

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

July 16, 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Sower went out to Sow

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The second Church wedding that I celebrated as a priest, was the wedding of my cousin. Fresh from the seminary with all the theology still resounding in my ears, I spent weeks preparing my homily for that wedding. After the Mass, a few people came up to me to let me know how enriching the sermon was and just how well the message was delivered. I was shocked and disappointed when some months later, I visited with my cousin and during our conversation the wife told me she heard her husband and some of her friends make very positive comments about my sermon on their church wedding day, but she cannot remember anything that she heard say in the Church that day during my sermon. However, I was consoled by what my cousin said: “Fr Boh, I remember almost everything you said during your preaching at our wedding, especially the pieces of advice. These have greatly shaped my relationship with my beautiful wife, Shalom”. This was enough consolation for me even if that was mere flattery.

This weekend we begin reading chapter 13 of Matthew’s gospel which we will continue reading for the next three Sundays. This chapter contains the seven parables of the Kingdom. Today we read the first parable - the parable of the Sower. We know this parable and its interpretation very well. This parable clearly suggests that only a minority of those who receive the Word of God are going to become fruitful through it. If the Word of God is ‘sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow’, as the Letter to the Hebrews puts it, and if as S. Joseph Krempa puts it, “God’s Word is a word of life, salvation, and power, a word that can heal, rescue, and revive, then why is it getting such a mixed response? Why aren’t all people embracing and absorbing the Word of God”? (Captured Fire, The Sunday Homilies Cycle A) This is because human beings react differently and typically to everything. The case in point is my cousin’s wife, Shalom who could not remember anything I said during my homily on the day of their Church wedding, whereas my cousin could remember almost everything I said and according to him, that was bearing much fruit in his love relationship with his newly wedded wife.

In today’s parable Jesus gives us four different responses to those who receive or listen to the Word of God. The first group is represented by those who listen but do not take in what is addressed to them - the seed that fell on the edge of the path. The second group are those who might seem touched by what is spoken but never rise to the level of internalizing what they have heard - the seed that fell on patches of rock. The third

group, represented by those who having heard the word of God make the determination to put everything into practice but never succeed in carrying out their resolve - the seed that fell among thorns. The fourth group, represented by those who apply themselves to their decisions to effect change in their lives - the seed that produced fruit a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. The problem here is not with the seed, because the seed is the Word of God and it is good, the problem lies in the ground on which it falls. This should give preachers comfort. You do the best you can, but people receive the homily differently. This was the case with my cousin and the wife.

Brothers and sisters, we could all belong to any of the groups, not only absolutely, but also partially. Are there not days when we come to Mass and move out without benefitting in the least from our participation because we were terribly distracted. There are also moments when we function like the seed on rocky soil, when we harden our minds and refuse to be moved to higher levels – just on specific issues and not as a general tendency. Then the moments when we function like the seed that fell among thorns, when we make resolutions, and we don’t have the tenacity to carry through on our resolutions. Then, there are days when we are like the seed that fell on fertile soil and produce fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Beloved brothers and sisters, for us to produce the much-needed fruits, we must nurture the faith we have received by taking care of the soil on which it falls, weeding out where necessary, and pruning our attitudes/behaviors to get rid of whatever destroys and affects our relationship with God and with one another.

God bless you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh, Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Greetings! Welcome to St. Bernadette Catholic Church. A special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time. I am delighted you chose to worship with us this weekend as we gather to celebrate the 15th Sunday Ordinary Time.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3581.00
Online Giving	\$ 927.40
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 950.00
Outreach.....	\$ 155.00

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Vacation Bible School will be held August 7th, 8th, and 9th from 5 PM—8 PM. This is a FREE event with dinner included. Please find sign-up sheets in the narthex. Call the Parish Office if you have any questions.

Tickets for our Crab Feast Fundraiser are on sale this weekend and next weekend before and after all Masses. Tickets can also be purchased in the Parish Office during working hours. Mark your calendars for August 10th from 4 PM—8 PM.

If you are:

- Non-Catholic who want to find out more about the Catholic Faith
- Want to join the Catholic Church through Baptism, or Profession of Faith
- Were baptized Catholic as an infant but never received religious education, Confirmation, or First Eucharist

OCIA is for you. Classes start Saturday, August 12th. Call the Parish Office to sign up today.

St. Bernadette Religious Education Program is looking for **Substitute Teachers** for all grades. Religious Education starts September 10th. Please call the Parish Office if interested. Thank you.

Saint Joseph School is seeking:

After-school-care worker

Teachers' aides for its infant/toddler and prekindergarten programs

Preschool director

Tech support employee/receptionist

Long-term substitute for second grade

Please send a letter of introduction and résumé to Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjsvw.org.

ONLINE LEARNING opportunities from Catholic Distance University. Enhance your understanding of the source and summit of our faith through our Lifelong Learning Continuing Education program at CDU. Courses include:

The Mass—<https://www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/38039>

Eucharist—<https://www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/37998>

Why Do We Need the Church? - <https://www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/38066#>

For more information about CDU go to <https://cdu.edu>.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Joe Schlegel, Walter Shenk, Isabella Horning, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Cathy Poplawski, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Victoria Porter, Bob Baker, Theresa Highlands, Betty Beniot, Bob Pieffer, Hank Chase, Monica Straley

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, July 16th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Michael Patrick

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Colleen & Dwayne Donn

2:30 PM African Mass

Tuesday, July 18th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Wednesday, July 19th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, July 20th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Edward & Lauren Hickey

Friday, July 21st

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, July 22nd

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Sunday, July 23rd

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass—Fr. 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. 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 17th—Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124; Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday 18th—Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday 19th—Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday 20th—Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105; Mt 11:28-30

Friday 21st—Ex 11:10-12:14; Ps 116; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday 22nd—St. Mary Magdalene; Sg 3:1-4a or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Sunday 23rd—Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43

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.



Vacation Bible School

FREE and Dinner is Included!!

Location: Religious Education Building

**Who can join us: Children entering
Kindergarten – 5th Grade**

Save these dates: August 7th, 8th, and 9th

Each day's fun happens from: 5 PM – 8 PM

Sign-up in the Narthex

For more information, call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830



It's that time.

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is about to begin!!!!

Saturday August 12, 2023

9:00 am to 10:30 am

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,

OCIA 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,

OCIA may be for you.

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

**OCIA is open to
all who would like to explore the Faith.**

**For more details,
Contact the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.**