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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 2, 2020

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC PARISH

St. Bridget's Church & Rectory
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Bulletin Deadline

Please send submissions to steve.petrica@gmail.com by 12:00 noon Monday.

Baptism and Marriage

To make arrangements, please contact the parish office.

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www.stbernadettesparish.com/wp

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Mass Schedule

Weekend
Saturday 5:00 p.m. (R)
Sunday 9:00 a.m. (B)

Weekday

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. (R); Wednesday 8:00 a.m. (B); Thursday 4:00 p.m. (R) (Mass & Adoration); Friday 8:00 a.m. (B)

Communion to the Sick & Shut-ins

If you have a loved one or know of someone who is homebound that would like to be receiving communion, please let Fr. Petrica know at steve.petrica@gmail.com so that he can make certain that they are able to receive this sacrament.

Anointing of the Sick

Call to request this sacrament anytime.

Sacrament of Penance

First Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (R)
Third Saturdays, 8:15-8:45 a.m. (B)
Confession by appointment anytime.
Saturday confessions followed by Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Key: (B) Barneveld • (R) Ridgeway



Drive-Thru Barbeque Next Sunday!

Mark the date and start working up an appetite! Next Sunday, August 9, will be our lockdown special parish barbeque, featuring John McSherry's signature chicken barbeque. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. you are invited to drive through the parking lot at St. Bridget's Church for a chicken dinner with side dishes to go. **Note that this is a slight**



change of venue. The organizers of the Ridge-way Farmers Market limit numbers at any one time so as to minimize the possibility of viral exposure, so we're

relocating the chicken distribution site from the town picnic area to the church. You are still invited to shop the farmers market.

Remember the parish raffle, too! Top prize is \$1000, with a slate of runner-up prizes as well. The prize drawing will take place at 12:30, and the winner need not be present to win. Please return the proceeds from raffle ticket sales as soon as possible — either leave them in the offering basket or drop them at the office or rectory. Thanks!

Key Events on the Bible Timeline #68: Destruction of the Temple (A.D. 70) — And the Desecration of Hagia Sophia

A powerful near-convergence of days occurred in the past week or so. This past Wednesday (July 29) was the Jewish holy day of Tisha B'Av, and the Friday before that (July 24) was the day the Turkish government returned the Church of the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul to Moslem use as a mosque. Both are days of mourning.

Tisha B'Av (the name means the "Ninth of [the Hebrew month of] Av") is described on an Orthodox Jewish website as "the saddest day on the Jewish calendar." It is the culmination of a three-week period of time marking the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.

The First Temple [built by King Solomon around 950 B.C.] was burned by the Babylonians in 423 [B.C.] and the Second Temple fell to the Romans in [A.D.] 70, unleashing a period of suffering from which our [Jewish] nation has never fully recovered. The Bar Ko-

chba revolt against the Romans in [A.D.] 133 ended in defeat: The Jews of Betar were butchered on the 9th of Av and the Temple Mount was plowed one year later on the same date.

The destruction of the temple ended Jewish religious life as it had hitherto been practiced, and to this day observant Jews feel the pain of that loss. They mark the day much as we observe Lent, with fasting, abstinence, and prayer.

Hagia Sophia (Greek for "Holy Wisdom") was the cathedral of Constantinople, the capital city of the Roman Empire after the barbarian invasions devastated Rome. The Emperor Justinian built it in the year 537, and it was the largest church in the world for nearly a thousand years. I detoured to Turkey on my way to Israel last year for the specific purpose of visiting Hagia Sophia, and I can attest that even now it is an awe-inspiring place.

Constantinople fell to the Moslems in 1453. They confiscated Hagia Sophia and made it into a mosque, which it remained until a secular Turkish government repurposed it as a museum in 1935. On Friday July 24, the current Islamist-influenced government of Turkey reconverted it to a mosque, which is to say they desecrated it afresh. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops along with the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North America called on the faithful to mark the 24th as a day of mourning. I personally experienced it as a day of loss, and I suspect many Orthodox experienced it as reopening a wound that had never fully healed.



The Western Wall of the temple mount in Jerusalem. Note that this was not a wall of the temple itself. It is part of the retaining wall supporting the ground on which the temple was sited.

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On the Cover

Today's gospel recounts the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, when Jesus fed five thousand men ("besides women and children!") with five loaves of bread and two fish.

The famous mosaic on today's cover is on the floor in front of the altar at the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes in Tabgha, Israel. Tabgha is on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee, not far from Capernaum. When we visited there last year, it took me a few moments to realize that the mosaic in front of me wasn't a copy, but the original!

Holy Father's August Prayer Intention: The Maritime World



Join Pope Francis this month to pray for all those who “go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters.” (Ps. 107:23) Pray for those who work and make their living from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen, and their families.

From the Rectory, continued...

Many people would say — with some justification — that they’re just buildings and we can pray anywhere. And that’s surely true; we don’t need to be in a church for God to hear our prayer. But the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (Art. 2691) speaks of “Places favorable for prayer,” specifically mentioning the parish church (where the sacramental presence of our Lord abides in the tabernacle); a personal or family oratory (with the Sacred Scriptures and icons); monasteries; and places of pilgrimage. The English poet T.S. Eliot called these places “where prayer has been valid” (from “Little Gidding” in *Four Quartets*).



Hagia Sophia

We are attracted to these places because of their beauty and their historical importance. But more than that, in our souls they speak to us of transcendent spiritual realities. St. John says at the end of Revelation, “I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God... And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. (Rev. 21:2, 22) They speak to us of heaven.

St. Bernadette's Offerings Weekend of July 26, 2020

Envelopes	\$1,875.00
Loose offerings	268.00
Online offerings	215.00
Total	\$2,358.00
Same weekend last year	\$1,674.91
Difference	683.09

May the gift you have promised not be an exaction, but a willing gift. (cf. II Cor. 9:5)



August: Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

August has traditionally been dedicated to devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Since the Second Vatican Council, that feast has been relocated to the Saturday after the Sacred Heart of Jesus (usually in June), so some refocus the August devotion to Our Lady’s Assumption. The heart of Mary is a motherly heart, a heart full of love and mercy for her children. The heart of Mary is also the channel through which all the graces of God flow down to us. She is “our life, our sweetness, and our hope.”

—Adapted from www.catholicgentleman.net

Remember St. Bernadette Parish in your will!

Liturgical Ministers

Sunday, August 8, 5:00 p.m. **St. Bridget’s**
Lector..... Mike Ashmore

Sunday, August 9, 9:00 a.m. **Immac. Conception**
Lector..... Judy Straus
EMHC..... Suspended for now

Mass Intentions

“Remember me at the altar of the Lord.”

—St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine

Tuesday, August 4: St. John Vianney

8:00 a.m. Parish priests (R)

Wednesday, August 5: Dedication of St. Mary Major

8:00 a.m. Lorene Collins (B)

Thursday, August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord

4:00 p.m. (R)

Friday, August 7—FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 a.m.: St. Cajetan Derek Schmitz (B)

Saturday, August 8

9:00 a.m.: St. Dominic (R)

5:00 p.m.: Of the Sunday People of the Parish (R)

Sunday, August 9: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Marlea Knox (B)

*When requesting Mass intentions,
be sure to specify the date and time you’d like.*

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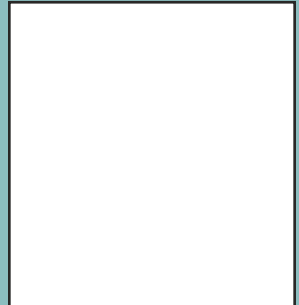
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