opened, and his speech impediment is removed.

When Jesus speaks, His word changes things. This is true in this story, but it is also true in our lives. We all are deaf and struggle with a speech impediment in the sense that we do not always hear the voice of God, and we do not always speak His word and words of charity. For that reason, these words of Jesus must be spoken to us. We must let Him take us off to a quiet place alone and speak to us. We must let Him say those words to us. “Ephphatha!–Be opened!”

What is it that you are not hearing properly? What is it God has been saying to you for a long time that you refuse to hear? What is it you have allowed yourself to become deaf to? Let our Lord open the “ears” of your heart so that you can hear all that He wishes to say to you. Once that happens, Jesus will also help you speak His words of truth and love.

Reflect, today, upon how open you are to hearing the voice of God. We all struggle at times with listening, and we especially may struggle with listening to God. Spend some time alone with our Lord and let Him heal you so that you can hear and understand all that He is saying to you.

Lord, I do not always listen to You. Please speak Your words of healing to me so that I can hear You more clearly. In hearing You, may I listen to all that You have to say. Jesus, I trust in You.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Parishioners,
I hope you are enjoying this wonderful summer while it lasts. I would like to say a special “**THANK YOU**” to some members of our parish community.

Firstly, I would like to thank fellow parishioners who spent several weeks planning, organizing, and finally executing another successful Crab Feast. Let me mention April Candy, Jean Ridley, Rick Inclima, John and Jane Batten, Lynette Kammerer, Vicky and Ron Robertson, Ashton and Zac Kammerer, Leah Boyce and all the other volunteers I’m sure I have missed. Thank you all, so very much, for the sacrifice of your time and talents. I am sure I speak for fellow parishioners in saying that I appreciate all who showed up and supported this initiative financially and otherwise. Your generosity has helped us cover most of our expenses. It was particularly heart-warming for me to know – even as I was forced to be away from the parish on that day, getting attended to in the emergency room – that you powered on with the work at hand. May God bless you.

Secondly, I want to thank the team that organized the Parish Vacation Bible School last month. Let me mention Sara Struemke, Suzi Kinn, Cindy Lathwell, Louise Donato, Anne Robertson, Mary Osborne, Maria Domich, Ashton and Zac Kammerer, Lynette Kammerer, Jean Ridley, and everyone else who contributed to the Bible School’s resounding success. The children who attended learned a lot and will, we pray, continue to grow spiritually. I thank the parents for trusting us with their children. Thank you for dropping them off and picking them up every day. Rendezvous June 2025. Please mark your calendars.

Thirdly, with a heart full of gratitude, I want to thank you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm for the future of our parish. Looking at the Financial Report that was presented to us a fortnight ago by the Chairperson of our Parish Finance Council, I would like to commend you for your dedication and generosity to our parish. These values are the secret behind our many accomplishments. Thank you for making Saint Bernadette ‘a thing beautiful for God’. May God Almighty continue to bless you and your families as only He can.

Fourthly, a zillion thanks for the prayers and best wishes for a speedy recovery while I was briefly under the weather. Also, thanks for the happy birthday wishes and the many gifts in the form of birthday cakes, birthday cards, and gift cards. I truly appreciate you.

PARISH PICNIC 2024

My beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, it is time again for our wonderful Parish PICNIC. We invite you to join us as we come together as one family of faith for our parish picnic, today, September 8th. The picnic will take place from 11:30 AM—3 PM in the parking lot. There will be plenty of food and drinks and great entertainment for our children. Many of our parishioners and guests have enjoyed the Picnic in past years and this year’s edition promises to be no different. In advance, thanks to the team organizing this year’s picnic.

Join me in welcoming our new Religious Ed. Director, Sara Struemke. Also, join me in welcoming the parish leadership team for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), Eric and Dianne Colliflower. On your behalf and with a heart full of gratitude, I welcome them to these leadership roles. They come to us with extensive experience from their former parishes.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING—8/25

General Fund.....	\$ 4765.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1013.64
Maintenance	\$ 824.00
Outreach	\$ 1860.00

Attendance 5 PM—84 9 AM—123 11 AM—137

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

National Grandparents Day: Today is Grandparents Day! Grandparents Day occurs every September on the first Sunday following Labor Day. Grandparents occupy very special places in our lives and in our hearts. Being a grandparent is special. So, it's only fitting that we have a special day to celebrate them. It is a great excuse to show the grandparents in your life (whether biological or honorary grandparents) some love. Today we thank God for all grandparents living and dead for their care and love.

Happy Sunday!

Sincerely yours, Fr Boh (Pastor)

Happy Grandparents' Day

Marriage Banns—Third call: Roosevelt N. Boh and Lisa E. Thottumari. If you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The Bereavement Ministry will be holding a meeting on Thursday, September 12th immediately following the 9 AM Mass in the Religious Education Building. New members are always welcome.

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.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, September 8th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Moise Nelson Eta Oben

10—11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Margarita Lannon (L)

11:30 AM—3 PM Parish Picnic

Tuesday, September 10th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

6 PM Parish Council Meeting

~Everyone is invited~

Wednesday, September 11th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Linda Alshowarbi (+)

Thursday, September 12th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

9:30 AM Bereavement Ministry

Meeting—Rel Ed Bldg

~Everyone is invited~

Friday, September 13th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, September 14th

3—4:30 PM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Irene Dzifa King Arthur (+)

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



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, Jammie Dobson, 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.

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 9th—St. Peter Claver, Priest; 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 10th—1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday 11th—1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 12th—1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139; Lk 6:27-38

Friday 13th—St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 14th—Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Sunday 15th—Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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.