

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 22, 2023

World Mission Sunday

(29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Were not our hearts burning within us?
Luke 24:13-35

26M	38,140	8,750	12,000	844,000	258,540
Children	Parishians	Stations	Health Centers	Catechists	Religious orders

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BE THE SPARK THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES. GIVE NOW.

Theme: “HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE”

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

"HEARTS ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE"

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I hailed from Njinikom, in the kingdom of Kom, a village in the Northwest Region of Cameroon, Central Africa. Njinikom is the cradle of the Catholic faith and Catholic Education in the Region. I have seen the transformative work of the Church in the lives of individuals, families, and entire communities. My village is privileged to have several Catholic Primary schools, a Catholic college, and a Catholic hospital. Growing up in my village, our mothers received free prenatal care; as students we received free medical care and almost free Catholic education, and these services are sustained to a significant extent by the World Mission Sunday Collection. Many of Cameroon's past and current decision-makers have passed through Catholic Schools, although regrettably, these leaders may not always meet the expectations placed upon them. As a Pastor in one of the parishes in my native Cameroon, I received more than 85% of the funds we needed to build one of my mission churches from the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Working as the Director of the Diocesan Pastoral Team in my diocese in my native Cameroon, I witnessed how this Society came to the assistance of my local diocese in varied ways.

Today, we join our Catholic Christian brothers and sisters all over the world to celebrate World Mission Sunday heeding Pope Francis's call to keep our "Hearts on fire, feet on the move". This theme draws inspiration from the encounter of the disciples with Jesus on the road to Emmaus, capturing the essence of missionary discipleship and its transforming power in our lives. World Mission Sunday was instituted in 1926 by Pope Pius XI for the Universal Church. Mission Sunday is celebrated in every single parish in the world as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so that Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility regarding the evangelization of the world, thus joining all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. Today we are invited to recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and giving generously to the collection to support those most in need.

Let us join our Holy Father Pope Francis in praying for and sharing resources with the young, persecuted, and poor Church in over 1,100 dioceses around the world that benefit from the World Mission Sunday collection, taken in every Catholic Parish today, no matter how big or small. Beloved brothers and sisters, without leaving the comfort of your home or Hedgesville, your missionary presence can be felt in

distant places like Njinikom, Baseng, etc. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!

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

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome!

Today is the twenty-ninth Sunday Ordinary Time Year A. Being the second to last Sunday of October, it is celebrated in the Universal Church as World Mission Sunday. In 2019 Pope Francis established the month of October as an Extraordinary Missionary Month. The Holy Father asked the whole Church to "take up again with renewed fervor the missionary transformation of the Church's life and pastoral activity". The faithful throughout the world are invited to support that ministry both spiritually and materially. The collection this Sunday is organized by the Pontifical Missions Society and the collected funds assist the Holy Father in work of evangelization.

Priest Annual Retreat: Fr Boh will be away from tomorrow, Monday, October 23rd thru Friday, October 27th 2023, for my annual retreat at John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, WV. I will be praying for each one of you and your families during this retreat. Pray also for me for journey mercies and for a prayerful and fruitful retreat.

Confession schedule: Please be reminded that we have confessions every Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm; Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm and Sunday 8:15 am to 8:45 am, as well as any time by appointment. Please let us try to respect this schedule as best we can especially on Saturdays and Sundays to give the priest time to prepare for Mass. Thanks.

Wednesday Evening Mass: Attendance at our Wednesday evening parish Mass has been very encouraging in the past recent weeks. We hope many more people will seize this opportunity to attend at least a weekday Mass.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3235.00
Online Giving	\$ 2215.89
Maintenance	\$ 615.00
Outreach	\$ 177.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Wednesday 6 PM Mass is canceled this week while Fr. Boh is away for the Priest's Retreat.

Celebrate **Mary's Refuge with at their second annual Gala** on November 9th at 5 PM at the Hilton Garden off of exit 12 in Martinsburg. Along with a dinner, guest speakers, and a silent auction, there will be opportunities to learn more about our work throughout the year. Doors open at 5 pm with a cash bar available. The event start time is 6 pm. Dress will be cocktail attire with black tie optional. Purchase tickets at www.marysrefuge.com/gala.



Prayer for National Eucharistic Revival
 Father in heaven,
 you have made us for yourself;
 our hearts are restless until they rest
 in you.
 Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the
 Bread of Life,
 whose sacramental Body
 we **have received** in the Eucharist,
 so that we may witness to him
 who alone satisfies the hungers of the
 human family.
 By the power of your Spirit
 lead us to the heavenly table
 where we may feast on the
 vision of your glory for ever and ever.
 Amen.

As you may have noticed, the Prayer for Eucharistic Revival is being said after communion. We would like to make a slight change in the wording to note that we have *already received* the sacramental Body in the Eucharist. Rather than reprinting 200 copies of this prayer, please note the changes here.

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.

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@sjswv.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

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 22nd**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

10 AM Catholic Daughters
Breakfast

10:15—11:45 Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Nestorine Boh

Tuesday, October 24th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Laura Samford

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, October 25th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Brenda Plotner

6 PM Canceled

Thursday, October 26th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Ministry Meeting—Rel Ed Bldg

Friday, October 27th

9:00 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Nestorine Boh

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, October 28th

9—10:30 AM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Stitches from the Heart
Ministry Members*

Sunday, October 29th

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11 AM Mass—Fr. 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 23rd—Rom 4:20-25; (Ps) Lk 1; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday 24th—Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday 25th—Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday 26th—Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1; Lk 12:49-53

Friday 27th—Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday 28th—Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles; Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16

Sunday 29th—Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

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.

A photograph of a newborn baby lying in a hospital bed, wearing a white blanket with a star pattern. Two hands are gently clasped over the baby's chest. The background is a soft, out-of-focus hospital room.

SAVE THE DATE NOVEMBER 9

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SAVE YOU A SPOT?

Scan the QR Code or visit marysrefuge.com/gala
to reserve a table or purchase tickets.

