

# SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



## ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

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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 Friday: Perpetual Adoration of the  
Blessed Eucharist after 9 AM Mass  
with Divine Mercy & Benediction at 3 PM

1st Saturday: 9 AM  
Rosary immediately following

Confession  
Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM  
Saturday: 4—4:45PM  
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM  
*or by appointment*

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## August 21, 2022

### Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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

“Lord, will only a few people be saved?” Dear Friends in Christ, the above is a question from today’s Gospel passage. Let me call your attention to the fact that Jesus does not respond to the question. Instead, Our Lord tells us how to enter the Kingdom of God or how to become a disciple. Notice that He doesn’t give a number of those who will be saved. He doesn’t say only two billion people or one million people or five thousand people will be saved. Rather, He says: “There is only one way. ‘Strive to enter through the narrow gate’”. He immediately adds: “for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

Today’s Gospel passage gives us an opportunity to think about the things that are important for eternal life. What can we do to successfully enter through the narrow gate or door? What does it mean - spiritually - to be small enough to enter through the narrow gate? Clearly, Jesus is not talking about our size or weight. So, the question we might ask is: how can we make ourselves small - spiritually speaking - to be able to enter through the narrow gate? The Scriptures teach us how.

Firstly, we are taught to recognize Jesus as “the way, the truth, and the light”. Our Lord is very clear: “No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Secondly, we must take up our cross daily and follow Him. In other words, shallow discipleship will not cut it. We cannot serve God and the Devil. Which is why Jesus recommended the following to the rich man who wanted to know how he could earn eternal life: “Go, sell everything you have. Give the money to the poor and come follow me.” Thirdly, being small is about being humble. It is about accepting the burdens of our cross, forgiving those who persecute us, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. In other words, we cannot be disciples if we do not give up our ambition to lord it over others. We must become the servant of all.

Clearly, if we limit ourselves to praying a lot and doing nothing else, we will not be able to enter through the narrow gate. If we limit ourselves to contributing regularly to everything at church and attending Mass regularly, we will not downsize enough to pass through the narrow gate.

Jesus reminds us that we must keep trying to get in shape, spiritually speaking; “Strive to enter

through the narrow gate,” He tells us. Jesus Christ reassures us that there is always hope if we keep striving. It is when we stop striving and stop seeking God that the way forward begins to block for us.

Let me end with a citation from Abbot Philip who says of today’s gospel passage that it encourages us to remain “faithful to God, even when we can see and know our own failures”. Today, “God Himself is telling us: Do not give up hope! Trust in the Lord forever”.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

**Project soon to go underway in our parish:**

1. Renovation of part of the parking lot.
2. A fence to be built around 107 and the fence leading up to the gate. It will be replaced with a white vinyl fence.
3. We are still waiting for bids to come in for the remodeling of McFadden Hall.

Let me take this opportunity to thank God for all you do to make Saint Bernadette ‘something beautiful for God’. Without your generous contributions and donations, these would not have been possible.

**African Catholic Community:** This is to remind all of us that our sisters and brothers of the African Catholic Community will be having their monthly Mass this afternoon at 2:30 PM in this Church. Please, try to attend if your schedule permits.

**Good News from the Religious Ed. Director:** For CCD this year we have teachers for all the classes and 47 students with classes starting on September 11th from 10:15—11:30 AM. I welcome all the teachers and the students. Let us pray for God’s blessings and protection on them so that they may overcome the challenges they might encounter this year.

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING  
GIVING SUMMARY**

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$	2295.00
Online Giving.....	\$	602.13
Capital Improvements.....	\$	220.00
Poor Box .....	\$	46.00
Diocesan Collection– Disaster Relief .....	\$	1550.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$	60.00
Social Concerns—Cameroon Supplies .....	\$	1000.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A  
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

The **Bereavement Ministry** will have a meeting this Thursday, August 25th, after the 9 AM Mass. All are invited to attend.

All 6<sup>th</sup> to 12th graders are invited to join our **youth group**. We will be announcing various activities throughout the year in our bulletin. Questions regarding the youth group can be referred to Linda Abrahamian at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com.

**Monthly Youth Masses** will begin October 30, 2022. We are looking for 6<sup>th</sup> -12th grade students to join our youth choir and to become youth lectors. Contact Linda Abrahamian at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for youth choir and contact Deb Mackesy at 304-754-7830 to become a youth lector.

All Parishioners: Mark your calendars for our **Parish Picnic on September 11, 2022**. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Just a reminder that **RCLA** starts next Saturday from 9 AM—10:30 AM in the Religious Education Building. There is still room so call 3041-754-7830 to sign up today.

**Substitute Religious Education Teachers are still needed for grades 5, 6, & 8**. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer. If you have any questions, you can contact Deb Mackesy at the Parish Office.

We have reached almost 53% of our parish **Catholic Sharing Appeal** goal. That means every dollar going forward will be returned to St Bernadette. The Catholic Sharing Appeal, (CSA) is an annual appeal that offers funds to a variety of ministries, services and programs throughout our diocese, as well as the needs of our parishes. To make a gift or learn more about this important appeal, please visit the CSA website, [www.dwc.org/CSA](http://www.dwc.org/CSA).

**Single and Catholic?** September 16th-18th, 2022 - join hundreds of single Catholics coming from all parts of the US (and beyond!) at the 21st National Conference for Single Catholics at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, VA. The weekend includes talks by dynamic speakers, music, social events, Mass, adoration, opportunities for confession, fellowship, food and more. **Register with this promo code**

**(PARISH22) to get \$50 off!** Discount for the first 50 sign ups nationwide to use this code. Visit [NationalCatholicSingles.com](http://NationalCatholicSingles.com) for more information and to register or call 512-766-5798.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, August 21st**

9 AM Mass

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

11 AM Mass

*Intention for Rosalie Gallagher***Tuesday, August 23rd**

9 AM Mass

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10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, August 24th**

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Christine D'Angelo*

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

**Thursday, August 25th**

9 AM Mass

9:30 AM Bereavement

Ministry Meeting

**Friday, August 26th**

9:00 AM Mass

Adoration following 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, August 27th**

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

*Intention for Rose Boarman***Sunday, August 28th**

9 AM Mass

*Intention for People of the Parish*

11 AM Mass

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Chris Ridley, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Ginger Spice, Ernie Montano, Monica Straley, Rose Boarman

*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.*



**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), will begin Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 9 AM to 10:30 AM at the Religious Education Building. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age), will begin Sunday, August 28, 2022, from 12:30—2 PM at the Religious Education Building. 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](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: 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, Kacie Morrell Humbert, 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.

<b>WEEKLY READINGS</b>	
Monday 22nd—	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday 23rd—	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday 24th—	St. Bartholomew, Apostle; Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145; Jn 1:45-51
Thursday 25th—	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145; Mt 24:42-51
Friday 26th—	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday 27th—	St. Monica; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday 28th—	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**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 one of the Bishop's designees at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.