

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

June 25, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;
rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

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

I was born and raised in a village in the traditional kingdom of Kom, in the Northwest Region of Cameroon, called Njinikom. Growing up in this village, there was no electricity. Once night fell the entire village was in pitch darkness. I was afraid to go outside at night for whatever reason. But unfortunately for me, I had to use the restroom at night, as all humans do, and this meant going out in the dark because our home, like every other home in the village, was not equipped with internal bathrooms and/or toilets. But because I was afraid of darkness I would not even get out of my bed at night when I felt the urge to ease myself. I ended up wetting my bed practically every night. My dad tried to talk me out of this practice with no success. So, he adopted a strategy to help me overcome this fear. How? He made me run at least an errand for him at night almost every week. On such nights he will typically begin by telling a weird story after the family dinner about devils and ghosts moving up and down a particular road. And this always turned out to be the road I will have to take as I go on the errand. Once he finishes telling the story, he will say something like; "Oh no! I forgot to ask you to go drop off this parcel at my friend's home. However, it is not too late for you to go now. Pick up the parcel and leave immediately. I will be expecting you back in the next couple of minutes," he will conclude. A glowing splint was all that I had as a light to light up our path. No torch lamps. This was my dad's strategy to eradicate the fear of darkness in me as well as in my siblings. I will always tell us: "You are not alive because you are intelligent. You are alive because God wants to be alive". In the Gospel passage last Sunday, Jesus picked His twelve apostles and sent them out to proclaim the Good News. Today knowing that His apostles are fearful as they go out on this mission because of the hardship and persecution they will have to face, Jesus exhorts them three times to be fearless; "Do not be afraid". He warns them not to be afraid of those who may kill their body in persecution here on earth. They should worry about God's judgment which can cast body and soul into Gehenna. It is normal and natural that courage will sometimes fail us, and we will be afraid. Those who have accomplished great things have known moments of fear in their lives, for example, Jeremiah in the first reading, and Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Fear is not necessarily a bad thing. But it can paralyze a person. It can turn a person into a coward. I was paralyzed by darkness. But thanks to my dad, I overcame this feeling of the fear of darkness. Jesus assures His apostles of God's special care in all their trials. It is amazing that I was still fearful of darkness, in the company of my dad, I could go to any

place and at any hour of the night in the village without the slightest fear. The prophet Jeremiah lived out his vocation during a time of turmoil. He lived with constant threats to his life; "Yes, I hear the whisperings of many; 'Terror on every side! ... my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine.'" Jeremiah overcame his fear and remained faithful to his mission because he was convinced that God was on his side: "The Lord is at my side, a mighty hero". God was at the side of the apostles, and they remain faithful to their mission even to the point of shedding their blood.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord is on our side too. And while at times we will grow fearful, we must not allow our fears to cripple us. We need ordinary courage and not heroism to live a Christian life. We need courage to always tell the truth and to raise our voices against injustice, despite the risk and the danger to our life. Let's beg God to give us the courage we need to bear faithful witness to Him in a world that has its own values that are sometimes contrary to the Gospel.

Permit me to end this reflection with this one verse from a song by an anonymous composer:

God will take care of you be not afraid,
He is your safe-guard thro' sunshine and shade
Tenderly watching and keeping His own
He will not leave you to wander alone.

God bless you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous pray for us.

Fr Boh, Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome! Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we celebrate the twelfth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A. A special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time. Thank you for choosing to worship with us this weekend.

The Pope's Prayer intention for July 2023 – For a Eucharistic Life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationship in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothes and sisters.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3312.30
Online Giving	\$ 1674.65
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 210.00
Outreach.....	\$ 301.11

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Please register your children for **Religious Education** for the 2023–2024 school year to begin in September as soon as possible so that arrangements for teachers can be made.

If you feel called to help our parish but are not sure what you can do, consider being a **sponsor for a OCIA candidate** who is wishing to enter into full communion with the Catholic church. See flyer or call the Parish Office for more details.

Dear Parishioners, on behalf of **Unbound**, thank you very much for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth, and elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience.

Join us this Sunday for our **Grand Re-Opening Breakfast** in McFadden Hall after the 9 AM Mass. A lot of planning and work has gone into the update of McFadden Hall and we want to take the time to show it off to our parishioners. Thank you to all who were involved in this fabulous transformation.

There will be a **Parish Council meeting** on Tuesday, June 27th at 6 PM. We will be discussing the Parish Eucharistic Revival. This meeting is open to any parishioner who would like to attend.

Call the office today (304-754-7830) to reserve your spot for our July 8th, **Parish Yard Sale**.

SAVE THE DATE! August 10th, 4–8 PM. **Crab Feast Fundraiser** here at St. Bernadette's. All you can eat Maryland crabs, fried chicken, cole slaw, corn on the cob, and baked potato bar for just \$65. Tickets will be for sale the weekends of July 8, 15, and 22.

If you know of someone who is **sick or homebound**, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 so that we can bring them communion and send them a bulletin.



Did you know that the money from our **Poor Box** goes to help the needy right here in Hedgesville? This is done through our local conference of the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." This week, know that you will be bringing hope to the poor with your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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

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, June 25th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Sue Comer

10—11 AM Grand Re-Opening
Breakfast & Sacred
Heart of Jesus craft

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Lydia Francisco

Tuesday, June 27th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

6 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 28th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, June 29th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for June Williams

Friday, June 30th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Kenneth Nilsen

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

First Saturday, July 1st

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Those Who are Persecuted

Rosary immediately following

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Sunday, July 2nd

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Deb Mackesy

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 26th—Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday 27th—Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday 28th—St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr; Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday 29th—Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Friday 30th—Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday 1st—Gn 18:1-15; (Ps) Lk 1; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday 2nd—2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

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.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM 2023-2024 Grades 1-8

Family Name: _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone(s): _____

Child's Name <i>(include last name if different from family name)</i>	Age	Grade entering in fall	Date of Baptism/ Parish	Date of Reconciliation/ Parish	Date of First Communion/ Parish

Please contact Debbie at the parish office 304-754-7830 if your child has special needs or concerns.

For Parents:

___ I am interested in teaching Religious Education

___ I am interested in substitute teaching

Parish Office:

___ Family registered in Parish

___ Baptism certificate on file

You may return it in any one of the following ways:

Mail: St. Bernadette Catholic Church
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Email: office@stbernadettewv.org

Or just drop it in the offertory basket at Mass



Order of Catholic Initiation of Adults

Dear Saint Bernadette Parish,

You have been wonderful with opening your hearts for new member to our Catholic Faith. Last year with had 3 adults and 2 young adults go through the OCIA (was RCIA) program.

I am writing to you for help. At this time we have 6 adults and 1 young adult that wish to enter in full communion with the Catholic Church. They are in need of a sponsor to help with their Faith Journey. If you would be will to give of your time and knowledge to help, please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket. Think it over

Thank you and God Bless,

Theresa Highlands

OCIA Coordinator

I would like to be a sponsor for a candidate for the 2023/2024 year of OCIA

I would like to know more about being a sponsor for a candidate.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____

Please return to the Parish Office