

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—5:45 PM

Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM

or by appointment

October 15, 2023

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Wedding Feast

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

My elder brother and I were scheduled to host the end of year party of the Alumni of our Minor Seminary, Small Soppo, Buea, Cameroon. We were so excited! We dedicated almost all our time during that week leading up to the End of Year Party to make sure that we had most of the food and drink ready. The early hours of that day were devoted to decorating the house and making sure all logistics and every other thing was in place. We worked very hard to make the party a memorable one. However, things didn't turn out the way we thought; of the over forty-five registered members, only five came for the party. The next day our alumni WhatsApp forum was flooded with all kinds of excuses from members who did not attend the party. These excuses ranged from bad weather conditions, to work related excuses. As to what happened to the plenty of food and drink, your guess is as good as mine. One thing is sure, we didn't go out to the streets of Hedgesville to bring in all we could find as did the king in Jesus's parable.

Most, if not, all of us have either attended a party or organized one. There's a lot that goes into preparations to give a party. When you have fixed the date, the time, and venue, you draw up a list of people you wish to invite. Then you print and send out the invitations with RSVP emblazoned on them, and then wait for responses to come back. You can expect all kinds of responses. Some will accept your invitation, and this makes you happy. Some will accept half-heartedly, while others will accept with enthusiasm feeling honored to be invited. Some will accept but will never attend. It is all together a different story when you make all these preparations and all those who were invited refuse to come for the party.

Both the first reading and the Gospel for our Liturgy of the Word this weekend, speak to us about a banquet that has been prepared to which all of us are invited. What should we expect in this banquet? In the first reading Isaiah tells us in the that there will be the best food and choice wines. There will be more than just material provision of rich food and choice drinks at this banquet, "... God will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, He will destroy death forever", the prophet tells us. "He will wipe away the tears from every face and the reproach of his people he will remove". This banquet that the prophet Isaiah is describing is obviously more than a wedding feast. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about a king who gave a fancy dinner party for his son's wedding. Like my elder brother and I, the king worked hard to make his party perfect. He sent out invitations, but none of those who were invited came. What did the king do? He told his servants to go into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever they could find.

God sends out different kinds of invitations to us - the invitation to become His adopted children through Baptism. He invites us to grow in friendship with Him in a life of prayer. And He invites us to eat the food He has prepared for us – His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Our responses to the Lord's invitation are oftentimes shocking. Many of us ignore or reject the invitation because we have more important things to do. He calls us to be prayerful so that we can grow in our friendship with Him, but many cannot find the time. Many prefer to go shopping, go to the beach, sleep a little longer.

Beloved friends in the Lord, at Baptism and Confirmation we accepted the Lord's invitation to be builders of His Kingdom. The parable of Jesus in today's Gospel affords us the opportunity to reflect on our attitude towards the 'yes', we made to God at our Baptism and Confirmation. Have I been too busy with other things, or too concerned with my own occupations, that I have not bothered about God's message? We are told that the people who refused to honor the invitation to the wedding feast "were not interested". The question to ask yourself is, Am I interested in the Lord's invitation to serve Him in one of the ministries in my parish? Maybe I am not interested just now ... Later, perhaps ... But just now I am very busy with other pressing and important things. Let's pray, dear friends in Christ, for the grace to always answer 'YES' and follow up on that 'yes' to the invitations the Lord addresses to us day by day.

Have a blessed week ahead of you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

World Mission Sunday 2023: Next weekend, we'll unite with fellow Catholic globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis' compelling theme, we've invited to rekindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Prepare to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Thank you for being a beacon Christ's love!

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 2213.00
Online Giving	\$ 2199.78
Maintenance	\$ 640.00
Outreach	\$ 196.00

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Religious Education will now end at 11:45 instead of 11:30. Thank you for your cooperation.

The **Youth Group is asking for donations of gently used coats, jackets, and sweatshirts** in all sizes for men, women, and children for their annual coat drive. There will be a container in McFadden Hall on the weekends of Oct. 14th-15th and Oct. 21st- 22nd where you can place them. Thank you for helping them with this important charitable event.

Join the **Catholic Daughters** next Sunday, 10/22, after the 9 AM Mass for a free continental breakfast in McFadden Hall. A donation jar will be available if you so wish to help their cause.

As you may have seen, we have a new AED unit located in the narthex. We would like to provide a **FREE CPR class that would include AED certification**. We welcome all to this class because we never know when CPR is necessary, even outside the Church. If you would be interested in attending this class, please call the Parish Office at (304) 754-7830 or Paul Guttman at (304) 274-2984 or drop a note in the collection basket with your name, phone number, and email address. Please call even if you have expressed interest in the past so that we can put together a proper list. We must have a count of interested participants in order to obtain a quote for the training.

Two five-week courses, Introduction to Catechesis and Ecclesiology: The Beginnings of the Church, are being offered through the University of **Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)**. These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour Zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, which pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the courses. The Courses will run from October 21-November 24. For further information or to register, please contact Dr. Stoicoiu at rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com.

Saint Joseph School is seeking a teacher's aide for a classroom of 2-year-olds. Aides support teachers in planning and implementing daily programs. Job responsibilities include ensuring the daily care of every child by following all licensing guidelines and the school's standards of care. Aides also help maintain a fun and interactive environment that is clean and organized. If you are interested, please send a résumé to Katie MacKinnon, PK director, at kmackinnon@sjsv.org.

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, Bob Baker, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Linda & Bernie Guy, Carol Bogacz, Jackie Crouse, Herbert Boh

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, October 15th**

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 Nestorine Boh

2:30 PM African Mass

Tuesday, October 17th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Barbara Lottero

9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, October 18th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Ryan Grimsland

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, October 19th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Deb Mackesy

Friday, October 20th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Nestorine Boh

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, October 21st

9—10:30 AM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Laura Samford

Sunday, October 22nd

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

10:15—11:45 Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Nestorine Boh

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 Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttmann, 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 16th—Rom 1:1-17; Ps 98; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday 17th—St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr; Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday 18th—St. Luke, Evangelist; 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday 19th—Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs; Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130; Lk 11:47-54

Friday 20th—Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday 21st—Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105; Lk 12:8-12

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.



Join the Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) on Sunday, October 22nd, after the 9 AM Mass for a free continental breakfast in McFadden Hall.

A donation jar will be available if you so wish to help their cause.

Coffee

Donuts

Muffins

Coffee
Cakes

Donuts

and
more.....

ST. BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

SAVE A LIFE

CPR & AED certification

*Those especially targeted for this training are
Ushers, Staff, and Kitchen Workers.
We welcome anyone who is interested
because we never know when CPR is necessary,
even outside the church.*

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