

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 4, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity



For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through him. John 3:17

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

Theme: “Greeting One Another with a Holy Kiss”.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
 On this Sunday, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Saint Paul invites all of us, Christians, to be love. “Greet one another with a holy kiss”.

In the days of Saint Paul as in many parts of the world, people greet with a kiss on the cheek. This gesture of friendship and acceptance is also one of the most widely recognized external display of affection and camaraderie.

A kiss conveys love, but it can convey evil. Judas Iscariot betrayed Jesus with a kiss. In business circles, the phrase “kiss of death” is used to describe any failure or shortcoming that could bring a company to its knees.

One participant in our Gospel Sharing sessions (which holds every Monday night) told us about how people on Facebook clicked “likes” or “thumbs down” while commenting on a picture depicting a woman kneeling in prayer in a church, with her hands resting on a chair. However, what caught everyone’s attention was the dress she wore, which exposed her entire back. One commentator wrote: “Is that how you dress to go before God in prayer?” Another said: “Just look at her! After she has gone around doing all sorts of things, she runs to God to beg for forgiveness”. Yet, another said: “Surely, God cannot hear her prayers dressed like that”.

Very often, instead of spoiling our neighbors with the holy kiss of love, we are quick to judge and even quicker to condemn. Like the commentators on Facebook, we try to substitute for God, determining what we think God appreciates or not. We are quick to forget that the Triune God – Father, Son, and Spirit, we celebrate today, is all loving, merciful, and gracious.

For the record, I am not saying dressing half-naked to any public place let alone going to church dressed in like manner is okay. I am saying we can refrain from judging and condemning others. That is the big lesson from today’s gospel passage. Although God had every reason to be angry with the “stiff-necked” people led by Moses and even with us who have turned our backs on Him by indulging in sin, God sent Christ into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. Unlike the Facebook likes and condemnations, Christ did not come to point out how awful we are as sinners. Instead, He sees beyond your being fully dressed or half-naked. He sees our hearts and bothers not with the outside but with the inside. This

is how God saw David as he danced before the Ark of the Covenant having laid aside his royal robes and was “wearing a linen ephod” a garment usually reserved for priests and those ministering before the Lord, but his wife Michal a naked David dancing before the Ark of the Covenant.

Moses gives us an example in our first reading on how to conduct ourselves in such situations. Recognizing the sins committed by the “stiff-necked” people of Israel against God, Moses did not – like the people of Facebook – say God will never hear their prayer, aware that “whoever believes in Him will not be condemned”. Moses interceded for them. He prayed that he may find favor with God and that God may claim the “stiff-necked” people as his own. Our job, as Christians, is to emulate Moses by interceding for our brothers and sisters and not to condemn them. The Holy Scriptures warns us against such a condemnatory attitude: “Stop judging, that you may not be judged” (Mt. 7:1). “Do not speak evil of one another, brothers ...” (Jas. 4:11). “Stop judging by appearances, but judge justly” (Jn. 7:24). Instead of condemning others, we are to do as Saint Paul instructs in our second reading: trust in our Lord, who is “a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity”.

Let us pray during this Holy Mass to heed Saint Paul’s advice to mend our ways, to encourage one another, ..., and to live in peace with one another so that “the God of love and peace” might be with us always. Let us pray that God may find favor with us by having us in “the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit”. Let us, as members of Saint Bernadette, pray for the strength to embrace one another with the “holy kiss” of the unconditional love which God showed by sending His Only Son to save us. May our celebration of the Solemnity of the Trinity help us to trust God and truly love one another. May we be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with us. Amen.

God bless you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr. Boh, Pastor

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 2634.00
Online Giving	\$ 575.14
Capital Improvements	\$ 310.00
Diocesan Collections	\$ 220.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD
 A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome! This weekend we celebrate one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and the greatest mystery of our Faith, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Today we affirm our faith in the Triune God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity was enunciated by the ecumenical councils of Nicaea (325 AD) and Constantinople (381). Inspired with the love that exist in Trinity may we see the need to build relationships within our families, neighborhoods, and in our parish community.

Sunday June 11th, 2023: The Year of the National Eucharistic Revival begins at parish level. As part of activities to launch to this year, we shall have Benediction after all the Masses next weekend, and Eucharistic procession after the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday.

African Community Mass: Will be held on June 11th this month at 2:30 PM. All are welcome.

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.

There will be a Bereavement Ministry meeting in the religious education building on Thursday, June 8th, immediately following the 9 AM Mass. This meeting is open to everyone, and we are always looking forward to having new members join us.

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

Elaine Guttman	David Lopez	Nathan Rihn
Delia Kesecker	Adam Gulbranson	Gracie Cumley
Frank Machin	Samuel Huntsberry	George Sabol
Cynthia Welsh	David Gentile	Zachary Hudy
Heather Nees	Matthew Keller	Gloria Kempter
Christopher Gearity	Michele Atha	Robin Marlin
Lynne Blackshear	Crystal Ortiz	Gianna Rivera
George Folk	Kaitlyn Strzemieczny	Alex Ferrell
Ashlyn Nichols	Seraphina Nees	Kelly Wakelin
Margaret Todas	Michael Folk	Sharon Rose
Sarah Donato	Jerred McCoy	Michele Tost
Michele Hoak	Isabel Wakelin	Y.Marie-Francoise Kao
Elaine Renner	William Humbert	Catherine Kusmitch
Cynthia Rusten	Elvin Rivera	Alex Weaver
Gianna Heredia	Victoria Wakelin	Sylvia Hudy
Hannah Coffey	Darin Wilburn	Martha Melnick
Cleo Dunn	Emma Cumley	Maureen Zaycosky-Null
Matthew Gentry	Thomas Foley	Nathanael Lathwell
Jerry Hott	Keaton Gearity	Kenneth Coppi
Alexander Lathwell	David Paluch	

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Joe Schlegel, Tommy Mackesy, Walter Shenk, Isabella Horning, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Cathy Poplawski, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Victoria Porter, Jean Ridley

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 4th

The Most Holy Trinity
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the Rosalie Hickey
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Rose & Bill Stefanko

Tuesday, June 6th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Chester Poplawski
 9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, June 7th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Alexis & Tony Sclama
 5—5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Rosary immediately following in the Grotto

Thursday, June 8th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for John & Joy D'Angelo
 9:30 AM Bereavement Ministry Meeting—RE Bldg.

Friday, June 9th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr.Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, June 10th

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Rose Stefanko

Sunday, June 11th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the Tom Ivory
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

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 5th—St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr; Tb 1:3, 2:1a-8; Ps 112; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday 6th—Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday 7th—Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday 8th—Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128; Mk 12:28-34

Friday 9th—Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146; Mk 12:35-37

Saturday 10th—Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; (Ps) Tb 13; Mk 12:38-44

Sunday 11th—Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ; Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

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.