

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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September 11, 2022

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

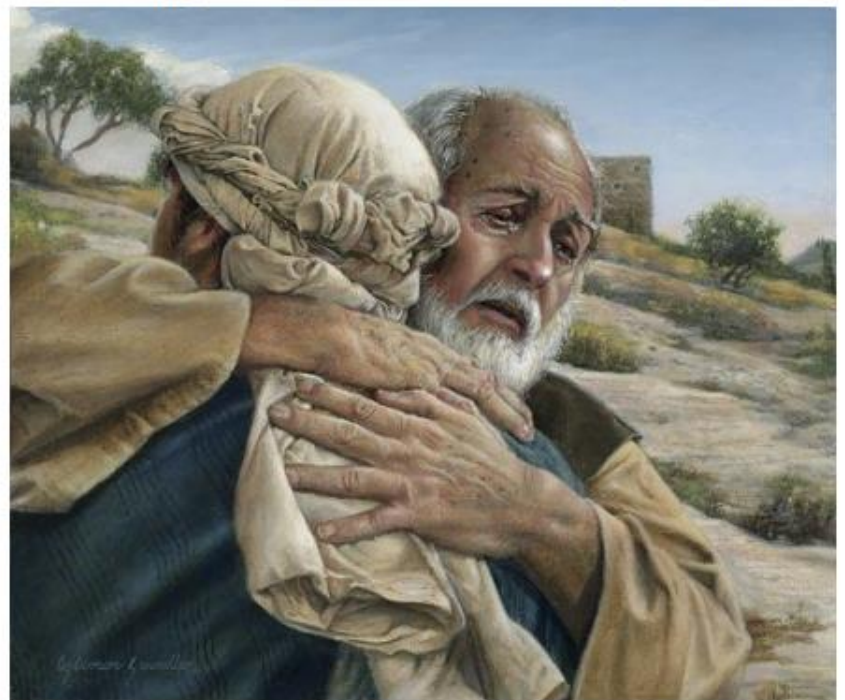
Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass
with Benediction at 12 NOON

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

The Prodigal Son is Welcomed Back by his Father



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

Today's readings offer us an opportunity to reflect on the mercy of God and His compassion. This is fully revealed in His Son Jesus Christ. The one thing that runs through all the readings is God's readiness to welcome and receive us irrespective of how much we have fallen and gone away from Him.

The first reading from the Book of Exodus is a dialogue between Moses and God. This dialogue takes place immediately after Israel's betrayal of the covenant relationship with God, when they fashioned for themselves a golden calf (Exodus 32:1-6). God is angry with them but Moses refuses to let God's anger prevail. He intercedes for the people and God relents on the punishment He had threatened to inflict on His people. In the second reading, Saint Paul, writing to Timothy, recalls that he received mercy from God, and this qualified him, a sinner, to become an Apostle of Christ and the church he blasphemed and persecuted. In the gospel, we have the classical revelation of God's mercy and compassion in the parable of the prodigal son.

Dear sisters and brothers, when we hear this story of the Prodigal son, we want to extricate ourselves from it. It makes us feel good (right?) to know that we are not like that good-for-nothing prodigal son. We feel good about ourselves just to know that we have not asked our father to give us a share of the inheritance. We feel good that we have not gone off to a distant land where we have squandered everything. We feel good that we are not returning from such a sojourn, begging to be accepted, no longer as a son or a daughter, but as a slave.

If you are like me... you feel good being a spectator in this story. The truth is that we are not spectators. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. When we sin, we go away from Our Father's house, just like the prodigal son. Thus, squandering the inheritance that Christ won for us through the sacrifice of the cross.

The attitude of the prodigal son challenges us to recognize the fact that we have gone away from Our Father's home and that we need to come back to our senses and come back home. God is waiting for us, too, with an open embrace in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is in this sacrament that God clothes us not with a gold ring and sandals which the prodigal son received, but with His forgiveness, mercy, and compassion.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, today the Church reminds us that we are forgiven, not because we deserve it, but solely because God is merciful and compassionate. He is ready to make all things new for us again as the Prophet Isaiah puts it: "Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord. Though your sins be like scarlet,

they may become white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). It does not matter how much it costs God. He will go the extra length to get us back; abandoning the 99 sheep to go in search of the lost one. Let us all return to God in prayer and supplication, asking Him to grant us "a clean heart... and a steadfast spirit". No matter how great a sinner, anyone who looks at the example of Paul and believes in the transforming power of God's love and mercy, has hope.

The Psalmist says "rise" from our sins and "go to [our] Father". God is waiting to throw a sumptuous party to celebrate our return; for we were all dead but have come back to life.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

Wednesday evening Mass: Our evening Mass every Wednesday (6 pm) resumes this week. Confessions at 5 – 5:45 pm.

Feast of the Exultation of the Cross: This feast comes up on Wednesday, September 14th. It is not a day of obligation, but you are encouraged to attend Mass if your schedule permits.

Vocations Club: As earlier announced, we invite young boys and girls to our first vocations club meeting on Sunday, October 2nd, 2022, immediately after the 9 AM Mass. Signup sheet is available at the Narthex.

A Thank You! Dear Parishioners of Saint Bernadette, I want to take a moment and let you know how much you are appreciated. Thank you for an incredible dinner in honor of my first anniversary as Administrator of Saint Bernadette and my birthday. From the bottom of my heart, thank you all for your prayers, the beautiful birthday cards, the checks, and the momentary gifts. I plan to use the money to help an orphan back in Cameroon to purchase a motorcycle for commercial purposes; proceeds from this will support him and his siblings. I am more grateful to you than words can express. Thank you for your kindness and for being the wonderful, amazing people you are.

God bless.

Happy Sunday

Fr Boh

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 3226.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 784.01
Capital Improvements	\$ 600.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 81.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 75.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

We will hold a **Ministry Fair after all Masses on September 17th & 18th.** This is a wonderful opportunity to see what St. Bernadette's does in our community and see how you can offer your time and talents.

Make your appointment to be included in our **new pictorial directory.** Photo dates are October 3, 4, and 5th. Just pick a 10 minute appointment slot from 2—8:30 PM. Scan this QR code to be connected to the online registration page (link can also be found on our Facebook page). We need you to be a part of our new family photo album!! Call the Parish Office if assistance is needed.



Stitches from the Heart has many beautiful, handmade prayer shawls that are available to all who want them. Please contact the Parish Office if you know someone who could benefit from the comfort and blessings that these shawls could provide.

All students, 6th to 12th grade, are invited to join our **Youth Group.** Their first fall event will be at War Memorial Park on Sunday, September 25th from 6-8 PM. Contact Linda Abrahamian at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com to be added the email list.

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 lectors. Contact Linda Abrahamian at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for youth choir and contact Deb Mackesy at 304-754-7830 to become a youth lector.

If you have requested a weekend or Holy Day Mass for someone special, you or the recipient's family are welcome to **take up the gifts** at that Mass. Please see the ushers at the back of the church before the start of Mass and let them know you are present and would like to be taking up the gifts. If no one comes forward before Mass the ushers will ask a volunteer to fulfill this privilege. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to an usher.

We've reached 80% 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 Cathedralricum and PHRA. You will start to see your donations at work as we renovate and update parts of our parish.

The **Eastern Panhandle Catholic Community Calendar** can be heard on Fridays at 10:30 AM and weekdays at 3:30 PM on www.rdo.to/WLOL and at 5:30 AM, 10:17 AM & 4:40 PM on FM 106.5 and AM 740.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 11th

9 AM Mass
Intention for the Religious Education Teachers
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass
Intention for Barbara Loeffler
 12—3 PM Parish Picnic

Tuesday, September 13th

9 AM Mass
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, September 14th

9 AM Mass
 5—5:45 PM Confession

Thursday, September 15th

9 AM Mass

Friday, September 16th

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

Saturday, September 17th

9—10:30 AM RCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass
Intention for Nancy Corrigan
 6 PM Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 18th

9 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10 AM Ministry Fair
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass
Intention for Lynn Reichard
 12 NOON Ministry Fair

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

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 Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttmann, 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 12th—1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday 13th—St. Joh Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 14th—Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Thursday 15th—Our Lady of Sorrows; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday 16th—Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs; 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 17th—1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday 18th—Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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.



YOUTH GROUP FIRST FALL EVENT - WAR MEMORIAL PARK- FULK PAVILION- SUNDAY, SEPT. 25TH- 6PM-8PM

Inviting all middle and high school youth to come out this evening to learn about our Youth Group, make some new friends, bring along an old friend, help Mary's Refuge, grow in their faith and have fun while doing it. Food and drink will be provided, but we are asking for donations of new or gently used baby clothing or items such as diapers, bottles, baby toys, etc., for Mary's Refuge.

**Come and See
What Our Youth
Group Has to
Offer!**

Dinner and Games

**Participate in a
project for Mary's
Refuge**

**Inspirational Talk
on the Holy
Eucharist**

**Learn about what
is planned for the
year**

**PLEASE RSVP BY
THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 –
PARISH OFFICE-
(304)754-7830 OR
LINDA ABRAHAMIAN,
(304)279-2315,
LINDA.ABRAHAMIAN
@GMAIL.COM**



TEEN CHOIR

STARTING IN OCTOBER

**Usually just two practices a month on Sunday
at noon after the 11 am Mass**

**Sing once a month at the 9 am Youth Mass for
October, November, January, February, and March**

**Sing at the 5pm Christmas Eve Mass, Confirmation
and First Holy Communion**

**Please call or email Linda Abrahamian, Music Director,
for more information or speak with her after Mass.
(304)279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com**