

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: 5:20—5:50PM

Saturday: 4—4:45PM

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

September 3, 2023

22nd 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

"You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped; ... All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me."

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I find the above words from the Prophet Jeremiah quite troublesome. What does the prophet mean that the Lord "duped" him? Does the Lord really deceive people? Is the Lord unkind and manipulative even with His own servants? These words seem to suggest that at one point in the prophet's life he lamented his option for this ministry. It is said that Jeremiah began his prophetic mission as a young tender boy. To make things worse, he seemed to have had speech problem, hence he tried to object his vocation as we read in Jeremiah 1:6: "Ah, Lord GOD!" I said, "I do not know how to speak. I am too young!"

I know a priest (my contemporary in the Major Seminary) who left the priesthood seven years after his priestly ordination. He says that he was attracted to the priesthood while he was still in grade three. His desire was to enjoy the good things he believed the priest in his village was enjoying. In his village, the priest was the only person who had a car; he saw the number of eggs Christians brought to the priest every Sunday. After seven years as a priest, he has come to the realization that the life of the priest is not what he thought it was from a distance. After leaving the priesthood, he claims that he was lured into the priesthood by his childish concepts of the priesthood.

Is this the case with Jeremiah? Did he grow up to discover that the prophetic ministry is not as enjoyable as he thought it was with his childish dreams? I do not think that Jeremiah was outrightly regretting his option for the prophetic ministry. He was not contemplating abandoning God, but highlighting the difference that invariably arises between those who allow themselves to be guided by God, on the one hand, and those around them, on the other hand, who choose to ignore God and live their lives according to their personal whims and caprices. The conscience makes those who live in God restless when they commit sin. When they commit sin, they are so restless, as if, in the words of Jeremiah, there was a fire burning in their hearts.

In like manner, Saint Paul in the second reading warns Christians not to model themselves on the world around them: "Do not conform yourselves to this age ..." It is easy for us to be influenced by what everybody else thinks, to accept something because everybody else does.

The question to ask ourselves today is: Does a restlessness arise in me when I offend God, a restlessness that does not let me have my peace until I get reconciled with God? This is what proves that I am a God-fearing

person. This is what we are all called to become. A vocation to Christianity is a vocation to resemble Jeremiah. It is a vocation to see ourselves as different from the world around us that sinks, without qualms of conscience, into pleasure and selfishness. The Christian must resist this lifestyle.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A Message of Gratitude: I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the kind gesture you showed me during the celebration of my 60th birthday. I was full of joy seeing many of you come out to make sure we had a wonderful celebration. Your kindness, love, and support to me was in full display during this special day in my life. Your cards, notes, letters, and gifts have been so kind and generous. The decorations were awesome. Thank you, Lynette, and your team, for putting together such a wonderful birthday party for me. God bless.



Happy Labor: Fellow Parishioners! This is Labor Day weekend. I wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable Labor Day holiday with friends and family. You deserve it!

The Pope Prayer Intention for September 2023: "For people living on the margins". We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 2808.50
Online Giving	\$ 678.65
Maintenance.....	\$ 25.00
Outreach.....	\$ 115.00

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The **Hospitality Ministry** will hold their next meeting this Wednesday, September 6th after the 9 AM Mass. We would love to have new members join us.

The **Social Concerns Ministry** will hold their next meeting this Thursday, September 7th after the 9 AM Mass. We would love to have new members join us.

Religious Education classes begin Sunday, September 10th from 10:15—11:30 AM.

There will be a **parent/teacher meeting on Wednesday, September 6th** at 6:30 PM in the Religious Education Building.

Save the Date: Our **Parish Picnic** is next Sunday, September 10th after the 11 AM Mass. Please sign up to bring a side dish. The sign up sheet can be found in the narthex on the table by the doors to McFadden Hall.

All those who are willing to **help to set up for the picnic** please stay after the 9AM Mass next Sunday, the 10th, and meet April by the pavilion.

September Birthdays Below is a list of those celebrating birthdays in September. If you see them when you are out and about, wish them a Happy Birthday!

Michelle Files	Elaine Comer	Rebekah Keller
Gavin Huntsberry	Justin Farabaugh	Sheree Redding
Jacqueline Strzemieczny	Anna Heredia	Richard Roscoe
Eric Canby	Eileen Siefing	Sharon Gautreaux
John Batten	Elliana Bleigh	Jeffrey McCoy
Patrick Cook	Alann Reyes	Thomas Siefing
Kolton Gearity	Tobi Smith	Catherine Sternemann
Christine Sobinovsky	Sharee Buberl	Lori Felice
Thaddeus Ludwick	Susan Haggerty	Lawrence Hudy
RoseMary McKay	Carol Podeszwa	Marlene Hutton
Gabriella Scalia	Matthew Redding	Ethan Williams
Delayne Wilburn	Lee Ann Sansone	Theresa Britner
Jaxon Blackshear	JaneBatten	Kristopher Domich
Patricia Nyzio	louise Donato	Reese Ludwick
Tracy Stover	MatthewFretz	Thomas Reid
Norah Wine	Mark Gentry	Zoe Lathwell
George Kearns	Anastasia Gould	Nicholas Fisher
Michael Rivera	Cali Hart	AnnGentile
Barbara Loeffler	Aaron Nichols	Steven Gulbranson
Elie Finney	Jacob Nichols	
Jeanmarie Heredia	Neil Shanholtzer	

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, Victoria Porter, Bob Baker, Theresa Highlands, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Margaret Klover, Linda & Bernie Guy

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 3rd**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

10 AM Welcome Sunday

Donuts

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Nestorine Boh

Monday, September 4th

Labor Day—Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Andrew & Sonya Sclama

9:30 Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, September 6th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

9:30 AM Hospitality Ministry

Meeting

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

First Thursday, September 7th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Ministry Meeting

Friday, September 8th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Gregory & Beth Sclama

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, September 9th

9—10:30 AM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Nicole Sclama

Sunday, September 10th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

10:15—11:30 Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Barb Loeffler

12 PM Parish Picnic

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. 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 4th—1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 5th—1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday 6th—Col 1:1-8; Ps 52; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday 7th—Col 1:9-14; Ps 98; Lk 5:1-11

Friday 8th—Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Saturday 9th—St. Peter Claver, Priest; Col 1:21-23; Ps 54; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday 10th—Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

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.

Parish Picnic

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Sign up Now: Join us for our yearly gathering
Food, Fun, and Games

The Parish will provide the meat, dessert, drinks

Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex, please sign up
no later than September 5, 2023.

Include: Name, number attending, contact
information; and what side dish you will bring to
share.

September 10, 2023 -- 12 to 4 pm

Donations for prizes are needed for Bingo. Please contact
Cindy Lathwell for any questions, 304-989-2040

Please bring your own chair
and a serving utensil for your dish.

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PARENT/TEACHER MEETING
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A Parent/Teacher meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Religious Education Building.

All teachers will be there to answer any questions you may have and complete the necessary paperwork for Religious Education.

Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

Deb Mackesy, Director
Religious Education