

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

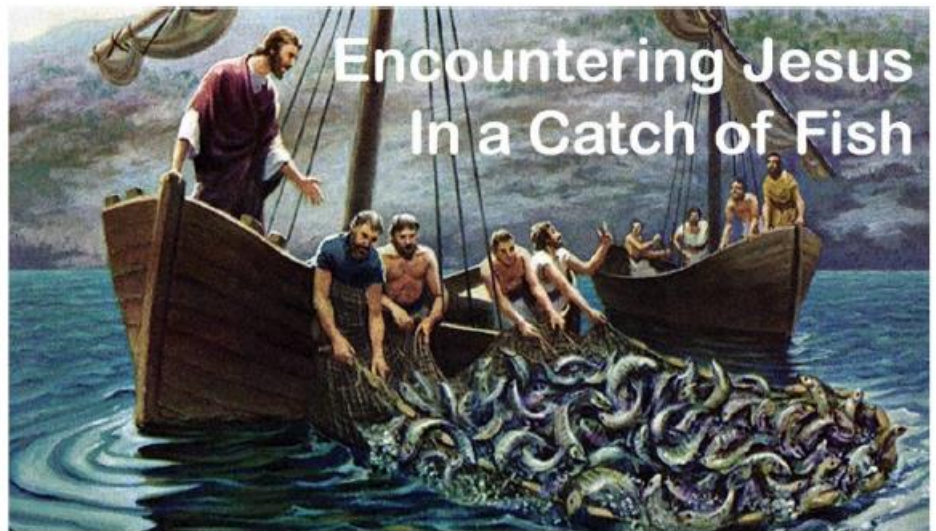
Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

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

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch....but at your command I will lower the nets." (Luke 5:4-5)



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: Jesus is Inviting You to be Part of His Mission

Jesus Christ has extended an invitation to each one of us on the day of our baptism to follow Him in preaching the Word of God to the ends of the earth. In today’s readings, we hear the same invitation addressed to the prophet Isaiah and he answers, “Here am I, Lord, send me”. The former persecutor of the Church in the person of Saul, answered to that same invitation by converting into a follower, taking the Word of God to the Gentiles, even if he considered himself the least of the Apostles. In our gospel passage, we are told that Peter and his fishermen friends answered this call by leaving everything and following Christ.

In all these calls, we hear those who have been called confess that they are sinners. The Prophet Isaiah says “Woe is me; I am doomed. For I am a man of unclean lips living among people of unclean lips”. Saint Paul confesses: “I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. By the grace of God, I am what I am and his grace to me has not been ineffective”. Peter confesses: “Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”

In like manner, God has not extended this invitation to us because we are perfect. We are sinners. Although sinners, we can be effective evangelizers, like Saint Paul, if we open our hearts to the light of the Spirit and cooperate with the grace of God, we shall know the experience of those first witnesses of the resurrection.

Luke’s main reason for telling us all this is to let us know that the invitation is not restricted to Peter, but to all the disciples of Jesus to be “fishers of men”.

This mission to evangelize has been entrusted to the whole Christian community. This is the same invitation that our bishop sent out to all of us in his last pastoral letter on evangelization. He challenged all of us, Christians of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, to join him in preaching the gospel: “If your faith matters,” he told us, “do your part...”

Like Peter and his fishermen friends working all night without making any catch, we, too, have failed in our mission to evangelize. Christ asked Peter to cast his nets into the sea again. He, the fisherman and expert in the trade, obeyed the instructions of Jesus, a mere carpenter, and made a plentiful catch.

In his pastoral letter, our bishop has asked us to relaunch our efforts at evangelization in this “Year of Mission”. There are encouraging signs that we, Christians of Saint Bernadette, have given deep

thought to Christ’s invitation via our bishop to join him in his evangelization efforts. I am particularly encouraged by the over 150 Christians of Saint Bernadette who have already completed the Disciple Maker Index survey sent out by the Catholic Leadership Institute. This is a sign that we are ready to cast our nets back into the sea. We hope and pray that the Lord will bless our efforts so that, like Peter, we can make an astonishing catch.

Permit me to thank all of you who have already filled out the survey. If you have not done so yet, please, take a moment to fill it out and let your voice be heard. I deeply appreciate Billy and Sarah who graciously accepted to our Parish Point Persons in this endeavor. I believe I speak for every Christian at Saint Bernadette in saying we deeply appreciate the sacrifice of their talent, time, and more.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome! It’s good to be in the presence of God today. I am delighted to welcome, especially our new members. If you have not yet registered, please contact any usher after Mass and he/she will help you. You can also contact the parish office Monday thru Thursday 10 am to 2 PM and Friday 10 AM to 12 NOON.

The Pope’s Monthly Prayer Intention Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation.

This month of February 2025, Pope Francis is inviting us to join him in praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. That the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 2/2

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| General Fund..... | \$ 3958.59 |
| Online Giving..... | \$ 1195.26 |
| Maintenance | \$ 2644.00 |
| Local Outreach..... | \$ 255.00 |

Attendance 5 PM—112 9 AM—152 11 AM—112

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Safe Environment classes for Religious Education students will be held next Sunday and will take just 10-15 minutes of class time.

Your contributions to the outreach program has made such a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. One hundred-plus people showed up for the distribution that was held on January 28th at St John's Church in Martinsburg. Every item was taken, and everyone was very grateful. Once again St. Bernadette parishioners showed how much they care about our community. May God Bless you for all you do.

On Jan. 21, two Saint Joseph School students and their family lost their home to a fire. **Please help us support this family by participating in a spaghetti dinner fundraiser!** An order for a family of five includes spaghetti, breadsticks and salad. The cost for a family meal is \$40. You can sign up here to order meals or to make a donation https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc5IdBBZGfCFn_hcdMyJWH_LYGCI-ZX1wrVQdVhhGBkTTehgg/viewform

The deadline to order is Thursday, Feb. 13. The meals will be available for pickup in the cafeteria, between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 17. There is no school for students that day due to Presidents Day. You may pay with cash or a check written to SJS. Please send your money to school in an envelope labeled with your name and "spaghetti fundraiser," and write "spaghetti fundraiser" on the memo line of your check. If you don't have a student at SJS, you may mail payments to the school at 110 E. Stephen St., Martinsburg, WV 25401, ATTN: Meg Partington. Thank you for your love and support. We are Christ's light to each other.

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 9th
Second Collection for Church
Missions within the US

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Kathy Reeser (+)
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 11th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, February 12th

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

Thursday, February 13th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, February 14th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Marie-Francoise Kao
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction
 6 PM Memorial Mass for
 Rebecca Boh

Saturday, February 15th

3—4:30 PM OCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Ginger Spice (+)

Sunday, February 16th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 2:30 PM African Mass

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 10—St. Scholastica, Virgin; Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 11—Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday 12—Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday 13—Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128; Mk 7:24-30

Friday 14—Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 15—Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday 16—Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

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.




Keep Our Teens & Tweens in Prayer!

Please keep all of our teens and tweens attending Mount 2000 in your prayers this weekend. May they return home with renewed faith and a deeper love for our beautiful Catholic Church. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated chaperones—your time and commitment make experiences like this possible!


Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey – Extended Deadline!

The DMI Survey deadline has been extended to **February 11, 2025**, to ensure every parishioner has a chance to share their voice. **St. Bernadette is currently one of the top parishes for responses—let's keep it that way!** If you haven't yet, please take a few moments to complete the survey online. **All adults 18 and older** are encouraged to participate, as your input helps shape the future of our parish and diocese.



 **Paper copies** of the survey are available in the Narthex and must be returned no later than **February 14**.



 **The online survey closes on February 11.**

Weblink is : <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x1b72x>




A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has already participated in the DMI Survey! We have not only met but exceeded our goal, and your continued responses are the icing on the cake! **Join us in McFadden Hall next weekend (February 15 & 16) after all Masses, including the African Mass, for a special home-baked treat as a token of our gratitude.**

No Parishioner Reconciliation on February 23


On **Sunday, February 23**, the **First Holy Communion Class** will be receiving their **First Reconciliation** before the **9:00 AM Mass**. Due to this special event, **Father will not be available for additional confessions that morning**. Please plan to attend Confession on **Wednesday, February 12**, or the following weekend.


Let's also take this opportunity to **pray for all those preparing to receive Sacraments this spring!**


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

 **"Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved...you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them."**

— *St. John Bosco*

 **NOTICE:** Religious Education Classes are **cancelled** this weekend (**February 9, 2025**).

 **Safe Environment Lesson #2** for the school year will be conducted **during Religious Education classes on February 16, 2025**. Please contact **Sara in the office** with any questions.

 **Mark Your Calendars!**

Join us for a **Lenten Preparation Parish-Wide Family Session** on **March 2**.

 **OCIA Rite of Election**

The **Rite of Election** for our OCIA participants will be held at **St. Agnes Catholic Church in Shepherdstown** on **Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 11:00 AM**.



St. Joseph Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul 2024 Annual Report to the Parishes

The St. Joseph Conference has successfully completed another year of providing assistance to those in need within the boundaries of the Parishes of St. Joseph and St. Bernadette. During the last year, the Conference provided nearly \$30,000 in aid to families and individuals who sought help. Payments were made for rent, utilities, medical expenses, car repairs, groceries, and miscellaneous other items. Included among these was propane fuel for a disabled veteran who lives in a tent.

The Conference's operating expenses remain remarkably low. Our "office" consists of a mobile phone where supplicants leave messages. Other expenses are limited to our annual State of WV Business License and our liability insurance policy. The total cost of these expenses is just under \$625 annually.

With the expectation of \$2,500 in donations from the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Wheeling, all of the funds received came from members of our two parishes. Your generosity in these difficult times is truly a blessing to the less fortunate in our community.

Over the past few years, our Conference has lost a number of members due to various circumstances. As a result, we now have only six active members. We would very much like to have additional assistance in our endeavors. Many hands make light work, so having a few more Vincentians to answer phone calls, make pledges via the phone, and attend our monthly meetings at the St. Joseph Parish Office would be a true blessing. If you are interested in joining our group, please call our Conference at (304) 671-0569. One of our members will contact you and invite you to join us for our next meeting where we conduct business and share prayer and reflection.

Thank you for your continued generous support of our mission. May God bless you and your families.

Edward Wilson
President, St. Joseph Conference, Society of St. Vincent de Paul.