

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—8:45 AM

or by appointment

April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter

“Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” (Luke 24:39)



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

Ghosts are important characters in almost every scary movie ever produced. One of the most popular video clips by the late song writer and singer, the legendary Michael Jackson, features ghosts rising from tombs and dancing. Human beings have an infatuation for ghosts. As a young boy, growing up in a village with no electricity where nighttime darkness was pitch black, my incredulous mind believed that there was a ghost lurking in every dark spot.

Whatever human beings think about ghosts, a few things are a given. Most people are afraid of ghosts. Most people think ghosts cannot be up to any good. And a whole lot of people believe ghosts are not real.

In our gospel passage for this Third Sunday of Easter, the Risen Christ ensures that the reality of His Resurrection is not misinterpreted by His disciples. That is why – having previously appeared to some of them, at the tomb and on the way to Emmaus – Christ goes beyond just appearing to them. He offers the kind of evidence His followers need to cure their unbelief and reassure themselves that they are not hallucinating or just seeing a ghost. Christ offers proof that human beings can comprehend and not be left in the category of what we generally call “doubting Thomas”. “Touch me and see,” Christ says “because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see, I have. Look at my hands and my feet,” He adds then shows them the marks left by the nails of the crucifixion. Christ goes one step further. He asked for something to eat; accepted “a piece of baked fish” which “he took [it] and ate it in front of them.”

Christ wanted no doubt to linger in the minds of His disciples and wants no doubt to inhabit our thoughts about the reality of His Resurrection – in both body and spirit.

To complete that job, today’s gospel passage tells us that Christ “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures”. As incredulous as it may sound to any unbelieving human, “it is written” and foretold by the prophets and psalms, that the Son of God “would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name.”

As Christians, we are like the disciples before us, “witnesses to these things”, to the same truth. The Church has had many great, heroic witnesses to Christ’s life and teaching. There are many Saints canonized and not yet canonized who have fulfilled this mission. We are given the same mission – to be witnesses to Him. How? The apostle John says in 1 John 1:3: “That which we have seen and heard we report also to you.” John simply wrote about what he had seen and heard. In the same way, we can speak about Jesus for Him whenever the occasion arises, for it might never come again. It can be with your children, or with a friend, or a colleague at work. We are witnesses to Jesus when we are honest in our dealings with others. By correcting others without making fun of them, etc. by sharing the peace and the presence of Christ with others. May He give us the grace to bear faithful witness to Him. Amen.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Tuesday, April 16, is the **Feast of St Bernadette**. Saint Bernadette moved through life, guided only by blind faith in things she did not understand—as we all must do from time to time. To celebrate we will have donuts and coffee on Sunday, April 21st.

Priestly anniversary: Anniversaries of important events in our lives are special moments for us. Whether it’s the anniversary of our birth or wedding, it’s always a moment to give thanks to God and the people who travel that journey with us. I take the opportunity to thank the people who have journeyed with me at every point in my priestly ministry – my family, my brother priests, my benefactors, and the Christians of Saint Bernadette. I have been filled with so much delight serving you as your administrator and now as your pastor for the past several years. Please continue to pray for me and all priests to remain faithful ministers of God.

Meet our **Summer Seminarian!** We shall be having Seminarian Nathan Schmidt with us from Monday June 3 through Thursday July 25th, 2024. However, there will be a couple dates during this time when he will be away principally for some diocesan events.



African Catholic Eastern Panhandle Community to Celebrates Easter 2024: Join the ACPC for Mass and a cookout to celebrate Easter 2024 on Sunday April 21, 2024. Mass begins at 2:30 PM at St Bernadette Parish Church and followed thereafter by a cookout in the parish parking lot, depending on the weather. Attendance is open to all parishioners and the local community; food and fun will be provided. ACPC is comprised of mainly African Catholics who worship in our parish church every third Sunday of the month at 2:30 PM. The Mass is in English and at times punctuated with some Latin and some songs in African local languages. We will be monitoring the weather and will keep everyone posted on the St. Bernadette Facebook page. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 4042.58
Online Giving	\$ 2171.28
Maintenance	\$ 660.00
Outreach	\$ 226.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Our **Parish Book Club** will meet again next Saturday the 20th at 10:30 in the Religious Ed building. The next book is Confessions of St. Augustine, translation by FJ Sheed.

Raffle Tickets will be sold this weekend and for the next 2 weekends to benefit Mary's Refuge Maternity Home. Please stop by to pick up a chance to win a beautiful themed basket on display in the Narthex. The drawing will be held May 4th - Just in time for Mother's Day.

Prayer Garden: "It's very heartwarming that we will soon have a holy place, a prayer space." Work is in progress on the soon to be 'Prayer Garden', located in the open space between the parish church and 105 building. There are no Stations of the Cross available for memorialization. We will still accept donations to go towards for the purchase of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and other expenses in the Prayer Garden. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Save the Date!! Dive into an unforgettable "underwater" adventure with us at the Totally Catholic Scuba VBS!

📅 Dates: August 5th - 9th

📍 Location: St. Bernadette Church

🎯 Theme: "Scuba-Diving into Friendship with God"

Get ready to explore the depths of faith through fun activities, engaging lessons, and exciting adventures! Whether you're a seasoned diver or just dipping your toes in the water, there's something for everyone at our Totally Catholic Scuba VBS. Mark your calendars and join us for an ocean of faith-filled fun! Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

Mary's Refuge is holding a Mother's Day dinner on May 5th from 4-6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Martinsburg. All are welcome! More information can be found at marysrefuge.com under events tab. Please RSVP no later than April 19th.

Last Day of Religious Education Classes: Please note that the last day of Religious Education Classes has been rescheduled to Sunday, April 21. Make sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

First Holy Communion: We are excited to announce that First Holy Communion will now take place on Sunday, April 28. Please plan accordingly and join us in this special celebration. Thank you for your attention to these changes. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Religious Education office, reled@stbernadettewv.org or 307-754-7830.

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, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Abby & Libby Conley, Shane Terry, Linda Spiker, Carol Bogacz, Vicki Lowery, Wayne Montañó, Ron Robertson, Pat Reeser

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 14th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Sue Comer
 10:15—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Gallagher
Intention for Kathy Reeser

Tuesday, April 16th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, April 17th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, April 18th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, April 19th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr.Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, April 20th

10:30 AM Book Club
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Sunday, April 21st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10:15—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Fr. William Appel
 2:30 PM African Community
 Mass
 4 PM Africa Community
 Easter Picnic

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 5:20—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, Sara Struemke, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

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 15th—Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 16th—Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 17th—Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday 18th—Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51

Friday 19th—Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday 20th—Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday 21st—Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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.



Mary's Refuge Maternity Home Tea Basket Raffle

Tea lovers will be easy to please with one of our themed Tea Baskets!

Herbal Tea Basket

Apple & Cider Tea Basket

Cocoa Basket

Each basket contains a ceramic teapot covered with a handknit cozy! What is a tea cozy? Think of the tea cozy as a sweater for your teapot to keep your tea, apple cider or hot cocoa toasty longer!

Raffle tickets are on sale now after all Masses through April 28. Drawings to be held Saturday May 4th!

♥ Just in time for Mother's Day! (Hint! Hint!)♥

1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20