

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

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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

September 4, 2022

23rd 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 Sunday ring alarm bells about the dangers we face in this world, inviting us to place our trust in God. The first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, reminds us to seek God's counsel and the guidance of the Holy Spirit if we are to save our souls from the corruptions that come from the desires of our bodies. We are reassured by the Psalmist that God remains our refuge in all ages. Writing from prison, Saint Paul identifies himself as "a prisoner for Christ Jesus", advising us to do good voluntarily and to seek freedom from the slavery of sin and the corruption of this world even if it means imprisonment on account of the gospel. Jesus Christ, in our gospel passage for today, calls us to reject even our fathers and mothers, our children, brothers and sisters, our wives and our husbands, and even our possessions, if they are an obstacle to the mission Christ has assigned every one of us as a disciple: taking up our cross to follow Christ.

The three readings make some reference to the importance of making and following a plan. In our Christian life, we cannot start out well after our Baptism and First Holy Communion only to not complete our journey as Christians. We cannot be like the man who started but could not finish building that ambitious project because they did not plan appropriately.

The readings warn us against arrogance. We cannot be like the king who fails to negotiate peace only to march his army into battle against an army that is stronger than his own army. It is better, the parable tells us, for us to negotiate peace with our brothers and sisters, if we have wronged them, instead of waiting until their anger and desire for revenge overwhelms and destroys us.

In our difficult journey as Christians, our plan for a successful journey must consist of seeking "wisdom in heart". We must be guided by the prayer asking God to let His "face shine upon [us] your servant; and teach [us] me your laws". For our plans, as Christians, to lead us, indeed, to Our Father in Heaven – not halfway there – we are to be guided by God's own counsel. We are to rely on the Paraclete or the Holy Spirit whom God sent to us at Pentecost. Even if we have strayed away from God for "a thousand years", we are not to be afraid. Those "thousand years" of rejecting God are for Him "like yesterday" and He has let us know elsewhere in His Word that there will be more rejoicing in Heaven at one lost sheep being found.

Our plan to lead good Christian lives must be molded considering the lessons we must learn from the imprisonment, persecution and martyrdom of Saint Paul, the Apostles, and other disciples. We are not to be forced, but to voluntarily accept persecution. We are to draw strength, even if we spend our old age in prison, without the assistance Saint Paul was giving up in our sec-

ond reading, we are to take comfort in the certainty that God is our refuge, not only in ages past, but in all ages. He is God, our refuge, our strength, our God in whom we trust, yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever. Amen.
Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

There are many things happening at St. Bernadette's in the next few weeks. Celebrate with us, get involved, and see your donations at work.

Now—September 25th—Sign up to have your picture taken for the new pictorial directory. Our new family photo album would not be complete without you!

Saturday, September 3rd—Celebrate Fr. Boh after the 5 PM Mass

Sunday, September 11th—Religious Education begins. Sundays 10:15—11:30 AM.

Sunday, September 11th—Parish Picnic, 12 NOON—3 PM. Sign up in the narthex to allow for enough food. Sign up to enter the Cupcake Contest.

Saturday & Sunday, September 17—18th—Ministry Fair after all Masses in McFadden Hall. Say hello to some of our volunteers and learn about the ministries we have that serve our parish and surrounding community. Get involved and share your time and talents.

September 29th—Tentative date to replace our fence.

Saturday & Sunday, October 1 & 2nd—It's that time of year again!! Apple and Pumpkin Pie sales.

October 3rd—Tentative date to start repairs on our parking lot.

October 3, 4, 5th—It's picture time!!!

October 8th—Hedgesville Heritage Days

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 2686.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 682.63
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 400.00
Poor Box	\$ 33.00
Diocesan Collection— Disaster Relief	\$ 120.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Religious Education starts next week, September 11th, from 10:15—11:30 AM. Please note the time change from last year. Students are expected to attend Mass either Saturday at 5 PM or Sunday at 9 AM.

Mark your calendars for our **Parish Picnic on September 11, 2022**. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

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. We need you to be a part of our new family photo album!!



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 Cathedralism 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 4th

9 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10 AM Welcome Social
 (Donut Sunday)
 11 AM Mass
Intention for Nancy Corrigan

Monday, September 5th

Labor Day Office Closed

Tuesday, September 6th

9 AM Mass
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, September 7th

9 AM Mass
 5—5:45 PM Confession

Thursday, September 8th

9 AM Mass

Friday, September 9th

9:00 AM Daily Mass
Intention for Geislea Sippman
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, September 10th

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass
Intention for Chad Powell

Sunday, September 11th

9 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass
Intention for Barbara Loeffler
 12—5 PM Parish Picnic

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**), will begin Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 9 AM to 10:30 AM at the Religious Education Building. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (**RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age**), will begin Sunday, August 28, 2022, from 12:30—2 PM at the Religious Education Building. 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 5th—1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday 6th—1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday 7th—1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday 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 or 1:18-23

Friday 9th—St. Peter Claver, Priest; 1 Cor 9:16-19; 22b-27; Ps 84; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday 10th—1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116; Lk 6:43-49

Sunday 11th—Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51; 1Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32

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 one of the Bishop's designees at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

St. Bernadette Parish Picnic



September 11, Noon – 3pm

Provided:

Fried Chicken

Lemonade

&

A beautiful parish

community

Bring:

A side-dish and your

family!

Featuring:

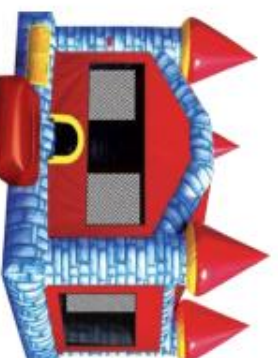
Ice Cream Sundae Bar!

Bounce Castle

Cotton Candy Machine

Cupcake Contest

Bingo



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Please Sign-Up to Attend!