



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 5, 2021
Second 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.

Here we are in the last month of the year 2021. We thank God for bringing us to this new month, the last of the year. For all those who will be celebrating birthdays or anniversaries of whatever kind, we accompany you with our prayers. We pray that God who has enabled us to begin this new month, will see us through the remaining days of the month and bring us safely to the start of the new year 2022.

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, the central message for the season of Advent is Hope. The church invites and exalts her children to live in hope of better days ahead. We are all witnesses of the troubles we daily experience. Troubles in every aspect and domains of life; from sickness to poverty, from unemployment to bad systems of governments, from wars to death. The killing of vulnerable people especially the unborn. This situation is further compounded by the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic that has led to loss of millions of human lives worldwide and its unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems and the world of work. All these challenges have left many to despair. Many have lost hope in the systems, in their governments. Many have also lost hope in life. No one knows what the future holds. We seem to be living in an oblivion. There seems to be no hope. It is with this backdrop that our Advent message takes its meaning. Someone is coming. A better leader who will establish a Kingdom of justice, love, and peace. This is the focus of our first reading from the Prophet Baruch. He promises a better future for Jerusalem urging her to forget the sufferings of the past because God is going to bring back her exiled children to her. This is the message that the Church addresses to us during this season of Advent – hope in a better future. Immanuel, God with us, is coming to us at Christmas. He is our hope. We can only say with the Psalmist: “The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.” Wishing you all a blessed and fruitful week. Happy Sunday. The Lord is good.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

On Wednesday December 08, 2021, we shall join our Catholic sisters and brothers the world over to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is one of the most important Marian feasts in the liturgical calendar of the Roman Catholic Church celebrated worldwide. The Immaculate Conception asserts that, "from the first moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was, by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of Mankind, kept free from all stain of original sin." The feast was first solemnized as a Holy Day of Obligation on December 6, 1708, by Pope Clement XI.

Pope's December prayer intention: For the month of December 2021, Pope Francis is inviting everyone to pray for catechists, "summoned to announce the Word of God," that they might "be its witnesses, with courage and creativity, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, with joy and much peace."

Who is a Catechist? A Catechist is a person who facilitates the process of faith formation. Pope Francis says that "Catechists have an invaluable mission for the transmission and growth of the faith".

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 5th

9:00 AM Mass
 For the People of the Parish
 11 AM Mass
 4—4:45 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, December 7th

9 AM Daily Mass
 6 PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 8th
 Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 9 AM Mass
 5—5:50 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass

Thursday, December 9th

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Friday, December 10th

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

Saturday, December 11th

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 12th

8:30—8:45 5th Grade Confession
 9:00 AM Mass
 For the People of the Parish
 10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 2748.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 502.63
Diocesan Collection—Human Development	\$ 120.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 75.00
Social Concerns.....	\$ 2000.00
Immanuel's House Dinners.....	\$ 50.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Monday, December 13th, is our scheduled bi-monthly meal for *Immanuel's House*. We are always looking for new volunteers for meal prep and monetary donations. Please contact Lynette Kammerer at 301-992-5608 or kamnet513@hotmail.com if you are interested in joining this ministry to help those in need.

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.

If you took a star for the *Christmas Star Project*, please return your gift with the star tag attached. Do not wrap your gift but, if possible, put it into a gift bag. If you selected a "cash" tag, please put the cash or check (*made payable to St. Bernadette*) in an envelope with the star attached. The cash is used for any stars not taken or any gifts not returned. Any extra cash will be used to buy items for Bethany House. **PLEASE RETURN GIFTS TO MCFADDEN HALL BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12.** You may return your gift earlier if you wish. It is important that the committee have the gifts by December 12 so they can shop for gifts that have not been returned. Please drop gifts off in McFadden Hall on the tables to the left of the hall. Thank you for helping bring the joy of the Christmas season to others.

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.

Stitches from the Heart meets every Tuesday after the 9 AM Mass. These ladies have been busy lately! This past year they have crouched and knitted 49 hat/scarf combos, 8 hats, 4 scarfs, 6 dish/wash cloths, and 15 prayer shawls. All skill levels are welcome to join. In order to continue to bless people with their talents, the Stitches from the Heart group will need donations of quantities of yarn large enough for a complete project and/or monetary donations.

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

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 6th—Is 35:1-10; Ps 85; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday 7th—St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday 8th—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday 9th—Is 41:13-20; Ps 145; Mt 11:11-15

Friday 10th—Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday 11th—Sir 48:1-4, 9:11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday 12th—Third Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a; (Ps) Is 12; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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.



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Bottom row, from left: Br. James Bartos, OSB, 79; Sr. Mary Hope Doudard, SSCJ, 87; Abbot Gregory Duerr, OSB, 84; Sr. Catarina Santa Cruz, SSCJ, 88; Sr. Mary Guadalupe Jumarang, OSF, 75.

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