

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

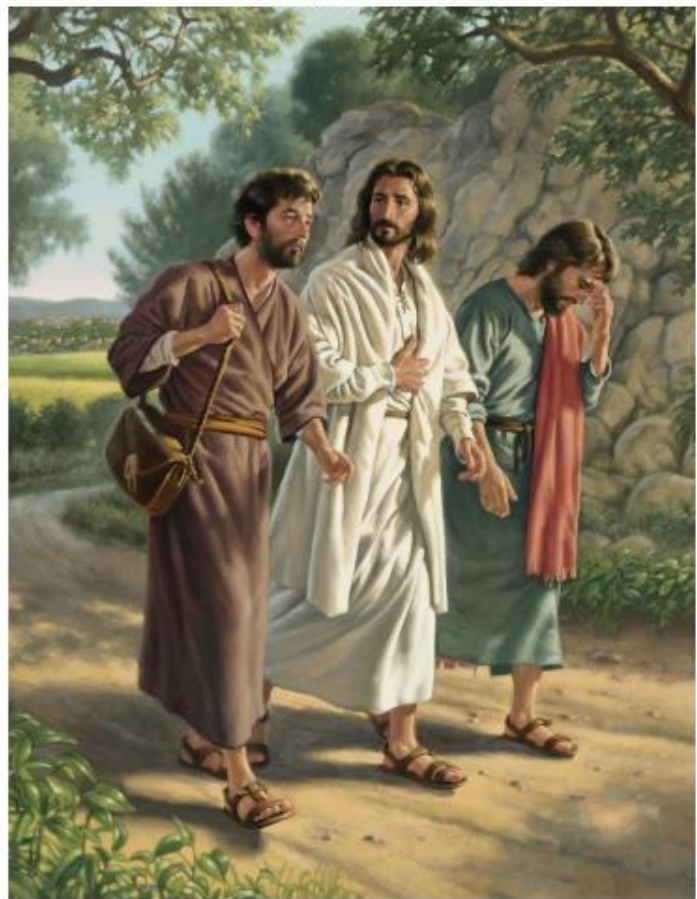
Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM

Saturday: 4—4:45PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

April 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter

The Road to Emmaus



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

The three disciples, on the way to Emmaus, said something to Jesus that we do not advise any of our loved ones to do in this age. “Stay with us,” they urged Jesus, even though they considered Him a complete stranger. It takes a great sense of security and a ready disposition to hospitality to do such a thing. In our time, people have become too fearful of one another, talk less of strangers, to invite strangers into their homes.

If you have been following the news, you would have heard of the young black man that was shot twice in the skull simply because, while searching for his younger twin brother relation, he mistakenly knocked or rang the wrong doorbell that fateful night. A young white girl was shot dead for simply turning into the wrong driveway.

While it is true that insecurity is a great concern in our time, it would be wrong to think that it was not for those disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two on the road to Emmaus is among Christ’s followers who, in last Sunday’s gospel passage, were so fearful for their lives that they barricaded themselves behind locked doors. The two did not let insecurity and fear act as a barrier. They chatted about the great signs Christ had worked before being crucified. Then they extended hospitality – “stay with us” - to an individual they considered a fellow traveler and a complete stranger.

The question for us on this third Sunday of Easter is: are we showing that same hospitality to Christ? Have we welcomed him in that stranger who comes knocking on our doors for assistance? Have we invited Christ into our lives? Have we invited Him into our homes? Have we invited Him into our families and into our hearts? Or are we still treating Him as a stranger, not as our brother, Lord, and Savior? Last Sunday’s readings reminded us that He has never been a stranger. Even though we did not know Him, we loved Him, we heard last Sunday. In our second reading today, Saint Peter continues in that vein: “He was known before the foundation of the world”.

Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles clarifies that He was no helpless victim on the cross but “a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs” who was “delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God”. It is of His resurrection that King David “foresaw and spoke,” writes Saint Peter in our second reading. Crucified, he has been raised “from the throes of death” and is, forever, “exalted at the right hand of God”.

Holy Mass for Catholics is like taking that journey to Emmaus all over. During Holy Mass, Jesus draws near and journeys with us, as He did with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. We tell Him of the things going on in our lives. In the Liturgy of the Word, He opens the ears of our hearts and awakens the Holy Spirit within us, as He discusses what the prophets have said about Him, beginning with Moses. Then, if we are truly prepared and ready to receive Christ, He reveals Himself to us in the Eucharistic breaking of bread in Holy Communion.

Last weekend – Friday to Saturday, the Catholic Christians in the Martinsburg Vicariate gathered around our bishop at St James the Greater, Charles Town in the context of the ongoing Diocesan Eucharistic Revival whose overarching goal is to renew the Catholic Church by enkindling a living

relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We pray that Christ will use this Congress to open our eyes and the eyes of fellow American citizens to recognize that in Holy Communion He gives Himself to us – body, soul, and divinity, and may it renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. If we truly believed that He is alive we would trust in Him for all things and in all situations. He offers peace to us, even in difficult times, by inviting us to come close to Him and to touch Him, especially in the Eucharist. Nourished by Christ’s Body and Blood and filled with His peace that surpasses all human understanding, may we relate and treat everyone with respect, knowing that He always shows us the path to life and with Him at our right hand we shall not be disturbed”.

Fr Boh God bless you! May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome! A special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time or after a long period of absence. Thank you for choosing with worship with us this weekend. Know that you are always welcome.

I hope that as you read, listen, and meditate on the Gospel passage this Sunday, you will pay particular attention to the Lord’s never-ending invitation to all of us to know Him and to worship Him in His Word and Holy Communion. Also, the need for you to belong with others to this Christian community of faith: “So, they set out at once and return to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them ...” If you are new in the area and you are looking for a parish, consider making Saint Bernadette your home. Call the parish office at (304) 754-7830 for more information or with any questions.

Should you or any member of your family need any Sacrament especially the Sacrament of the Sick, do not hesitate to call the parish office. We are here to serve you. Thanks.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction: “Could you not watch with Me one hour?” (Mt 26:40). Exposition and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday from immediately morning Mass and ends with Benediction at 12 noon. Please come and spend some quiet time with our Eucharistic Lord!

Priestly Ordination Anniversary: Last Wednesday April 19, 2023, I celebrated my 22nd anniversary as a Priest. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and encouragement. These have kept me going.

Liturgy Ministry: We shall be having a Parish Liturgy Ministry meeting on Wednesday April 26th, 2023, following the 6 PM Mass in McFadden Hall.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3779.00
Online Giving	\$ 1548.77
Capital Improvements	\$ 600.00
Diocesan	\$ 125.00
Outreach	\$ 175.00

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Thank you from the Bereavement Ministry—I wish to thank all of you who so generously supported us by providing food for the funerals in the last three weeks. Also, thank you to all the committee members who gave their time to support the luncheons. With your help we were able to provide these luncheons for the grieving families.

Quilt Raffle Sales will take place after all Masses on April 29th & 30th and May 6th & 7th. Tickets are 2 for \$5. Fr. Boh will draw the winning ticket after the 11AM Mass on May 7th. (Need not be present to win). Proceeds will be used to purchase sleeping bags and tents for the homeless.

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 25th 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 Montaño, Beverly Barrett, Cathy Poplawski, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Victoria Porter

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 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

Tuesday, April 25th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Clarence Franko
 9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, April 26th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 5—5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
 6:30 PM Liturgy Ministry Meeting

Thursday, April 27th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, April 28th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Clarence Franko
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, April 29th

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 30th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Those on the Prayer List
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Herold Watkins

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. 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 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 24th—Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 25th—St. Mark, evangelist; 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday 26th—Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday 27th—Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51

Friday 28th—Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday 29th—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday 30th—Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

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.

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