

# 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: 5:20—5:50PM

Saturday: 4—4:45PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM  
or by appointment

## August 13, 2023

### 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus walks on water Mt 14:22-33

## 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

Are You Walking on the Stormy Waters of Life?

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In our daily lives, we face storms all the time. We are in all manner of crises: health, financial struggles, economic, etc. and we worry constantly about what tomorrow might bring. Besides the crisis we face in private there are national and international crisis that make it difficult for us to maintain a sense of peace. It can feel overwhelming for the individual believer who wakes up each morning to face what seems to be an avalanche of challenges on a personal and public level.

Our readings for this weekend Mass address the struggle of the believer to stay in relationship with God in the face of all-consuming distractions and threats. Amid the wind, waves, and earthquakes, the voice of God still speaks to us: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Let us ask God for the grace to be filled with the gift of faith and to place all our trust in Him.

God bless you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, Welcome!

A special welcome to those worshipping with us for the first time and the members of our parish family who have been away for some period. We missed you!

Dear Saint Bernadette Parishioners, I would like to express the joy I have witnessed and continue to witness among you. My testimony is primarily centered on the love I am experiencing here at Saint Bernadette and your unwavering support to the mission of the Church at Saint Bernadette. A case in point is the Vacation Bible School and the Crab Feast that were organized and successfully carried out last week.

In this regard, I want to single out and thank the organizers of the Crab Feast—April and the members of the Hospitality Ministry and Suzy Kinn and her team of teachers Cindy Lathwell, Sarah Bleigh, Shanna Fisher, and Louise Donato; Adult Support Jean Ridley, Martha Glover, Jane Batten, Peggy Slattery; Dorothy Hess; Youth assistant—Vincent Hudy and Marianne Kusmitch, volunteers - for organizing and running the Vacation Bible School. I think it was a positive and uplifting experience for children. Twenty children attended the VBS this year: Bleigh Elliana, Bleigh Eavey, Fisher Katherine, Goodman Julian, Goodman Caroline, Hudy Joshua, Hudy Zachary, Hudy Sylvia, Rivera Gianna, Rivera Michael, Rivera Luis, Smith Amelia, Smith Madalyn, Smith Josephine, Wine Norah, Lathwell Anthony, Lathwell Dylan, Lathwell Zoe, Bleigh Henry, and Wine Clara. Thank you so much!

I would also like to thank the children who attended. I hope you enjoyed hearing the stories, playing games, the singing and much more. I hope you see the wonderful value of the Bible stories and of the things you learned now and in the future. Last but not the least, "Thank you parents" for all the sacrifices you made to drop off your children and pick them up every day. It is an honor and a blessing to be a pastor in a parish that does things so well. Thank you, thank you!

Please mark your calendars for the following:

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Body and Soul into heaven August 15th, 2023.** Times for the Masses are given below:

Monday August 14th: Vigil Mass at 6:00 PM

Tuesday August 15th: 9 PM and 6 PM

**Marriage Banns:** In our last Sunday Bulletin, I mentioned that we shall start publishing marriage banns on our Sunday Bulletin. Why? The purpose of publishing banns is to enable anyone to raise any canonical or civil legal impediments to the marriage, to prevent marriages that are invalid. Impediments vary between legal jurisdiction but would normally include a pre-existing marriage that has been neither dissolved nor annulled, a vow of celibacy, lack of consent, or the couple's being related within the prohibited degrees of kinship.

**Marriage Banns - First Call:** Mark Meyer and Samantha Meyer. If you have any objections to this marriage, kindly make those objections known to the pastor before the wedding day.

**African Catholic Community Mass** shall hold this Sunday at 2:30 PM. They shall be serving dinner at McFadden Hall immediately after Mass in honor of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All are invited.

## PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 3240.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1170.28
Diocesan .....	\$ 25.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 1279.00
Outreach.....	\$ 358.00

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





### WHAT'S GOING ON?

**Bereavement Ministry** will hold a meeting this week, Thursday, 8/17, after the 9 AM Mass in the Religious Education Building. We will be discussing plans for Nestorine's memorial and funeral Masses. All are welcome to attend.

There will be a **Religious Education teachers meeting on August 20th** after the 9 AM Mass in the Religious Education Building.

See the new **St. Joseph School Middle School**. Ribbon Cutting ceremony will take place on Thursday, August 17th at 3:30 PM and open house for the parish community at 4:30 PM.

### 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, Victoria Porter, Bob Baker, Theresa Highlands, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Margaret Klover, Virginia Brock

*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, August 13th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*  
11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for David & Karen Hickey*  
2:30 PM African Mass

#### Tuesday, August 15th

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
9:30 Stitches from the Heart  
6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Laura Sanford*

#### Wednesday, August 16th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Brian & Kristen Hickey*  
6 PM Mass Canceled

#### Thursday, August 17th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
9:30 AM Bereavement Meeting  
RE Bldg.

#### Friday, August 18th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Paul & Charlotte Hickey*  
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
12 NOON Benediction

#### Saturday, August 19th

9—10:30 AM OCIA  
4—4:45 PM Confession  
5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Nestorine Boh*

#### Sunday, August 20th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Nestorine Boh*



**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](http://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 14th—St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr; Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday 15th—Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday 16th—Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday 17th—Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday 18th—Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday 19th—Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday 20th—Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

### 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.