

# 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: 5:20—5:50PM

Saturday: 4—4:45PM

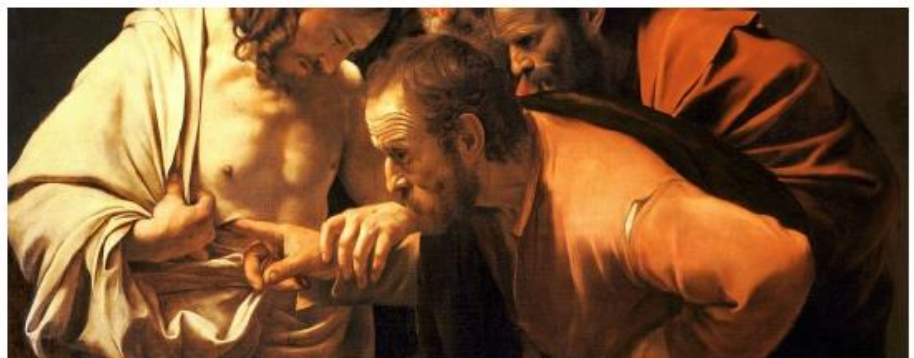
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM

*or by appointment*

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Also known as Divine Mercy Sunday



Doubting Thomas—[Jn 20:19-31](#)

### 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

We celebrate today Divine Mercy Sunday, also known as the feast of God’s Mercy. Saint Faustina’s Diary records fourteen occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy be observed as a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The opening prayer for Mass this Sunday and the readings speak of the mercy. The opening prayer addresses the Father as "God of everlasting Mercy." The first reading, shows us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy and sharing, practiced by the early Christians. In first verse of the Responsorial Psalm, we repeat three times, "His mercy endures forever!" In the second reading Saint Peter glorifies God who has revealed His mercy, first and foremost, by sending His only begotten Son to become our Savior and Lord by His suffering, death, and Resurrection. In the Gospel passage for this Sunday, the risen Lord gives the apostles the authority to forgive sins in His Name, together with the power of imparting God’s mercy to the sinner, through the gift of forgiving sins from God’s treasury of mercy. In the liturgy, the Church has proclaimed the mercy of God for centuries through the Word of God and the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

The message of mercy is that God loves us – all of us – no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. Fr John Pichappilly in his book "The Table of the Word" says; "It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC. A – Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His Mercy out upon us and upon the whole world. B – Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us. C – Complete trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive".

Dear brothers and sisters, permit me to end this short reflection with these words of Saint Faustina: "Yes, the

first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)

Pope Francis’ Prayer for the Year of Mercy Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father and have told us that whoever sees you sees him. Show us your face and we will be saved (A Year of Mercy December 2015 – November 2016). During your prayer and meditation this week, please answer these questions:

- a) Do I need of mercy?
- b) How do I show mercy to others? and
- c) Are there ways I can help make our world more merciful?

End your prayer and meditation with this greeting: Jesus! I trust in You (3 times).

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

**Today is Divine Mercy Sunday.** Please join us from 12 noon to 12:30 pm in our Church for The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687)..

**Volunteer(s) needed:** We want to thank Jeff McCoy for the work that he has done throughout the years to document First Communions and Confirmations. At this time we would like to create a ministry of those that would like to work with Jeff to help document all major events in our parish. If you feel this is an area you can be of service to your parish, please call the parish office to indicate your availability. Thanks in advance.

Fr. Aloysius Boh

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 2103.58
Online Giving .....	\$ 858.78
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 35.00
Diocesan .....	\$ 792.00
Outreach.....	\$ 125.00
Easter Offering .....	\$ 2881.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD  
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

## CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to everyone that assisted with our celebrations!

Thank You,

To all who helped to make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations so meaningful. Special thanks to Mary Frances and her team for caring for the altar and altar linens; and all those who donated the beautiful flowers in memory of a loved one.

Gratitude to our magnificent choir under the amazing direction of our music director, Linda Abrahamian; to our ever present and helpful Sacristan, Kevin Ferrell; to our altar servers, lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers; to our parish maintenance ministry for insuring that our equipment and all logistics were in place and in good working condition. Special gratitude to our Priests, Frs. Pooch and Mgrs. Ansgar, and Deacon Marcus for being so generous with your time.

Thank you all and God bless.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

If you know of someone who is **sick or homebound**, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 so that we can bring them communion and send them a bulletin.

**Plan to eat dinner out on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> in support of our area St. Vincent de Paul Society.** They will hold a fundraiser at Wendy's in Spring Mills. When purchasing your meal, mention this fundraiser and 20% of your meal's price will be donated back to the St. Joseph Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**One three-week course is being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF).** This course is a hybrid model and is composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, which pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the course. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu at rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com with your name, address, email, and phone number.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Joe Schlegel, Walter & Helena Shenk, Isabella Horning, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Wayne Montañó, Beverly Barrett, Cathy Poplawski, Tim Umrysz

*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*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, April 16th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for The People of the Parish*  
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed  
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Blaine Brumbaugh*  
 12 NOON Divine Mercy devotion  
 2:30 PM African Mass

**Tuesday, April 18th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Terri Miskovsky*  
 9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, April 19th**

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

**Thursday, April 20th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Clarence Franko*

**Friday, April 21st**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Joseph Smith*  
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
 12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, April 22nd**

4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Clarence Franko*

**Sunday, April 23rd**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*  
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed  
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Msgr. Ansgar*

**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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA—15 years or older) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age), begins in August and ends during the Easter Vigil. These classes are for members who wish to enter in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending RCIA/RCIC, 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: 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 17th—	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:108
Tuesday 18th—	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday 19th—	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday 20th—	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 31-36
Friday 21st—	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday 22nd—	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday 23rd—	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; 1 Pt 1:17-21

**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.



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