

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 9, 2023 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.

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

“Because of Jesus and his gift of the Holy Spirit, we are not debtors to the flesh.”

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Last Tuesday we celebrated the Fourth of July – the United States’ Independence Day. I hope you all had wonderful celebration. This Sunday our second reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans reminds us that because of Jesus and his gift of the Holy Spirit, we are not debtors to the flesh. For all of us, living in this world of greed and sin; of hatred, conflicts, and wars; where so many are infatuated and narrowly focused on satisfying the desires of the body, today’s readings offer sobering reassurance. “You are not in the flesh”, Saint Paul tells the Roman Christians and all of us, “but in the spirit, if only the spirit of God dwells in you”. He continues: “we are not debtors to the flesh” and should not live “according to the flesh”. If we do, he warns, “you will die”.

Saint Paul’s appeal is for all of us to live in “the spirit of Christ” because we are no longer slaves to our sinful bodies but now live with the Spirit of God as our ever-present Helper. God sent the Spirit as a Helper. “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it” (Jn. 14:16-17). Christians have the Holy Spirit with and in them acting as a leader if the Christian is willing to follow Him. This Spirit is given to all without exception. We don’t have to do anything to earn this supernatural power. We simply must put it to use for good. The reward of leading lives of non-indebtedness to the flesh is that the power of God’s Spirit is such that even the inevitable deaths of our bodies cannot deny the life of God’s Spirit. God’s Spirit will give life to our bodies in the same way as it raised Jesus from the dead.

When Paul talks about the “flesh” here he is not referring to the skin of our bodies but to a way of living, a reality, that is dominated by death. The “flesh” for Paul is a power, a force that works alongside sin and death. The purpose of the ‘Flesh’ is to bring about death and hostility to God. The ‘Flesh’ seeks to constrain people in a way of life that has everything to do with death and with hatred of the God of life and love. Paul is encouraging us today to lead lives of non-indebtedness to the flesh because Jesus has paid off the debt of our sin. We owe nothing to the flesh because we have received Christ’s gift of the Holy Spirit. “So, whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come” (2 Cor. 5:17). Paul recognizes that because believers are in Christ, they have been liberated from the flesh, and they do not need to live lives that are turned

towards death and away from God. As people who are in the Spirit, may we take advantage of this location and make sure that our deeds match the new life received in baptism. We must put to death the deeds of the body that turn towards death and away from God and live as people have been liberated from the flesh. Christ wants to partner with us in this venture: “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, ...”.

May the peace of Christ dwell in our hearts always and guide us out of leading lives indebted to the flesh into the light of Christian life, guided by the Spirit of Christ.

God bless you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh

Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Welcome to St Bernadette! This weekend we celebrate the 14th Sunday in Ordinary time. We are practically halfway through the Church’s Liturgical Year A. A special welcome to those brothers and sisters who are worshiping with us for the first time. Thanks for choosing to worship with us this weekend. You are always welcome.

Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival: Some of the activities that we envisage for this year include: a 3 day Upper Room Experience with Fr. Franklin Banadzem; a short reflection on the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation alternatively once a month at weekend Masses; Communion under both species on the first Thursday and Friday of the month; Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8—8:45 AM on the first Thursday of the month; families and/or individuals can donate a bottle of Mass wine for \$7.50 per bottle.

A Word of Gratitude

The bishop of the Sacred Heart Diocese of Kumba, Cameroon, Agapitus Nfon, heartily thanks the Christians of St. Bernadette Parish, Hedgesville, for their donations of medical supplies, toiletries, and money that helped to purchase rice, palm oil, buckets, etc. Your goodwill gesture has put a smile on the face of many families, especially the internal displaced persons. May God richly bless and reward you.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 4527.36
Online Giving	\$ 967.89
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 771.00
Outreach.....	\$ 592.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 9th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Joe & Anita Edwards

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Gisela Siepmann

Tuesday, July 11th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Wednesday, July 12th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Suzy Kinn

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, July 13th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Julia Evans

Friday, July 14th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, July 15th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for the People of the Parish

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

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

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.

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 Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttmann, 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 10th—Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday 11th—St. Benedict, Abbot; Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday 12th—Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday 13th—Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105; Mt 10:7-15

Friday 14th—St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin; Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday 15th—St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Ps 105; Mt 10:24-33

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 the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

ALL YOU CAN EAT



St. Bernadette's
CRAB FEAST

August 10th
4-8pm

Includes: •fried chicken •baked potato bar
•corn on the cob •coleslaw •ice cream sundae
•tea, lemonade & water •BYOB

\$65 per person
\$20 children 12
& under

109 W Main St, Hedgesville, WV 25427, USA



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.**