

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 Friday: Perpetual Adoration of the
Blessed Eucharist after 9 AM Mass
with Divine Mercy & Benediction at 3 PM

1st Saturday: 9 AM
Rosary immediately following

Confession
Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM
Saturday: 4—4:45PM
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

August 14, 2022

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lk 12:49-53

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

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing?" These are strange words to hear coming from Jesus. We wouldn't expect Jesus to use such words like fire and the sword or division, knowing that He is the Prince of Peace. Most of us are familiar with the expression: "You are joking with fire". The meaning is obvious. You are putting yourself in potential danger, especially if a particular action persists. When someone in a public building cries "fire", it would more likely than not triggers fear, panic, even a great commotion. I remember an incident in a high school in my native country, Cameroon, some years ago. It led to the death of several students. Many were seriously injured. The tragedy started when a student on the third floor of the school building raised a false alarm: crying 'fire'. Pandemonium broke loose as both teachers and students clogged the lone staircase of the building trying to get to safety. A stampede ensued in which the students lost their lives and many sustained serious injuries. Fire is good for cooking. In cold settings, fire arouses warm emotions. Yet, fire is dangerous. We cannot play with fire. We are aware of the damage it has caused to human life and property. You have seen the devastation by wildfires in California and in other parts of world. In places without gas or electric cookers, as in my village, you need fire to cook. It is around the fire that families gather for lunch and dinner. It is around the fire that we gather to roast corn, taro, plantains, etc. In effect, fire connotes what is good. Think of how excited the ancient man was after discovering fire. Fire also connotes that which can destroy. Think of hell fire. In our Gospel today Jesus says he has come to bring fire on earth and wishes that it was already burning. The fire evoked by Jesus can be the fire of God's anger, directed at the vices in our world today: injustice, oppression, faithlessness, greed, discrimination, lack of trust in God, etc. This fire burns away what is useless and refines what is impure. This is the kind of fire that Jesus speaks about in today's Gospel passage – a fire that purifies; it is the leaven of society and the world. We are challenged today to be tenders of this fire of Jesus.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

First Anniversary: Last Thursday, August 11, 2022, marked one year since I took over leadership of Saint Bernadette Parish as administrator. I don't want to let this day go by without me saying 'Thank you God' and 'Thank you, to you all, my beloved brothers, and sisters of Saint Bernadette. When I look back at what we have been able to do together as a parish community for this past year, I can only say that it is the work of God's grace. And for that I give thanks. I ask God to

help all of us. I pray for all of us to continue to be trusting in God. To allow God's grace to form us and shape us. It has been a wonderful experience for me at Saint Bernadette.

Solemnity of the Assumption: The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated this Monday, August 15. It is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on a weekday - Monday. However, Holy Mass will be celebrated for this Solemnity in our parish church at 9:00 am.

Brief doctrine on the Solemnity of the Assumption

The Church proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven. Even though the Church has always held to this belief it was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin and remained untouched by any stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. This teaching or doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary leaves open the question whether Mary died or whether she was raised to eternal life without bodily death. As we join the Universal Church in celebrating the entrance of our mother Mary into eternal glory, let us pray that where she has gone before us, we may one day follow.

The New School Year 2022-2023: My brothers and sisters in Christ, as you know, the students of our Parish return to school next week. Please let us keep them, and their teachers in our prayers as they begin the new school year.

Sunday August 21, 2022: If you can make, please join the African Catholic Community as they celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Cameroon style next Sunday, August 21, 2022, beginning with Holy Mass at 2:30 pm in the Parish Church. Come one, come all!

Wednesday Masses and Confession: We are reminded that every Wednesday we have two regular Masses in the Parish, at 9:00 am and at 6:00 pm. We continue to encourage those who cannot make it for the 9:00 am Mass to try and fit into your schedule the 6:00 pm. What an opportunity to come and be refreshed spiritually for the remaining days of the week. Note also that we have confessions from 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 3516.50
Online Giving	\$ 1029.51
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 515.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 43.00
Diocesan Collection- Disaster Relief	\$ 75.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 125.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

A Social Concerns Ministry volunteer will be in the narthex before and after all Masses this weekend. They will be raffling off two tickets to the Crab Feast hosted by the Hedgesville Volunteer Fire Department. The cost is \$5 per raffle ticket to win the one-hundred-dollar prize. Proceeds will benefit Fr. Boh's archdiocese in Cameroon.

All Parishioners: Mark your calendars for our Parish Picnic on September 11, 2022. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We are still collecting items for BINGO PRIZES. Look through your house for items that you want to regift!

There will be a Religious Education Teachers Meeting August 14th in the Religious Education Building after the 11 o'clock Mass. Substitutes need not attend.

Substitute Religious Education Teachers are still needed for grades 5, 6, & 8. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer. If you have any questions, you can contact Deb Mackesy at the Parish Office.

Bishop Brennan has approved a special collection to be held this weekend to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred in areas of southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky. Checks should be made out to the St. Bernadette with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Special disaster relief envelopes are available in the narthex.

TIME CHANGE: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA—15 years or older), will begin **Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 9 AM to 10:30 AM** at the Religious Education Building. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age), will begin Sunday, August 28, 2022, from 12:30—2 PM at the Religious Education Building. These classes are for members who wish to enter in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending RCIA/RCIC, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

We have reached almost 53% of our parish Catholic Sharing Appeal goal. That means every dollar going forward will be returned to St Bernadette. The Catholic Sharing Appeal, (CSA) is an annual appeal that offers funds to a variety of ministries, services and programs throughout our diocese, as well as the needs of our parishes. To make a gift or learn more about this important appeal, please visit the CSA website, www.dwc.org/CSA.

A Divorce and Beyond Group will be offered beginning in September, for further information contact Richard Hitchcock, 803-331-2565 or email at rhitchsr@gmail.com.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 14th

9 AM Mass

Intention for Lil Eakle

11 AM Mass

*Intention for the People of the Parish***Monday, August 15th**

9 AM Mass

Tuesday, August 16th

9 AM Mass

Intention for Mary Frances Smith

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, August 17th

9 AM Mass

Intention for Brenda Zombro

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

Thursday, August 18th

9 AM Mass

*Intention for the Souls in Purgatory***Friday, August 19th**

9:00 AM Mass

Intention for Michael Ridley

Adoration following 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, August 20th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

*Intention for Ara Abrahamian***Sunday, August 21st**

9 AM Mass

Intention for People of the Parish

11 AM Mass

Intention for the Rosalie Gallagher

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Chris Ridley, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Ginger Spice, Ernie Montano, Monica Straley, Rose Boarman

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 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.

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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: Tom Bibby, Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Deb Mackesy, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttmann, Kacie Morrell Humbert, 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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 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

Tuesday 16th—Ez 28:1-10; (Ps) Dt 32; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday 17th—Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday 18th—Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51; Mt 22:1-14

Friday 19th—Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday 20th—St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church; Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85 and 10; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday 21st—Is 66:18-21; Ps 117; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

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.

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 one of the Bishop's designees at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

It's that time.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is about to begin!!!!

Saturday August 27, 2022

9:00 am to 10:30 a.m.



RCIA

A Journey In Faith

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, about what we believe and why we believe it, or to become Catholic and receive the sacraments, RCIA may be for you.

If you are seeking a deeper understanding of Christ and His one, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church and a deeper experience with Jesus in the Sacraments, RCIA may be for you.

Whether you are seeking to deepen your understanding or to enter into full communion with Jesus Christ in the Catholic

For more details,
Contact the Parish Office
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