



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 26, 2021 Christmas/Holy Family



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

Christmas & Feast of the Holy Family

The Lord is good. Beloved sisters and brothers in the Lord, Merry Christmas! Through the readings during the season of Advent, the Church gave us the opportunity to reflect on our faith and our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. The readings focused on the central theme of Advent which is hope, for a people living in despair. That message of hope is a consolation to us, given that we live in a time beset by wars, civil and political strife, compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic and its devastating consequences on human life. As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, we are filled with joy and consolation to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Baby born to us at Bethlehem - Immanuel, God with us. Today, we are invited to join the choir of Angels to sing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those who are God's friends" in spite of our current challenges and concerns. "For", as the Prophet Isaiah says, "unto us a Child is born". He is the Light that no darkness can overcome. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone" (Isaiah 9:1). May Jesus, the Light of the world, dispel all forms of darkness in your lives and may God bless you this Christmas.

Reflection for the Feast of Holy Family

Beloved in Christ, today we join our brothers and sisters the world over to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Today's feast is an invitation for us to meditate on and celebrate family life. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph has become the meeting place of Heaven and earth; the interactive spot where God reaches out to His creatures. By choosing to dwell in the human family, Jesus tells us that the ideal setting for God's love to abide with us is the heart of a home. With this, the family unit has assumed a divine dimension. However, we cannot presume that the Holy Family of Nazareth lived Heaven on earth. It was not all peace, tranquility and joy. Jesus and His parents had their full share of struggles and problems. In His Word, Jesus paints to us the terrible crisis faced by His mother and his foster father, Joseph. On account of the love that reigns supreme within the Holy Family, they could weather any storm. Today, the Church holds up the Holy Family as an ideal family life for us to emulate. As we celebrate this Feast of the Holy Family, may God bless this beloved family of Saint Bernadette Parish – our spiritual family – and bless each of our individual families.

Fr. Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Merry Christmas fellow parishioners!

Accept the very best of Christmas wishes from your administrator.

May God bless you this Christmas. May all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the joy of the birth of our Lord and Savior. And may the Baby born to us at Christmas grant us the grace to be missionaries of joy and hope to our world.

Introducing... Formed

Santa Claus dropped by Saint Bernadette and left a handsome Christmas present for Christians of Saint Bernadette in the form of a faith formation package by the Augustine Institute called Formed. I strongly encourage all parishioners to take full advantage of this amazing online tool to nourish your faith and better your relationship with God. To access the package, type in the word "formed" on the Google search engine and click on sign up. Pick the option to sign up as a parishioner. Enter the zip code of Saint Bernadette (25427) and the name of our parish will pop up. Click on it and start enjoying the programs which include videos, audios, faith formation programs, the Sacraments of the Church, daily readings and reflections, conversion stories, etc. Enjoy! You can share with family and friends who are not parishioners of St. Bernadette's.

Watch out for the following in the course of this week:

New Year's Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31st, New Year Eve 9 AM & 5 PM

Saturday, January 1st, New Year Day 9 AM & 5 PM

Frank Dobscha's Funeral Mass

A word of thanks to all of the parishioners for the befitting farewell ceremony that we accorded Frank Dobscha, our Acolyte, last Monday. A special thanks to the bereavement committee for organizing the delicious lunch and those who organized the liturgy.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 2365.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 686.13
Diocesan Collection—Retirement Fund	\$ 35.00
Diocesan Collection—Catholic Charities	\$ 300.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 600.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 100.00

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Christmas ***Star Project***. It was a great success and brought smiles to so many faces. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and felt throughout our community.

The ***keys to the church and religious education building*** have been changed. If you need a key to either of these buildings, please see Lynette in the Parish Office.

2022 Offertory Envelopes are available in McFadden Hall. If you haven't received envelopes but want them, please call the Parish Office at 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.

Synod at St. Bernadette's in 2022

Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced a worldwide synod to focus on the life and mission of the Church as we move forward together. The theme for this synod is, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

Rather than simply a meeting of bishops, Pope Francis has asked us, the People of God, to take part in the synod—to "journey together" with our brothers and sisters in Christ along the path of renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Father has asked that every parish in the Diocese participate in this synod in order to listen to the living voice of the entire People of God.

Our parish will conduct several synodal listening sessions, throughout the months of January-April, as part of the synod. These sessions will provide an opportunity for every member of our parish community to share thoughts and feelings, but more importantly to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us in our journey together. Joe and Elaine Comer will share more information, including posting session dates and times, after the first of the year. Please join us for these important events.

Three five-week courses are being offered through the ***University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation*** (VLCFF). These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoiciu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org with your name, address, and phone number.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 26th

9:00 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass

Tuesday, December 28th

9 AM Mass

*Intention in Honor of June Williams***Wednesday, December 29th**

9 AM Mass

Intention in Honor of the Nichols Family

5—5:50 PM Reconciliation

6 PM Mass

Thursday, December 30th

9:00 AM Mass

Friday, December 31st

9:00 AM Mass

5 PM Mass

Saturday, January 1st

9 AM Mass

5 PM Mass

*Intention in Memory of Frank Dobscha***Sunday, January 2nd**

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

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

Wednesday 29th—The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday 30th—The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40

Friday 31st—The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday 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

Sunday 2nd—The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 2:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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.

Special Collection

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, 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 to the recent natural disasters that have occurred in Kentucky, leaving severe damage and loss of life. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at www.dwc.org/disasterrelief.

Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities agencies on the ground, working in the communities affected by the tornadoes.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.

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 during this Christmas Season.



Christmas Flower Offering



Donated By:	In Memory Of:
Barbara Loeffler	John Loeffler
Dan & Sylvia Montgomery	Robert M Double
Lori Felice	Mary Ann Felice & Frank Felice
Chester & Catherine Poplawski	Poplawski & Skawinski Families
Ted Sternemann	Theodore R & Charlotte G. Sternemann
Bill & Mary Beth Kearns	Carroll Anne Wood
Anonymous	Covid Victims
James M Donato	G.V. Donato & Lydia Donato
Jack & Mary Beth Cornell	Pearl & Bubbie Brumbaugh and Beulah Heltzel
James Wynkoop	Helen
Mary Cay & Greg Hess	Margaret Hess
Robert & Dorothy Hess	Frank E. Sr. & Elizabeth Domenico & Deceased Members Robert & Mary Hess & Deceased Members P.J. & Gladys Waas & Deceased Members Jeanne Hanson Gene Zappitelli Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters
Luz Dolly Benavides	Hector Landinez & family
Jean Ridley	Michael Ridley, Benjamin family, Ridley family
Charles Kinn	Tom Renninger
Dan & Mary Forte	Dan (Donato) Forte, Leo A. Hammer, Rita Hammer In Honor of: Mary Forte Sr.
Rick & Sande Roscoe	Anthony Costa, Adele D. Costa, John Roscoe, Jane Roscoe
Rose Marie Stefanko	William Stefanko

Robin L. Marlin	Larry O. Marlin
Jean Ridley	Michael Ridley
Thomas & Eileen Siefring	All US Military who died defending the USA
Patricia Bowling	Tom, Jimmy, and Andy Bowling
Amanda Steiner	William & Clara Steiner & Iola Lane
Rick Inclima	
Louis & Sharon Rose	Jeff Rizzo
Carl and Mary Jane Drummond	
Vici & James Trauger	Puch, Hessler, Snider Trauger & McGill Family
Pat & Kathy Reeser	Jordan Ludwick, Joyce Ludwick, Ryan Ludwick
Frances J. Deras	Viera-Rucci-Trapasso Families
John & Jane Batten	Deceased members of the Batten and Andrews Families
Marilys & David Gilbert	Abilio Fernandez
Tom & Dorothy Foley	Kelsey Hafen
Joe & Elaine Comer	Joe & Anita Edwards, Sue, Cecil, Eddie, & Chad Comer, Jamie Hannig
David Copenhaver, Sr.	Judy Copenhaver
Charles Deal	Dolores Deal
Lawrence and Carol Bogacz	Harmony Faith Bogacz/Vickers