

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 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



Love your enemies.

(Luke 6:27)

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

“Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” (Luke 6:37)

Do you judge others? Judging another is an easy thing to do. Sometimes we can meet a person and immediately arrive at some form of judgment. Perhaps they are not as friendly as we think they should be at first and, as a result, we offer a judgment of them right away. Of course this can happen at times, even before we meet the person. Or it can also happen in relationships that we’ve had for a long time.

Do you condemn others? Condemnation comes in two forms. First, either we have formed a false judgment of another, and this results in a false condemnation. Second, we can judge a situation correctly, that this person is guilty of some sin, and we act as though we have a right to condemn. We act as if we have a right to issue a sentence upon them.

Both judging and condemning are far from Christian virtues. They are not healthy or holy in any way. So, the way they are overcome is through mercy and forgiveness.

Do you forgive? Forgiveness is hard to do most of the time. It must be offered in the light of our tendencies to both judge and condemn another. First, forgiveness cures the tendency to condemn because it acknowledges a fault and forgives it anyway without requiring the imposition of a “punishment,” so to speak, upon the offender. Forgiveness does not mean that the offense was OK or nonexistent. On the contrary, forgiveness in this case clearly sees a sin for what it is. But once acknowledged, it forgives that sin. This is very important when it comes to forgiving in a close relationship. It’s never healthy to pretend that some hurt or sin never happened, but it’s always healthy to forgive the sin that is present.

When it comes to judgment, forgiveness goes even further than forgiving a sin. Forgiveness must also move us to a point where we do not even form a judgment as to another’s fault. We suspend judgment. This is especially seen in the statement of Jesus on the Cross when He said, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” He didn’t even allow Himself to arrive at the judgment of those who were condemning Him to death. He did not hold anything against them and presumed the best regarding their intentions. “They know not what they do.” This requires a great depth of love and mercy.

Reflect, today, upon your own ability to forgive completely. Start by letting go of the condemnation of another’s sin. Then try to let our Lord bring you one step closer to His perfect merciful heart by letting go even of judgment. Let God be the judge. For your part, seek only to forgive.

From MyCatholic.Life

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome! For many years, we did not have a seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time because of how Lent usually falls. However, the readings for this Sunday teach us about mercy, forgiveness, and love. We are called or challenged to exercise mercy over revenge. To forgive so that we can be forgiven. And to love our enemies. This call addressed to us today is not easy. It is difficult. With God everything is possible. Let’s pray for the grace to imitate Christ in living out these virtues in our daily lives.

Has this been confusing to you?

I have noticed that during the Lord’s Prayer, some people hold out their hands like the priest, while others, especially some couples or family members hold their hands. Is this the right posture to adopt? If not, what is the prescribed posture for the Our Father?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) hasn’t prescribed any position or is silent on the gesture that should accompany this prayer. So, the faithful can recite or sing it with a gesture that can best help them to experience and express themselves as God’s children. For those of us who think that to hold out our hands like the priest does is wrong, hear what Saint Paul says when he writes to his son Timothy: “I desire that in every place men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or disputing” (1 Tim. 2:8). The Psalmist also has this to say; “I will lift up my hands, calling on your name” (Ps. 63:5b).

Collection of old palms

We are ten days away from Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of the season of Lent. We have started collecting Blessed Palms from previous years that will be burned into Ashes for Ash Wednesday. We will be collecting Palm through Sunday, March 2nd. Palms can be placed in the receptacle near the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Thank you for your cooperation!

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 2/16

General Fund.....	\$ 2944.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2511.39
Maintenance.....	\$ 75.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 100.00

Attendance 5 PM—59 9 AM—167 11 AM—121

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

First Friday and First Saturday devotions.

“To whoever embraces this devotion, I promise salvation.”
 Each First Friday and First Saturday of the month, we must make a Communion of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. That’s what Jesus and Mary have asked of us: to repair the sins of the world with prayer and penance for the conversion of sinners and for peace throughout the world. Join us Saturday, March 1st, at 9:00 AM Mass for our First Saturday Devotion. After Mass, we’ll pray the Rosary.

Invitation to my elder sister’s memorial Mass, Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Fr. Boh invites you to join him and his family for a Memorial Mass in honor of their elder sister Rebecca Fiinyuin Boh. She passed away on January 29, 2025, and was laid to rest at the cemetery of St Anthony of Padua Parish, Njinikom on Friday February 21, 2025. The Memorial Mass will be at St. Bernadette Catholic Church at 6:00 p.m. on the above-mentioned date. All are welcome.

WHAT’S GOING ON?

Join the Choir for Holy Week and Easter. Do you like to sing but cannot make a long term commitment? Then just join the choir for Holy Week and Easter! Practices start in March. After Mass you can talk to our music director, Linda Abrahamian. 304-279-2315 or call the Parish Office.

Attention all middle and high school girls! Join us for lunch with the Franciscan Sisters. Sunday, March 23rd, from 12:30—1:30 PM in the St. Joseph school cafeteria. Sr. Sarah Rose and Sr. Rita Clare will share stories and teach how to hear God’s call for our lives. RSVP to Linda Abrahamian at 304-279-2315 or call the Parish Office. RSVP by Monday, March 17th.

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 7th and 8th. 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 23rd

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

Monday, February 24th

10 AM Hospitality Meeting

Tuesday, February 25th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Margaret Messa (L)
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, February 26th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Memorial Mass for Rebecca Boh

Thursday, February 27th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, February 28th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, March 1st

First Saturday

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Rosary immediately following
 3—4:30 PM OCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Patricia Stroup (+)

Sunday, March 2nd

2nd Collection for Disaster Relief

8:15-8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Fr. Keith Ramey (+)

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. 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 24—Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday 25—Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday 26—Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday 27—Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1; Mk 9:41-50

Friday 28—Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday 1—Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday 2—Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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.



All Middle and High School Girls

LUNCH WITH THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS


**SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD- 12:30- 1:30 PM
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**SR. SARAH ROSE AND SR. RITA CLARE
ARE PART OF A YOUNG VIBRANT ORDER
THAT DOES CAMPUS MINISTRY AND
WORK WITH THOSE IN NEED, BESIDES
HAVING A CONTEMPLATIVE CALLING TO
PRAY FOR OUR WORLD.**

**WE WILL HEAR THEIR STORIES, AND
LEARN HOW TO HEAR GOD'S CALL FOR
OUR LIVES.**

IT WILL BE A DELIGHTFUL AFTERNOON!

**Rsvp to Linda Abrahamian,
(304)279-2315 or
linda.abrahamian@gmail.com
by Monday, March 17th**



ST BERNADETTE CHOIR

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Would you like to sing but cannot make a long term commitment? Then just join us for Holy Week and Easter!

Practices will start in March. Call or talk after Mass to Linda Abrahamian, Music Director (304)279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com

*Sing praise
to The Lord*

HOLY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
EASTER VIGIL OR EASTER
SUNDAY

**All you need
to bring is your
singing voice!**