

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 Friday: Perpetual Adoration of the
Blessed Eucharist after 9 AM Mass
with Divine Mercy & Benediction at 3 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

January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.



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

Our commemoration last Monday, January 9, of the Baptism of the Lord marked the end of the Christmas season and the start of Ordinary Time. Today is the second Sunday in Ordinary Time and our readings spell out the mission of Jesus. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of the image of the Servant of the Lord, who will be a light to the nations and who will take God’s salvation to the ends of the earth. Jesus, the fulfilment of that prophecy is identified by John the Baptist as the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. The Psalmist invites us to never restrain our lips in witnessing to the truth or in announcing God’s “justice in the vast assembly”.

I remember one painful experience I had while I was a pupil at Saint Anthony Catholic Primary School, Njinikom, in my native Cameroon. All students gathered every morning in the school yard, before the start of classes for the morning assembly. The head teacher, a very stern distant uncle of mine, who used the whip and corporal punishment frequently to enforce discipline was hardly ever present at such morning assemblies. He would usually be in his office. Whenever we saw him at the morning assembly ground, we knew someone was in trouble and was going to get punished. Corporal punishment, in those days, was approved of by the state and by parents.

This fateful morning, the head teacher showed up at the assembly ground, visibly worried. He announced the latest crime committed by unnamed students as being the theft of sugar cane (the tall, perennial grass used for sugar production) from the farm of the catechist. Even though we dreaded being flogged, somehow, we enjoyed the discomfiture of those who were in trouble and were getting punished.

Poor me! That morning, I was anxious to learn who the thieves were and was thinking to myself that if any students committed such an act, then they deserved what they were about to get from the head teacher. To my astonishment and utter dismay, my name was the first on the list of the alleged thieves. The other name was the son of the head teacher, who doubled as my classmate, a distant cousin, and a neighbor in the village. You may have heard the expression “snake beating”. We were found guilty without a trial, sentenced, and given the beating of our life. Another student called Philip, who was in the fifth grade (my distant cousin and I were in fourth grade at the time) knew who the real thieves were. He was tempted to say something to prevent us from being punished for nothing but was too afraid to speak up. However, he later went to the head teacher’s office and told him the whole truth. The only apology we got from the head teacher was that my distant cousin and I were invited to follow the head teacher along with Philip to the fifth-grade classroom. Philip pointed out the two students who stole the sugar cane and we watched as the head teacher gave them double the number of lashes of the whip we were given earlier, in addition to being punished to do some hard manual labor cleaning parts of the school campus.

What that student, Philip, did for us that day is what is expected of us, Christians today. As the Psalmist says, we are

not to restrain our lips in speaking the truth and in upholding justice. We, too, may hesitate, out of fear, as Philip did. However, God wants us to have no fear in speaking the Truth. Philip spoke the truth about our innocence.

In the Bible and in writings about the lives of the Saints, we can find people who are ready to do same for Jesus. Today’s readings bring before us the names of three such people. We see John in the gospel speaking out, “Behold the Lamb of God, ...” And he can truly say: “I have seen and testified ...”. In the second reading, Paul tells the Corinthians that he has been “... called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ by God”. As an apostle, he says he must bring the good news to others. In the first reading, Isaiah says that he was formed in the womb to be a servant of God.

All three of them – Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist – spoke up. They were witnesses. The world listened to and believed thanks to their testimony. Like Isaiah, Paul, John, and my schoolmate Philip, we too must in some way be witnesses to Christ in our world today. We can effectively do this by just living our daily life in accordance with the teachings of Christ.

Fr. Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Welcome to Saint Bernadette Catholic Church. We're so glad you have chosen to worship with us this weekend. If you would you like to know more about our parish and ministries, please contact any of the ushers or call the parish office at (304) 754-7830.

Sunday of the Word of God – January 22, 2023: This Sunday was established by Pope Francis to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. To celebrate this observance, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a Sunday Seminar Series of five videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, offered in English and Spanish, will be offered by some of the finest biblical scholars in the United States and will be accompanied by discussion/reflection questions and suggestions for further reading. The videos will be made available on the Sunday of the Word of God, January 22, 2023, at: <https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>. Through these videos, we hope to bring people into an encounter with the Scriptures, particularly the Gospel. May the people of God be inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with scripture in a new, prayerful way.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING GIVING SUMMARY

General Fund.....	\$ 2363.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 696.14
Capital Improvements	\$ 1103.00
Diocesan.....	\$ 0.00
Community Outreach	\$ 90.10

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Renovation to McFadden Hall are set to begin on January 23rd and are expected to be ongoing for about 2 months. Please bring all Loaves & Fishes donations to the Religious Education Building when you can or leave items in the narthex and they will be brought over to the Rel Ed Bldg.

Social Concerns will be collecting toiletries, coats, gloves, hats, socks, (adults and children), plus gently used/new blankets for the homeless now through January 25th. Please bring these items to the Religious Education Building when you can. Items left in the narthex will be brought over to the Rel Ed Bldg.

Enrollment Dates for St. Joseph School: Re-enrollment for the 2023-24 academic year for current students and their siblings who are not attending Saint Joseph School begins Friday, Feb. 3. Enrollment for new families who are active members of area Catholic churches begins Friday, Feb. 10, and all others may start the enrollment process on Friday, Feb. 17. You can apply at sjsvw.org. For more information, email mpartington@sjsvw.org or call the school office at 304-267-6447.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is currently accepting applications for the **Permanent Diaconate Formation Program 2023-2028**. Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2023. The application and additional information may be found at <https://dwc.org/directory-listing/permanent-diaconate-formation-office-of/2275/>. For questions, please feel free to contact the diocesan Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation: Deacon John Yaquinta, Coordinator, jyaquinta@dwc.org, or Tina High, Secretary, thigh@dwc.org or (304) 233-0880, ext. 271.

Pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes Please join His Excellency, Bishop Athanasius Schneider, as well as Fr. Timothy Huffman and Fr. Bradley Greer, of the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes June 9-18, 2023. Space is limited. For more information, please visit www.qohtours.com or call 1-800-213-4295.

All married and engaged couples are invited to attend the second annual **together in Holiness marriage enrichment conference** that will be held on Saturday, February 11, at St. Michael Church in Wheeling, WV. This one-day conference will include inspiring keynote presentations on the theme of Family, a Believing and Evangelizing Community, as well as Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan. To register, you can visit www.togetherinholiness.org and click on the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston location.

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, Monica Straley, Joe Schlegel, Walter Shenk, Helena Shenk, Isabella Horning, Brenda Inclima

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, January 15th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Pooch

Intention for Josh & Holly Mackesy

10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Ernest Montaño

2:30 PM African Mass

Tuesday, January 17th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Fred, Nellie, & Anna**Condon*

9:30 AM Stitches from the

Heart

6 PM Installation Mass

Wednesday, January 18th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Laura Sanford***Thursday, January 19th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Pooch

*Intention for Jim Thielman***Friday, January 20th**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Agnes & Theresa Britton

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, January 21st

9—10:30 AM RCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the People of the Parish***Sunday, January 22nd**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Floyd Middleton

10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Agnes Britton

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 16th—Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 17th—St. Anthony, Abbott; Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 18th—Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday 19th—Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40; Mk 3:7-12

Friday 20th—Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday 21st—St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr; Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday 22nd—Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

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.



From the Desk of Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S.

Department of Catholic Schools • www.WVCatholicSchools.org

WV Catholic Schools Celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 29 to February 4

Catholic Schools in West Virginia are finalizing plans to celebrate National Catholic Schools Week from Jan. 29-Feb. 4

Principals, staff, and volunteers in the 24 Catholic schools - 18 grade schools and six high schools – are working together to showcase our exceptional schools, said Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S., Superintendent of WV Catholic Schools.

“Our schools provide an environment that is an extension of our family,” she said. “We are committed to providing a quality education that is unapologetically Catholic in nature. Lessons in Catholic faith are integrated into all subject areas and activities. With a steadfast focus on our faith, we trust God, through his son Jesus Christ, will continue to guide us to help our children reach their full potential.”

While academic excellence is a priority proven with proficiency assessments remaining above national and state averages (according to the US Department of Education National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), nurturing the whole child for college and career readiness in a Christ-centered environment is the mission of the Catholic Schools of West Virginia.

“Our priority is our students, our privilege is supporting our families, and our commitment is to continually improve our schools as we look to the future,” Deschaine said. “Through individual and critical thinking; strong self-esteem; empathy; citizenship; and a sound moral foundation all in a Christ-centered environment, each of our 24 schools prepare our students to be the best version of themselves, so they can confidently share their God-given gifts and talents.”

All 24 schools across the state will host a variety of activities for their students and the community.

Catholic Schools Week is a great time to schedule a tour or shadow day at the school if you are considering enrolling your child, grandchild, or loved one. Contact your local school to schedule, and ask them about their celebrations you can attend, such as athletic events, academic fairs, choral concerts, community service projects, school Mass, and more.

For more information contact your local Catholic school. For a complete listing go to: <https://wvcatholicschools.org>.