

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—5:45 PM

Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

November 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parable of Wise and Foolish Virgins



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

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year culminating in the Solemnity of Christ the King, our readings take on a more urgent tone and our longing for all things to be subject to Christ intensifies. In these days, the Church is encouraging us to be prepared. But how?

Jesus offers us the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. Five went prepared to meet the bridegroom with flasks of oil to keep their lamps burning bright. The other five brought no oil with them, only what was in their lamps. As we have just heard, when the bridegroom comes, the foolish virgins have to go out to purchase oil, and so arrive late to the wedding feast.

We live in a dramatic moment in history. Though it could be said that every generation faces its own unique moments of challenge, this no less softens the blows we feel every time we turn on the news or open our eyes to see the great suffering that surrounds us. Such circumstances could easily lead us to become fearful. But this is not the point of the parable.

Those wise virgins were not afraid of what they could see as they awaited the bridegroom by the light of their lamps. It was the foolish virgins who feared that what they had would not be enough, who ultimately feared that they would not be welcomed into the banquet. So, what is the point?

In these days, the Church is inviting us to become like the wise virgins, to be prepared, "for you know neither the day nor the hour," (Matthew 25:13). But the preparation that we are being invited into is not extraneous to our lives as Christians; it is not an extraordinary response to extraordinary circumstances. Instead, it is a reminder to redouble our awareness of the nature of our Christian sojourn, that our entire lives be lived with the knowledge of our ultimate destination, that eternal wedding feast of the Lamb.

So, what is this preparation that we are called to make as we continue our journey? At first blush the answer seems simple: the Sacraments. In particular, the Eucharist and confession. But it is not enough that we receive these Sacraments and then live our lives off fumes as we go about our week in between "fill-ups." No, instead we are called to deepen that grace that we receive in the Sacraments each day through a deepening of our relationship with the bridegroom, Jesus Christ.

The Sacraments are not just meant to be fill stations, but chances for a concrete encounter with the love and mercy of the Living God which fills our lives and gives us the strength to persevere. The grace of the Sacraments helps us to live with a greater awareness of Christ's presence in our lives each day, so that we may receive from the source of life itself in our daily prayer, in our encounters with others, and through the circumstances of our lives. Living a Sacramental life means living a life imbued with the presence of Christ, in which all of reality points to Him.

In this way we do not run the risk of finding ourselves in

the same difficulties as those foolish virgins. This is how we are to prepare: to grow each day in our awareness of the presence of Christ in our lives, strengthened by the grace of the Sacraments. This, after all, is true wisdom which hastens to make herself known in the anticipation of our desires (Wisdom 6:13). "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!" (Matthew 25:6).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, Welcome!

A special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time. We are so glad you joined us this weekend in worship. If you're interested in learning more about our parish and what we have to offer, we warmly invite you to contact us at office@stbernadettewv.org or call (304) 754-7830.

Remembering our Veterans Monday November 13th: Join the rest of Americans tomorrow to remember and honor the men and women who faithfully served and continue to serve our country. We thank them for the sacrifices they made and continue to make upon the altar of freedom for us. You are our heroes!

40 Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: As part of our activities for Eucharistic Revival at the level of the Parish, we shall be having a 40-hour Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist from Wednesday, November 29th, immediately after the 9 AM Mass until Friday, December 1st at 6 PM.

Communion to the Sick and homebound: If you know of a relative, friend, or neighbor who has not been able to attend Mass, please ask the person if he/she would like to have communion brought to them at home. If someone would like to have communion brought to the home, please call the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday from 9:30 AM until 12 NOON. "So, you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" (Mt. 26:40). Arrange your schedule so that you can spend some time with Jesus and see how he blesses you.

Please see the message below from the Chancery Offices regarding recent phone/email scams going around. I encourage you to share this information with the faithful to whom you minister via your parish bulletin or other means.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3685.00
Online Giving	\$ 1352.03
Maintenance	\$ 1090.00
Outreach	\$ 462.00
Diocesan Collection	\$ 25.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Scam Attempts!!! The Chancellery of the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV is drawing our attention to several scam emails and text messages sent to parishes and parishioners recently, allegedly from our priests and Bishop, in which they solicit cash, gift cards or other information to assist with a personal matter. Please know that our Bishop, priests, or employees of the Diocese will never solicit gifts in this manner and any solicitation you receive of this type is a scam.

Have a blessed week ahead of you.

In Christ, Fr Aloysius Boh (Pastor)

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Thank you to all the parishioners who came and had breakfast with the Catholic Daughters in October. It was a huge success. All of the court members enjoyed talking to everyone. We hope to see some of the ladies at a Catholic Daughter event. Monica Straley, Martinsburg Regent CDA #392.

Social Concerns is asking for tarp donations for our outreach program (preferably 8 x 8). They will be distributed to the homeless living in the fields. This will be a great help to them with keeping their sleeping bags off the ground and dry. They can also use them to make a lean-to shelter (tent). Thank you for always being so generous in helping others.

A volunteer from the Catholic Daughters will be here again this weekend taking orders for their **Annual Homemade Chocolate Candy Fundraiser**. Orders placed by November 13th will be guaranteed to pick up by November 18th, in time for Thanksgiving.

Teen Choir We are trying to form our teen choir again this year to sing at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. The choir will practice after the 11 AM Mass Sundays before Christmas starting on Sunday, Nov. 26th.

Christmas Children's Choir We will have a Children's Choir for the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. The choir is open to children in kindergarten- 5th grade. Practices will be held the Sundays before Christmas beginning on Sunday, Nov. 26th from 4 – 4:45 PM. Please call the parish office at (304) 754-7830 or Linda Abrahamian at (304) 279-2315 or email linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for more information or to sign your teen up by **Sunday, Nov. 19th**.

St. Joseph School job openings: If interested, please call the parish office at 304-754-7830 for more details on each position available.

Staff Accountant

Full-Time First Grade Teacher Aide

Part-Time First Grade Teacher Aide

K-5 Teacher

After School Care Worker

PK Aide

Part-Time Middle School Math Interventionist

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Bob Baker, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Linda & Bernie Guy, Carol Bogacz, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Tom Knutson, John Scofield

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, November 12th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

10:15—11:45 Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Stitches from the Heart
Ministry Members*

Tuesday, November 14th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Mark Mackesy

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, November 15th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Jamie Dobson

6 PM Mass is Canceled

Thursday, November 16th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Josh Mackesy

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Ministry Meeting—Rel Ed Bldg

Friday, November 17th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Nestorine Boh

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, November 18th

9—10:30 AM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Sunday, November 19th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

10 AM Hospitality Ministry

Meeting—McFadden Hall

10:15—11:45 Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Nestorine Boh

2:30 PM African Mass

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 13th—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin;
Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday 14th—Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday 15th—Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday 16th—Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119; Lk 17:20-25

Friday 17th—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious;
Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday 18th—Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105;
Lk 18:1-8

Sunday 19th—Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128;
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30

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.



November 19th

Welcome to St. Bernadette's Church!

Members of Hospitality invite you to meet with us **November 19, 2023** **after the 9 AM Mass** for a quick meeting. We will try our best to be done by 11 AM.

We will be discussing the events that will be taking place during December in preparation for Christmas. This is your opportunity to celebrate and prepare with us as well.

We hope to see you there.

For questions or concerns - April Canby: 304-995-7745

Hospitality Update

If you are interested in helping with any of the activities coming up, please fill out your name and email or phone number.

We will be in touch with you to answer any questions you may have about all we do here at St. Bernadette's.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____