



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 Friday: Perpetual Adoration of the
Blessed Eucharist after 9 AM Mass
with Benediction at 5 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

February 13, 2022
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



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

Our Gospel passage for this Sunday is from part of Luke’s account of the Beatitudes. Whereas Matthew’s account has its setting on the mountain (Sermon on the Mount), that of Luke is on the gentle slope overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Through the Beatitudes, Jesus teaches of virtues and values in life that will result in blessings and rewards. These beatitudes are not singled out for specific people - they are blessings applicable to all Christians and non-Christians. The Beatitudes talks to us about happiness or blessedness, but not in the way the world sees it. We all seek happiness. No one loves to be poor, starving, weeping and hated by everybody. On the contrary, we would love to be rich, well fed, laughing and well-spoken of in the community. Yet Jesus in today’s Gospel declares a blessing on those who are poor, hungry, weeping and hated. To make sure we get the point, he goes on and explicitly pronounces a woe on those who are rich, well fed, laughing, and well-spoken of. What is going on here? Does Luke want us to understand that material poverty is a sign of divine approval and material prosperity a sign of divine disapproval? Certainly, not! Poverty in itself is not a blessing but an evil, a lack. In fact, all the qualifying factors mentioned in Luke’s Beatitudes - poverty, hunger, weeping, hatred, exclusion, reviling, defamation - are all evils. These are things no good parents would want for their children. Neither would God want these things for us, His children. How are we then to understand the beatitudes? Some people have referred to the Beatitudes as a manifesto of the Kingdom of God. They give us a true picture of a perfect disciple of Christ who is heir of the promises. According to Pope Francis, the Beatitudes is the “Identity Card” of Christians, because they outline the face of Jesus Himself, his style of living. Those who accept this lifestyle of Jesus - these evil conditions - poverty, hunger, weeping, hatred, exclusion, reviling, defamation “on the account of the Son of Man”, that is, as the price that they must pay for following Christ, they are the blessed ones. They are blessed not because of a current situation, but rather the new condition that the blessed receive as a gift from God: because “theirs is the Kingdom of heaven,” because “they shall be comforted,” because “they shall inherit the earth,” because “they shall be satisfied,” and because “they shall be called children of God.” The Beatitudes will encourage you and give you hope as you face each day knowing that you are called blessed! No matter your age, job, the status, your role within your family or your parish community, if you apply the beatitudes to your life, you will experience a joyful, fulfilled life!

Permit me to end this reflection with this further reflection and prayer from “Catholic Daily Reflections, My Catholic Life”: Perhaps, today, you can look at which Beatitude is most difficult for you to want and desire.

Once you find it, look at the fruit it produces and spend time looking at that Beatitude within that context. It will help you grow in blessedness!

Prayer: Lord, help make me humble and meek, pure of heart and merciful, a peacemaker and one who accepts any persecution that comes my way. Help me to receive all with joy and with a longing for Your Kingdom. Jesus, I trust in You.

May God bless us all. Happy Sunday

Fr. Boh

RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ALL FORMS OF ABUSE

Survivors of all forms of abuse across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV are invited to attend a special retreat entitled, “The Way.” The Way is 3-day guided meditation and prayer program for men and women crafted around the Stations of the Cross. It is an opportunity for healing and prayer and for survivors to reflect on God’s plan for their lives through prayer and sacraments. There will be opportunities for individual counseling and spiritual direction. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the retreat is free of charge and will be held in *February 18-20, 2022, for women*. The location of the retreat is not being publicized to protect the privacy of survivors. For more information on the retreat, visit <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat>. To learn more and to register, please contact Deborah McDonald at mcdonald@adw.org or 301-853-4466.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

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| Reg. Envelopes..... | \$ 1914.00 |
| Online Giving..... | \$ 844.14 |
| Capital Improvements & Maintenance | \$ 770.00 |
| Church in the Developing World | \$ 90.00 |
| Poor Box | \$ 38.00 |
| Loaves & Fishes..... | \$ 50.00 |

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

A **Social Concerns meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16th following the 6:00 PM Mass. There are a number of important items we will be discussing. Please try to attend. New members are always welcome.

Joe and Elaine Comer will lead an **in-person Synod Meeting** on Wednesday, March 2nd after the 9 AM Mass and on Thursday, March 3rd from 6—8 PM. Please RSVP to the Parish Office or to Joe at 304-820-3690 or deerhunter4@hotmail.com.

WOMEN'S RETREAT – EMBRACED WITH COMPASSION... EMBRACING THE WORLD. Please join us for our annual Women's Retreat, co-Sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, February 25-27, 2022, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. Presented by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler. The weekend will consist of presentations, quiet reflection, small group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or gerwright1@aol.com. You can register online at www.dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat. \$150/pp single occupancy, \$125/per person double occupancy.

Loaves and Fishes is seeking donations to fill their food pantry. Monetary donations can be made to St. Bernadette with Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes in the memo line. If you have any questions, contact Karen at 301-992-1368 or Bill at 571-216-9320.

St. Leo Parish in Inwood is looking for a **Part time Director of Music Ministries & Organist/Pianist**. Please call their Parish Office at 304-229-8945 for more details.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic High School in Hagerstown, MD is currently accepting applications for transfer students for this school year and for next school year (2022-2023). They are known for being both academically challenging as well as helping to guide their students in their faith. If you have children in 7th or 8th grade who would be interested in St. Maria Goretti, contact Makayla Solomon at 301-739-4266 or at admissions@goretti.org to schedule a time to meet.

Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat

Do you desire a life of sacrifice and faithful service to God and His People? Do you desire to give yourself completely to God in a life of consecration and commitment to building up the kingdom of God here in West Virginia? Perhaps the Lord is calling you to be a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston! The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on March 5-6 at the Priest Field Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430). This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The weekend will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the diocesan priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For any men interested in attending, please sign up at wvpriests.org.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 13th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9:00 AM Mass
Intention for People of the Parish
10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education
11 AM Mass

Tuesday, February 15th

9 AM Mass
Intention in memory of Keith Campbell
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, February 16th

9 AM Mass
5:20—5:50 PM Confession
6 PM Mass
6:30-8 PM Social Concerns Meeting

Thursday, February 17th

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Friday, February 18th

9:00 AM Daily Mass
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, February 20th

4—4:45 PM Confession
5:00 PM Mass
Intention in memory of Frank Dobscha

Sunday, February 21st

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9:00 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education
11 AM Mass

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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, Tommy Mackesy, Joe Hermsillo, Msgr. Patrick Fryer
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 5:20—5:50 PM, Saturday 4—4:45 PM, and Sunday 8:15—8:45 AM. 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 or you can register on our website at 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, 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 14th—Sts. Cyril, Monk, Methodius, Bishop
Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday 15th—Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday 16th—Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday 17th—Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34; Mk 8:27-33

Friday 18th—Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday 19th—Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday 20th—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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.