



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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ST. BERNADETTE 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

Rosary immediately following

Confession

Wednesday: 5—5:50PM

Saturday: 4—4:45PM

or by appointment

December 12, 2021
Third Sunday of Advent



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

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the Lord is good. All the time. And all the time. The Lord is good.

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent Year C. It is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because the underlying theme of today's readings is Joy! The first reading starts, "Sing for joy, daughter of Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel!" The Psalm begins, "Cry out with joy and gladness". In the second reading Saint Paul calls on the Philippians to "Rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again: rejoice!" In the gospel passage, John the Baptist advises his listeners on what to do to make everyone happy; whoever has should share with the person who hasn't.

I dare say that John the Baptist's counsel should attract our attention as we prepare for the coming of the Lord within this advent period that is swiftly drawing to a close. Following John's counsel, the most urgent area we need to give greater attention to is our inter-human relationships. And this is in total agreement with what we celebrate at Christmas: the incarnation, God's unreserved turning of attention to man. With his incarnation God wanted to show us that the most urgent place to find him is in the human community.

Dear friends in Christ, we can see that what we are to do to prepare the way for the Lord is not farfetched. It all consists of a turning to our neighbors to make life worth living for them, so that they may also smile at Christmas. Thank you, beloved sisters, and brothers of Saint Bernadette, for always trying to live up to this counsel. Thank for always doing all you can to put a smile on the face of those in need. We thank the members of the various committees for their wonderful coordination. May our smile continue to be contagious as we approach the celebration of Christmas.

God bless you. Happy Sunday.
Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony – Lights and Ornaments: Please, let's gather in lighting and decorating our Christmas Tree at the McFadden Hall on Sunday December 19, 2021, immediately after the 9 am Mass. We will be serving donuts, cookies, and coffee.

Formed online program: Great news for all parishioners. Saint Bernadette Parish is now part of The Augustine Institute Catholic faith program "Formed". Details in our next Sunday Bulletin.

Christmas Mass Schedule and Confession: Friday December 24: 5 pm and 7 pm.

Saturday December 25 at 9 am. (No evening Mass on Saturday December 25)

Confession: Tuesday December 21, 2021, 6 PM

African Catholic Community Mass: Please, be informed that the next African Catholic Community Mass is scheduled for next Sunday December 19, 2021, at 2:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 12th

8:30—8:45 AM 5th Grade Confession
9:00 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
11 AM Mass
4—4:45 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 13th

3:30 Immanuel's House Dinner Preparation

Tuesday, December 14th

9 AM Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 15th

9 AM Mass
Intention for Blain Gundersen
5—5:50 PM Confession

Thursday, December 16th

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Friday, December 17th

9:00 AM Daily Mass
*Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
Intention in Memory of Liz Duffy Rau
12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, December 18th

4—4:45 PM Confession
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 19th

9:00 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
Tree Lighting directly after Mass
10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education
11 AM Mass

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 3232.00
Capital Improvements & Maintenance.....	\$ 705.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2355.21
Diocesan Collection—Retirement Fund	\$ 30.00
Diocesan Collection—Catholic Charities	\$ 5.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 30.00
Social Concerns (including star project & Immanuel's House)	745.00
All Souls Day	\$ 600.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

The Social Concerns Committee makes dinners for those in need 6 times a year for Immanuel's House in Martinsburg. This Monday, December 13, is a scheduled dinner for St. Bernadette's. This month we are preparing baked ziti, salad, a dinner roll, and Christmas cookies for dessert. Volunteers sign up to prepare part of a designated menu and then we portion the meal into to-go containers for Immanuel's House to distribute to those signed up in their program. If you are interested in becoming part of the **Immanuel's House Dinners ministry** to help those in need, contact Lynette Kammerer at kamnet513@hotmail.com or 301-992-5608.

Christmas flowers and decorations for St. Bernadette Church are supplied through donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. If you wish to make such a memorial, please complete a Christmas Flower Offering envelope and place it the collection basket or turn it in to the Parish Office before December 19th.

The **keys to the church and religious education building** will be changed on December 21st. If you need a key to either of these buildings, please see Lynette in the Parish Office or call 304-754-7830.

Loaves and Fishes is seeking donations for Christmas food pantry distributions. This year they will be providing the regular food box in addition to the special holiday boxes. If you have any questions, contact Karen at 301-992-1368 or Bill at 571-216-9320.

Ministries in Need of Volunteers

We are in need of Altar Servers for all Masses. Boys and girls, between the ages of 9 and 17, who have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation can be Altar Servers. Please contact Donna White or the Parish Office if you are interested in serving this ministry.

We are in need of Ushers for the Sunday 11:00 AM and the Saturday 5:00 PM Masses. Please see either Joe Comer, Maureen Sabol, or the Parish Office if you are interested in joining the Usher Ministry.

We are in need of **Lectors for all Masses**. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Donna White at 304-240-7840 or javalady911@comcast.net or the Parish Office.

Cantors Needed—It has been said when you sing, you pray twice! We are in need of some more cantors. Even if you can only volunteer as a substitute once in awhile, we would appreciate your gift and talent. Please contact Linda Abrahamian, (304)279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for more info.

Looking for **Adult Choir Members for Christmas**—Love to sing, but cannot make a long term commitment to the choir? Then join us only for Christmas! Practice will be conveniently scheduled between the two Sunday Masses. Please contact Linda Abrahamian, 304-279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for more information.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Kathy Sloan, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, John Bennett, Sharee Buberl, Chris Ridley, Bonnie Hart, Harry Skouras, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Deb Nichols

Please keep the sick and homebound 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 6—7 PM and before Saturday Mass. Confession also available by appointment at anytime. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation: RCIA (for children 15 and older and adults) or RCIC (for children 7-14 yrs of age). For more information call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830. Preparation for receiving First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation, 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. 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, Donna White, Carol Sloan, Deb Mackesy, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Committee: 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 for assistance.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 13th—St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday 14th—Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23

Wednesday 15th—Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday 16th—Is 54:1-10; Ps 30; Lk 7:24-30

Friday 17th—Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17

Saturday 18th—Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25

Sunday 19th—The Fourth Sunday of Advent Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.