

# 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

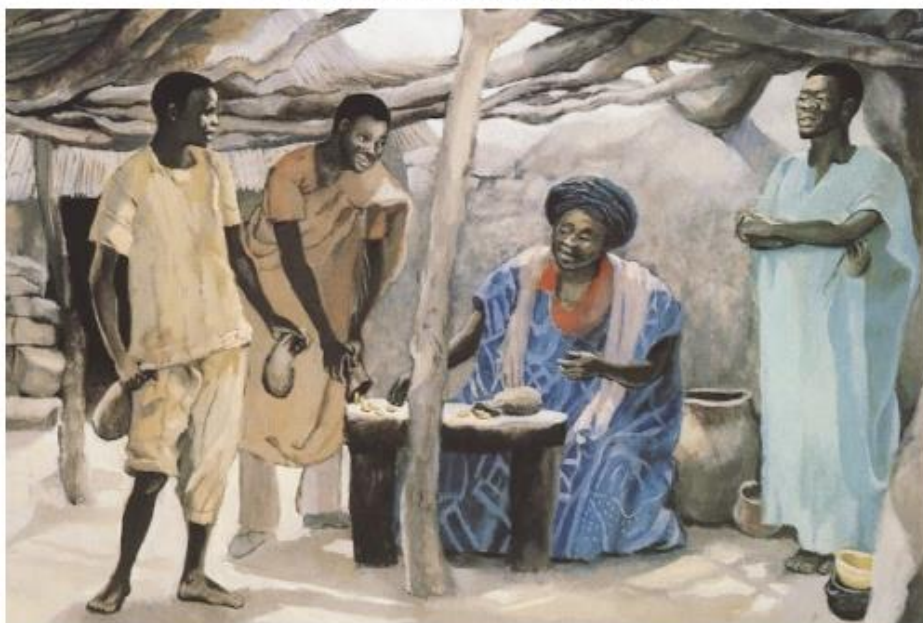
Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

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

## November 19, 2023

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parable of the Three Servants



### 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

In the Ecclesiastical Province of Bamenda, Cameroon, where I come from, the pastoral visit of a Bishop to any parish in his diocese involves a lot of preparations due to the very elaborate reception that is always reserved for such occasions. A series of planning meetings are held prior to his visit. The purpose of these planning meetings is to make a list of those to be invited, to solicit financial donations for some food items and drinks, as well as allocate food quotas to various Church groups and individuals. Such visits are always a big do. Traditional rulers and government administrative officials within that parish area are invited whether they are Catholics or not. It is a challenge and a big responsibility for whoever is the chairperson of the organizing committee for such an event. This probably explains why it took several weeks for the Christians of my first parish of assignment as a priest - Our Lady Queen of the Apostles' Parish, Ikassa, to get a chairperson to oversee the organization of a twin celebration - the pastoral visit of the Bishop and the Golden Jubilee of the final profession of religious vows of the lone nun from that parish. Any person that the Parish Pastoral Council proposed to chair the organization of this event declined basing their decision on 'I don't have what it takes to chair the organization of such an important event'. Even those who could have done a great job might have declined for fear of failing well, and fear that others will laugh at them. It was not until barely five weeks to the occasion, that a young man from the parish stepped up and took the challenge. Many of the parishioners as well as the pastor expressed their doubts as to the ability of this young man to shoulder such a big responsibility. However, the young man's offer was accepted, and he did a great job. It was a successful and wonderful celebration. The gift of leadership in this young man that so far had laid fallow was brought to light. He was finally elected the chairperson of the parish pastoral council. He equally did a great job in this position. He placed the talent that God had entrusted to him in the service of God and of His Church.

In today's gospel Jesus's parable is focus on how we use the gifts that God has given us and that we shall be asked to give an account of what we did with those gifts. He makes use of three servants to tell the story; two servants invested their talents and reaped a profit, while the third did not, being afraid of losing and being punished.

At the Master's return, he asks for a report. The first and second servants got loud praise: "Well done, good and faithful servant ..." The third servant was scared and went and buried the talent: "Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground". His master reproached him: "You wicked, lazy servant ...!" He was given something in trust, and he did nothing to make it bear fruit. All he did was to bury the gift in the ground making absolutely no use of it. The only unacceptable

behavior is to do nothing.

Today's gospel makes it very clear that each one of us has been given gifts/talents in proportion to our ability and we are expected to make an active and positive contribution to the Church and to the betterment of our society. We are to invest our talents and not to bury them or forget about them. We have been entrusted with different gifts, yes, some of us are good builders, others are good teachers, others are good nurses, others can sing well, read well, write well, some are good organizers, like the young man at my first parish of assignment as a priest.

The question to ask yourself today is: "Of all the gifts given to you by God, how many do you know? Perhaps He has given you more gifts than you are yet aware of ... And, the ones you know about, how well or how badly do you use them? Perhaps you may have to admit that there are some gifts that you are aware of, but you are not using at all. It was not the harshness of his master nor the lack of opportunity that prevented the third servant from using his talent, it was a combination of laziness, cowardice, and selfishness.

In our world today as well as in our parish community, there are those who do their best to hide their talents. But like the young man at Our Lady Queen of the Apostles' Parish, Ikassa, Cameroon who identified his talent and placed it at the service of his parish community, the Giver of all gifts is asking you to identify and invest your gifts and talents in the building up His Kingdom.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Thanksgiving, Thursday November 23rd, 2023:** We shall offer a blessing of food and drink at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. You are invited to bring the food and drink that you will later share with family and friends for a special blessing to the 9 AM Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

**Friday Eucharistic Adoration:** We will not have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday, November 24, 2023.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Our next Parish Pastoral Council meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, at 6 PM in the Religious Ed Building.

**Liturgical Committee:** A meeting has been scheduled to hold on Thursday, November 30th, 2023, at 4:30 PM in the Religious Ed building. For the attention of the members.

## PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 3513.75
Online Giving .....	\$ 1055.77
Maintenance .....	\$ 410.00
Outreach .....	\$ 393.00
Diocesan Collection .....	\$ 730.00

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



## CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion:** We shall have another training session for Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion on Thursday November 30th, 2023, at 5 PM in the Religious Ed Building. If you are one of those bringing Holy Communion to a family member or friend, please endeavor to attend.

**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, December 6th immediately after the 9 AM Mass until Friday, December 8th at 6 PM. We encourage you to sign up for 30 minutes or an hour of adoration as one individual, or as a family, or as a ministry or group of individuals. We apologize for the change in the date of this event. The sign-up sheet can be found in the Narthex.

From July 17 to 21, 2024, the Church will gather as one American family in Indianapolis. We are asking YOU to volunteer to represent St Bernadette. The entry ticket to the venue will be provided by the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV. Please come to the Parish Office or call and give your name(s) so that we can contact the diocese for the entry ticket(s). Thanks in advance for accepting to represent our parish.

We have so much to be thankful for. I wish all Happy Thanksgiving,

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

Too busy to commit for the year? Then join the choir for just Christmas. Speak with Linda Abrahamian, our Music Director, after Mass or call or text her at 304-279-2315 or email at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com

Youth Group will have a game and gym night next weekend, November 26th, from 6—8 PM at St. Joseph School. This is open to all Middle School to High School age students. RSVP to the Parish Office or Linda Abrahamian at 304-279-2315 or at email at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com.

Orders for delicious pierogies, kielbasa, ravioli, and gnocchi made by the Ukrainian Catholic parishes in the Pittsburgh area will be taken on the weekends of November 18-19 and November 25-26. Food pick-up will be after all Masses on the weekend of December 9-10. Proceeds from the sale will be used to help support the Ukrainian families sponsored by St. Joseph Parish who have recently arrived in our area. Please return the completed form no later than November 26. If you have questions, please call the parish office or Joe Guttmann at 304-274-2984.

Be sure to pick up a Christmas Star from the wreaths hanging on the doors to McFadden Hall. See flyer for more details.

Sign up to attend one of the craft night events to help raise money for the Lathwell family. See flyer for more details.

## 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 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

**Tuesday, November 21st**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Mark Mackesy*

**Wednesday, November 22nd**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Thursday, November 23rd**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

**Office Closed**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Kevin Lathwell*

**Friday, November 24th**

**Office Closed**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Nestorine Boh*

**Saturday, November 25th**

9—10:30 AM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

**Sunday, November 26th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Walter Shenk*

10:15—11:45 Religious Education

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](http://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 20th—1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 21st—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday 22nd—St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr; 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 23rd—1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50; Lk 19:41-44

Friday 24th—St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs; 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; (Ps) 1 Chr 29; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday 25th—1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday 26th—Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

### 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.





# *St. Bernadette Christmas Star Project*

Did you notice the beautiful Christmas wreaths hanging on the doors of McFadden Hall? The wreaths have stars with a child's name, age, and what he or she would like for Christmas. Please help bring joy to a child in need by taking one or more stars and purchasing the requested gift.

**Please put your gift in a gift bag but do not wrap it.**

**Please return your gift with the star tag attached.**

**Please follow the strict \$35 limit on gifts.**

Gift cards will be limited to the following: For clothing: TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Old Navy, and Ross  
For Sports and Crafts: Dick's Sporting Goods, Michael's, and Hobby Lobby

If you select a "cash" tag, please put the cash or check (*made payable to St. Bernadette*) in an envelope with the star attached. The cash is used for any stars not taken, or any gifts not returned.

Any extra cash will be used to buy items for Bethany House.

**PLEASE RETURN GIFTS TO MCFADDEN HALL BY**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd**

You may return your gift earlier if you wish. It is important that the committee have the gifts by December 3<sup>rd</sup> so they can shop for gifts that have not been returned.

Please drop gifts off in McFadden Hall on the tables to the left of the hall.

**Thank you** for helping bring the joy of the Christmas season to others.

**CONFIRMATION IS NOT GRADUATION-  
IT IS A SENDING FORTH ON YOUR  
MISSION OF FAITH. HELP SUPPORT  
AND GROW IN YOUR FAITH**

# **EXPERIENCE OUR YOUTH GROUP**

**OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE AND  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**Game and Gym Night- Sunday,  
Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph School  
Cafeteria and Gym – 6 pm - 8 pm**

**For more information, please call the Parish Office,  
(304) 754-7830 or call, text, or email Linda Abrahamian,  
(304) 279-2315, [linda.abrahamian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com)**



# Fundraiser

## Pierogi

Ukrainian Catholic  
Parishes in Pittsburgh, PA



Order by Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

Pick up December 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

Proceeds from the sale will be used to help support the Ukrainian families sponsored by St. Joseph Parish who have recently arrived in our area.

Questions? Call Joe Guttman at 304-274-2984

## Kielbasa

Family-owned butcher shop  
in Pittsburgh & Shenandoah, PA

# Order form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pierogi

Type	Quantity	Price	Amount Due
Potato & Cheese		\$14 / dozen	
Mushroom		\$14 / dozen	
Bacon, Chive, Potato		\$14 / dozen	
3 Cheese Spinach		\$14 / dozen	
Prune		\$14 / dozen	
Jalapeno		\$14 / dozen	
Sauerkraut		\$14 / dozen	
Sauerkraut & Potato		\$14 / dozen	
Sauerkraut & Kielbasa		\$14 / dozen	
Loaded Baked Potato		\$14 / dozen	
Kielbasa			
Fresh Kielbasa		\$7.50 / lb.	
Smoked Kielbasa		\$8 / lb.	
Smoked Kielbasa Grillers w/Jalapeno		\$7.50 / lb.	
Other			
Gnocchi		\$10 / batch	
Cheese Ravioli		\$10 / batch	

Form due Sunday, Nov. 26

Food pick-up Dec 9-10

AMOUNT DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

FORM OF PAYMENT: Cash or Check

CHECK(S) PAYABLE TO: St. Bernadette

CHECK MEMO: Ukraine



# CRAFT FUNDRAISER

benefitting Kevin Lathwell

Friday

December 8

at 6pm

St. Bernadette

Saturday

December 9

at 1pm

St. Bernadette

Sunday

December 10

at 1pm

St. James

Doors open 15 minutes before the start of the class.

Local artists will be on hand to provide step by step instructions for your wall hanging. All materials provided.

Enjoy a delightful time out with friends, both new and old! Refreshments will be served.

- \$35 per project
- Bring a friend 2/\$60
- Please contact April Canby (304) 995-7745 for any questions and to reserve your spot.



- St. Bernadette 109 W Main St, Hedgesville, WV 25427, USA
- St. James 49 Crosswind Dr. Charles Town WV 25414, USA

Prior registration and project purchase are required  
Walk-ins are subject to availability and are not guaranteed a spot.