

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 28, 2022

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

Our readings today invite us to cultivate the virtue of humility. In the first reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus, the author Ben Sirach, teaches us that if we perform our tasks with humility, we will be loved by those whom God accepts. "Humble yourself the more, the greater you are," says Sirach "and you will find favor with God." In the second reading, Saint Paul, in the Letter to the Hebrews, recommends that we approach with humility "Mount Zion... the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem" where we are to see God face-to-face and participate in the celestial banquet. In today's gospel passage, Jesus gives us some practical rules of humility, especially during celebrations. He urges us to extend charity without the expectation of being paid back.

Accepting the invitation to humility is very difficult. We have the "high table syndrome" in many of our cultures. Very few people accept to step down from positions of honor. For example, many presidents cannot bring themselves to step away from power and the glamor that comes with the office even when they are advanced in age or ousted at the ballot box.

As Catholics, we are lucky to be witnesses of a great example of humility from the leader of our church, Pope Francis. Almost everyone has heard the many stories of just how humble Pope Francis is. Journalists have told the stories of the Pope insisting to carry his own bags when he travels. He cooks his own food. He does not live in the luxurious Papal apartment. He is always trying to drive himself. Everyone who watched television coverage of his visit to the United States saw how the Pope refused to take the big limousines, in favor of driving in a tiny car which he brought with him. He has been captured in video images, kissing the feet of rebel leaders and government officials from South Sudan, pleading with them to make peace with each other. The leaders of our church have been setting such examples for us for a long time. Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI showed just how humble he is by stepping down from the Papacy when he realized he could no longer do the job. Millions of people in his position would have preferred to hang on for the glory of the office.

Pope Francis says, "the only path to humility is humiliation". The truth is that we cannot be happy; cannot be successful; and will not have a good reputation if we are not humble. It is not easy to be humble when we live in a world and work in a culture that prizes human exaltation. In our world, arrogance and aggression, pride and pomp, self-righteousness and self-assertiveness are paraded as the marks of importance. Yet humility remains a core value in the life of a Christian. On this challenge of being humble, Jesus invites us to learn from Him. "Take my yoke upon you," says the Lord, "and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart". Christ teaches us that the humble shall be exalted.

Let me be clear, to be humble does not mean denying the gifts God has given us. Rather, humility calls on us to use those gifts for the good of others, acknowledging that they come from God. As C.S. Lewis says: "True humility is not thinking less of yourself. It is thinking of yourself less" and thinking of others more. That is the example Jesus has given us. He never refused that he is God. Yet He "did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped. Rather, He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave" (Philippines 2:6).

Happy Sunday

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

Five First Saturdays: In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

What are the Five First Saturdays? Our Lady explained those Five First Saturdays to Sr. Lucia dos Santos, one of the Fatima visionaries, on Dec. 10, 1925, in the following way: See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the ... mysteries of the Rosary.

Why five First Saturdays in particular? Jesus explained this to Sr. Lucia on May 29-30, 1930, saying: Daughter, the motive is simple: There are five kinds of offenses and blasphemies spoken against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

First: blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.

Second: against her Virginity.

Third: against the Divine Maternity, refusing, at the same time, to receive her as the Mother of mankind.

Fourth: those who seek publicly to implant, in the hearts of children, indifference, disrespect, and even hate for this Immaculate Mother.

Fifth: those who revile her directly in her sacred images.

Here, dear daughter, is the motive that led the Immaculate Heart of Mary to petition Me to ask for this small act of reparation. And, out of regard for her, to move My mercy to pardon those souls who have had the misfortune to offend her. As for you, seek endlessly, with your prayers and sacrifices, to move Me to mercy in regard to these poor souls. (By Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC; Spiritual Director of the Thirteenth of the Month Club)

The Pope's monthly intention for September 2022: For the Abolition of the Death Penalty. We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Wednesday Evening Mass: We are placing this Mass on hold for the next two weeks. We shall resume with the celebration of this Mass on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, same time. However, we shall still be having confessions as usual – Wednesday from 5 pm to 5:45 pm.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 3899.72
Online Giving.....	\$ 840.14
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 305.00
Poor Box	\$ 87.00
Diocesan Collection– Disaster Relief	\$ 260.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 200.00
Social Concerns—Cameroon Supplies	\$ 310.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

All students, 6th to 12th grade, are invited to join our **Youth Group**. Their first fall event will be at War Memorial Park on Sunday, September 25th from 6-8 PM. Contact Linda Abrahamian at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com to be added the email list.

Monthly Youth Masses will begin October 30, 2022. We are looking for 6th-12th grade students to join our youth choir and to become youth lectors. Contact Linda Abrahamian at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for youth choir and contact Deb Mackesy at 304-754-7830 to become a youth lector.

All Parishioners: Mark your calendars for our **Parish Picnic on September 11, 2022**. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

If you have requested a weekend or Holy Day Mass for someone special, you or the recipient's family are welcome to **take up the gifts** at that Mass. Please see the ushers at the back of the church before the start of Mass and let them know you are present and would like to be taking up the gifts. If no one comes forward before Mass the ushers will ask a volunteer to fulfill this privilege. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to an usher.

Saint Joseph School is seeking substitute teachers for infants through eighth grade. Substitutes for infants through prekindergarten classes must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma. Substitutes in grades K-8 must have a bachelor's degree. Experience working with children is a must. The pay is \$11 per hour. If you are interested, please send a résumé to Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjsww.org.

COME AND SEE..A Lay Dominican Laity Informational Session! What do St. Catherine of Siena, St. Martin de Porres, Nicolaus Copernicus and St. Rose of Lima have in common? They were all Lay Dominicans! Lay people are also called in holiness! As a Lay Dominican, you will learn and live the pillars of Prayer, Study, Community, and Apostolate (Service) as a means of growing in faith and serving God and your neighbor in and through your present vocation and state of life. **WANT TO KNOW MORE?** Come to an open information session on Sunday, September 11th at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Fatima Hall in Hagerstown, Maryland. We welcome your presence and inquiries with open hearts and spirits. Please join us! Thanks be to God. Contact Vanessa Parks 240-520-7949 at 29ida.blu@gmail.com or Dean Rasco 240-625-5045 at deanrasco@gmail.com.

Single and Catholic? September 16th-18th, 2022 - join hundreds of single Catholics coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 21st National Conference for Single Catholics at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. **Register with this promo code (PARISH22) to get \$50 off!** Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code. Visit NationalCatholicSingles.com for more information and to register or call 512-766-5798.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 28th

9 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass

*Intention for JoAnn D'Angelo***Tuesday, August 30th**

9 AM Mass

Intention for Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, August 31st

9 AM Mass

Intention for Victoria Bober

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

Thursday, September 1st

9 AM Mass

9:30 AM Hospitality Ministry Meeting

First Friday, September 2nd

9:00 AM Mass

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist after 9 AM Mass

3 PM Divine Mercy & Benediction

Saturday, September 3rd

9 AM Mass

Rosary immediately following

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, September 4th

9 AM Mass

Intention for People of the Parish

10 AM Welcome Social

11 AM Mass

Intention for the Nancy Corrigan

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, Bernie 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation: 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.

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.

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 29th—St. John the Baptist; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119; Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday 30th—1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday 31st—1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday 1st—1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24; Lk 5:1-11

Friday 2nd—1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday 3rd—St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church; 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday 4th—Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90; Phmn 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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.

Celebrating Fr. Boh!

Please join us Saturday, September 3 @ 6pm for a fun evening celebrating Fr. Boh's 1 Year Anniversary of being assigned to St. Bernadette's Parish as well as his birthday which is August 30th.

Bring a cover dish, appetizer, or dessert to share!

~Wine and beer are also welcome to attend

Contact April Canby 304 995-7745 or [canbyfamily@ gmail.com](mailto:canbyfamily@gmail.com) with any questions and to let us know what you are bringing.

