



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 20, 2022
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

David spares the life of the King Saul who is trying to kill him



1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

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

THEME: ‘Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful’.

In the next couple of weeks, it will be spring. We remember the beauty this season brings. It comes with all the joys of rebirth and birth; it awakens and enlivens us in a way no other season can. It is a time farmers go out to plant. A time we think about growth. Spring provides a beautiful environment for creativity and meditation. Seeing the plants head towards the sun with each passing day and its roots reaching deep in the ground for nutrition and stability, the only question that readily comes to mind is ‘What are we growing towards?’ The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is celebrated as “The Word of God Sunday”. God’s Word is the seed that has been sown in our hearts and it needs to grow. For it to grow and produce the required fruits, you must make the necessary investment. If you never water the plants in your garden or shade them from sunlight, they will wither, not grow. And so, it is with our relationship with God. Continuous growth in our relationship with God is important because knowing Him changes us. Growing in Christ enriches our life and helps to develop a Christ-like nature that coincides with that of our Heavenly Father. It is only when you continue to tape the nutrients necessary for your growth in your relationship with God and with one another, just as the plant draws its own nutrients from the sun and the earth for growth, that you can be able to do what Christ asks of you in today’s Gospel passage – love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. Dear friends in Christ, may we stretch out our roots to the waters of life, and draw the nutrients we need to grow in our relationship with God and with one another, by deepening our prayer life, our daily reading and meditation of the Word of God, and a worthy reception of the Sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist. May this spiritual nourishment give us the energy we need to replicate the life of Jesus in our homes, our parish community, and our places of work.

Fr. Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

Mass Intentions: We want to thank those who have been offering Masses in our parish and to encourage everyone to try and offer Masses. You can ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one’s soul. In one of his Encyclical letters, St. Cyril of Jerusalem explains how at Mass, both the liv-

ing and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. Therefore, the Sacrifice of the Mass brings certain benefits upon the Church to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in Purgatory. The stipend given to the priest for offering a Mass in the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is \$10, which thereby in justice creates an obligation which must be satisfied. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need, is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

On-going project on 107: Plans for the demolition of the property at 107 W. Main St., adjacent to the church, are currently progressing. Issues, such as asbestos and hazardous material, have been addressed and resolved. This week, our demolition team met with a number of contractors interested in bidding on the project. We are now waiting for bids to be submitted. Once the bids are reviewed they will be sent to the diocese, with our recommendations, for approval. We are grateful to Pat Winkelman and Jim Sabol for accepting to champion this project.

Parish Pilgrimage: Mark your calendars for a Parish Lenten Pilgrimage slated for April 2nd. Details in our subsequent Sunday bulletin.

This week’s suggested learning on



- For the adults: FORMED Now! Dealing With Boredom
- For the children: The Suitcase: A Story About Giving

Find this week’s post on our Facebook page and leave your review in the comments. Links for videos can be found on there as well. www.facebook.com/StBernadetteWV

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 2280.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 448.01
Capital Improvements & Maintenance.....	\$ 400.00
Church in the Developing World.....	\$ 50.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 64.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 850.00
Immanuel’s House.....	\$ 400.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

We are *collecting last year's palms* to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. There is a box in the narthex for collection.

Catholic Sharing Appeal

Since its inception in 2007, a main focus of the CSA has been providing financial support to essential ministries, services and programs throughout the Diocese, especially in the parishes. As the COVID pandemic continued, the need for technological upgrades became vital to the mission of the Parishes and thus the Parish Technology Grant Fund was begun.

Thanks to Excellent Grant Writing from Linda Abrahamian and Neil Shanholtzer, St Bernadette has been awarded \$4107 for two technical grants from the Catholic Sharing Appeal. One is for a new color laser printer for our Bulletins and the other is for an improved sound system.

In addition, last year St Bernadette achieved 120% of our goal and received over \$10K returned to the Parish. Thanks for all your sharing.

Social Concerns Committee is in need of a volunteer to coordinate the bimonthly meal that we provide to Immanuel's House in Martinsburg. Please call Lynette at the Parish Office with any questions.

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.

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.

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 20th

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

2:30 PM African Mass

Tuesday, February 22th

9 AM Mass

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, February 23rd

9 AM Mass

Intention in memory of Casey Rooney

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

Thursday, February 24th

9:00 AM Mass

*Intention in memory of Monica Cressin***Friday, February 25th**

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, February 26th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

*Intention in memory of Frank Dobscha***Sunday, February 27th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9:00 AM Youth Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass

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, Anna Greist

*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 Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Committee: Paul Guttmann, 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 21st—Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19; Mk 9:14-29

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

Wednesday 23rd—St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr;
Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday 24th—Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49; Mk 9:41-50

Friday 25th—Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday 26th—Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday 27th—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.



Mary's Refuge

a ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church

As many of you know, volunteers have been working tirelessly to transform the old convent in Martinsburg into a maternity home for pregnant mothers in crisis. This home-like environment will help these mothers feel safe, nurtured, and supported while they choose life for their unborn.

Mary's Refuge is making great progress! The roof work is completed. Electrical and plumbing needs are being addressed and scheduled. The parishes have embraced us, and we are so deeply appreciative.

It is time to show our support for this important project. The electrical system, roof and plumbing have been the focus over the past few months. Room refurbishment will be happening over the next few months.

Attached for your convenience is a contribution envelope. Any amount of donation is greatly appreciated. Simply add "Mary's Refuge" to the memo line of your check written out to St. Bernadette Catholic Church. The support in St. Bernadette's will go towards the renovation of the on-site Chapel.

There are many rooms and much opportunity for involvement. These include: the top floor living quarters for our house mother, kitchen, conference, workshop/job center/computer center room, dining room, and living room. As you can imagine, this is a big project with many parts. We need your prayers, hands, and dollars. You can reach out to Kim Roche, at kimroche.marysrefuge@gmail.com, for how to be involved, and Patrick Michel for contributions and adoption of projects at St. Joseph's Parish Office, at 304-267-4893 ext. 116 or pmichel@stjosephwv.org.

St. Joseph's Catholic Ministry

Mary's Refuge – Diocesan Matching Grant Challenge!

A few weeks ago, Father Gallagher and Pat Michel visited Bishop Brennan in Wheeling to ask the Diocese for financial support for **Mary's Refuge**. Bishop Brennan and his fiscal team were very supportive. Bishop Brennan responded to our fiscal support request with a challenge. The Diocese will give a one-time grant of \$50,000.00 to **Mary's Refuge**, if St. Joseph Parish, and the surrounding parishes, would match that amount. Bishop Brennan's start date for this Matching Grant Challenge was set for February 7, 2022. Any monies collected before this date will not count toward this challenge. If you have been considering giving money to **Mary's Refuge** and have not done so, please consider giving now. If you have already given money to **Mary's Refuge**, please feel free to contribute additional money to this worthy challenge. Every donation received from February 7th onward will be matched by the Diocese up to \$50,000.00.

In advance, thank you! We need your prayers, helping hands, and monetary assistance. You can contact Kim Roche, at kimroche.marysrefuge@gmail.com, on how to get involved in this worthy cause. For information regarding contributions for Bishop Brennan's Matching Grant Challenge, please contact Patrick Michel at the St. Joseph Parish Office, at 304-267-4893 ext. 116 or pmichel@stjosephwv.org.