

# 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

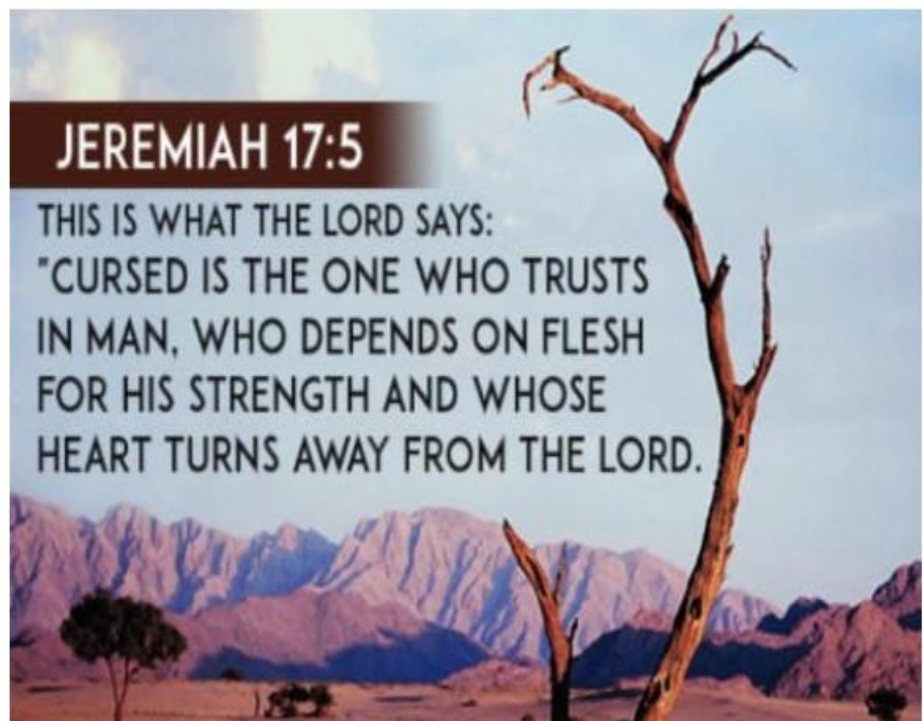
Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass  
with Benediction at 12 NOON

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 16, 2025

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



## Who do you trust?

### 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

*Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth.*

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, I would bet that most of us will not hesitate to say ‘Amen’ to the above statement from the Prophet Jeremiah. Re-read it again. Meditate on it. The overall message is an invitation for us to trust in God rather than in human beings, but a question arises: can we afford not to trust our fellow human beings? Do we not trust our spouses enough to marry them? Do our children not trust us to take good care of them? Do we not trust the restaurant attendant and, thus, eat the food they serve us?

There is trust and there is trust. Yes, we can trust in our fellow human beings, but the invitation of the Prophet Jeremiah is for us to put our ultimate trust, our absolute trust in God Our Father.

When we trust in humans, it is often to obtain specific favors or services. For example, you trust your employer to pay you a fair wage at the appointed time. The bank trusts that you will pay your mortgage on time. Your insurance company trusts that you will pay your bills and not make false claims. You trust that when you call 911 in an emergency, there will be someone on the line. I could go on...

Those who prefer to trust in personal satisfaction, happiness and worldly fame more than their opposites that Christ recommends to us in today’s gospel recommends would lean towards those who can provide them quick access to these worldly things and personal gratifications. We have some very dramatic examples in the world of politics. In my native Cameroon, a minister repeatedly declares on radio and television that the president of the country who made him minister is none other than his creator. “I am creature of [the president]”, he would say, as he tells any number of falsehoods in defense of the supposedly infallible president. The likes of this minister will attach themselves and declare their loyalty to those they look up to secure and maintain their share of these earthly things.

The Prophet Jeremiah and Jesus Christ in the gospel deliver a different message to all of us. The prophet calls us to trust in God so that we can be “...like a tree planted besides the waters... that fears not the heat when it comes... in the year of drought it... still bears fruit.” Jesus, in the gospel, pronounces blessings on the poor, the hungry, the mourners and victims of hatred. To the poor, Christ promises “the kingdom of God”. To the hungry of our world, Christ promises that they “will be satisfied”. To those who weep, Christ promises laughter. Those who trust and hope in the Lord, as today’s Psalm says, but are excluded, insulted, and denounced “on account of the Son of Man” will “rejoice and leap for joy... on that day” for their “reward will be great in heaven.”

Let us all heed the warning of the Prophet Jeremiah and of Jesus and place our trust in God, rather than in human beings. “*Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.*” (Ps. 30:6)

**Fr. Boh**

**QUESTION:** What does the Catholic Catechism or Church Teaching say about accessing the Tabernacle?

**ANSWER:** It is not the task of acolytes or extraordinary ministers to open or close the tabernacle unless there are exceptional circumstances. The ordained ministers (priest or deacon), who is the ordinary minister of Holy Communion, is the only one who can and should normally open the tabernacle to ensure that enough consecrated hosts, to retrieve and repose the Eucharist during Mass; to expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration. “The acolyte is instituted to serve at the altar and to assist the priest and deacon, in particular, it is his responsibility to prepare the altar, the sacred vessels and, if it is necessary, as an extraordinary minister, to distribute the Eucharist to the faithful.[1]” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 98*)

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 2/9**

General Fund.....	\$ 3196.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1220.52
Maintenance .....	\$ 255.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 245.00

Attendance 5 PM—74 9 AM—95 11 AM—120

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

**WHAT'S GOING ON?**

**Memorial Mass Invitation: "Gone, but never forgotten."**

With heavy hearts, we announce the sudden passing of Rebecca Finyuin, the elder sister of Fr. Boh. She was a loving wife, mother, sister, grand and great grandmother. She'll be sorely missed. We'll be gathering to celebrate a Memorial Mass for her at St. Bernadette Catholic Church at 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. All are welcome.

**Seven Mother Teresa Quotes to Restore Faith in Kindness**

1. "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."
2. "If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
3. "I have found the paradox that 'if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love.'"
4. "I do not agree with the big way of doing things. To us, what matters is an individual."
5. "Do ordinary things with extraordinary love."
6. "I prefer you to make mistakes in kindness than work miracles in unkindness."
7. "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - will meet as a group, this Tuesday evening - February 18, 2025, at 7:00 PM in McFadden Hall. All current Knights of Columbus and anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Am I Being Called to Be a Priest?** The world needs priests. It needs strong, faithful, courageous men willing to die to themselves for the sake of Christ's Bride, the Church. It also needs men who want to conform themselves to Christ, who can proclaim his Word and dispense his mercy in the darkest corners of the culture. Attend the Priesthood Discernment Retreat. Open to men 18 and older. Pray, share meals, and meet with current WV seminarians. Hear talks about priestly life and discernment. March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Apply today!



**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Sharon Peterson, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Linda Spiker, Vicki Lowery, Michael Huey, Isabella Horning, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Ruth Warner, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Joseph Bosco, Kathleen McAndrews, Richard Monroe, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, Irene Zaremba, Gail Sanders

*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 16th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*  
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education  
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Rebecca Boh (+)*  
 2:30 PM African Mass

**Tuesday, February 18th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Jim Sloan (L)*  
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart  
 7 PM Knights of Columbus  
 Meeting in McFadden Hall

**Wednesday, February 19th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
 5-5:45 PM Confession  
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Linda Carol Glover (+)*

**Thursday, February 20th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
 6 PM Memorial Mass for  
 Rebecca Boh

**Friday, February 21st**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
 12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, February 22nd**

3—4:30 PM OCIA  
 4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Anthony Mazarella (+)*

**Sunday, February 23rd**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education  
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Rebecca Boh (+)*



**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 5:00—5:45 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: Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Sara Struemke, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Kevin Ferrell, and Carol Bogacz

**St. Bernadette Finance Ministry:** Paul Guttman, 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 17—Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday 18—Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday 19—Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday 20—Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102; Mk 8:27-33

Friday 21—Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33; Mk 8:34-9:1


Saturday 22—Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday 23—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 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.




 **THANK YOU** for Participating in the **Disciple Maker Index Survey!**

We sincerely appreciate everyone who took the time to complete the **Disciple Maker Index Survey** over the past several weeks. Your feedback is invaluable in shaping the future of **evangelization** and other important initiatives in our **Diocese**.


 As a token of gratitude, baked goods will be available in **McFadden Hall** after all Masses this weekend! Stay tuned as the Diocese reviews the results and works to implement **positive changes** based on your input. **THANK YOU** again for your participation!






 **NO** Parishioner **Reconciliation** on **February 23** 

 *Religious Education Corner* 

 **Safe Environment Classes**

Safe Environment classes for our **Religious Education students** will take place this weekend.

 **Looking Ahead...**

-  February 23, the First Holy Communion Class will be receiving their First Reconciliation before the 9:00 AM Mass. Due to this special event, Father will not be available for additional confessions that morning.
-  **March 2 – Parishwide Lenten Preparation**  
Join us as we **prepare our hearts for Lent**, which begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5**. Families and parishioners are invited to participate in this special time of **reflection and renewal**.
-  **March 9 – Rite of Sending for OCIA**  
Our parish will celebrate the **Rite of Sending** during the **9:00 AM Mass** as we pray for our **Candidates and Catechumens** before they are sent forth for the **Rite of Election** on **Saturday, March 15, at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Shepherdstown**. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey with Christ.
-  **April 27 – First Holy Communion (Divine Mercy Sunday)**  
Our **First Holy Communion Mass** will be celebrated on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27, at 11:00 AM**. This is also the day of the **Canonization Mass for Blessed Carlo Acutis**—a beautiful day to welcome our young communicants to the **Eucharist!**
-  **May 18 – Confirmation**  
Confirmation will take place on **Sunday, May 18, at 11:00 AM**. Please continue to pray for our **Confirmandi** as they prepare to receive this sacrament of **strength and grace**.



**"I DO NOT PROMISE TO MAKE YOU HAPPY  
IN THIS WORLD BUT IN THE OTHER,"**  
The Virgin Mary told Saint Bernadette.