

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 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Jesus said to her, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ (Jn 20:17)



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

Easter is the cause of all joy, fulfillment, and glory. If Jesus only died on the Cross, destroying death, something would be missing—the restoration of life into a glorified existence. Beyond the forgiveness of sins, Easter is about the temporal and eternal glorification of every soul that dies and rises with Christ. Is the Cross the difficult message and Easter the easy message?

The Cross calls us to surrender our lives to the Father’s will. We must be purified from every sin and attachment to sin, from every bad habit and worldly thought, and from everything that is not God and God alone. When we understand, with the saints, our calling to die with Christ and to embrace His Cross, the task might seem impossible.

New life in Christ, the fullness of joy, complete transformation, and eternal beatitude in Heaven appear easy to embrace. We can be sure, however, that our understanding of what it means to share in Christ’s Resurrection is but a shadow of the reality. Few people have come close to understanding the glory to which the Resurrection calls us. Saints Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, John of the Cross, and Thérèse of Lisieux are among those who penetrated the mystery of Easter while on earth. They did so by fully dying with Christ through lives of profound prayer, penance, and charity that completely united their souls to the Most Holy Trinity.

As we celebrate Easter, we must know that we do not yet know all that is promised to us by Christ’s Resurrection. Our spiritual appetites should make us hungry for that knowledge. Too often, Christians go through life satisfied with a basic understanding of the Gospel. We know that God became man, taught, performed miracles, died on the Cross, rose, ascended into Heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit. We hope in His promise that if we remain in His grace, we will share in Heaven after we die. But this is far from what the saints comprehended and what we must seek.

How do we share in Christ’s new life and in the glory of the Resurrection? What will Heaven be like for those who achieve the highest realms of glory in this life, compared to those who do the basics? What will the New Heavens and the New Earth be like when Jesus returns for the Final Judgment? If you have never deeply pondered these questions, know that glorious answers await you.

We can only comprehend the joy of sharing fully in Christ’s Resurrection with God’s direct infusion of grace. When a soul receives this infused knowledge,

it realizes that committing even the smallest sin is foolishness and the path to utter loss. It realizes that gaining every earthly comfort and honor is miserable in comparison to sharing fully in the Resurrection. It realizes that the only worthwhile purpose is the abandonment of one’s life to the will of God, a willingness to suffer anything and everything for Christ, to serve wholeheartedly, to forgive everyone completely, to love with every fiber of its being, and to remain in a state of prayerful recollection with God.

We can only understand the message and mystery of Easter if we begin the long and difficult journey toward divine union. Only those who begin it in haste have a chance of completing it. There is so much that God is calling you to and wants to give you. Don’t aim for the lowly and passing things of life; aim for the highest heights of glory. Seek to understand the Resurrection this Easter so that you will be able to share more fully in the higher grades of glory that God wants to bestow upon you.

Prayer: My Resurrected Lord, the glory to which You have called me is beyond my comprehension. Inflame my soul with a desire to know You more, so that I can share more fully in the glories of the Resurrection while here on earth and forever in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You. (Source: My Catholic Life! A journey of personal conversion!)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

My dear Parish Family, Welcome!
Christ is truly risen! Alleluia!
Today is Easter Sunday. Easter is the most important feast we celebrate as Christian people precisely because that’s the day Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. This event is at the heart of the Christian faith. Jesus’ resurrection is the fulfillment of God’s plan to bring salvation to the world. As we celebrate this solemn Easter season for 50 days, we joyfully give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed on us as individuals and as a faith community.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 4/13

General Fund.....	\$ 3995.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1605.64
Maintenance.....	\$ 240.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 85.00

Attendance 5 PM—103 9 AM—164 11 AM—166

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

At the Easter Vigil, we warmly welcomed four new Catholics into our parish family. If you or a loved one would ever like more information about becoming Catholic, please feel free to speak with me or Faith Formation Staff Director, Sara Struemke, or Eric and Dianna Colliflower. Christian Initiation of Adults is an ongoing process in our parish community. We look forward to walking with you on this journey of faith.

In the spirit of Easter faith and hope, I wish you and your families a most holy and blessed Easter Season!

Happy Easter!

The Angelus and the Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) Prayers

The Angelus is a Catholic devotion commemorating the Incarnation of Christ. Regina Coeli, or Queen of Heaven, seeks to unite Christians with the Mother of God in celebrating the Resurrection of her Son Jesus Christ, who conquered death. During the Easter season (from Easter Sunday until the day of Pentecost) the Angelus prayer is replaced by the Regina Coeli prayer, to emphasize the joy of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Like the Angelus, the Regina Coeli is prayed three times a day, at dawn, noon, and sunset, to consecrate the day to God and the Virgin Mary.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

At the Easter Vigil, the Elect (OCIA) celebrate all of the sacraments of initiation; they are thereafter called Neophytes and they are considered to be full members of the Christian faithful. Please pray for and congratulate our new Neophytes. Welcome to the body of Christ: Ms. Elveta Guinn, Mr. Levi Wingerd, Mr. OJ Finley, and Ms. Rosa Beyk.

First Communion will take place on Sunday, April 27th, during the 11 AM Mass. Please plan accordingly. Please keep these names in your prayers: Cooper Blackshear, Joshua Hudy, David Mihalek, Matthew Mihalek, Hunter Soto, Breanna Weaver, and Norah Wine.

Knights of Columbus will meet for their monthly meeting this Monday, April 21st, at 7 PM in the Religious Education Building. All current Knights of Columbus and anyone interested in joining the new St. Bernadette's Knights of Columbus Council are invited and encouraged to attend.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sheree 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 Zarembo, 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



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)

Easter Monday, April 21st

Office Closed

7 PM Knights of Columbus meeting

Tuesday, April 22nd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, April 23rd

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Andrew Brashears (+)

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Laura Samford (+)

Thursday, April 24th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, April 25th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, April 26th

4—4:15 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Thanksgiving for Treyvon Boh

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

First Communion

Intention for Mildred A. Speck (+)



CONGRATULATIONS!!

**ST. BERNADETTE PARISH
ON OUR NEWLY FORMED
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS –
Council #18683**

A special thank you to Father Boh, all our Council Brothers, and their families for allowing the Knights of Columbus to become a positive, faith filled presence at St. Bernadette Parish.

All baptized men, 18 years of age and older, and practicing Catholics, are invited to come see what we do and how becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus can offer deeper meaning to your Faith journey.

*For more information, or to become a member, please contact:
Greg Hilleary, Grand Knight, 304-702-3216*



Easter Flower Offering

Donated By:	In Memory Of:
Joe & Elaine Comer	Comer & Edwards families
Dave Copenhaver & family	Judy Copenhaver
Ann & Dave Gentile	Angela & Vincent Gentile, Peter Mather
Thomas Howard	Lois Jean Howard
Barb Howell	Clarence Games, Mary, Charles, Doug, Don, and Tom Gordon In Honor Of: Mary Lee Gordon
Mary Beth Kearns	Donald & Carroll Wood, Sarah Bright
Chuck & Suzy Kinn	John & Nancy Rooney, Cletus & Rita Kinn
Lathwell family	Tommy Lathwell
David Linthicum	Chloris Benson, Hal Gomer, John Willoughby, Phil Bisson
Samantha Meyer	Cora Bowers, Mary Meyer, Bill Meyer
Jean Ridley	Michael L. Ridley
Sande & Rick Roscoe	Terry & Carmi Costa, Anthony & Adele Costa, John & Jane Roscoe
Louis & Sharon Rose	Louis & Margaret Rose, Sr., WR & Lois Stitely
Anonymous	Theodore R. & Charlotte G Sternemann In Honor Of: Howard & Missy Sternemann



MOTHER'S DAY
DINNER

MAY 4

4-6 PM

Spice up Mother's Day with Love, Tacos, and Tiny Tootsies! Join our Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

Knight of Columbus Hall
108 W. Stephens St.
Martinsburg, WV

RSVP AT LIFE@MARYSREFUGE.COM

CALLING ALL FAITHFUL

From the Grotto
of St. V's - Hedgesville, WI

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HEAVEN'S MOST WANTED



2025-2026

WANTED

★ RELIGIOUS ED TEACHERS ★



SERVE THE LITTLE ONES

Do you love your Catholic faith and feel a tug to share it with the next generation? Our K-8 Religious Education program is in search of faith-filled, joyful adults to help "Get 'Em to Heaven." Whether you're drawn to Sacramental prep or ongoing classroom formation, you'll be given all the tools you need—curriculum packets are ready to go, and creative collaboration is always welcome.

If something in your heart stirs reading this, maybe it's your call to respond.

★ PLEASE CALL 304-754-7830 ★

**JOY IN THE PRESENT. GRACE FOR THE JOURNEY...
AND MAYBE A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN PURGATORY,
GOD WILLING.**

DISCLAIMER: EXACT PURGATORY TIME REDUCTION NOT GUARANTEED.
SEE GOD FOR DETAILS.

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. 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 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 21—Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday 22—Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 23—Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday 24—Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48

Friday 25—Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday 26—Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday 27—Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118;
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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.