

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

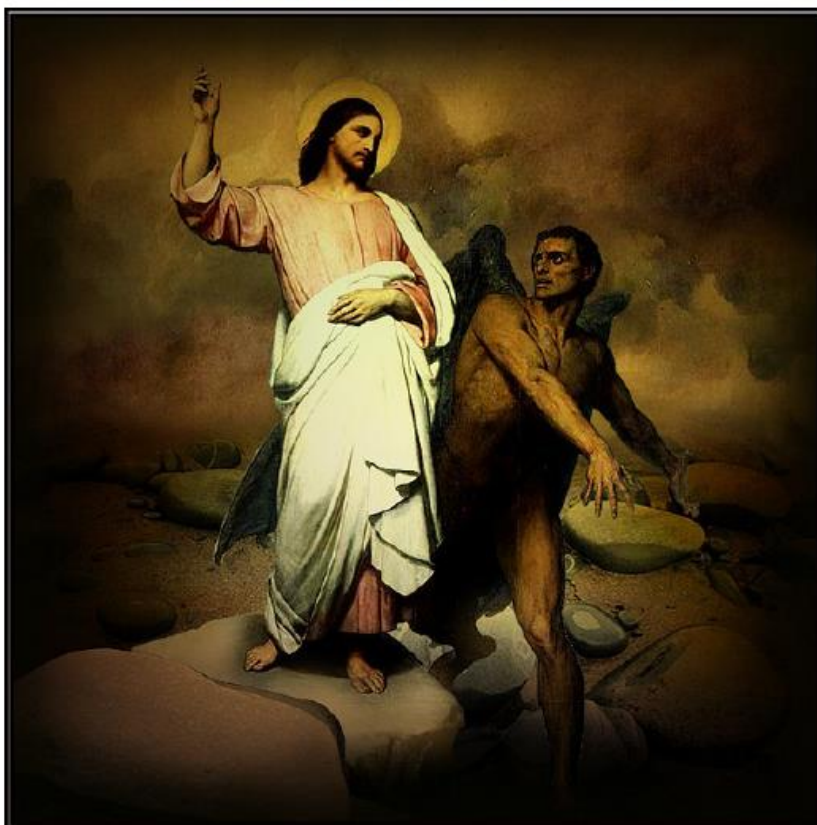
Wednesday: 5—5:45 PM

Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent, Year B

The Temptation of Jesus in the Desert



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

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. Mark 1:12-13

Today’s Gospel from Mark presents us with a short version of the Temptation of Jesus in the desert. Matthew and Luke give many more details, such as Jesus’ three-fold temptation from Satan. But Mark simply states the fact that Jesus was driven into the desert for forty days and was tempted.

What’s interesting to note is that it was “The Spirit” Who drove Jesus into the desert. Jesus did not go there against His will; He went there freely in accord with the will of the Father and by the direction of the Holy Spirit. Why would the Spirit drive Jesus into the desert for this time of fasting, prayer, and temptation?

First of all, this time of temptation took place immediately after Jesus was baptized by John. And though Jesus Himself did not spiritually need that baptism, these two series of events teach us much. The truth is that when we choose to follow Christ and live out our baptism, we receive a new strength to fight evil. The grace is there. As a new creation in Christ, you have all the grace you need to conquer the evil one, sin and temptation. Jesus, therefore, set for us an example in order to teach us this truth. He was baptized and then was driven into the desert to face the evil one so as to tell us that we also can conquer him and his evil lies.

As Jesus was in the desert enduring these temptations, “the angels ministered to him.” The same is true with us. Our Lord does not leave us alone in the midst of our daily temptations. Rather, He always sends us His angels to minister to us and to help us defeat this vile enemy.

What is your greatest temptation in life? Perhaps you struggle with a habit of sin that you fail at time and time again. Perhaps it’s a temptation of the flesh, or a struggle with anger, self-righteousness, dishonesty, or something else. Whatever your temptation may be, know that you have all you need to overcome it on account of the grace given to you by your Baptism, strengthened by your Confirmation and regularly fed by your participation in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Reflect, today, upon whatever your temptations may be. See the Person of Christ facing those temptations with you and in you. Know that His strength is given to you if you but trust Him with unwavering confidence.

Reflection from MyCatholicLife

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
 A warm welcome to all on this First Sunday of Lent! A special welcome to those visiting and worshipping with us for the first time and new members. I'm truly delighted that you decided to worship with us this weekend. Please feel welcome and at home. Thank you for choosing to worship with us this weekend! We are glad for those who have decided to be a part of our parish family. You are a gift from God, and an encouragement to us as we build

His Kingdom. Feel free to contact the parish office on email address: office@stbernadettewe.org. Phone: (304) 754-7830 to register.

Upcoming Events: The Synod Continues in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Continuing our journey as a Synodal Church, the faithful from around the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are asked to attend a gathering in their vicariate (Charleston, Martinsburg, Beckley, Clarksburg, Parkersburg, and Wheeling) between Feb. 21 - March 7. Each gathering will be a synodal listening session to address two questions posed by the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, who met in Rome last October. For more on this see the flyer in the bulletin. Thanks

Some Lenten Reminders and Devotions: The season of Lent runs from Ash Wednesday (February 14) until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday (March 28). “Alleluia” is not sung or said from the beginning of Lent until the Easter Vigil.

During the season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit of prayer, penance (conversion), and charity.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross during Lent will occur on Fridays at 6 PM with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This will happen at the Parish Church.

Daily Mass: Attending at least one extra Mass during the week is one of the best penances we can do for Lent. It strengthens us with the grace of the Blessed Sacrament so that we can draw closer to Christ. Moreover, it also can change our whole perspective on daily life, reminding us in a dramatic way that our faith isn’t just for Sundays, but for every day and every moment of the week.

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Private Confession: There will be a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with an opportunity for private confession on Wednesday of Holy Week, March 27, in the Parish Church from 4 PM to 5:45 PM.

Parish Council: The council will meet Tuesday, March 12th, in the Religious Ed. Building at 6 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Saturday March 16, Parish Day of Recollection: 9 AM to 1 PM.

Morning prayers: Scheduled for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday in the Parish Church at 9 AM

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday: 9:30 AM in the parking lot.

I pray that you have a blessed Lent.

Fr Boh, Pastor

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3555.00
Online Giving	\$ 1285.77
Maintenance.....	\$ 175.00
Outreach.....	\$ 227.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

High School Book Study Group for Lent! This Sunday, Feb. 18 from 12:15-1:15 PM. 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

Our first **Meatless Supper** will take place this 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.

The **Cherub Ministry** is collecting donations of Easter candy for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held directly after the 9 AM Mass on Easter Sunday. A basket can be found in the narthex.

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2024 has begun! It's a new year with a new goal. This year our goal is to raise \$20,995. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Remember that once we raise half of that money, the rest comes right back to St. Bernadette's free of diocesan fees.



Included in this week's bulletin in the 2023 annual report from the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. All of our money from the Poor Box is donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that they can continue the great work they do for the poor in our area. Donations may be made by check made out to St. Bernadette with Poor Box on the memo line.

For the remainder of February and the first weekend in March, 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).

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, Vicki Lowery, Wayne Montañó, Rob Robertson

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 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

Tuesday, February 20th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, February 21st

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
5-5:45 PM Confession
6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Irene Davern

Thursday, February 22nd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, February 23rd

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction
6 PM Stations of the Cross
Meatless supper

Saturday, February 24th

4—4:45 PM Confession
5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 25th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Kathy Reeser
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

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. 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 19th—Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday 20th—Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday 21st—Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday 22nd—Chair of St. Peter, Apostle; 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19

Friday 23rd—Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday 24th—Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday 25th—Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116; Rom 8:31b-34

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



Lenten Meatless Suppers

Meatless Soup Suppers started at least 30 years ago with Sister Marlene. For many years it was only soup and bread. Of course, our community was much smaller then. We discontinued the suppers during COVID in 2020. We are excited that we will have Meatless Suppers again this year after Friday's Stations of the Cross starting February 23, 2024.

To make this happen, all parishioners are invited to bring a favorite Lenten dish and stay after Stations as we share a simple potluck meatless meal in McFadden Hall.

A sign-up sheet will be provided in the Narthex each week to indicate your name, number of attendees, and what you will bring. This gives the hosts of the evening information to ensure we have easy setup and service and clean-up helpers.

In addition, a few volunteers are needed to help with set-up before the dinner and clean-up after. Please indicate on the weekly sign-up sheet if you can help.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.



Easter Candy Donation

The Cherubs Ministry is collecting bags of candy to fill Easter eggs for the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**.

Please place your donations in the basket marked 'Easter Candy' that will be sitting outside of McFadden Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Easter Sunday after the 9 AM Mass.

Thank You and God Bless

~Cherubs Ministry

St. Joseph Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul

2023 Annual Report to the Parishes

The St. Joseph conference has completed another successful year of providing assistance to those in need in our community. During this calendar year, \$28,500 was expended by the conference for assistance to residents within the boundaries of the parishes of St. Joseph and St. Bernadette. With the exception of a gift of \$3,000 from the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Wheeling, all of these funds were donated by those in our parishes.

This was a typical year for our Conference. The largest expenditure was for utilities, followed by rental payments and various miscellaneous items. We prevented electric, water, and sewer terminations, forestalled evictions, repaired appliances, and assisted with food security and a few other miscellaneous expenses.

Our Conference operating expenses are minimal. Our "rent" consists of a monthly cell phone bill; other expenses include State Business Licensing fee, and liability insurance premium, totaling just over \$500 for the year.

Over the 22-year life of our Conference, through the generosity of our supporters, we have collected and distributed nearly \$550,000 to those in need. YOUR generosity has permitted us to continue to assist our fellow citizens.

We always welcome new members to our conference. If you feel called to assist in this ministry, please call our conference phone at (304) 671 0569, and leave your name and number. One of our members will contact you and invite you to our next monthly meeting. Many hands make light work, and some of our members have work and family constraints that limit what they can do.

Thank you for your prayers and continued generosity. May God bless you in return!



Respectfully submitted,

Edward Wilson, Conference President