

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 23, 2022

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income."



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

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, our Scripture readings for this 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, invite us to humility and to a sincere acknowledgement of our failings or shortcomings, beginning by confessing our sins. Following up on last Sunday's Gospel reading in which Jesus taught His disciples to pray without ceasing, Our Savior uses the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector in our gospel passage to highlight the nature of prayers and approach we should adopt in bringing ourselves to God in prayer.

The first reading from the Book of Sirach and the Responsorial Psalm reassures us that God does not use prayers to pick winners and losers. "God knows no favorites", we are told, and our Heavenly Father hears and answers our prayers not because of our good deeds. God who "judges justly and affirms the right" and who hears "when the just cry out" to Him also hears the "cry of the poor" and the prayers of the most vulnerable, including the orphan, the widow and the lowly.

The gospel passage uses the stereotype of the tax collector being a cheat and a sinner to show us that God is accessible to all of us no matter how imperfect we may feel we are, and no matter how chastised we are by our society. When we come to God in prayer, our Father in Heaven does not expect us to pass an examination of holiness. When we come before God in prayer, He expects us to be humble and to beg for mercy just like the tax collector, who represents those who are despised by religious-minded people. Jesus paints the picture of the tax collector feeling totally undeserving to even be before the sanctuary of the Lord. We are told that the tax collector stood off at a distance. We are told that he would not even raise his eyes to heaven. We are finally told that his entire prayer was a simple act of contrition: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner". This is a very beautiful prayer. Very simple. Straight forward. No winding sentences. No beating about the bush. No effort to misrepresent who we are to God who knows us even better than we know ourselves. It is a prayer all of us should learn and say as frequently as possible: "O God, be merciful to me a sinner".

After contrasting this prayer of the tax collector to the boastful prayer of the Pharisee, Jesus advises us on how to approach the altar of God. We are to do so in all humility, confessing that we are sinners. If we do so, Jesus promises, we "will be exalted". This promise is also reiterated in our first reading which says that if we are humble, our prayers will pierce the clouds, reach the heavens, and God, the Most High, "will not

delay" in answering our supplications. If, however, we adopt the prayer style of the Pharisee, our prayer will not be answered. God only hears our prayers when we approach Him with a humble and contrite heart that seeks mercy and forgiveness. Today's parable, therefore, presents both an opportunity and a warning for us. May God give us the grace to be a blessing to others and to be grateful and humble!

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

Greetings beloved sisters and brothers in Christ. Welcome to all those who are worshipping with us for the first time. I am glad you joined us on this Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. I hope that you found our time together inspiring, meaningful, challenging and perhaps even a little fun. It was great to have you worship with us today and I hope you felt truly welcomed. Please, come again! God bless you!

Saint Vincent Missions: Next weekend – October 29 and 30, 2022, we shall be welcoming representatives of Saint Vincent Missions to our parish. Purpose of visit: Co-Operation Plan Appeal. This was approved by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Rev Fr Isaac Haywiser, (O.S.B.) shall be the main celebrant and preacher at all the Masses that weekend.

A Word of Thanks: On the behalf of the parishioners of Saint Bernadette, I want to thank Joe Comer for coordinating the work on our parking lot and on the fence. Thank you for the gift of your time and talents to Saint Bernadette.

Fr Boh will be away on Wednesday October 26th to take part in a continual education program organized by the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at Saint Frances de Sales Parish, Morgantown, WV.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 3080.00
Online Giving	\$ 1168.51
Capital Improvements	\$ 55.00
Poor Box	\$ 31.00
Diocesan	\$ 25.00
Mary's Refuge	\$ 100.00

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

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Teen Choir

We are trying to form our teen choir again this year to sing at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass and at our Youth Masses. The choir will practice after the 11 AM Mass from 12:00 PM-12:30 PM the Sunday before they are scheduled to sing and for several Sundays before Christmas. Please call the parish office, (304)754-7830 or email Linda Abrahamian, (304)279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for more information or to sign your teen up.

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 5 Sundays before Christmas beginning on Sunday, Nov. 20th from 4:00 pm-4:45 pm. Please call the parish office (304) 754-7830 or email or call Linda Abrahamian by **Sunday, Nov. 6th** to sign your child up. (304) 279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com

A representative from the **Catholic Daughters** will be in McFadden Hall next weekend taking candy orders.

Hospitality Ministry will have a meeting on Thursday, November 10th after the 9 AM Mass. All are welcome to attend.

St. Leo Catholic Church will host the **Mary's Refuge Gala** on November 11th at 6 PM. Attendance and dinner are free but registration is required. Visit office.mayrsrefuge@gmail.com today!

St. Leo is seeking a part time Music Director . Candidate must be available for regular parish weekend Masses (Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 9:00am), solemnities, and other special liturgical celebrations, which include but are not limited to Confirmation, First Holy Communion, Weddings, Funerals, Christmas, Triduum, Easter etc. Weekday hours are flexible. Resume submissions with references should be directed to Lisa Feeley, Secretary, St. Leo Catholic Church, P.O. Box 93, Inwood, WV 25428. You may also email your resume to secretary@stleo.com. Any questions, please call the parish office at 304-229-8945. Call for more details about responsibilities and requirements.

St. Leo Catholic Church is seeking a full-time custodian/maintenance person/groundskeeper. Please send references and resume to: Lisa Feeley, St. Leo Catholic Church, P.O. Box 93, Inwood, WV 25428. You may also email resume and references to secretary@stleo.com. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 304-229-8945 or secretary@stleo.com. Call for details about the position.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 23rd

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

Tuesday, October 25th

9 AM Mass
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, October 26th

9 AM Mass
 5—5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass

Thursday, October 27th

9 AM Mass

Friday, October 28th

9:00 AM Daily Mass
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, October 29th

9—10:30 AM RCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass
 Diocesan collection for World Mission Sunday

Sunday, October 30th

9 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
 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, Leonna Baromeo

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 24th—Eh 4:32-5:8; Ps 1; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday 25th—Eph 5:21-33; Ps 128; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday 26th—Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday 27th—Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144; Lk 13:31-35

Friday 28th—Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles; Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16

Saturday 29th—Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday 30th—Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10

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.



***Hedgesville Loaves & Fishes
desperately needs
YOUR HELP!***

Dear Friends in Christ,

The holiday season is fast approaching and in past years we have been blessed to be able to distribute as many as **175 FREE Thanksgiving turkey dinners** and **175 FREE Christmas Ham dinners** (in addition to the regular food boxes). Most of these items are purchased at local grocery stores with donated funds (sometimes at a discount). **But our funds are running low!** To meet the goals of this mission through the end of the year, we are in need of another **\$15,000**.

Won't you PLEASE HELP?!

We have been ***SO BLESSED*** to be able to continue this ministry so far. But we cannot continue without your support. So, we say ***“Thank You!”*** for your past support and ask that you *please* remember ***Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes*** in your giving plans this fall. The hungry of Hedgesville are counting on you!

Remember, this is YOUR mission too!

Thank You!

***When the multitude grew hungry
Jesus spoke to his disciples saying,
“You give them something to eat.”
— Matthew 14:16***



2nd in our series of Net Events for Middle and High School Teens - Each is different, so we encourage teens to attend each one- Sunday, Nov. 13th- 1pm- 6pm – St. James Catholic Church, Charles Town- Please Call our Parish Office by Nov. 10th to sign up at (304)-754-7830.



**Challenging young Catholics to love Christ
and embrace the life of the Church.**



NET Ministries challenges youth Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Catholic Church through retreat and discipleship ministry. Since 1981, NET has fulfilled its mission by conducting over 1,000 youth retreats across the United States each year.

THE RETREATS

Retreats are typically for groups smaller than 150 youth in grades 7-12. Spending anywhere from two hours to three days with youth on retreat, NET Missionaries bring God's love to each youth they encounter on the retreat.

During a retreat, young people experience large group activities, talks, dramas, skits, small group discussions, prayer, and music, giving youth a dynamic yet prayerful encounter with Christ.

THE GOALS OF A NET RETREAT

- To help young people understand and accept God's unconditional love for them.
- To offer the faith of the team members as a witness to the youth that faith in God is a desirable, acceptable, and exciting part of their lives.
- To encourage young people to grow in their commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church.
- To show young people what it means to be a son or daughter in Christ and how to find their identity in Him.

"When someone asks me what Pope John Paul II meant by the term 'the new evangelization,' I tell them about NET. I thank God for them!"
His Eminence
Timothy Cardinal Dolan