



# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10am—2pm  
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## ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

**Administrator, Rev. Fr. Aloysius Boh**

*Deacon, Marcus Pressl*

**Parish Secretary, Lynette Kammerer**

*Music Director, Linda Abrahamian*

*Sacristan, Kevin Ferrell*

*Religious Ed., Deb Mackesy*

*RCIA, Deacon Marcus Pressl*

**Finance Chairperson, Paul Guttman**

**Youth Ministry Coordinator, Linda  
Abrahamian**

*Maintenance, Joe Comer*

## 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

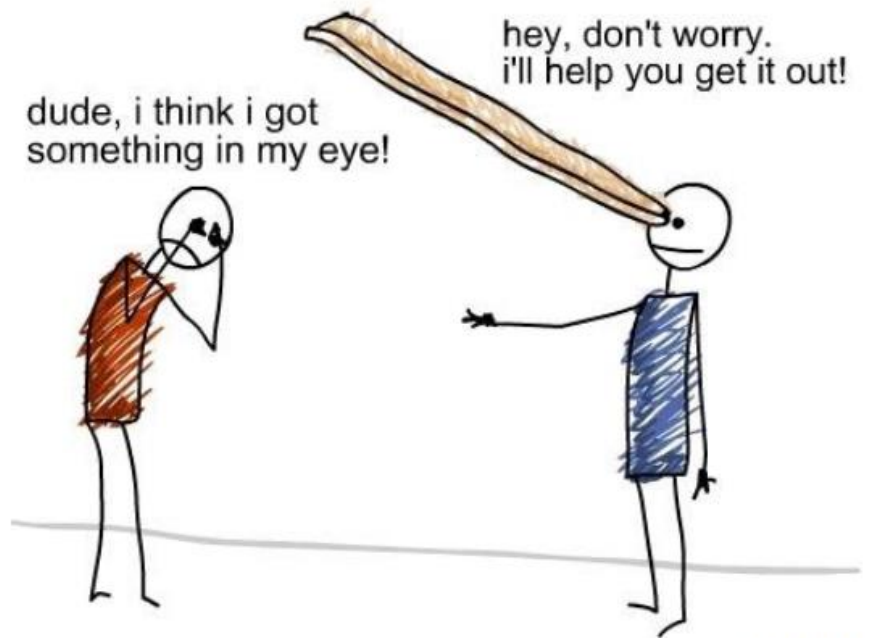
Saturday: 4—4:45PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM

or by appointment

*February 27, 2022*  
*8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

How can you say to your brother,  
“Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,”  
when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?



Lk 6:39-45

### 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 Hedgessville 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

Goodness cannot hide itself. From the beginning, God created all things good. He made all creatures great and wonderful, so that the whole universe may be good. Today's readings invite us to uphold the goodness of God by working persistently for the glory of God. The first reading tells us that a person's talk shows the kind of person he or she is. Saint Paul in the second reading tells us that the resurrection of Christ takes the sting out of death for those who believe in Him. And in the Gospel, Jesus tells us that a blind guide cannot lead others. A person's words flow from what fills his/her heart. You can only judge an apple tree from the quality of its fruits, and in the same way, a person's talk shows what kind of person he or she is. To really know someone, we should listen to what he or she says, because the test of a person is in conversation; words betray what we think in our hearts. Words define us. Our words have a power we might not even be aware of. The lives of so many people have been transformed because they listened to someone talk, as well as many lives have been ruined. Dear friends in Christ, let us reflect, today, on our spoken words. Have they brought joy to others? Have they given God glory? Have they left a positive impact on others?

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

The Lord is good! Welcome, everyone to Saint Bernadette. A special welcome to those visiting us for the first time. Thanks for choosing to come worship with us today. Please come again. For those who would want to become members of this family of Saint Bernadette, please pick up a registration form at the back of the Church as you leave the church and return the filled form to the Parish Office or drop it in one of the collection baskets. You can also register online by visiting [www.stbernadettewv.org](http://www.stbernadettewv.org).

**Ash Wednesday:** The season of Lent is upon us. This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is the first day of Lent. Ash Wednesday reminds us of our human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. It is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence, where only one full meal and no meat are to be consumed. Everyone is welcome to receive the ashes because it is sacramental and not a Sacrament. Ashes shall be administered during our parish Masses at 9 am and 6 pm.

**Stations of the Cross:** We shall be having Stations of the Cross every Friday throughout the Lenten Season beginning Friday, March 4th, at 6 pm.

Message from Pastoral Concerns Committee of the Diocesan Pastoral Council

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, The Pastoral Concerns Committee of the Diocesan Pastoral Council would like to thank you for you for your participation with our Pastoral Concerns Survey this past Fall. We appreciate your input and sharing your thoughts and concerns with us.

We would like to provide you an update on the status of analyzing the data on the Pastoral Concerns Survey. We had a robust response with approximately 2000 responses; 1400 of those were electronically submitted and the other 600 paper survey were mailed in and manually input into the system. We are in the process of having the information analyzed by the University of Notre Dame. We have some preliminary results and hope to have a full analysis by May; we look forward to sharing this information with you soon and using your valuable insight moving forward. The Pastoral Concerns Committee

**Parish Lenten Pilgrimage:** We have scheduled a Parish Lenten Pilgrimage for Saturday April 2, 2022, at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine, Emmitsburg, MD. Departure from our parking lot shall be at 9:30 am. Activities envisage: A Talk on Forgiveness; Stations of the Cross; Confessions and Rosary and Holy Mass at 2:30 pm and departure.

**Pope's prayer intention for March 2022 - For Christians facing new bioethical challenges:** that they may continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action. Kindly join with many people worldwide in praying for this Intention of the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

On Tuesday February 22, 2022, the Holy Father, Pope Francis appointed one of my friends and brother priests, Fr Aloysius Fondong, the Bishop of Mamfe Diocese, South-west Region, in my native Cameroon. Bishop-elect was five years behind me in the Major Seminary. We share the same first name and two of our sisters share the same first names as well (Rebecca and Judith). Kindly keep him in your prayers for the important work that lies ahead of him.

This week's suggested learning on **FORMED**  
For the adults: FORMED Now! Is Faith Foolish?  
For the children: Time with Jesus: Jesus Calls His First Disciples  
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](http://www.facebook.com/StBernadetteWV)

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING**

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 2687.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1135.64
Capital Improvements & Maintenance.....	\$ 120.00
Church in the Developing World.....	\$ 10.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 25.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 500.00
Mary's Refuge.....	\$ 1300.00

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

**WHAT IS GOING ON?**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt needs eggs and small individually wrapped candy. Please leave donations in the basket in McFadden Hall from now until April 4th. If you would like to help, egg stuffing will happen after the 9 AM Mass on April 4th and egg hiding will happen on April 17th at 8:15 AM. The Easter Egg Hunt will be after the 9 AM Mass on Easter Sunday, April 17th.

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. If you cannot attend, don't forget to return your completed SYNOD packet to the basket in the Narthex by March 13th.

Don't forget about our weekly Lenten Fish Fry Lunch. Lunch includes your choice of 8 oz Fried Cod Platter & Fresh Coleslaw OR Fish Taco with Cabbage Slaw, Pico de Gallo, and Aioli Sauce. Both include fries, dessert, and a drink. See bulletin insert for more details.

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

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.

Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA) Collection A special second collection is scheduled for March 19-20, 2022, to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

NEW DATE! The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents will be hosting a retreat for grieving parents at St. Mary Catholic Church in Morgantown, WV on Saturday, July 16, beginning at 9:30 am and ending approximately 7:30 pm. This spiritual retreat is for grieving parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. Please see the attached link for additional information including registration: <https://www.emfgp.org/events/03-12-22-one-day-retreat-at-st-mary-church-morgantown-wv/>. If you have any questions regarding the retreat, please contact Ed Cesa at 724-324-9222.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, February 27th**  
 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

**Tuesday, March 1st**  
 9 AM Mass  
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart  
 6 PM Parish Council Meeting

**Ash Wednesday, March 2nd**  
 9 AM Mass  
 9:30 AM Synod Meeting  
 5:20—5:50 PM Confession  
 6 PM Mass

**Thursday, March 3rd**  
 9:00 AM Mass  
 6-8 PM Synod Meeting

**First Friday, February 4th**  
 9:00 AM Daily Mass  
 Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist  
 5:00 PM Benediction

**First Saturday, February 5th**  
 9:00 AM Mass  
 Rosary  
 4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, March 6th**  
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9:00 AM Youth Mass  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*  
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 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, Jammie 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](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: Tom Bibby, Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Deb Mackesy, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

**St. Bernadette Finance Committee:** Paul Guttman, 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 28th—1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday 1st—1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 2nd—Ash Wednesday; Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 3rd—Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25

Friday 4th—Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 5th—Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday 6th—First Sunday of Lent; Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

### 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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



# **We've Got Fish To Fry!**

**St. Bernadette Catholic Church Fundraiser**  
109 W. Main Street, Hedgesville

***Fresh* Atlantic Cod served 11-2pm**  
**all Fridays in March and April 1 & April 8!**

*Lunch Includes Your Choice of:*

8oz Fried Cod Platter & Fresh Coleslaw

Or

Fish Taco with Cabbage Slaw, Pico de Gallo, and  
Aioli Sauce

*Both include:*

Handcut French Fries, a Dessert & a Drink  
(Coke, Sprite, Coke Zero, Tea, & Bottled Water)

**\$15.00**

**Limited delivery available.**

**Minimum of 3 orders for delivery.**

**Call April to place an order: 304-995-7745**



# Happy Easter Egg Hunt!

Our annual Easter egg hunt needs plastic eggs (approx. 600) and small individually wrapped candy. If you can help, please leave donations in the basket in McFadden Hall starting now until April 4.

Interested in Volunteering to help with this fun event?

- We will be stuffing the eggs after 9 a.m. Mass Sunday, April 4 in McFadden Hall. (Donut Sunday!)
- We will be hiding the eggs at 8:15 a.m. Easter Sunday, April 17. Contact April Canby if you can help: 304 995-7745

***Children are invited to join the hunt Easter Sunday, April 17, at 10:15 a.m.***