

# SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

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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—8:45 AM  
*or by appointment*

## April 13, 2025

### *Palm Sunday*

“They took palm branches and ran out to meet him.” (Jn 12:13)



### 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

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the day we remember Jesus's jubilant entry into Jerusalem and His passion. This week, we are invited to reflect on Jesus's journey to the cross, which reminds us of His love, sacrifice, and the salvation He offers for everyone. During his suffering, Jesus held you close to his heart. During Holy Week, offer yourself to Christ as he offered himself for your salvation.

"And yet behold, the hand of the one who is to betray me is with me on the table; for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed" (Lk 22:21-22).

In His humanity, Jesus saw for Himself the pain and agony of betrayal. We can imagine Jesus' inner state of mind as He uttered this statement. It must have been very painful to him to consider that one of those he had chosen to share intimately in his life to take after Him, would turn around and betray Him. Jesus must have felt disappointed by Judas' betrayal on two counts – disappointed that it was one of his close confidants that betrayed Him, as well as disappointed that all His hard work did not bear the required fruit.

It is understandable that Jesus was disappointed over the betrayal by His close confidant. Just imagine how you would feel if your family member or your closest friend betrayed you. It is quite disappointing to see those you think have your back suddenly turn against you.

It is the joy of every parent or teacher to see their children/students succeed and thrive. But it is quite disappointing when, despite your best efforts, your children/students' progress is slow or nonexistent. The disappointment can be overwhelming. I would imagine that was how Jesus felt over Judas' failure. But just as a parent/teacher who has done his/her best, would feel satisfied, from Jesus' statement we can sense that He felt satisfied that He was not to be blamed for Judas' failure: "... for the Son of Man indeed goes as it has been determined; but woe to that man by whom he is betrayed." Judas is to be blamed for his failure.

What must have prompted this action? Did he want to replace Jesus? Probably not. We know that Judas oversaw the money bag and that he used to steal the contributions. Consequently, his betrayal was motivated by personal interest and his love for money. Jesus tells us that "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Mt 6:21). Judas treasured money, and the devil used that to trap him.

It pains Jesus when He sees that Christians who are supposed to be close to Him and reflect Him in the world continue to betray Him by not living as He has taught and commanded us. We cannot condemn Judas if we continue to live in sin. As we join Jesus on His last earthly journey, let us resolve to turn from our sinful ways so that the suffering and death on the cross is not emptied of its meaning.

Fr. Boh

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Holy Thursday  
April 17, 2025

Holy Thursday is the first day of the Holy Triduum, also known as Maundy Thursday. At the Evening Mass of the Lord's



Supper, the Church commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the institution of the Ministerial Priesthood with which the Sacrament of the Eucharist is to be perpetuated. Also, at this Mass, in washing the feet of his disciples, Christ gives us the new commandment of love and service as a model for us to follow.



Good Friday, April 18, 2025

"Good Friday, also known as Black Friday, Holy Friday, Great Friday, Great and Holy Friday, or Friday of the Passion of the Lord, is a solemn Christian holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary (Golgotha)" cf. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. We are reminded that Good Friday is an obligatory day of

fasting and abstinence for Catholics from age 18 until age 59.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 4/6

General Fund.....	\$ 3701.14
Online Giving.....	\$ 1709.39
Maintenance.....	\$ 1160.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 1425.00

Attendance 5 PM—108 9 AM—191 11 AM—112

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP  
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

**Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025**

The Easter Vigil is the culmination of a 40-day-long observance of Lent. The Church waits in silence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Easter Vigil Dinner, April 19, 2025**

When: After the 8 PM Mass in McFadden Hall. Bring a dish, dessert and/or a drink to share.

**The Cabrini Grant:** Are you seeking to adopt or become the legal guardian of children in need? Here is some good news for you. The Cabrini Grant provides financial assistance to families who are open to adoption and legal guardianship. See the bulletin board in the narthex and/or contact Fr. Boh for more information.

I wish you all a prayerful and grace-filled Holy Week!

Fr. Boh

**WHAT'S GOING ON?**

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 392 will be hosting a **Women's Day of Recollection** given by the Sister of Our Lady of Mercy. The event will be held at St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg on Saturday, May 3rd. See Linda Abrahamian for tickets or for more information.

Donation forms for **Easter Flower Memorials** can be found in the narthex.

There's still time to sign up for **Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet and Adoration**. Sign up sheets can be found in the narthex.

First Communion will take place on Sunday, April 27th, during the 11 AM Mass. Please plan accordingly.

If you have not formally registered with the parish, please take a registration form home. Fill it out and either snap a picture and email it to [office@stbernadettewv.org](mailto:office@stbernadettewv.org) or drop it in the basket at Mass next weekend. If you have moved, please call the office to update your address. **Help keep our records current.**

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Sharon Peterson, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Linda Spiker, Vicki Lowery, Michael Huey, Isabella Horning, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Ruth Warner, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Joseph Bosco, Richard Monroe, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, Irene Zaremba, Gail Sanders, Ruby

*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**



**Palm Sunday, April 13th**

NO CONFESSION

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for June Williams (L)*

**Tuesday, April 15th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Karen Bennett (L)*

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, April 16th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Karen Bennett (L)*

4-5:45 PM Penitential Service

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Holy Thursday, April 17th**

9 AM Morning Prayer

7 PM Mass of the Lord's

Supper—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Karen Bennett (L)*

9:30 PM Night Prayer

Adoration until Midnight in the Great Room in the Religious Education Building

**Good Friday, April 18th**

**Office Closed**

**Collection for the Holy Land**

9 AM Morning Prayer

9:30 AM Stations of the Cross

6 PM Celebration of the

Lord's Passion—Fr. Boh

**Holy Saturday, April 19th**

9 AM Morning Prayer

8 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Karen Bennett (L)*

**Easter Sunday, April 20th**

NO CONFESSION

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Karen Bennett (L)*



**OUTREACH DISTRIBUTION**  
**Tuesday, APRIL 29, 2025 @ 5:00 PM**  
**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*We will be collecting these items until Sunday, April 27th.*

**Social Concerns will be collecting the following items for our outreach program, which will be distributed to the needy.**

- ❖ **personal wipes**
- ❖ **deodorant (for men & women)**
- ❖ **toilet tissue**
- ❖ **disposable razors**
- ❖ **socks (for men, women, & children)**
- ❖ **body wash (for men & women)**
- ❖ **blankets**
- ❖ **towels**

**Please leave your donations in the bin marked OUTREACH PROGRAM, which will be in the closet in McFadden Hall.**

**Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those in need.**



The Garden Ministry needs your help!!

## **Planting Day, May 3rd** 10 am-12 pm

We will add plants to all the flowerpots and place them around the parish grounds. We will also clean up gardens as needed.

Please let Elaine or Joe Comer know if you can join us on either day.




Please let us know if you would like to freshen up any of the gardens before these dates. We appreciate any volunteer time and effort you can give us!

Elaine Comer: [veunnone@gmail.com](mailto:veunnone@gmail.com) OR 304-261-9230

## No K–8 Religious Education Classes Until May 4



There will be no Religious Education classes for Kindergarten through Confirmation Formation until May 4th.



 Enjoy Palm Sunday , Easter Sunday , and Divine Mercy Sunday  with your family.


We look forward to seeing you soon! 

## Save the Date – Vacation Bible School

 June 9–13 |  11:30 AM – 3:15 PM

 Lunch provided |  Faith + Fun for K–6th grade


  7th & 8th graders – Join us as group leaders to earn Confirmation service hours!


 Sign-ups coming soon!



## High School Summer VBS

 June 9–13 |  5:30 PM – 7:00 PM


 Dinner provided each night

 A brand new evening program just for high schoolers!



 Can't make it every night? No problem.

Come when you can and grow in your faith as a **bold, unapologetic Catholic.**  

## Women's Book Study – *Sincerely, Stoneheart*

 A new women's group is forming around Emily Wilson Hussem's heartfelt book *Sincerely, Stoneheart!*


 Available on Amazon, Christianbook.com, Walmart.com, and more for \$12–\$15.

 Want to order through Sara? Contact the  parish office.




 First Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, April 22 after 9:00 AM Mass

Wednesday, April 23 after 6:00 PM Mass

 Come with your book if you can! Both groups follow the same track so you can join either day.



## Discerning OCIA? Or Know Someone Who Is?

Let's walk this journey together. We're gathering for food , fellowship , and conversation  with those interested in becoming Catholic.

 Tuesday, April 22 at 5:45 PM

 Light meal included |  Parish Hall

These gatherings will continue through spring and summer as we prepare for OCIA classes starting this fall.

 Call the parish office or  email: reled@stbernadettewv.org



## Considering Joining the Catholic Church?

Are you or someone you know discerning a journey into Catholicism?

Join us for a **light gathering of Christian fellowship!**

**When:** Tuesday, April 22, at 5:45 PM

**Where:** Great Room, Religious Education Building  
St. Bernadette Catholic Church

**What:** Enjoy Spaghetti and faith-filled conversation!

If you are currently in **OCIA** or a **new member** of the Catholic Church,  
you are warmly invited to attend.

Come, share in fellowship, and explore your faith journey with us!

*We look forward to seeing you there!*



**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, 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 14—Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday 15—Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday 16—Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25

Holy Thursday 17—Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday 18—Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday 19—Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104; Gn 22:1:18; Ps 16; Ex 14:15-15:1; (Ps) Ex 15; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118; Lk 24:1-12

Easter Sunday 20—Act 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

## 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.