

# SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5 PM  
Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM  
Tuesday: 9 AM  
Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM  
Thursday: 9 AM  
Friday: 9 AM

Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass  
with Benediction at 12 NOON

1st Saturday: 9 AM Mass  
Rosary immediately following

### Confession

Wednesday: 5—5:45 PM

Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

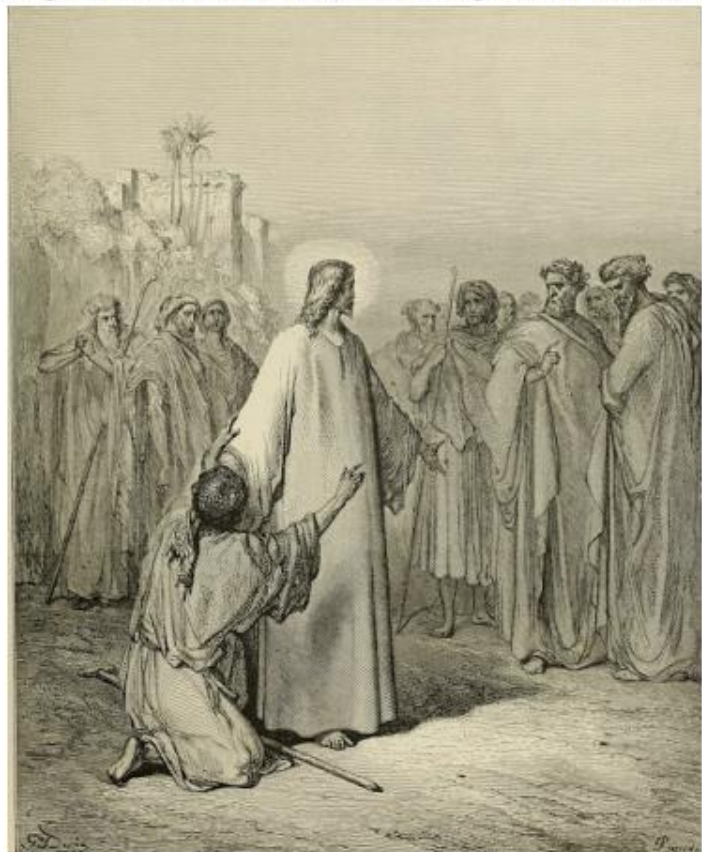
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM

or by appointment

## February 11, 2024

### 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Jesus put forth his hand and touched the leper, and he was cured



### 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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate the sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time year B. The readings are about leprosy and God's compassion. In the first reading from the Book of Leviticus we hear how lepers were treated. It was up to the priest to declare that a person has contracted leprosy and to order that that person be separated from his/her family and community because the person now was considered ritually unclean. They were considered a public risk and had to be kept separate. They were considered cursed by God because of their sins and so it was right for people to shun them. Israel was convinced that the community should be made up only of people perfect physically and naturally. This treatment of lepers was in direct contrast to the call made by Saint Paul to the Christians at Corinth in the second reading. Paul urges them not to do anything offensive to anyone but to do everything for the glory of God. In the Gospel passage, Jesus breaks down all the religious and social barriers and reaches out with a loving and healing hand to touch a leper and cure him of the leprosy. This physical contact with a leper was unthinkable since according to ancient Hebrew belief, such a contact rendered a person unclean. By choosing to touch and to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast.

Dear friends in Christ, in today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us about how to be better disciples of His. He teaches us to grow in more confident trust of God—that God loves and cares for us as His children. This should translate in the way we treat and relate with others, especially the "rejected". We are encouraged not to be afraid to bring our leprosy to Jesus.

**Mark Your Calendar** Ash Wednesday February 14th, 2024: We are barely three days away from Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Additionally, all Catholics over the age of fourteen are expected to abstain from meat on this day. Pope Saint Pope Saint John Paul II once said: "Lent is a season of intense prayer, fasting, and concern for those in need. It offers all Christians an opportunity to prepare for Easter by serious discernment about their lives, with particular attention to the word of God which enlightens the daily journey of all who believe." This year, Ash Wednesday coincides with Valentine's Day. Lol. The practical implications of this coincidence for those of us Catholic Christians who are accustomed to having some chocolate, roses and perhaps steak for lunch or dinner on Valentine's Day, is that they will have to sacrifice all these goodies this year. In the season of Lent, we are invited to embrace the call to penance, prayer, and almsgiving. Through self-discipline and reflection, may we draw closer to the transformative love of Christ, preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter.

**Mass schedule for Ash Wednesday in the parish Church:** 9 AM and 6 PM. Ashes will be administered at both Masses.

**The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.):** This is the process of becoming Catholic. It is not so much a program as a process. Through the OCIA, men and

women discern God's call to enter the Catholic Church and are helped along in this process by many Catholics of their parish.

We are grateful to Therese Highlands who has been helping the men and women in our parish's OCIA. She has indicated that she will be moving out of the area soon and we are looking for a volunteer to take over from her. If you can volunteer kindly contact the pastor or call the parish office. Thanks in advance for accepting to help your brothers and sisters on this journey.

I pray that this Lenten season be one of grace for all of you. Happy Lent.

Fr Boh, Pastor

**Lenten Season Program**

Wednesday, February 14th, 2024: Ash Wednesday: Beginning of Lent; Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Sunday, February 18, 2024: First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 3, 2024: First Scrutiny of the Elect

Sunday, March 10, 2024: Laetare Sunday - Second Scrutiny of the Elect

Sunday, March 17, 2024: Third Scrutiny of the Elect

Saturday, March 16th, 2024: Parish Retreat in the Parish Church from 9 AM to 3:30 PM

Tuesday, March 19, 2024: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Patronal Feast of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Sunday, March 24th, 2024: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**Holy Week**

Monday, March 25, 2024: Chrism Mass in Charleston at 4 PM

• PLEASE NOTE: The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord has been transferred to April 8.

Tuesday, March 26, 2024: Chrism Mass in Wheeling at 4 PM

Parish Penitential Service in preparation for Easter from 4 PM – 5:45 PM in the Parish Church

Thursday, March 28, 2024, Holy Thursday - Morning

Prayer at 9 AM, 7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29, 2024, Good Friday – Morning Prayer at 9 AM, Stations of the Cross in the parking lot at 9:30

AM and 6 PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Mass is NOT celebrated on this day). HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Saturday, March 30, 2024: Holy Saturday – Morning Prayer at 9 AM, Easter Vigil at 8 PM

Sunday, March 31, 2024: Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord – Masses at 9 AM and 11 AM

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING**

General Fund .....	\$ 3620.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1302.52
Maintenance .....	\$ 1207.00
Outreach .....	\$ 209.00

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

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

If you contributed toward the memorial flowers for Advent, **Poinsettias are available in McFadden Hall.** All Poinsettias must go to prepare for Lent.

The **Youth Group** would like to add a note of **Thanksgiving** for the opportunity to be able to attend Mount 2000 in Emmitsburg, WV. Please pray for our seminarians, especially for Bryan Tedeschi who was our assigned seminarian this year. Visit our Facebook page for pictures.

**High School Book Study Group** for Lent! Sunday, Feb. 18 12:15-1:15 Join us for a special book study just for high schoolers this Lenten season. We will meet 2/18, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, & 3/17. We'll be diving into "**Humility Rules: Saint Benedict's 12-Step Guide to Genuine Self-Esteem**" by J. Augustine Wetta, O.S.B. Father Augustine, a high school principal, wrote this book specifically for teens, equipping them with lifelong skills to face life's challenges with strength in Christ. The book may be purchased online or ordered through us, at cost, for \$19.03. Financial assistance is available if needed. Text or call us at 307-712-0001 to let us know your high schooler will attend, so we can plan lunch accordingly. See you there!

- Billy & Sara Struemke

Join us this Wednesday for our first of two **Fish Fry Dinners from 11 AM—5:30 PM.** Fresh Cod Fish Platter or Tacos are only \$15. Includes drink and dessert.

Our first **Meatless Supper** is postponed until next Friday, February 23rd, after the 6 PM Stations of the Cross. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. All families are asked to bring a meatless dish to share.

Throughout February, the Martinsburg Knights of Columbus will be in the narthex collecting donations for the "**Fill a Bottle, Save a Life**" campaign to raise funds for AbbaCare Pregnancy Resource Center in Martinsburg. They will welcome donations of cash, coins, or checks (payable to "**Knights of Columbus 1169**" memo line of **BBB**). At the end of the month, your gifts will help us share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy about what life really is. We have partnered with AbbaCare Pregnancy Resource Center here in Martinsburg.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Bob Baker, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Abby & Libby Conley, Shane Terry, Linda Spiker, Carol Bogacz

*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, February 11th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

10 AM Cherubs Gathering

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Anthony Abrahamian*

**Tuesday, February 13th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Edith Colliflower*

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, February 14th****Ash Wednesday**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

11 AM—5:30 PM Fish Dinner

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Thursday, February 15th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Edith Colliflower*

**Friday, February 16th**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Adoration is cancelled due to a funeral

6 PM Stations of the Cross

Meatless supper cancelled due to funeral

**Saturday, February 17th**

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Dawn Miele*

**Sunday, February 18th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Alexander Abrahamian*

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Lidia Francisco*

2:30 PM African Mass

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and are required to attend a Preparation Session 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 5:20—5:50 PM, Saturday 4—4:45 PM, and Sunday 8:15—8:45 AM. Confession is also available by appointment at anytime. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

**Order of Christian Initiation:** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in August and ends in April. These classes are for members who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending OCIA, please 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 or you can register on our website at [www.stbernadettewv.org](http://www.stbernadettewv.org). 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, Carol Sloan, Deb Mackesy, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

**St. Bernadette Finance Ministry:** Paul Guttmann, 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.

**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. If you are local, we can make the visit. If you are in Winchester, please let the hospital know that you want a priest or contact the local parish.

### WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 12th—Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday 13th—Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday 14th—Ash Wednesday; Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 15th—Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25

Friday 16th—Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 17th—Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday 18th—First Sunday of Lent; Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

### 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



# **We've Got Fish To Fry!**

**St. Bernadette Catholic Church Fundraiser**

**109 W. Main Street, Hedgesville**

***Fresh* Atlantic Cod served 11 AM-5:30 PM**

**Wednesday, February 14th**

*Lunch Includes Your Choice of:*

Fried Cod Platter & Fresh Coleslaw

Or

Fish Taco with Cabbage Slaw, Pico de Gallo, and Aioli Sauce

*Both include:*

French Fries, a Dessert & a Drink

(Coke, Sprite, Coke Zero, Tea, & Bottled Water)

**\$15.00**

**Limited delivery available.**

**Minimum of 3 orders for delivery.**

**Call April to place an order: 304-995-7745**

It's bottle  
time!



# Fill a bottle, save a life!

Help us share the truth with young women and teens who find themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Stop by the table in the Narthex and help fill the baby bottles. Please see bulletin for more information.

AbbaCare Pregnancy Resource Center, Martinsburg, WV

**Accepting donations the  
entire month of February 2024**

Please see bulletin for more information.

**AbbaCare**  
Pregnancy Resource Center



"For I know the plans I have for  
you...They are plans for good...  
to give you a future and hope."

*Jeremiah 29:11 (NLT)*

National March For Life Friday  
January 19, 2024 Washington D.C.

Pictured right: September 13, 2022,  
blessing of the first ultrasound machine,  
Presenting \$29,500 check raised  
by May 2022.

