

# 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 6, 2023 Transfiguration of the Lord



### 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

## Don't Fall for Cleverly Devised Myths

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We live in a time when too many false prophets want us to fall for false beliefs and “cleverly devised myths” used to fill their pockets. Here are a few examples:

You may have heard of the South Africa-based Zimbabwean-born pastor who rose to notoriety by claiming he had raised a dead man back to life. Accomplices rolled a casket into his church with an actor playing dead in the coffin. The pastor prayed and claimed a miracle when the supposedly dead man rose even as the awe-struck congregation watched, speechless or in thunderous praise-singing applause.

A once famous Nigerian (now deceased) claimed to be a prophet capable of foretelling everything, except that when he foretold who would win the next World Cup, the team lost. This Nigerian prophet failed to foretell that the high-rise hostel building in which he housed followers would collapse on them, killing dozens.

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, in the second reading Saint Peter indirectly warns us against falling for such falsehoods. He reaffirms that the teachings of Christ, as handed down to us by the Apostles, are not based on any such “cleverly devised myths”. Saint Peter is assertive: “we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty,” he writes. The Apostles lived and worked with Christ. They were there when God made the “unique declaration” during the Transfiguration of the Lord: “This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased... We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain”.

These words of Saint Peter, the man whom Christ personally chose as the rock on which to build His Church, are even more important today than when they were first written, notably to Christians in the United States. Sadly, even in this deeply Christian nation, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary... in this land whose currency bears the bold inscription “In God We Trust...” Christians are drifting further away from the faith handed down by the Apostles.

A Gallup poll released in June 2022 showed that belief in God, which was reaffirmed by 98 percent of U.S. adults in 1944, 1947, and in two other surveys conducted in the 1950s and 1960s, dropped six percentage points compared to 2017. Seventeen percent of U.S. adults do not believe in God today; up from only two percent who did not believe in the 1960s. The decline affects more than belief in God. U.S. Catholic Bishops launched the Eucharistic Revival after a Pew Research showed that only six-in-ten (63 percent) of the most observant U.S. adult Catholics believe that Christ is present in the Eucharist.

We, Catholics should not be in such doubt. The Apostles – Peter, James, and John – who accompanied Jesus to the mountain and witnessed His Transfiguration, provide the words we should all have in our mouths: “It is good that

we are here...” in the Catholic Church. Every time we reaffirm our belief as Catholics should be a day of Transfiguration for us because, as Saint Peter states: “we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable”. Our job and responsibility as Catholic Christians, is to “do well to be attentive to it”.

That prophetic message is presented anew to us today in the vision narrated in our first reading by the prophet Daniel. He foretells the end times... when all of us shall come before God’s judgement throne. When the books of our lives shall be opened, and we shall all render account of our lives. We cannot divert from our faith in chase of miracle-working fake prophets selling “cleverly devised myths”.

Let us pray in thanksgiving to God for “it is good that we are here...” in the Catholic Church. Let us pray for our own transfiguration as we reaffirm our belief that the “Son of man” has everlasting “dominion, glory, and kingship” which will never “be taken away” from Him and that cannot be destroyed. Let us pray that more and more U.S. Catholic Christians will, “rise” and “not be afraid” notably during this year of Eucharistic Revival in proclaiming, along with the Psalmist, the Transfigured Christ as our “King, the Most High over all the earth”.

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!

It's always a pleasure to welcome you to our weekend celebration of the Eucharist. A special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time and the members of this parish family who are returning after a period of absence for whatever reason.

A few things to take note of:

**Tuesday, August 15** next week is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; it is a day of obligation. We shall have two Masses on that day: at 9 AM and 6 PM. Please mark your calendars.

**Marriage Banns:** We shall begin announcing the banns of those who want to marry in church or want to have their marriages validated.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction** every first Thursday of the month from 8—8:45 AM.

## PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 8007.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 479.02
Diocesan .....	\$ 31.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 10.00
Outreach.....	\$ 35.90

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD  
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP



## WHAT'S GOING ON?

**Bereavement Ministry** will hold a meeting next week, Wednesday, 8/16, 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.

A Memorial Mass for **Nestorine Boh** will be held at St. Bernadette's on Thursday, August 31st at 6 PM with a reception in McFadden Hall to follow. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. James on Saturday, September 2nd at 11 AM followed by a short reception and then a procession to Rosedale Cemetery for burial.

**Catholic Sharing Appeal** We are at 75% of our goal with just 55 total gifts. Please remember that after the first 50%, everything else that we raise will come right back to St. Bernadette's. So far, that is \$5,185 that is coming right back to us, free of diocesan fees.

We have noticed that some families have not registered their children for **Religious Education**. Please register by August 13th so that supplies can be ordered. You can email or call the office with questions.

Saturday, August 12th, is the **first day for OCIA** from 9—10:30 AM in the Religious Education Building.

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

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

Ashlyn Canby	Zachary Swisher	Deborah Nichols
John Shipley	Kathleen Huntsberry	Vickie Reid
Joseph Sobinovsky	Dominic Rivera	Bruce Shifflett
Elizabeth Givens	Kathleen Stritch	Ryder Bellman
Amelia Smith	Jacob Cumley	Luz Benavides
Phyllis Symuleski	Mary Frances Smith	Patricia Gearity
Marlene VanMiddlesworth	Lauren Lathwell	Jeanette Scofield
Mark Pelletier	Vadee Fitzharris	Bernice Sullivan
Sande Roscoe	Renee' Gibb	James Tatem
Amy Stone	Sharlene Liberto	Gabriel Tost
Gwyneth Britner	Patrick Winkelman	Sarah Welsh
Maria Heredia	Richard Roscoe	Frederick Gibb
Emma Zaycosky-Null	Wesley MacKinnon	Linda Spiker
Courtney Sansone	Robert Barnhouse	Serena Zamora
Kellie Sansone	Bruce Curley	Cameron Boswell
Josiah Nichols	Braden Pelletier	Fr. Boh
	Lucas Battaglini	

## 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 6th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Cecil Comer*

10 AM Donut Sunday /  
Welcome Social

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Nestorine Boh*

**Monday, August 7th**

5-8 PM Vacation Bible School

**Tuesday, August 8th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Michael Stanley*

9:30 Stitches from the Heart

5-8 PM Vacation Bible School

**Wednesday, August 9th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Gail Ubanski*

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

5-8 PM Vacation Bible School

**Thursday, August 10th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

4—8 PM Crab Feast

**Friday, August 11th**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Jim Brock*

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, August 12th**

9—10:30 AM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Sunday, August 13th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for David & Karen Hickey*

2:30 PM African Mass

**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 7th—Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday 8th—St. Dominic, Priest; Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday 9th—Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday 10th—St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr; 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112; Jn 12:24-26

Friday 11th—St. Clare, Virgin; Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday 12th—Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday 13th—1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-23

### 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.



# **SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY OUTREACH PROGRAM**

**Social Concerns Ministry will be collecting the following items for our Outreach Program which will be distributed to the homeless:**

**Hygiene Products  
(such as personal wipes, men's and women's deodorant)**

**Toilet tissue**

**Disposable razors**

**Socks (men's, women's, and children's)**

**Drawstring laundry bags**

**Body wash (men's and women's)**

**We will be collecting these items on a regular basis. Please leave your donations in the bin marked *"Outreach Program"* which will be in the closet in McFadden Hall.**

**Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those in need.**