

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—8:40 AM
or by appointment

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Good Shepherd Sunday

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

Christ the Good Shepherd of Us All

“But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” John 10:2-4

Four things happen in this story:

First, the gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd.

Second, the shepherd calls his own sheep by name.

Third, the sheep hear his voice.

Fourth, the shepherd leads the sheep through the gate.

Who is the “gatekeeper?” Saint Augustine says that one answer to this is that the gatekeeper is the Holy Spirit. The role of the Holy Spirit is to open our minds to the truth, to a deeper understanding of Scripture, and therefore, to a deeper understanding of Christ Himself. Therefore, the Holy Spirit will open your mind and your heart to know and love Christ as your shepherd, if you let Him.

Once this happens, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will speak your name, personally. Not audibly, but through the gift of faith. You are not only one of many sheep; rather, you are His dear one whom He knows and loves on an intimate and personal level. Therefore, this passage calls us to an intimate and personal relationship with Christ the Good Shepherd.

Knowing we are personally and intimately loved by Christ, that we are called by name, invites and encourages us to listen. Do you listen? And if you listen, do you hear? “Hearing” Christ speak to us in this personal and intimate way should motivate us to action.

What action? To be led. Normally a shepherd walks behind the sheep and they run on ahead. But in this story, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Who calls you by name, leads you “through the gate.” Jesus Himself is the Gate. We are called to become one with Him and, through Him, to enter into the bosom of the Father in Heaven. Through Him we enter into new life itself, life of union with Him Who is our Shepherd.

Reflect, today, upon this fourfold journey to which you are called. Pray to the Holy Spirit that your mind and heart will be opened to know and love Christ. Then prayerfully listen for Christ to speak to you. Hear Him, respond to Him and allow Him to draw you into His open heart of perfect love.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to this fourth Sunday of Easter, traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. As we celebrate the Risen Lord, we are reminded that Jesus is the one who guides, protects, and feeds his flock. Today is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. I invite you to pray earnestly for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life—that many more men and women will hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling them to become shepherds of the flock of Christ. Let us take comfort in knowing we are never alone, for the Good Shepherd



leads us beside still waters.

Today the Lord Jesus is asking you to pray daily for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and religious life, especially from our own families - “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest” (Lk. 10:2)

Priestly ordination

Is the Lord calling you or someone you know, please reach out to me or the parish office or our diocesan vocations office.



OCIA Journey Continues (Mystagogy)

Now that our Catechumens and Candidates have been received into full communion with the Catholic Church, they will continue their journey in a period known as Mystagogy. This is a period of post-baptismal catechesis that officially lasts from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday. Mystagogy is the “time for unfolding the mysteries,” allowing our newly initiated to deepen their understanding of the Sacraments they received and deepen their understanding of the mysteries of our faith. *These sessions are designed for our newly initiated, but open to all parishioners wanting to refresh their faith.* We meet on Wednesday immediately after the 6 PM mass in the Religious Ed Building. Please continue to pray for our new brothers and sisters as they continue their journey in faith.

Dear Parish Family,

“I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you.” (Phil 1:3)

My heart is overflowing with gratitude after a hectic celebration of the 25th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood last Sunday. To those who were able to attend, thank you for making time to come and join me in thanking God for his abundant blessings. For those who could not be there for whatever reason, I felt your love and prayers from afar. Celebrating this Silver Jubilee with this parish community has been a profound blessing.

I want to thank you for your love, your overwhelming generosity, your beautiful gifts, and your heartwarming well

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 4/19

General Fund.....	\$ 3650.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2433.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 221.24
Maintenance.....	\$ 75.00

Weekend Mass Attendance: 5 PM—122 9 AM—161 11 AM—171

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP



wishes. Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly to organize the celebration—the beautiful Mass, the thoughtful preparations, and the joyous reception truly reflected the love of Christ present in our community.

As I celebrate 25 years of priesthood, I can think of no greater gift than witnessing the reception of Brandon Michael Ray into full communion with the Catholic Church and baptizing Rhys, Scarlett, Carter, Nolan, and Zuri. Thank you for making my Silver Jubilee truly memorable by becoming a part of our parish family. May God bless you on this new journey.

My dear brothers and sisters, your love, encouragement, and faithful support are gifts I will always cherish. Please know that I am holding each of you in my prayers, and I ask you for your continued prayers.

May God bless you all abundantly for your kindness.

Your Faith Matters— Why Have Incense at Mass? In the Catholic Church, incense is a sacramental used to symbolize prayer rising to God, purification, and reverence for holy things, as detailed in the Catechism (CCC) and liturgical tradition. It is used to incense the altar, Gospel book, Eucharist, priest, and congregation, particularly on solemn feast days.



PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Walter Shenk, Helena Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Hank Chase, Jackie Crouse, Vicki Lowery, Michael Huey, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Joseph Bosco, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, James Wynkoop, Carol Bogacz, Fr. Ansgar, Marianne Henterly, Thomas Mackesy, Florence Dellasanta, Isabella Horning, Carl Drummond, Susan Clark, Betty Anne Powell, Mike Donato, Chuck Kinn, Maureen Sabol, John Anderson, Jeremiah Nichols, Loreta Skinner

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 26th**
8:15—8:40 AM Confession
9 AM Mass
Intention for Thomas & Maria Dinh (+) and all Souls in Purgatory
10—11:45 AM Religious Ed
11 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
- Tuesday, April 28th**
8:30 AM Mass
Intention for Nick Speck (+)
10 AM Stitches from the Heart
- Wednesday, April 29th**
9 AM Mass
Intention for Daniel Geoghegan (L)
4—5:45 PM Confession
6 PM Mass
6:30 PM OCIA
- Thursday, April 30th**
9 AM Mass
Intention for Walter & Helena Shenk (L)
- First Friday, May 1st**
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Cathy Poplawski (+)
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction
- First Saturday, May 2nd**
9 AM Mass
Rosary immediately following
4—4:45 PM Confession
5 PM Mass
Intention for Suzanne Chambers (+)
- Sunday, May 3rd**
8:15—8:40 AM Confession
9 AM Mass
Intention for Thomas & Maria Dinh (+) and all Souls in Purgatory
10—11:45 AM Religious Ed
11 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish

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 Guttman, Neil Shanholtzer, Jeff Ferrell, and Freddy Gibb

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 27—Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday 28—Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 29—Memorial of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 30—Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20

Friday 1—Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 2—Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday 3—Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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.