

# SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM  
Tuesday: 9 AM  
Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM  
Thursday: 9 AM  
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—8:40 AM  
*or by appointment*

## April 12, 2026 Sunday of Divine Mercy



### 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

“Jesus, I Trust in You”

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Welcome! Happy Divine Mercy Sunday!

As we continue to celebrate the joy of Easter, today the Church turns our focus to the great celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. In the year 2000, Pope Saint John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina Kowolska and added the Feast of Divine Mercy to the Church’s official calendar to be celebrated on the last day of the octave of Easter. This Feast invites us to trust in Jesus’ total forgiveness and a complete removal of the punishment due to our sins. It is an invitation to "The Ocean of Mercy". In his Diary, St. Faustina tells us that Jesus described His heart as an open, living fountain of mercy from which all souls should draw life. Our Lord said, "The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy". This is not a day for fear, but a day for trust. “Jesus! I trust in You”. Why? Because Jesus revealed to St. Faustina that this day is a "refuge and shelter for all souls". Catholics who attend Confession and receive Holy Communion on this day receive the total forgiveness of sins and punishment due to their sins. Somebody has rightly referred to this as essentially a "second baptism". Today’s celebration reminds us that no sin is greater than God’s mercy; no darkness is stronger than the light of the Risen Christ. If we open our hearts, he will fill us with peace, heal our wounds, and send us forth as missionaries of mercy. As Jesus said to St. Faustina: “Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy” (Diary, 300). Jesus, I Trust in You!

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Parish Family,  
 Now that the dust has settled on a magnificent Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday celebrations, my heart is overflowing with gratitude for each of you. Our journey together through the Easter Triduum and Sunday masses was an incredibly moving experience of faith. Permit me to extend a special thank you once more to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make these liturgies so profound:  
 Our music director, cantors, and choir; your voices truly brought the liturgy to life and helped us to pray twice – “He who sings, prays twice”.

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church! You all worked so hard to make it special. The church felt so alive, and the decorations truly reflected the joy of the resurrection.

To our altar servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and ushers, thank you for your reverent service.

To our OCIA Team - Eric and Dianna Colliflower, Paul and Anne Marie Handwork, Wayne Montano, Jean Orsie, Mandie Rivera, and Hillary Ware, words cannot adequately express our gratitude. Seeing our new brothers and sisters receive the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion—was a profound reminder of the living, breathing, and growing Church here at St Bernadette. Thank you for being the welcoming face of Christ to our candidates and catechumens. You didn't just teach them the Catholic faith; you walked with them, listened to their stories, answered their questions, and prayed with them through their journey of conversion.

Thank you to our office staff and volunteers for organizing everything with care.

Last, but not least, thank you, Kevin Ferrell, for your incredible work, dedication, and attention to detail during the Holy Week and Easter. The liturgies were seamless, prayerful, and truly beautiful—a testament to your tireless service behind the scenes.

Most importantly, thank you to all the parishioners and visitors who prayed with us. Seeing our church filled with such devotion reminds me that our parish is a vibrant community of faith.

What a profound joy it is to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with such momentous occasions in our parish family! Today, we witness the fount of God’s mercy flowing directly into the lives of our newly initiated Catholics and our newly married couples. To those receiving the Sacraments of

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 4/5	
General Fund.....	\$ 1041.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1501.19
Local Outreach.....	\$ 2500.00
Good Friday .....	\$ 1161.00
Easter Offering.....	\$ 7994.26
Mass Attendance: Holy Thursday—139 Good Friday—137 8 PM—247 9 AM—260 11 AM—233	
<b>THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP                      TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP</b>	

Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist): Welcome home! On this day, when Jesus told St. Faustina that the "depths of My tender mercy are open" (Diary, 699), you are sealed with the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. May you always feel the comfort of His merciful love.

To our newly married couples – Brandon Ray and Leticia Maria Romeria, and to Joel Riggs and Danielle Anderson, Kevin Michael Day and Michelle Anne Grimes, Jack Edward Burford and Keli Lee Cole, Brian Foley and Tera Powell, whose marriages have been raised to the level of sacrament, Congratulations!! Your marriages are now a sacred covenant of love, a vocation that will be a visible sign of Christ's faithful love for His Church. Let Divine Mercy be the foundation of your home, always seeking to forgive, encourage, and trust in God together.

I want to remind you that next Sunday, April 19th, at 11 AM Mass, we shall rejoice with the families of Carter Laurent Moukouri Kouoh, Nolan Julien Moukouri Kouoh, and Zuri Sophie M Moukouri Kouoh, as well as Scarlett, who will be baptized. We'll also celebrate the Rite of Reception into Full Communion for Brandon Ray. He will make a profession of faith, receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and make his First Holy Communion.

We welcome these new members into the Body of Christ, and I invite you to keep them in your prayers. Everyone is invited to come. But please know that this Mass will last longer than usual. Still in the light of this Easter joy, let us join our pastor, Fr. Boh, in prayers as he celebrates his 25th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination at 11 AM Mass next Sunday, April 19th.

May God bless you and your loved ones, and may His infinite mercy comfort you always.

Fr Boh

**WHAT'S GOING ON**

We are happy to announce that Fr. Boh's first 25th anniversary party, taking place next Sunday, is sold out. You must have a ticket to attend. However, if you have a ticket and will not be using it, please call the office so that we may offer the ticket to our parishioners who are on the waitlist. Please let us know by Wednesday.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Mary Cordelli, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Walter Shenk, Helena Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Hank Chase, Jackie Crouse, Vicki Lowery, Michael Huey, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Joseph Bosco, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, James Wynkoop, Carol Bogacz, Lynn Fitzharris, Fr. Ansgar, Marianne Henterly, Thomas Mackesy, Florence Dellasanta, Isabella Horning, Carl Drummond, Susan Clark, Betty Anne Powell, Mike Donato, Chuck Kinn, Maureen Sabol, John Anderson

*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, April 12th**

**Divine Mercy**

8:15—8:40 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—First Communion  
*Intention for Thomas & Maria Dinh (+) and all Souls in Purgatory*  
 11 AM Mass—OCIA Celebrations  
*Intention for Tom Foley (+)*

**Tuesday, April 14th**

8:30 AM Mass  
*Intention for Tom Foley (+)*  
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, April 15th**

9 AM Mass  
*Intention for John Speck (+)*  
 4—5:45 PM Confession  
 6 PM Mass  
*Intention for Billy Wiegler (L)*  
 6:30 PM COR Men's Group

**Thursday, April 16th**

9 AM Mass  
*Intention for Suzanne Chambers (+)*

**Friday, April 17th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Agnes Hilty & Montgomery Crown (+)*  
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
 12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, April 18th**

4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5 PM Mass  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*

**Sunday, April 19th**

8:15—8:40 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass  
*Intention for Aldo Della Mae (+)*  
 10—11:45 AM Religious Ed  
 11 AM Mass  
*Intention for Father Boh (L)*

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and are required to attend a Preparation Session 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 5:00—5:45 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](http://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: Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Sara Struemke, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Kevin Ferrell, and Carol Bogacz

**St. Bernadette Finance Ministry:** Paul Guttman, Neil Shanholtzer, Jeff Ferrell, and Freddy Gibb

**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 13—Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday 14—Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday 15—Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 16—Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36

Friday 17—Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday 18—Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday 19—Acts 2:14, 22-23; Ps 16;  
1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

## 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

# St. Joseph Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul

## 2025 Annual Report to the Parishes

The St. Joseph conference has completed another meaningful year of providing assistance to those in need in our community. During 2025, \$25,600 was expended by the conference for assistance to residents within the boundaries of the parishes of St. Joseph and St Bernadette. With the exception of a gift of \$2,000 from the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Wheeling, all of these funds were donated by those in our parishes.

This was a typical year for our Conference. The largest expenditure was for utilities, followed by rental payments and various miscellaneous items. We prevented electric, water, and sewer terminations, forestalled evictions, repaired appliances, and assisted with food security and a number of other miscellaneous expenses.

Our Conference operating expenses are insignificant. Our "rent" consists of a monthly cell phone bill; other expenses include State Business Licensing fee, and liability insurance premium, totaling just over \$500 for the year.

Over the 27-year life of our Conference, through the generosity of our supporters, we have collected and distributed nearly \$700,000 to those in need. YOUR generosity has permitted us to continue to assist our fellow citizens. The efforts of our volunteers preclude the parish staff from having to expend their time providing assistance to our neighbors who are in need.

In 2025, we welcomed three new members to our conference. If you feel called to assist in this ministry, please call our conference phone at (304) 671 0569, and leave your name and number. One of our members will contact you and invite you to our next monthly meeting. Many hands make light work, and some of our members have work and family constraints that limit what they can do.

Thank you for your prayers and continued generosity. May God bless you in return!



Respectfully submitted,

Edward Wilson, For the Conference

\*\*Donations to this fund from St. Bernadette's come from our Poor Box. The box can be found in the wall at the back of the church. All donations are distributed to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul quarterly. \*\*



The Loaves and Fishes shelves are looking bare.

Please consider donating.

***Help Fill the Pantry  
2026***

April

*Hamburger  
Toilet Paper*

*Bread  
Seeds*

May

*Hot Dogs  
Baked Beans*

*Hot Dog Rolls  
Ketchup*

*Mustard*

***\* Monetary donations for meat are preferred***

**Additional Pantry items are always needed:**

Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Canned Fruit, Soup, Peanut Butter,  
Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Baked Beans, Rice, Syrup,  
Pancake Mix, Cereal, Hamburger Helper

Monetary donations can be made to St. Bernadette Catholic Church with Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes on the memo line.

For more information contact:

Karen - 301-992-1368 or Bill - 571-216-9320