

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 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

December 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



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

“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.” This is what we celebrate at Christmas – God’s entry into our world and life as a fragile little baby. His infinite love and tremendous gift to us in flesh and blood like any one of us. But not all did accept this gift. “But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.” These words of John’s gospel for our Mass during the Christmas day contain the central message of Christmas: God became man so that we may become like God. Jesus took our humanity to restore the dignity we lost because of sin. The celebration of Christmas is the celebration of the restoration of our dignity as children of God. thanks to the incarnation, you are no longer an ordinary creature; you are a child of God and an heir of God’s heavenly Kingdom. Let us thank God for exalting us and giving us a share in his divine life. May you open and accept this tremendous gift. And having received the gift of Christ, may you pass it along to others in the new year and beyond.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Christmas Message:

My Dearly Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, with deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a Holy and Blessed Christmas. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Christ the Lord, let the Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy He brings, fill your life in every way, not just this Christmas day, but the whole year and beyond. May our lives continue to bear faithful witness to the light He brings in a world darkened by sin. This Christmas, as in all previous years, we celebrate “Immanuel” (God with us). Let us continue to welcome Him in the strangers and travelers who join us to celebrate the Eucharist and not turn them away as happened to Mary and Joseph. May they always find a warm welcome. May the light of Christ illumine the hearts of those who are returning to Church today after a long absence, or even a short one, so that they may return to the joy of celebrating the Eucharist today and every day of the year.

I would like to take a moment to say thank you to all of you faithful and hardworking parishioners of Saint Bernadette. Thank you for your sacrifices and all you do to make Saint Bernadette something beautiful for God. Thank you for the gift of your time, your talents, your technical expertise, and your generous financial contributions. We are grateful also to our diocese for their financial and technical support. It is thanks to all these contributions that we were able to accomplish the following in 2022: the remodeling of the Stonehouse, the demolition of #107; the remodeling of our parking lot, the fence and gate, and the purchase of a new color printer, the designing and installation of

signs and the sound system. We thank the members of the parish pastoral council, the parish finance council, and the members of the various ministries for the good work and all the accomplishments of 2022. We are grateful to all those who have provided leadership to these groups this past year. We render gratitude to God for all those who joined the family of Saint Bernadette through the waters of Baptism, for those who brought their love relationships for God’s blessing in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony; for those who made their First Holy Communion, for the Confirmadi. We continue to journey with those who are in Faith Formation and their teachers.

Last but not the least, it is with humble joy and in thanksgiving to God that I bring you the news of my appointment as your Pastor. Thank you for all your support and your prayers. Thank you, Lynette Kammerer, for being such a wonderful and amazing Parish Office manager.

Dear sisters and brothers, thank you so much for all you do. May God bless you, your families and loved ones this Christmas. May all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ’s birth and may you be missionaries to that Joy. Have a merry Christmas. Happy New Year 2023!

Pastor,
Fr Boh

Feast Day: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: This feast day is regularly celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas. However, this year that day is on Friday, you might want to come to Mass to pray for your family, or better, come to Mass with your family. Two Masses have been scheduled 9 AM and 5:30 PM.

New Year’s Day Masses: The regular weekend Mass schedule will be followed. Saturday – 4 – 4:45 pm: Confessions; 5 pm: Mass. Sunday: 8:15 – 8:45 am: Confession; 9 am and 11 am: Mass. On this day, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY

General Fund.....	\$ 19465.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 650.39
Capital Improvements	\$ 35.00
Diocesan.....	\$ 160.00
Outreach.....	\$ 225.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Lynette will be out of the office Christmas week, December 26—January 3rd. There will be **limited coverage** during this time. Please call before you come in.

The **office will be closed** on January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day.

Offertory envelopes have been sent out. If you have a problem, please call the office. Weekly and special collections can be made with online giving. Visit our website at www.stbernadettewv.org and click the blue Online Giving button at the top-right of the page.

Saint Joseph School is seeking a Spanish teacher for grades K-2 beginning Jan. 2, 2023. The candidate must have prior experience as a teacher or teacher's aide; be a fluent Spanish speaker; be experienced in differentiating language instruction for diverse learners; and use appropriate instructional strategies for making language instruction comprehensible. The ideal candidate is proficient in Spanish and has an associate degree or higher education in the field of language or teaching. The preferred applicant will act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school. The applicant agrees that the employer has the right to dismiss the teacher for public rejection or violation of the official teachings, and for any violations of the employee handbook policies.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is currently accepting applications for the **Permanent Diaconate Formation Program 2023-2028**. Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2023. The application and additional information may be found at <https://dwc.org/directory-listing/permanent-diaconate-formation-office-of/2275/>. For questions, please feel free to contact the diocesan Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation: Deacon John Yaquina, Coordinator, jyaquina@dwc.org, or Tina High, Secretary, thigh@dwc.org or (304) 233-0880, ext. 271.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes Please join His Excellency, Bishop Athanasius Schneider, as well as Fr. Timothy Huffman and Fr. Bradley Greer, of the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes June 9-18, 2023. Space is limited. For more information, please visit www.qohtours.com or call 1-800-213-4295.

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, Kathy Weaver, Ginger Spice, Monica Straley, Joe Schlegel, Walter Shenk, Isabella Horning, Paula Shenk

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

Sunday, December 25th

10 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Michael Ridley

Tuesday, December 27th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Haydee Puertas

Wednesday, December 28th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
5—5:45 PM Confession
6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Haydee Puertas

Thursday, December 29th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Haydee Puertas

Friday, December 30th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Douglas Orr
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction
5:30 PM Mass—Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph—Fr. Boh

Saturday, December 31st

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Laura Samford

Sunday, January 1st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Judith Copenhaver



Thanks to all of those who made the Christmas Tree Lighting event a success. A special thanks to the kids and all those who assisted in decorating the tree. Thanks to Elaine & Joe Comer and April Canby for tending and preparing the tree for this Christmas season. It is pretty.



WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 26th—St. Stephen, first martyr; Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday 27th—St. John, Apostle and evangelist; 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Wednesday 28th—Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs; 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday 29th—1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35

Friday 30th—Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 2:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Ps 128; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday 31st—1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday 1st—Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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.