



# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

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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 19, 2021**  
**Fourth 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

In a few days we shall celebrate the coming of Jesus to us at Christmas. Are you ready for it? After celebrating ‘Thanksgiving’, many businesses intensified their preparations for Christmas by making sure their shops were stocked with the necessary items for Christmas. Most people have decorated their homes. Yet many more have started their Christmas shopping. In our parish, we shall be having a ceremony to light our Christmas Tree after the 9 am Mass. We shouldn’t let these external preparations drown the spiritual preparation that the Church invites us all to. The readings for Advent especially the gospel passage for the second Sunday challenged us to prepare for this feast differently by making a straight path for the Lord. We are challenged to do away with bitterness, lack of forgiveness, pride, jealousies, quarrels, you name the rest. The best way to prepare for a fruitful celebration of Christmas is to ask God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession. And we have that opportunity in our parish on Tuesday December 21, 5 pm – 7 pm and on Wednesday Dec. 22, 5 -5:45 pm.

In today’s gospel passage, the scene is the home of Zacharia - Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. Mary has just received the incredible news that she has been chosen by God to be the mother of His Son. Any young woman in her place would have experienced confusion and bewilderment. No wonder, she sets out in haste to share her secret with someone and seek advice. Naturally, her elderly cousin was the best choice, for she too, despite her old age, was bearing a child. The meeting of these two women turns out to be an awesome moment. The child still in the womb of Mary brings joy to the child in the womb of Elizabeth. The child in Elizabeth’s womb respond to Christ’s presence, as the mother, filled with the Holy Spirit, bears witness to it: “Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” This child that brought such great joy to John the Baptist in his mother’s womb is Immanuel ‘God with us’ born. May He grant us the grace at His coming to us at Christmas to bring His joy to all we meet along our path of life, be it at our homes, on the way, in our places of work, at the shopping mall, etc. May we share the joy that the birth of our Lord brings with all around us.

In our prayers, let us continue to remember our sisters and brothers in Kentucky who have lost their lives, those injured, as well as those who have been affected in one way or the other by the disasters that hit this part of our country. Happy Sunday and Merry Christmas

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th – 5 pm and 7 pm

December 25th – 9 am

Please note that there will be no confessions and anticipated Sunday Mass on Saturday 25th

Interested in learning more about your Faith? Please visit FORMED.org and sign in as a parishioner of St Bernadette Catholic Church. Formed will help you and your family deepen your faith and your relationship with God.

Condolence: Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Frank Dobscha. May his soul rest in peace. Funeral Mass is scheduled for Monday December 20, 2021, at 11 am at Saint Bernadette Catholic Church.

Message from Bishop Mark Brennan: Following the recent natural disasters that have occurred in Kentucky, leaving severe damage and loss of life the Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the Most Rev. Mark Brennan, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of January 1st and 2nd, 2022, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related these disasters. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at [www.dwc.org/disasterrelief](http://www.dwc.org/disasterrelief).

Bishops Mark is calling on all of us to hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, and that we should also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection.

Please remember in prayer all those who have lost their lives in the wake of these disasters, as well as all those who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water, especially as we prepare for the Christmas Season.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 2712.00
Capital Improvements & Maintenance.....	\$ 570.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 5044.63
Poor Box.....	\$ 267.00
Diocesan Collection—Retirement Fund .....	\$ 355.00
Diocesan Collection—Catholic Charities .....	\$ 5.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 230.00
Social Concerns (including star project & Immanuel’s House)	195.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 25.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP



## WHAT'S GOING ON?

A **Funeral Mass for Frank Dobscha** will be held Monday, December 20th at 11 AM. Reception to follow.

The **Tabernacle Flowers** for the Christmas season were donated in honor of Michael Ridley.

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.

**End of Year Contributions**—The end of year contributions need to be at the Parish Office no later than Monday December 27, 2021. The offertory for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and December 26th will be counted as 2021. The offertory for December 31, January 1st and January 2nd will be counted as 2022 contributions. We record contributions by date of deposit not date of check.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com) for more information.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, December 19th

9:00 AM Mass  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*  
 10:00 AM Tree Lighting with donuts and cookies  
 11 AM Mass  
 2:30 PM African Mass  
 4—4:45 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal

#### Monday, December 20th

11 AM Funeral Mass for Frank J. Dobscha, Jr.  
 Office will be closed during the funeral

#### Tuesday, December 21st

9 AM Mass  
 6 PM Reconciliation

#### Wednesday, December 22nd

9 AM Mass  
*Intention in Memory of Delores Figinski*  
 5—5:45 PM Reconciliation  
 6 PM Mass

#### Thursday, December 23rd

9:00 AM Mass

#### Friday, December 24th

5 PM Mass  
*Intention in Memory of Dean Domenico*  
 7 PM Mass

#### Saturday, December 25th

9 AM Mass  
*Intention in Memory of Michael Ridley*

#### Sunday, December 26th

9:00 AM Mass  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*  
 11 AM Mass

### 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 20th—Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday 21st—Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday 22nd—1 Sm 1:24-28; Ps 1 Sm 2; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday 23rd—Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

Friday 24th—The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord  
Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Saturday 25th—The Nativity of the Lord Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday 26th—Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

### 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.