

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

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10am—2pm

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September 25, 2022

26th 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

Our readings for this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, challenge us to acts of charity, generosity, love, and hospitality towards one another because doing these will bring us into the joys of Heaven.

In the parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus, Luke paints a picture of great contrast. Lazarus, who had a life of misery in the world, trades places in Heaven with the man who had a life of opulence on earth. Lazarus is in the presence of Abraham, indulging in God's banquet of rich food and choice wines, while the rich man languishes in Hell. The gospel tells us that the eyes of the rich man opened too late.

Few readings in the Bible cause us to wish that we were as poor as Lazarus. If we are poor, we hope we are automatically qualified for Heaven. If rich, we hope we will not forfeit Heaven. As a result, we often read this and other Bible stories about wealth and poverty, assuming that they must apply to someone else; not us. Those of us who are rich, comfort ourselves that we are not like the unnamed rich man and his five brothers. If we happen to be poor, we hope that Heaven will be ours just because we suffered a similar or comparable level of misery in this world as ascribed to Lazarus in today's gospel passage.

The truth, though, is threefold. Firstly, Christ is speaking directly to each one of us. He is reminding those who live luxuriously to pay attention to "Moses and the prophets", that is, the bishops, priests, catechists, and all those who preach God's Word. And of course, you have your Bible, read it, and apply its message honestly to your own life situation. He is saying God will not send someone else from the dead to us.

Secondly, the parable is a reminder to us that we, too, can be bound by the angels of God to the bosom of Abraham if we are not insensitive and indifferent to the cry of our brothers and sisters. This insensitivity or indifference is what prompted Amos' warning in the first reading. Today's message from the first reading and the gospel is meant to arouse in us a sense of duty to bring God's mercy to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We live in a world where the gap between Lazarus and the rich man is growing wider and wider. We are invited to enter fully into the world of those who are in pain or need.

The third lesson is that being materially poor is not qualification to enter Heaven. Far from it. Neither is being materially rich a disqualification for not making Heaven. Why did the rich man not make heaven? And why did poor Lazarus go to heaven? What did the rich man do wrong? Was he wicked? What evil did he do? We are not told that he made Lazarus poor. The parable doesn't tell us that he gained his wealth in any immoral or illegal way. There is no indication that he treated his servants badly. Neither did he harm Lazarus.

The simple reason is that; he did not care. The committed the sin omission. The rich man did not consider Lazarus worthy of having even the scraps of food that fell from his table. We can become chronic misers who cannot share what they have. We are called every day to come to the aid of the poor and the less privileged in the society. We either pretend we are not aware, or we are too busy to attend to them. It only makes sense that whatever we have as resources and blessings from God, should make us become blessings to others in need.

Beloved in Christ, let us heed Amos' reminder in our first reading not to make and lay on "beds of ivory", feasting on the best meats, enjoying music, and wine from bowls while the poor go hungry outside our gates, in the streets of our towns, at the border into our country, or in distant lands and refugee camps. We should not perfume ourselves with "the best oils" which we could have used to mend the sores of the poor or the Lazarus in our lives. If we fail to attend to the poor, the homeless, the refugee, the stranger, the vulnerable in our society, the Prophet Amos says we are effectively living in "wanton revelry" and would deserve exile from Heaven, like the unnamed rich man in today's gospel. May God help us to open our minds and hearts to those who are less fortunate.

Wishing you all Happy Sunday

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

We are so glad you have chosen to join us today at Saint Bernadette as we worship the Lord together on this 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. We hope you enjoy your stay here and please, come again. Here at Saint Bernadette, we work together seeking to build a strong and vibrant parish community where all feel welcome. For those who are thinking of registering to become members of this parish family, please, contact one of the ushers for a registration form, or you can register online at office@stbernadettewv.org. or call the parish office during office hours: (304) 754-7830. We encourage everyone who is interested in putting his or her talents at the service of our parish community to connect with the leader or members of the ministry. Thanks for making Saint Bernadette 'something good for God'.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 2118.17
Online Giving.....	\$ 782.01
Capital Improvements	\$ 10.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 30.00
Diocesan	\$ 10.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

All students, 6th to 12th grade, are invited to join our Youth Group. Their first fall event will be at War Memorial Park this Sunday, September 25th from 6-8 PM.

The Hospitality Ministry will be making their famous apple and pumpkin pies Thursday and Friday. Come help if you can. Call April Canby at 304-995-7745 for specific times.

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)

Saint Joseph School is seeking a middle school math teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Candidates must hold or be eligible to hold West Virginia professional teaching certification. A long-term substitute with a bachelor's degree or first-class permit may be considered if there is a lack of fully qualified candidates. Morning duties will be part of this part-time job. Hours are 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Applicants should be driven to promote high moral standards and academic excellence. If you are looking for a joyful and faith-filled community, you are invited to apply! Email résumés and three letters of reference to mbyrd@sjsvw.org.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 25th

9 AM Mass

Intention for Bernice Mackesy

10:15—11:30 AM

Religious Education

11 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 27th

9 AM Mass

Intention for Thomas Mackesy

10 AM Stitches from the

Heart

Wednesday, September 28th

9 AM Mass

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Meeting

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

Thursday, September 29th

9 AM Mass

Intention for James Trauger

Friday, September 30th

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

First Saturday, October 1st

9 AM Mass

Rosary immediately following

9—10:30 AM RCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, October 2nd

9 AM Mass

Intention for Nancy Corrigan

10:15—11:30 AM

Religious Education

11 AM Mass

Intention for the Francesca Zimmer

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 26th—Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday 27th—St. Vincent de Paul, Priest; Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday 28th—Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday 29th—Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels; Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138; Jn 1:47-51

Friday 30th—St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Jb 38:1, 12-21, 40:3-5; Ps 139; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday 1st—St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday 2nd—Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Ps 95; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

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.

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS IN OCTOBER

**ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME TO COME
AND GROW IN THEIR FAITH AND
RELATIONSHIP TO OUR LORD.
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE,
(304) 754-7830 FOR MORE
INFORMATION.**

**ALL MIDDLE
AND HIGH
SCHOOL
YOUTH**

LIFE CHAIN

**Prayerful stance for
Life-Sunday, Oct. 2nd
1:45- 3:00pm-
Martinsburg Square**

NET RETREAT

**Sunday, Oct. 23rd-
1:00pm- 6pm –
Please call the
parish office to sign
up, (304)754-7830**

COAT DRIVE AND LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS

**Saturday, Oct. 29th-
9:30 am- 11:30 am
downtown
Martinsburg at St.
Joseph Church. We
will distribute coats
and lunches for
those in need**

ST. BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
109 WEST MAIN STREET
HEDGESVILLE, WV 25403



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER APPLE PIE UPDATE

HELP NEEDED

- September 29 –Help Needed help with
 - preparing pie dough
 - washing, peeling, and cutting apples
 - Hours 9:30 to 2:00—LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
 - **CONTACT:** April with the hour(s) you are available 304-995-7745
- September 30—Help needed with finishing the pies
 - Hours are flexible!
 - **CONTACT:** April with the hour(s) you are available 304-995-7745
- October 1—5:00 pm Mass--Volunteer needed after Mass to sell and/or distribute pies that are ready for pickup.
- October 2—9:00 am Mass—Volunteer to sell pies after Mass.
- October 2—11:00 am Mass—Volunteer needed to sell pies after Mass.
 - **CONTACT:** April with the hour(s) you are available 304-995-7745



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ATTENTION ALL PARISHNERS

Heritage Day



Saturday
October 8, 2022
8 AM to 4 PM

**Pulled Pork
Candied Apples
Bake Sale**

HELP US PLEASE TO MAKE THIS A
GREAT DAY!

CALL: APRIL@304-995-7745