

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 Friday: Perpetual Adoration of the
Blessed Eucharist after 9 AM Mass
with Divine Mercy & Benediction at 3 PM

1st Saturday: 9 AM
Rosary immediately following

Confession

Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM

Saturday: 4—4:45PM

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

October 2, 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

On this twenty-seventh Sunday of ordinary time, the holy mother church invites us to reflect on one of the most important Christian and theological virtues – Faith. It is the foundation of our Christian life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines faith as “the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that he has said and revealed to us, and that Holy Church proposes for our belief, because it is truth itself.” The Letter to Hebrews defines faith as “... the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Heb. 11:1). Fr. George Smiga says: “Having faith” usually means “trusting”: that God will “save us from final damnation”; that no matter what the devil accomplishes in the world, Christ has already overcome the world. “In the world you will have hardship but be courageous: I have conquered the world” (Jn. 16:33).

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk, the prophet complains to God about the misery and suffering all around him and he wants to know why God doesn't do something about it. God responds by promising to save those who trust in Him. We too sometimes find ourselves complaining like the prophet Habakkuk. We sometimes wonder why God allows so much evil. Why He allows the innocent to suffer so much injustice? These are questions asked by each one of us in one situation or the other. We hear Job asked similar questions when he broke the silence and cursed the day of his birth (Job 3:1f). Of all the answers that have been offered for these questions, we find God's response to the prophet Habakkuk in the first reading very consoling; the unjust will be punished, and the victims vindicated. God's response to the prophet Habakkuk encourages us to keep on believing and trusting in God because He will never fail or disappoint us if we remain faithful during such moments. We can only remain faithful carrying out good deeds and actions if we have faith. The Church teaches that such a faith is a gift from God, which must grow and mature with us. This is the faith that Saint Paul in our second reading, encourages Timothy ‘to stir into flame the gift of God that he received through the laying on of hands’. He wants Timothy to be faithful to his ministry and to witnessing to Christ. Paul is aware that there are dark days of persecution ahead. And in such moments, leadership will require courage and faith. So, he encourages Timothy to remain faithful. The apostles in today's gospel asked Jesus to increase their faith. It must have dawned on them that they do not have enough faith to carry out the mission Christ is entrusting to them. The fear of the apostles is ours as well. What do you think of your mission as a Christian in these challenging times? Are you sure your faith is strong enough to get you through? Your guess is as good as mine. We can only turn to the Lord as the apostles did and pray often that He may increase our faith.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

God is good! All the time. And all the time. God is good. Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, Happy Sunday! We are at the start of a new month. We render immense thanks to God for the blessings of live and health. We are grateful to Him for the opportunity He has given us to come together on the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) to worship as a family of Saint Bernadette. A special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time and those who are coming back since the lockdown. Welcome!

Weekday Masses: Work is scheduled to begin on our parking lot tomorrow, Monday through Thursday, and because of that, we shall not have Mass on Tuesday through Thursday this week. Note: there will be Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday October 7th.

We are in the month of October. The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted by Pope Saint Pius V to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

I encourage every family to consider praying this beautiful prayer of the Rosary during this month of October to draw closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation. If you will be attending the 9 AM Mass on Sunday during this month, consider joining the rest of the parish community in praying the Rosary at 8:30 am.

Sunday October 8, 2022: Blessing of the animals after the 11 AM Mass at the Grotto.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention for October 2022 – For a Church open to everyone: We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 2240.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 782.01
Capital Improvements	\$ 55.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 54.00
Diocesan	\$ 70.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 75.00
Mary's Refuge.....	\$ 50.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

The Hospitality Ministry will be selling homemade apple and pumpkin pies this weekend after all Masses.

There will be a whirlwind of construction happening in and around our parking lot this week. The parking lot is being worked on and our fence is being replaced. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Masses are cancelled for this week.

The Usher Ministry will hold a meeting on security and protocol on Sunday, October 9th at 10:15 AM. All who are interested in becoming an usher are invited.

The Youth Group is asking for donations of gently used coats, jackets and sweatshirts in all sizes for men, women and children for their annual coat drive. There will be a container in McFadden Hall the weekend of Oct. 15th- 16th where you can place them. Thank you for helping them with this important charitable event.

Monthly Youth Masses will begin October 30, 2022. We are looking for 6th-12th grade students to join our youth choir and to become youth lecturers. Contact Linda Abrahamian at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for youth choir and contact Deb Mackesy at 304-754-7830 to become a youth lector.

We've reached 90% of our Catholic Sharing Appeal goal! The first half of St. Bernadette's \$20,505 goal benefits various ministries and outreach efforts throughout the diocese. The second half of that \$20,505 will come right back to St. Bernadette's—free of Cathedralism and PHRA. You will start to see your donations at work as we renovate and update parts of our parish.

Bishop Brennan would like to have Mass, a dinner, and a Q & A with young adults of the diocese. By young adults, we generally mean individuals and couples ages 18 to 35, or so.

October 6th – St. John University Parish, Morgantown – 5:15pm Mass, with dinner and a Q & A to follow, with the bishop. Please register with the parish: 304-296-8231.

November 8th – Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston – 5:00pm Mass with dinner and a Q&A to follow with Bishop. For this one, please register with the diocese: Meet and Greet with Bishop Brennan (wufoo.com)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 2nd

9 AM Mass
Intention for Nancy Corrigan
 10 AM Welcome Social
 aka Donut Sunday
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Education
 10:15 Mount 2000 Parent Meeting
 11 AM Mass
Intention for the Francesca Zimmer

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Masses are cancelled.

DIRECTORY PICTURES WILL STILL TAKE PLACE IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BUILDING.

Park in front of the Stonehouse or in the Country Roads parking lot.

First Friday, October 7th

9:00 AM Mass
 Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist after 9 AM Mass
 3 PM Divine Mercy & Benediction

Saturday, October 8th

9—10:30 AM RCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, October 9th

9 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10:15 AM Usher Meeting
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Chris Ridley, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Ginger Spice, Ernie Montano, Monica Straley, Rose Boarman, Laura Samford, Joe Schlegel

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA—15 years or older) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age), begins in August and ends during the Easter Vigil. These classes are for members who wish to enter in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending RCIA/RCIC, 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, Kacie Morrell Humbert, 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 3rd—Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday 4th—St. Francis of Assisi; Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday 5th—Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday 6th—Gal 3:1-5; (Ps) Lk 1; Lk 11:5-13

Friday 7th—Our Lady of the Rosary; Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday 8th—Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday 9th—2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

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.