

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 Saturday: 9 AM Mass
Rosary immediately following

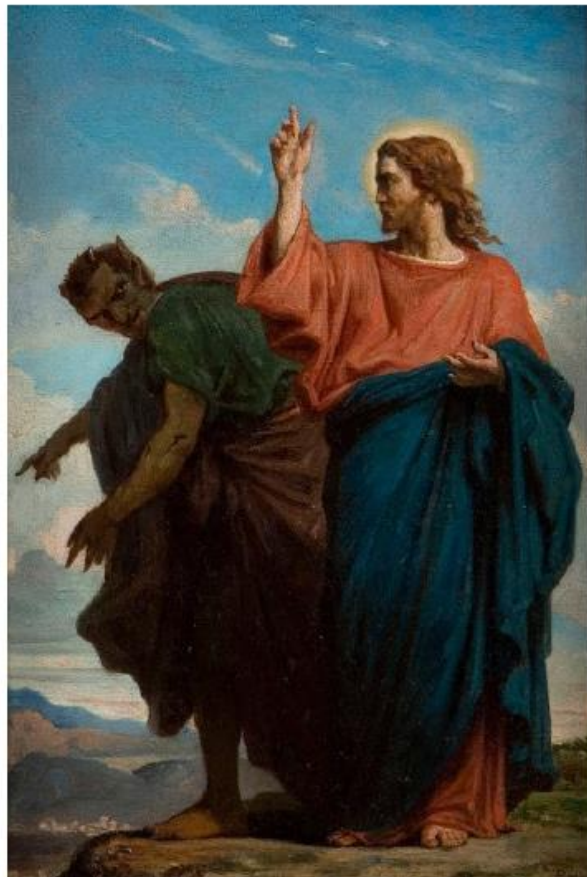
Confession

Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM

Saturday: 4—4:45PM

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

February 26, 2023 1st Sunday of Lent, Year A



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

Welcome to Saint Bernadette on this first Sunday of Lent. With the administration of ashes on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, we began our Lenten journey for 2023. This is a forty-day journey, excluding Sundays, culminating in the Holy Triduum, that prepares us for the great celebration of Easter.

Pope Francis has aptly described Lent is a journey on which we must rediscover and renew a “profound relationship with God, on whom everything depends”. The Holy Father has called this journey “our exodus from the slavery of sin into the freedom of true Christian life”. Permit me to clarify that the Pope does not mean that the Season of Lent is apart from the rest of our lives as Christians. He is merely emphasizing that Lent is that period in the life of Christians that they should be doing with greater care and devotion what they should be doing at all times. So, it is not limited only to the season of Lent that we Christians should be seeking the Lord daily through daily reading and meditation on the Word of God and in prayer; in our service to others and through acts of generous kindness, charity and alms giving; in fasting and through self-control; and in loving our neighbor as God has loved us. During the Lenten season we are also reminded to intensify doing what should characterize the everyday life of all Christians.

Pope Francis has outlined three steps we should take on our Lenten journey. Let me interject that the three steps are valid in all seasons of our journey through life. The first step is knowing that we will be welcomed back home like the Prodigal Son if we repent of our sins. We are welcomed and given that warm embrace any time we make a good confession.

The second step consists of accepting Jesus as the Lamb of God who heals and nourishes our broken hearts with His Word and His Body and Blood. Like the one leper who in gratitude returned, praising God at the top of his voice, we, too, must give thanks to Christ for healing us of our leprosy of sin.

The third step is to embrace the Holy Spirit which awaits to enlighten our hearts and to be our Helper in understanding and living out the Word of God in our everyday life.

The fact that the devil tempts Jesus Himself, as we find in today’s gospel passage, makes it clear that none of us is beyond temptation. His temptations are our own. “Turn these stones to bread.” Here is the lure of bodily comfort, like good food or sensual lust. It’s the simplest of temptations. The temptation to “bow and worship” the devil of materialism, wealth, etc. is no stranger to us. Not everyone may feel enticed by power in the professional sense, but all of us want some control. How often do we prefer to be in control of our lives (and perhaps even the lives of others), rather than allow God to be God? The victory of Jesus over Satan reminds us that we are not alone and that the strength of Jesus can be our strength, too. During this season of Lent, let us pray for each other and for our

world, lost in this earthly Garden of Eden, to rise from our sinfulness to a life of virtue.

Let me end this reflection borrowing once more from Pope Francis. Lent should not only be “a humble descent both inwards and towards others” but the first steps in our journey back to God who “awaits us with His infinite mercy”.

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have begun the season of Lent, a wonderful time within the liturgical calendar that invites us to conversion and repentance. The Lord invites us to enter the desert with our differently challenges. This should not just be one of the many Lenten seasons in our lives. We must take this time seriously, personally, so that we can achieve the spiritual fruits that will lead us to live the celebration of the paschal mysteries in grace and holiness as it should be.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross: We are reminded that every Friday we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after morning Mass and Stations of the Cross, during Lent, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Church.

Confession: We will continue with the days and times of confessions. Please watch out for some changes in the prayer of the penitent and dismissal after the prayer of absolution. Act of Contrition: O my God, I am sorry and repent with all my heart for all the wrong I have done and for the good I have failed to do, because by sinning I have offended you, who are all good and worthy to be loved above all things. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid the occasions of sin. Through the merits of the Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ, Lord, have mercy.

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Penitent: For his mercy endures forever.

Priest: The Lord has forgiven your sins. Go in peace.

*You do not have to bring a copy of this bulletin with you when next you are coming for confession, because a copy available at the confessional.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for March 2023 – For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

I wish you all a blessed Lenten season.

My Saint Bernadette Soubirous pray for us.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3819.70
Online Giving	\$ 955.15
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 115.00
Diocesan	\$ 70.00
Outreach.....	\$ 125.00

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Today, our **Catechumens and Candidates** will be celebrating the Rite of Sending. Next week, they will be meeting the Bishop in the Right of Election. Please pray for them during this Lenten season.

Andrew Britner, Barbara Lepley, Condoleeza (Beri) Mbuwir, Isabella Valadez, and Laurence Kao

Disaster Relief Collection—Catholic Relief Services is supporting local partners in their efforts to provide urgent relief and assistance for long-term recovery after a 7.8 magnitude earthquake devastated large areas of southern Turkey and northwest Syria. Bishop Brennan is calling for a special collection to be held on Ash Wednesday. Disaster Relief envelopes can be found in the narthex. Please write Disaster Relief on the memo line of your check made out to St. Bernadette Catholic Church.

VIRTUS / Safe Environment

If you are part of a ministry here at St. Bernadette's, you are required to complete our Safe Environment program i.e., VIRTUS. The new policy, effective September 1, 2022, is that everyone must complete an updated background check every 3 years (previously it was every 5 years). If you volunteer at St. Bernadette's, please log into your www.virtusonline.org account and check to see what needs to be updated. If you have any questions, please email or call Lynette at the Parish Office. The diocese has announced a VIRTUS audit in March, so please check your Virtus status as soon as you can. All VIRTUS documents are available to update online at www.virtus.org.

St. Joseph School has many employment positions available for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact St. Joseph School or our Parish Office for more information.

Save the Date! The **St. Joseph's School Gala** will be held April 29th at 6:30 PM at St. Leo Catholic Church in Inwood. More details to follow.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes

We have six spots remaining for our Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes! Please join Fr. Timothy Huffman and Fr. Bradley Greer, of the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes June 9-18, 2023. Departing from Pittsburgh. \$4295 includes round trip airfare, hotels, deluxe motorcoach transportation and more. For more information, please visit www.qohtours.com or call 1-800-213-4295.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Ginger Spice, Joe Schlegel, Walter Shenk, Helena Shenk, Isabella Horning, Brenda Inclima, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley

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 26th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Theresa Highlands
10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Glenn Dindinger

Tuesday, February 28th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Those Who are Suicidal
9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, March 1st

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Patrick Brown
5—5:45 PM Confession
6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, March 2nd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Michael Kammerer

Friday, March 3rd

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Helen Hare Memseu
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction
6 PM Stations of the Cross

First Saturday, March 4th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
9—10:30 AM RCIA
4—4:45 PM Confession
5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for The People of the Parish

Sunday, March 5th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Josh & Holly Mackesy
10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

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 is also available by appointment at anytime. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA—15 years or older) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age), begins in August and ends during the Easter Vigil. These classes are for members who wish to enter in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending RCIA/RCIC, 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 Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

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 27th—Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday 28th—Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15

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

Thursday 2nd—Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12

Friday 3rd—Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday 4th—Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday 5th—Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

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.






Loaves & Fishes
**GROW YOUR
OWN**



The HACC (Hedgesville Area Community of Churches) is sponsoring a program to encourage folks to grow their own fresh vegetables. In the spring we will be distributing **Vegetable & Flower Seeds** through Loaves & Fishes.

 ***But we need your help!***

-  We will be collecting packets of **SEEDS** donated through the area churches.
-  Tomatoes, herbs, peppers, peas, beans, radishes, lettuce, flowers, etc. Last year's seeds are fine! Partial packs are welcome!
-  Please bring your seed donations to church by April 23 for distribution at the April 29th Loaves and Fishes

Thanks for your support!





**Event for All Boys
6th- 12th Grade**

**St. Joseph Catholic
School
110 E. Stephen St.
Martinsburg, WV**

**Lunch will be
provided**

REFLECTION AFTERNOON FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH- 12PM- 3:30 PM

All middle and high school boys are invited to spend an afternoon with some of the seminarians from Mt. St. Mary's. Learn about prayer, what discernment is for all vocations, and the mystery of the priesthood. This is for all boys, not just those considering a vocation to the priesthood, as it is important for everyone to learn to listen to God's Voice.

**PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH
15TH – CALL THE PARISH
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