

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 8, 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:16

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

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Welcome! In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us: "Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

There is an African proverb that says, 'When someone close to you is dancing well in a public display, you are full of smiles.' In one of the parishes where I served in Cameroon, there was a man named Silas whose catchphrase was 'That's my son'. Silas would proudly introduce his handsome son, Elias, to every visitor in that village, and on every occasion, he was given the opportunity to say a word. Elias, whose handsome face was matched only by his gentle, well-behaved nature, was the pride of his father. His father was immensely proud, constantly boasting to everyone in the village, "That's my son!" Whenever Elias helped an elderly neighbor or showed kindness, Silas would beam, point proudly, and declare, "That's my son, the finest boy in the village!" Silas's catchphrase, "That's my son," earned him the nickname "That's my son". This catchphrase became a joyous, familiar refrain in the village, a testament to his immense love and pride, making everyone smile at their heartwarming bond.

We readily claim a wonderful performer – we are quick in such circumstances to interject; he/she is from my neighborhood or from my parish community, he/she is my friend or my brother/sister, or he/she is my son/daughter, or my grandson/daughter, etc. One Nigerian artist calls this 'claim relationship'. When we take our son or daughter or our grandson or daughter to his/her games, and he or she is thrilling the spectators or audience, we want people around us to know we share in that performance by our relationship with the child. It is like saying to the onlooker, that wonderful performance you are enjoying, I am part of it, I contributed something to it. That is how the mothers of Michael Jordan, Kevin Durant, LeBron James, and Jaylen Brown felt when their sons won their first NBA championships and acknowledged their contributions during those emotional moments with their mothers at the center court or in the locker room with a tearful embrace or FaceTime.

Of course, when the reverse is the case, that is, when the performance is unsatisfactory and simply disappointing, we hide our heads in the sand, we refuse to acknowledge the performer, at times we even play out St Peter at the trial of Jesus: "I don't know what you are talking about, I don't know that man." Yes, we do not want to be associated with discreditable performance.

Nobody would ever want a person to represent him/her whose performance is questionable. Reasons potential representatives of schools, counties, states, and countries go through a 'rigid' selection process is to make sure that they get the best to represent either the school, county, state, or the country. It is amazing that God lets

us represent him even though He knows what stuff we are made of. He knows that the chances are big that we will disgrace Him, yet He still lets us represent Him. He literally issues us a blank check.

The question to ask is: do we really live up to this challenge that God gives us? How many people have made us proud in the public service as men and women of integrity whom you could hold up to everybody's gaze and say, that man/woman is a true Christian/Catholic? I bowed my head in shame when I was chatting with a member of the Apostolic Church, and he said 'Father, the day the president of this country (Cameroon) comes from our church, you will see the difference.' 'That will never happen, at least in our lifetime, since there isn't any hope or sign that he will relinquish power,' I retorted. Few of our leaders carry their faith into service.

Before we get very comfortable criticizing our leaders, let's look again at the words of Christ: "... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." We are all included in this task of letting Christ's light shine through us to others. But unfortunately, many of us have failed in this mission given to us by Christ. In an interview with a CRIMSON reporter, Mahatma Gandhi said, "I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." Gandhi's statement stems from the fact that many Christians have not allowed the consciousness of our being Christ's representatives to inspire and govern our actions and reactions.

Silas was proud of his son, Elias, and would proudly declare, "That's my son, the finest boy in the village!" Christ can say the same of us if we remove from our midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech; share our bread with the hungry and water with the thirsty, dress the naked and house the homeless, and assist the sick. Then our faith will shine in the world as beautiful rays of God's light.

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

World Day of the Sick - Wednesday, February 11th - Mass at 9 AM, during which there will be anointing of the Sick.

St. Valentine's Day - Saturday, February 14th - We are invited and encouraged to pray for holy marriages and for all married couples.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 2/1

General Fund	\$ 4256.18
Online Giving	\$ 814.48
Maintenance	\$ 1250.00
Local Outreach	\$ 0.00

Weekend Mass Attendance: 5 PM—93 9 AM—185 11 AM—108

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Saturday, February 14th - Parish Social after the 5 PM Mass in MacFadden Hall.

Ash Wednesday is coming quickly! February 18th - Masses: 9 AM and 6 PM.

Adoption and Guardianship

Know someone who is struggling with the daunting process and expenses of adoption or legal guardianship? Perhaps they would be a candidate for our diocesan Cabrini Grant. For questions and or an application contact: Kathy Barton at 304-233-0880 Ext. 289.

Your Faith Matters!

Q: What are Sacramentals?

A: Sacramentals are sacred signs, objects, or actions that bear resemblance to the sacraments but were instituted by the Church rather than Christ directly. They help to sanctify daily life and prepare individuals to receive the grace of the seven Sacraments. They encourage devotion to God and the saints. They are not magic. They include rosaries, medals, candles, ashes, palms, holy water, and crucifixes, etc.

Q: What is the difference between Sacraments and Sacramentals?

Sacraments were instituted by Christ to confer grace directly (e.g., Baptism and Eucharist), whereas sacramentals prepare the faithful to receive that grace and sanctify different moments in life.

Q: I have a rosary that is worn out and a photo of the Last Supper that is severely damaged. Both Sacramentals were blessed. Can I just discard of these Sacramental in a common trash? (Watch out for the answer in our next Sunday's Bulletin!)

I am blessed to be your pastor. Let's pray for one another this week.

Happy Sunday!

Fr Boh (Pastor)

WHAT'S GOING ON

Social Concerns Ministry will have a meeting this Wednesday after the 9 AM Mass. We will discuss Immanuel's House meals, Hedgesville Loaves & Fishes, KD's Court food distribution, and the homeless situation. All are welcome to join us!

Women of the Parish – Invitation & Call for Leaders

All women of the parish are invited to join our Women's Group as we prepare for our next Bible study, *The Book of Job* (Little Rock Scripture Study). We are currently seeking 1–2 women to help facilitate the Wednesday evening sessions. Once facilitators are in place, start dates and material details will be shared. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Sara at the parish office or email reled@stbernadettewv.org.

Hospitality Ministry will host our 3rd **Saturday Night Social** on February 14th following the 5 PM Mass. Please sign up to bring a casserole and don't forget your favorite board game.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Walter Shenk, Helena Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Hank Chase, Jackie Crouse, Vicki Lowery, Michael Huey, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Joseph Bosco, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, Elveta Guinn, James Wynkoop, Carol Bogacz, Jane Thielman, Lynn Fitzharris, Fr. Ansgar, Marianne Henterly, Thomas Mackesy, Florence Dellasanta, Isabella Horning, Carl Drummond, Susan Clark, Betty Anne Powell, Mike Donato

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 8th
2nd Collection for Church Missions in the United States

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass

Intention for Bonnie Hart (L)

Tuesday, February 10th

9 AM Mass

Intention for the Kusmitch family

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, February 11th

9 AM Mass

Intention for the Kusmitch family

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Meeting

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

6:30—8 PM OCIA

Thursday, February 12th

9 AM Mass

Intention for Mark Lane (+)

Friday, February 13th

9 AM Mass

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, February 14th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

6 PM Saturday Social

Sunday, February 15th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass

Intention for Susan Clark (L)

10:15—11:45 AM Religious Ed

Lenten Preparation—Family Session

11 AM Mass

Intention for Rose A. Klouda (+)

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, Jeff Ferrell, and Freddy Gibb

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 9—1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 10—Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin; 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday 11—1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday 12—1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30

Friday 13—1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 14—Memorial of Sts Cyril, Monk, Methodius, Bishop; 1 Kgs 12:26-32:13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday 15—Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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.