

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

July 17, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

The theme for our reflection, dear sisters, and brothers in Christ, is hospitality. Our readings for this Sunday, especially the first reading and the gospel, focus on hospitality. The first reading recounts the story of Abraham and Sarah's generous hospitality to the three visitors who came to them by the oaks of Mamre. We are told that God is pleased with Abraham and gave him what he desired most: a child. In the second reading, Saint Paul welcomes the afflictions he is enduring while reaching out to and preaching the Word of God to the Gentiles who were considered outsiders, undeserving of hearing the Word of God. In the gospel, Martha and Mary welcome Jesus to their home. The two sisters were hospitable toward our Lord, each in her own way. Martha was burdened with the catering, while Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His words. When Martha complains to Jesus, He tells her that Mary made the better of the two choices. However, both aspects of hospitality are important. The dictionary defines hospitality as "the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers." It is the act of extending the privileges of community to those who do not have the standing to expect it, especially those who are vulnerable because they are strangers. Hospitality was an esteemed virtue in the ancient world. It is still a very highly regarded and indispensable virtue in our world today. Hospitality involves doing onto the stranger as we would love them to do onto us. The Bible refers to hospitality dozens of times, including teaching us to show hospitality to visitors (Genesis 18:1-8), hospitality to strangers (Exodus 23:9), hospitality to our enemies (2 Kings 6:8-23), and hospitality to travelers (Job 31:32). The Bible instructs us to show hospitality to tax collectors, sinners (Luke 15:1-7), and hospitality to those who cannot repay us (Luke 14:12-14). God's Word teaches us of divine reciprocity of hospitality (Matthew 25:34-45), of hospitality in evangelism (Acts 18:26), and hospitality in church leadership (Titus 1:7-8). Hospitality often involves sharing what you have to eat and drink, as we see in the example set by Abraham and Sarah in the first reading. However, hospitality is about more than eating. Hospitality is about showing love to our neighbor or the one who is in need. It involves identifying with outsiders to our community and treating them like insiders. This is exactly what Abraham did to the three strangers. The scene the reading paints is one in which Abraham and Sarah are very busy and completely give themselves to the service of these three who show up unexpectedly. God was pleased with Abraham and Sarah, and to show it, He gave Abraham and Sarah what they desired most as a couple: a child. We should, however, note that God did not do so to reward their hospitality. God had already promised that Sarah would bear a son (Gen. 17:16), so this verse simply reiterates a commitment already made. This episode provides the background for the New Testament command, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Heb. 13:2). We live in a world where the politics of immigration and the limited resources available to social programs lead us into the temptation of

turning our backs on strangers, the refugee, and the homeless; preferring not to show them hospitality under the guise that if we did, we would not have enough for ourselves. We should all heed the advice of one commentator who explained: "One never knew when he would be dependent upon the hospitality of others. Therefore, a stranger had the right to expect hospitable treatment. A visitor had no need even to thank his host, since he was only receiving what was due to him" (Bromiley, II, 105). Beloved sisters and brothers, Abraham is introduced to us as an example of hospitality. He follows the rules of hospitality common to his time and culture. Only when we can receive others as those who come in the name of the Lord can we live the mystery spoken of by Saint Paul in the second reading today: "... it is Christ in you, the hope for glory." True hospitality consists of first receiving one another as God's creation, as the presence of Jesus Christ Himself. If we recognize Christ in our sisters and brothers, whatever their origin, their race, their nationality, or their social status, all the other details of hospitality will take care of themselves. It is when we see only another human; only another child of God with their defects and sins; with their broken hearts that we can help heal them and heal ourselves in the process by showing love to all. May God continue to help us to see Christ in everyone we meet and give them our wholehearted attention as Martha gave to Jesus.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

"Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken away from her."

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to Saint Bernadette on this sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Year C. I am thankful that you chose to worship with us today, especially those visiting here for the first time. I hope you enjoy your stay here. Please, come again. May God bless you this Sunday. May His grace continually surround you and your family and give you the peace that passes all understanding. Ask yourself this question: What can I do for God and for Saint Bernadette today and the days ahead? Permit me propose to you this answer: There's a lot we can do for God and for our parish community. However, I will like us to focus this day and the remaining days of this month in trying to bring along a new face to this church, be it next weekend, or next month. This person might be a member of this community who for one reason or the other has not been coming, or somebody new in the area who is looking for a place to worship or is not a catholic or Christian but is trying to discern the voice of God. May these words of dismissal at the end of Mass: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord" spur us on this noble mission. Amen.

Dear friends in Christ, in the light of today's lesson from Abraham and Sarah, Martha and Mary, may we try to provide some level of comfort to any new face in our church and ease the sense of isolation that often comes when entering an unfamiliar space for the first time.

Wednesday evening Mass: We are reminded that we have a parish Mass every Wednesday evening at 6 pm. Kindly slot this into your weekly calendar.

I wish all a Happy Sunday and blessed week.

WHAT IS GOING ON?

A special collection will be taken at the Masses for the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time to benefit the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC) and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). While the CCC helps the Church to evangelize and spread the message of the Gospel in the US, the CCHD has supported organizations for more than 50 years that help serve the poor and marginalized; advocate for immigrants; and other economic and social justice issues that affect our communities. Please make prayerful consideration of a gift to this effort.

Congratulations Fr. Gallagher for being honored as Priest of the Year! See bulletin insert for complete story.

There will be a Social Concerns Ministry meeting on Wednesday, July 27th, after the 9 AM Mass.

Registration for Religious Education for Grades 1-6 and First and Second Year Confirmation ends August 7, 2022. If you are transferring from another parish, please attach a copy of the Baptism and First Communion Certificate to the registration form. Registration forms can be mailed to St. Bernadette, dropped off in the collection basket, or emailed to the Religious Education Director at reled@stbernadettewv.org.

Substitute Religious Education Teachers are 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.

All Parishioners: Please mark your calendars for our Parish Picnic on September 11, 2022. We are collecting items for BINGO PRIZES. Look through your home for items that you want to regift and bring them in!!

We have a lightweight wheelchair available for those that need help getting around the church. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use this wheelchair.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 4753.00
Online Giving	\$ 1185.13
Maintenance	\$ 570.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 25.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 17th

9 AM Mass

Intention for the Joseph Kammerer

11 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

Tuesday, July 19th

9 AM Mass

In Thanksgiving for John & Jane Batten

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, July 20th

9 AM Mass

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

Intention for Celine Gillibrand

Thursday, July 21st

9 AM Mass

Friday, July 22nd

9:00 AM Mass

Adoration following 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, July 23rd

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

Intention of Douglas Blow

Sunday, July 24th

9 AM Mass

In Thanksgiving for April Canby

11 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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, Nancy Barnholt, Isabella Blackshear, Ginger Spice, Colleen O'Neill, Ernie Montano, Christine D'Angelo, Beth Selama and her unborn baby

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 20, 2022, from 9 AM to 12 NOON at the Religious Education Building. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (**RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age**), will begin Sunday, August 21, 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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 18th—Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday 19th—Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday 20th—Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday 21st—Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36; Mt 13:10-17

Friday 22nd—Feast of St. Mary Magdalene; Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday 23rd—Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday 24th—Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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.

DESCRIBED AS THE ROCK OF HIS PARISH, FATHER TOM GALLAGHER HONORED AS PRIEST OF THE YEAR

When his second-grade teacher at Sacred Heart Grade School in Charleston gave the class a homework assignment to write about what they wanted to be when they grew up, he wrote he was going to be a priest. Little Tommy Gallagher pictured himself in the shoes of his pastor, Monsignor Edward Sadie. Fast forward to the teenage and college years and that picture may have blurred, but it never completely faded. Thankfully for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the sweet daydream of that dark-haired youngster, whose eyes smile right along with his tight-lipped grin, took the Kanawha County boy all the way to Rome, the heart of the Church in the Eternal City, to learn the ministry of St. Peter – the rock of the Church.

Actions, good works incomplete without FAITH

Fr. Tom Gallagher - Priest of the Year



The Rock of his parish! #FaithInWV

The faithful of St. Joseph Parish and Knights of Columbus Council 1169 in Martinsburg describe Fr. Tom Gallagher as the rock of their faith community. Father Gallagher was named Priest of the Year by the WV Knights of Columbus for being an outstanding example of what a holy priest should be.

He grew up in Cross Lanes, West Virginia, a suburban area of Charleston, attended Sacred Heart Grade School, and graduated in 2002 from Charleston Catholic High School. Father Gallagher is the third of seven children of Thomas and Suzette Gallagher. His parents moved to West Virginia from St. Louis for his father's job when he was an infant. His father was a coal company lawyer.

Looking at family photos, it's evident he looks like his late father with the dark wavy hair, brown eyes, and same smile. He also mirrors his father's high set of ideals and

drive to remain focused and not over complicate things.

While both of his parents treasured their faith, Fr. Tom's spirit truly reflects his mother, who has always been a role model for the attention she gives to others and her reverence to her faith.

As a child it was his mother that would make the Gallagher children sit for the "dreaded family rosary," he said with wide eyes and a grin, recalling his childhood. Then changing his face to sheer fondness added, "she has always encouraged me, encouraged us in our faith, but specifically me toward the priesthood," maybe call it a mother's intuition.

Whether it was attending Mass, a funeral at the family's parish the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, or the Santo Nino Novena and celebrations, Suzette Gallagher's devotion to the Church, the faithful, and the community has inspired the young priest.

Even in his teens and early twenties when he was "slowing the breaks down" on his call to the priesthood, she was persistent in her encouragement, "which was sometimes not so encouraging," he said laughing. "She knew I was trying to dodge (the call to the priesthood), make excuses.

"As an adult I look back with such fondness of what she's done for me and my faith formation," he said. "She would take us to events and Masses that were beyond the Sunday obligation. At the time, I reacted like a typical kid – so,



Family photo: The Gallagher family visiting the grave of their grandfather Thomas Raymond Gallagher at Arlington National Cemetery. Left to right: Eileen (being held), Meghan, Erin, Brendan, Mom (Suzette), James (being held), Kathleen, Dad (Tom), and young Fr. Tom Gallagher, who like his father was also named after his grandfather.



yes, I can totally identify with the kids I'm around now with that same look of dread," he said and added, "as I got older, I was like, 'Oh! I do see the lessons she taught me.' She wouldn't just go to church she would stay after and talk to people, because

she cared. She didn't just attend a funeral or event; she would linger and give her love and attention to others. She still does this."

After high school Fr. Tom went to Wheeling Jesuit University and graduated with a degree in Philosophy.

"I so remember going back and forth with this idea of being a priest," he said. "I struggled. I wanted to be 100-percent all in with no doubts, but then I realized I need to try this out. It's okay if I don't know. I remember vividly I was in a metro station in New Carrollton (Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C.) I was sick and tired of going back and forth in my head with my feelings. I did everything you should do to discern – prayer, reflection, etc. – then it hit me that this doesn't need to be seamless or some big boom of a feeling. I said, 'Fine!'"

That was the end of his senior year of college. He completed the application to be a diocesan priest – an application he had started and stopped several times in the years prior. Once accepted he was sent to St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe for one year before going to the Pontifical North American College in Rome for four years.

"I saw many people come and go those first years in seminary, but that's okay," he said. "I didn't look at them as failures, but as being strong enough to be immersed in their discernment. I was happy to be a part of that true fraternity. I was part of a group that encouraged each other to be simply and profoundly good priests."

He was ordained on June 22, 2012, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. Since then, he has served the priest secretary to the office of the bishop, associate pastor of St. Michael Parish in



Wheeling, pastor of St. Anthony in Follansbee, and since 2017 the pastor of St. Joseph in Martinsburg.

He is credited for bringing Catholic identity back into the activities of the parish and Knights of Columbus. Having a large number of Spanish speaking parishioners and members of the Martinsburg area, Fr. Gallagher learned Spanish and has expanded the Hispanic ministry of St. Joseph. In fact, part of the celebration for his 10th Ordination Anniversary Mass was spoken in Spanish.

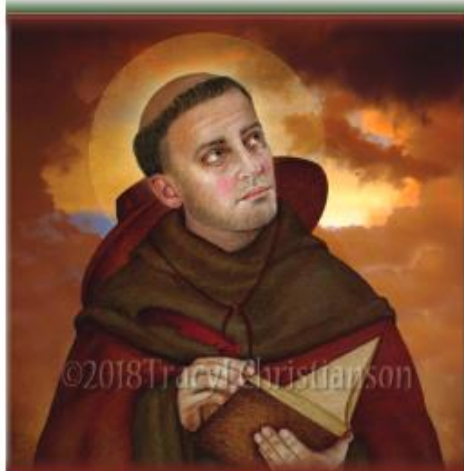


Father Gallagher's picture of a strong and growing parish community is clear. It is one that is confident in their Catholic identity, formation, and actions.

"I want to live the faith and I want the same for my parish," he said. "I am by no means perfect, but I do know that I rely on faith – our faith. It's what leads us to charity and to do good works."

"We have to encourage each other in faith so we can have a devotional life," he said. "Attending the Mass and the Eucharist the source and summit of our faith is paramount, and in addition we need to have the wisdom to know it is our actions that bring us to the fullness of faith."

Photos from the 10th Anniversary Mass are by Deacon Luis Pagano of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg.



ST. BONAVENTURE

FEAST DAY JULY 15

If you learn everything except Christ, you learn nothing.
If you learn nothing except Christ, you learn everything.

– St. Bonaventure