

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

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday



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

"Pentecost Came Early to St. Bernadette".

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am, hopefully, not exaggerating by saying Pentecost Sunday (which we celebrate today) came eight days early for 14 of our young adults here at Saint Bernadette when they received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 20, 2023. "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit," Bishop Mark told each confirmand as he traced the sign of the cross on their foreheads with the oil of Chrism.

In lieu of our regular reflection, I just want to say 'Thank You' to Debra Mackesy (Religious Education Coordinator), Theresa Highlands (RCIA teacher), and to Frank O'Neill (Grade 7 & Confirmation class teacher). Let me also renew my thanks to the amazing teachers who prepare our candidates for the various sacraments. Thank you, too, to all who made the celebration at St. Bernadette a lovely one.

Our choir was exceptional - as always. Its melodious rendition of "Veni, Sancte Spiritus" (Come, Holy Spirit) filled the church, rising to highest heavens, as Bishop Mark performed the sacred rite. The gratitude of the people of God at St. Bernadette goes to Deacon Marcus and Msgr. Ansgar Laczko, for their active presence at this celebration. We will be forever grateful that Msgr. Ansgar has made Saint Bernadette his home parish. We are proud that nothing is stopping him from being the young man he is at the ripe age of 90 and in the 63rd year of his priesthood. On behalf of Saint Bernadette, I thanked Bishop Mark before, during, and after the rite, and must thank him again, in this expression of gratitude, for his service to God's people in West Virginia. We are blessed that Bishop Mark, who knows our humble beginnings, is the one who elevated us to a full parish and is holding our hand and leading as we seek to play our role in Christ's Church in this diocese.

Special thanks are, hereby, tendered to the sponsors, some of whom attended classes every Saturday morning for a whole year along with their god children. Many of them went the extra mile by taking some of the candidates to attend retreats. May God repay your efforts a hundredfold.

As I stood there at the altar besides Bishop Mark, I could not feel prouder of the remarkably beautifully dressed children who have grown into young men and women that were led to the altar for this rite. What a joy to see several of them take an active role in the liturgy, as lectors, leading us in prayers of the faithful, and serving as bearers of the sacred gifts to the altar.

Thank you, sponsors, for laying an out-stretched arm over one of the shoulders of your god children, as a sign of your witness and as a symbol of your pledge of continued support to the newly confirmed. God will give you the grace and strengthen you for this great mission.

Now, the best for last... Very hearty congratulations to the 14 newly confirmed: Alana Boyce, Alaithea Domich, Anthony Gautreaux, Lawrence & Dominic Hudry, Ashton Kammerer, Serena Nana, Josiah Nichols, Amelia Power, Alykha Seghanka, Alexander & Lucianna Wakelin, and Laurence & Edith Kao. Congrats to their parents, their siblings, guardians, family members and the scores of Saint Bernadette parishioners who have inspired and will continue to inspire them.

May the good Lord continue to bless us and keep us united in our efforts in making St Bernadette a 'place beautiful for God'.

God bless you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr. Boh

Pastor

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters, today is Pentecost Sunday. At Pentecost, the Church celebrates Jesus' fulfilment to send the Holy Spirit to the apostles. The coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles who lived in fear of the Jews transforms them into untiring missionaries to preach the Gospel of Christ.

Memorial Day: Monday May 29, 2023: This is memorial weekend. We mourn and pray for those who died while serving in the military. We thank them for their service.



Pope's prayer intention for

June 2023: For the abolition of torture - that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 2661.00
Online Giving	\$ 906.03
Capital Improvements	\$ 15.00
Outreach	\$ 25.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP



Sealing
with the
Gift of the
Holy Spirit

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Pentecost Sunday, May 28th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Mark Frederickson

Tuesday, May 30th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Richard & Marge Kistner

9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, May 31st

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Jim Kinn

9:30 AM Hospitality Ministry

Meeting—McFadden Hall

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Rosary immediately following in the Grotto

Thursday, June 1st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, June 2nd

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Those Who Have No one to Pray for Them

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

First Saturday, June 3rd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Those Who are Persecuted

Rosary immediately following

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, June 4th

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

Presentation of the Gifts



The 14 Confirmad
of St. Bernadette
Catholic Church



Lunch with Bishop Mark

WHAT'S GOING ON?

There will be a Hospitality Ministry meeting on Wednesday, May 31st in McFadden Hall after the weekday Mass. We will discuss options for a summer fundraiser. All are welcome to join.

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

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 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 29th—Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Gn 3:9-15, 20 OR Act 1:12-14; Ps 87; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday 30th—Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 31st—Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Zep 3:14-18a OR Rom 12:9-16; (Ps) Is 12; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday 1st—St. Justin, Martyr; Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33; Mk 10:46-52

Friday 2nd—Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday 3rd—St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs; Sir 51:12 cd-20; Ps 19; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday 4th—The Most Holy Trinity; Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; (Ps) Dn 3; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

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.

Bishop Mark Confirms 14 Christians at Saint Bernadette (By Herbert Boh)

Scores of Saint Bernadette parishioners were on hand on Saturday, 20 May 2023, to witness the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Mark. This Sacrament is necessary for the completion of Baptismal grace. “By the Sacrament of Confirmation, (the baptized) are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit” (CCC #1293).

In his homily, Bishop Mark called on the 14 confirmands and the people of God present to do five things: to pray in private; to participate in public prayer, notably Holy Mass; to go confession; to read the Scriptures; and to lead lives of service to others. Even though it means a lot of the other messages are left out, I’d like to limit myself to what I recollect the bishop saying in those five messages.

First Message: Pray daily. Make talking to God an obligation. Thank Him at the rise of each day and before going to bed each night. Offer the day to Him, on your way to school or work, and thank Him when the day is done. Whatever works for you, do it in private prayer, Bishop Mark said, borrowing advice of an old monk who once said: “Pray as you can, not as you can’t”.

Second Message: As often as you can, attend Holy Mass, which is a public prayer. Take the command to honor the Lord’s Day – Sunday – seriously. Do not stay away or make excuses for not attending Holy Mass. Come to Mass so that God can continue to strengthen you.

Third Message: Confess your sins frequently, especially before Easter, at Christmas, and at the beginning and end of summer break. Benefit from the Sacrament of Forgiveness and the Infinite Mercy of God, as Pope Francis calls it. Be reconciled with God who renews our lives. Bishop Mark lauded confirmands who, in letters to him prior to confirmation, said confession is now a routine in their lives. He encouraged all to do the same.

Fourth Message: Read the Scriptures. Not the whole Bible (73 books for the Catholic Bible) in one go. Borrowing from Saint Jerome, who translated the entire Bible from its original languages – Hebrew, Albanian, and Greek – into Latin, Bishop Mark said “Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ” quoting St Jerome. Read the Word of God and you will come to know your Savior better. Begin by reading short passages at a time. Start with the gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Fifth Message: Serve others, the bishop urged the newly confirmed. Begin with your own family, your neighborhood, school, church, and community. Take joy in giving, as Jesus says, for there is more joy in giving than in receiving. Giving kills our self-centeredness and shields us from the popular belief that we should accumulate more things, money, wealth, and property for ourselves. That is contrary to Christ’s teaching. Make the fruit of your faith works of love and justice, giving yourselves to others as this is how you’ll find joy and fulfillment.

For want of space, this account leaves out the many thrilling stories the bishop told to spice his homily. Some were of his own childhood, growing up in racially segregated America. Others were anecdotes shared by Christians the bishop ministered to over his priesthood, which is now in its 47th year. In the 1980s, the then Rev. Fr. Mark came regularly from Rockville, Maryland, to say Mass at Saint Bernadette, at the time a small, mission station. The message Bishop Mark gave sponsors – asking them to continue providing spiritual support and guidance to the newly-confirmed – is one that parishioners of the young St. Bernadette Parish have for the bishop: continue in your role as chief shepherd of God’s flock in Hedgesville.

CHERUBS

Serving Elementary and Intermediate School Aged Kids

Now that Covid restrictions are in the past,
we'd like to re-vitalize the Cherubs Ministry.

This program is designed to work with our
younger congregation members and to help
teach them the servant's heart through
special activities and teachings.

We are in the process of setting up
activities for this summer and we would
love for your children to join us.

If you are interested in your child/children participating in the
program, please reach out to Sarah Bleigh or Shanna Fisher
so that we can start to plan the activities accordingly.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us.

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