

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 9, 2023

Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of the Lord



Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

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

Dear brothers and sisters,
 Happy Easter Sunday! The Lord has risen from the dead! Alleluia! Easter is one of the central holidays of Christianity. It honors the Resurrection of Jesus three days after His death by crucifixion. Along with Christmas, Easter is one of the most important celebrations in the Christian calendar. It is when Christians glorify and give thanks that, Jesus by His rising, has conquered death and redeemed us from sin. Our Christian faith is built upon the resurrection, because, if Christ had not risen, the Christian faith would have no foundation. Writing to the Corinthians Saint Paul says: And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is without substance, and so is your faith. What is more, we have proved to be false witnesses to God, for testifying against God that he raised Christ to life when he did not raise him -- if it is true that the dead are not raised. For, if the dead are not raised, neither is Christ; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is pointless and you have not, after all, been released from your sins. In addition, those who have fallen asleep in Christ are utterly lost. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are of all people the most pitiable." (1 Cor. 15:14-19).

Someone has said that; "When we celebrate the birth of Christ in Christmas we do not only celebrate because He was born. If He was born, crucified, died, was buried but remained dead, then we would not be celebrating His birth because He wouldn't be who He had claimed to be. He wouldn't provide the salvation and redemption He declared He came to give". Easter celebrates Jesus' triumph over death. So, what is the significance of Easter to us Christians?

The resurrection of Jesus means that eternal life is granted to all who believe in Him. Jesus told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live" (Jn. 11:25). The resurrection of Jesus is a total confirmation of all that He taught and preached during His three-year ministry. If He had not risen from the dead or simply died and not been resurrected, He would have been thought just another teacher or prophet. However, His resurrection rebuked all that and provided final and undeniable proof that He was the Son of God and that He had overcome death once and for all. Because of the resurrection, the disheartened apostles of Christ were able to get out of their hiding for fear of the Jews and boldly preach the gospel. The resurrection became the foundation of everything they said and did.

Like the apostles of Christ, may we at Saint Bernadette find strength in His resurrection to become an "Easter People", bearing witness to His abundant love in a frightened world. May He strengthen our confidence in His unfailing grace and grant us the courage to

move onward even when we cannot see the way, knowing that He will guide our every step. Amen.
 Happy Easter!
 May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.
 Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Easter Message from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners of Saint Bernadette,
 Christ is risen! He is truly risen! Alleluia! With great joy in my heart, I announce to you the joy of Christ risen and alive in our midst. Today this Easter message of joy resounds in the Church throughout the world proclaiming Christ's ultimate victory of light over darkness, grace over sin, and life over death. "This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118).

In our world today, we face many crucial challenges due to inflation, wars, and all the trials that hinder the life of humanity. Today's celebration of Christ's rising from the dead assures us that we are living in a world in which God has the last word. So, do not despair. You have heard me say repeatedly, "God is good. All the time. And all the time. God is good". Christ's rising from the dead has conquered the darkness of this world forever.

Permit me to cease this opportunity to thank you for your support and prayers. This means more to me than you will ever know. I would also like to extend a word of appreciation and thanks to all who made donations of, or offerings toward our Easter flowers. Thanks to all who sacrificed to make our Holy Week as prayerful, enjoyable, and inviting as it has been – the choir, lectors, ushers, altar servers, our maintenance ministry, as well as those who decorated our church. May this Easter joy and our celebration be reflected in our faith commitment, and in the increase of our love for the parish.

We congratulate and warmly welcome into our parish family our FIVE brothers and sisters who at the Easter Vigil received the Sacrament of Baptism and the Sacraments of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you or a loved one would ever like to learn more about the Catholic faith or become a Catholic, please feel free to speak with me or one of our Faith Formation Staff.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3322.25
Online Giving	\$ 962.64
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 1937.00
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 A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Christian Initiation is an ongoing process in our community. We look forward to walking with you on this journey of faith. Andrew Michael Britner and his daughters Gwyneth Isla and Natalie Rose, Barbara Ann Lepley, and Condoleeza Beri Mbuwir, welcome. Please remember them in your prayers.

Our entire Parish Staff joins me in extending to you our best wishes and joyous Easter. We also extend a warm welcome to those who are visiting with us. We are happy you chose to celebrate Easter with us. If you are new in the area and you are looking for a parish, please consider joining Saint Bernadette to become a regular part of our parish. See the bulletin for our Mass times and other spiritual activities. You can also visit our parish website www.stbernadettewv.org and/or call the parish office at (304) 754-7830, Monday thru Thursday 10 AM to 2 PM. I wish you and all your loved ones, a most blessed and Happy Easter.

Next Sunday, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, is known as Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have a Divine Mercy devotion following the 11 AM Mass that day. Please join us for Adoration of the Eucharist, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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 immediately following morning Mass and ends with Benediction at 12 NOON. Plan to spend some quiet time with our Eucharistic Lord!

God bless,

Fr Boh

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.

The Hospitality Ministry would like to thank all of those who baked for our bake sale and those who came out to eat at our Fish Fry. It was a huge success. We can't wait for next year! Happy Easter!

Mark your calendar for dinner out at Wendy's in Spring Mills on April 25th from 6:30—9 PM. This is a fundraiser to benefit the St. Joseph Conference and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, 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

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 9th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for June Williams

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Deb Licino

Easter Monday, April 10th

The office is closed

Tuesday, April 11th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Norma Gasper

11 AM Funeral Mass for

Chester Poplawski

Wednesday, April 12th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Ministry Meeting

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, April 13th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Clarence Franko

Friday, April 14th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Marion V. Burns

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, April 15th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

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

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 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 10th—Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15

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

Wednesday 12th—Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday 13th—Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48

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

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

Sunday of Divine Mercy 16th—Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118; 1 Pt 1:3-9; 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.



Easter Flower Offering

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