

# 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

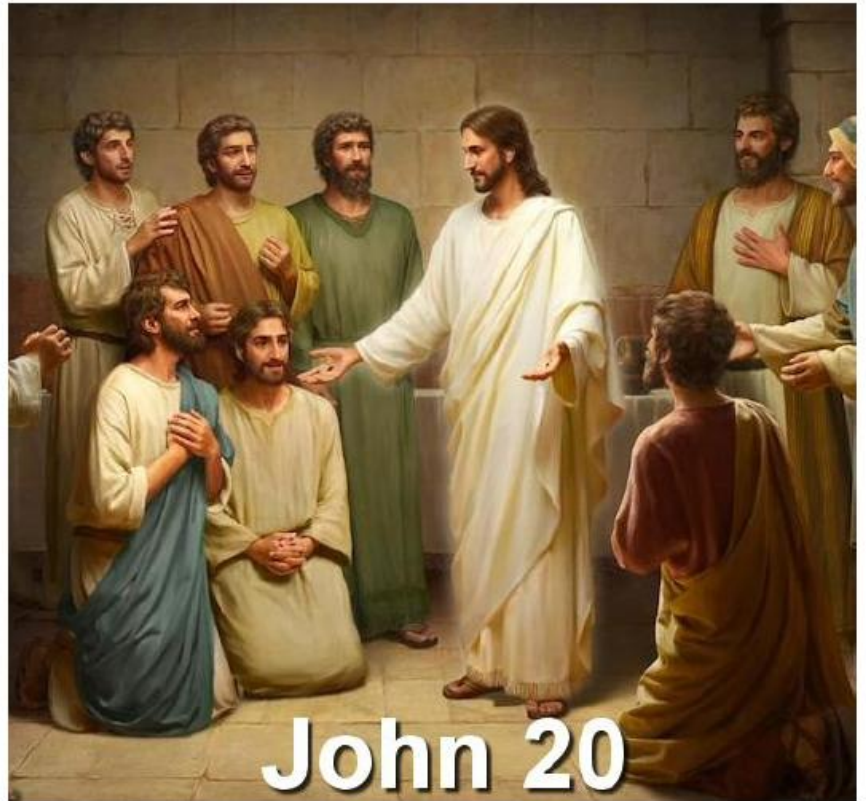
Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass  
with Benediction at 12 NOON

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 27, 2025

# *Sunday of Divine Mercy*



### 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**

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you (Jn. 20:20) I come from Kom, in the Northwest Region of Cameroon. Kom is a Fandom. It is ruled by a traditional ruler called the Fon. Among the many titles of the Kom people, "Ntumfoyn" is one of the highest in rank. This title literally means 'the message of the Fon'. The Fon delegates him to a community or an individual.

In today's Gospel passage, the risen Jesus appeared to His disciples. After greeting them in these words "Peace be with you", He sends them: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The opening chapter of John's Gospel says that Jesus (the Word) came and "made His dwelling among us" (John 1:14). Jesus came into the world to reveal God to us. He was sent not to do His own will but of the Sender. This is what He hungered for; "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work" (Jn 4:34). He was not sent to please himself but to the Father. The who sent me "... has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him" (Jn. 29).

From Christ's text in today's Gospel, we can see that Jesus wanted His mission to continue – hence his mandate to his disciples: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." By this statement, Christ wants us to realize that He lives in and through believers that we are not very different from Him, and that a very close identity exists between us and Him. This is the reason He calls us 'brothers' and at times 'friends'.

"As the Father has sent me ...". This statement means a couple of things for us - that we must understand our mission on earth as closely akin to that of Christ; we must understand that we are from God and also sent by God, and that we also have a mission to accomplish – a mission which is not determined by us but given to us by God. It means we must steadily compare our mission to that of Christ. It means we must constantly borrow from Christ if we want to accomplish our mission on earth as successfully as Christ did.

Christ was faithful to his mission. He lived completely for others. He spent his life bringing succor to people. And He died on the Cross for others. If, therefore, in today's Gospel he tells us that He is sending us as the Father sent Him, then we must continue in His footsteps – of selfless living, being our brothers and sisters' keepers, showing them real love and care. In today's Gospel text, He completely forgives the disciples who abandoned him and entrusts them with his own mission. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21). Within this mission is a deeper act of divine mercy, for them to go and forgive even those who killed Him. This is what Christ taught and lived: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Lk. 23:34). He is sending them and all of us by

extension, out to be apostles of His mercy. As a messenger of Christ or a 'Ntumfoyn" in Kom, you are to reveal God to His people or represent the Fon. No one would want to be a bearer of bad news. On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, let us pray that Christ may make us true messengers of His Mercy and Hope. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, ..." (52:7)

Happy Easter!

Fr. Boh

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

**THANK YOU!**

Dear Parishioners, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!"

Easter was truly a day of rejoicing in our faith and hope in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Holy Week this year at Saint Bernadette witnessed great attendance and it is always so uplifting to see so many gathered for Holy Week, especially for the Sacred Triduum. It was encouraging to see so many praying after the Mass of the Lord's Supper at the Altar of Repose until midnight. If you have never stayed on until midnight, please put it on your calendar for next Holy Thursday. Our Holy Saturday Vigil Mass was a beautiful and joyful celebration. Many would agree with me that the light outage added color and beauty to this celebration, with only the Easter Candle and the candles of the people assembled providing light to the dark church. We are grateful to God for our two newly initiated – Rosa Beyk and OJ Finley, and for Levi Wingerd and Elveta Guinn, who were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and at the 9 AM Mass on Easter Sunday. The crowds at our Easter Sunday Masses were impressive. It truly was a day to rejoice and be glad!

But this could not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of so many of you. I would like to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for making this Easter celebration truly special. Permit me to single out a few people and on behalf of every parishioner say "THANK YOU" to them. We thank Kevin Ferrell for ensuring that all the

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 4/13**

General Fund.....	\$ 6946.42
Online Giving.....	\$ 2063.15
Maintenance.....	\$ 25.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 170.00

As of 3/24—314 active families and 706 total members  
Attendance 8 PM—156 9 AM—295 11 AM—217

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP  
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

images in the church were covered and for setting up and cleaning after every Mass and/or celebration. Thank you, altar servers and your parents, for making sure you were there on time. We thank the entire Religious Ed team for preparing the candidates for the various Sacraments. They say, 'When you sing once, you pray twice'. We thank our choir and our music director Linda Abrahamian, I can't forget our violinist. Also, thanks to all our lectors for the solemn proclamation of the Word of God at every liturgical assembly. We thank the decorating team that ensured that the altar linens were cleaned, starched, and nicely laid. We thank our ushers for their welcome and hospitality to our many parishioners and visitors. We cannot forget to thank those who made generous donations towards the Easter flowers. We thank our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for ensuring the reverent distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. We thank April and her team for cleaning and preparing the church for the celebrations.

Let us give thanks to God who is good, all the time. And all the time, He is good. Thank you all for giving your all in the service of our beloved parish. May the Risen Lord invigorate your faith and trust in Him.

**Happy Easter!**

I want to take this moment to thank you for the lovely Easter cards, delicious candy, and thoughtful gifts. Your kindness and generosity mean a lot to me and they made my Easter even more special. May the joy of the Resurrection fill your hearts and homes with love and light.

Prayer Intention for May 2025: That through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

**Pope Francis (December 17, 1936 – Monday, April 21, 2025; He was elected Pope March 13, 2013 – April 21, 2025)**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis has gone home to the Lord at such a beautiful time of the year, the Easter season. He lived a life of faith following our risen Lord. Now in faith and hope we unite with the Universal Church in novena prayer for the repose of the soul and for the election of the new pope. His papacy has been described as one that was characterized by compassionate leadership, transforming of the institution through humility and a commitment to mercy. He advocated for vulnerable populations, migrants, and environmental protection. In our prayers, let us ask Jesus to choose a worthy successor to Peter, the Apostle whom he chose to lead his Church.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Mary Cordelli, Sharee 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 Zaremba, 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**



**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 (+)*

**Tuesday, April 29th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Christine Angelo (L)*  
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, April 30th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Christine Angelo (L)*  
 5-5:45 PM Confession  
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Vanessa Bishop(L)*

**Thursday, May 1st**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Christine Angelo (L)*  
 9:30 AM Teen Mass & Class

**First Friday, May 2nd**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Christine Angelo (L)*  
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
 12 NOON Benediction

**First Saturday, May 3rd**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Christine Angelo (L)*  
 Rosary immediately following  
 4—4:15 PM Confession  
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*

**Sunday, May 4th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Shirley Zebergs (+)*  
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Christine Angelo (L)*

**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](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: 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 28—Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday 29—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday 30—Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 1—Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36

Friday 2—St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday 3—Sts. Philip and James, Apostles; 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19; Jn 14:6-14

Sunday 4—Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

**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.

# Visit Our Gardens

Pope Francis often sought the intercession of the Blessed Mother, Mary to seek God's mercy. He stated, "Mary is always the mother that brings us to Jesus." His favorite devotion was to Mary, Undoer of Knots. We invite you to visit Mary's Garden (at the top of our parking lot) or the Prayer Garden (on the side of the church) and ask, with the intercession of our Blessed Mother, for the repose of Pope Francis' soul.

Pope Francis came to love the devotion of Mary, Undoer of Knots while studying in Germany in the 1980's. He created this prayer to Mary, to offer hope, that the "knots" or difficult situations in our lives, including problems with marriage, family, social concerns, and spiritual struggles, can be healed and we can find peace and reconciliation.

## Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary, Undoer of Knots

*Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the day of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will, and the devil was never capable of tying you up with his confusion. Once with your Son you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us example of how to untie the knots in our life. By remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make clearer the ties that link us to the Lord. Holy Mother, Mother of God and our Mother to you who untie with a motherly heart the knots of our life, we pray to you to receive in your hands (the name of the person), and to free him/her of the knots and confusion with which our enemy attacks. Through your grace, your intercession and your example deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters. Amen.*

May God rest his soul.

(Elaine Comer)



## WHAT'S GOING ON?

**A Huge Thank You!!!** To the Cherub Ministry (April, Cindy, & Sara) and the Knights of Columbus and to whoever else helped to prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt event. It was a huge success once again. Thank you all for your continued support and we look forward to doing it again next year.



**Attention Homeschool High Schoolers! Join our weekly Mass & Class.** All homeschool high school students are invited to help form their own Christian community! We'll build this together based on what you want, centering it around Father Boh's educational classes held most Thursday mornings. Attend 9 AM Mass on Thursdays. After Mass, join Father Boh's educational class. We will then gather briefly in the Great Room of the Religious Education Building for conversation and fellowship.

The **Women's Book Club** is currently reading *Sincerely, Stoneheart* by Emily Wilson Hussem. Join us on either Tuesday morning after 9 AM Mass or Wednesday evening after the 6 PM Mass. Purchase the book and read through the 10th letter and join us this week.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction:** Join us for weekly Eucharistic Adoration in the Parish Church every Friday immediately after morning Mass ending with Benediction at 12 PM.

This is what St Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 - 1997) had to say about the importance of Eucharistic Adoration in our lives: "Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity." The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

 **May Birthdays**  Below is a list of those celebrating birthdays in May. If you see them when you are out and about, wish them a Happy Birthday!

Bradley Liles	Mary Cordelli	Pat Reeser	Joseph Beutler
Louis Campbell	James Lasick	Sean Stritch	Anthony Gould
Stella Folk	Claire Pelletier	EllieHazel Farabaugh	Rebecca Valasek
Essohouna Kao	Luis Rivera	Dorothy Hess	Kathy Zier
Terry Stotler	Jimzen Manongdo	Jameelynne East	Rachel Keller
Kevin Corrigan	Curtis Fretz	Dianna Colliflower	Amber Thomas
Dave Linthicum	Michelle Rodriguez	Vicky Robertson	Catherine Burghgraef
Carolyn Williams	John Valasek	Cynthia Stegmaier	Linda Guy
Melissa Shifflett	Butch Rose	Pat Tatem	Heather Beutler
Pam Friedberg	Celeste Stotler	Judy Boland	John Bork
Kyla Graham	Barbara Badanjak	Julie Ludwick	Kathleen Hall
Catherine McGuire	James Fitzharris	Kerry O'Neill	