

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

January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

The Wedding Cana

(John 2:1-11)



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

Change is an Integral Part of life

The Greek philosopher, Heraclitus, is known for his doctrine of change being the only constant in life, expressed famously as "No man ever steps in the same river twice". He wrote: "Change is the essence of life; the only thing that remains unchanged is the law of change". He believed that the universe was in a state of flux, always in a state of becoming. This ancient and profound truth reminds us that change is the only constant in existence. Nothing remains the same; everything transforms, adapts, and moves.

Today, in a rapidly changing world, this thought remains relevant. That one-second-old baby becomes a grown-up man/woman at different levels, such as physical and psychological, several years later. The apple seed that the farmer plants on his farm becomes a full-grown apple tree that produces many apples several years later.

The readings for this weekend's Liturgy of the Word, especially the Gospel, center on the idea of change. The first reading talks of a new relationship between God and his people. The prophet Isaiah tells the people that the Lord shall call them by a new name. In the second reading, the Apostle Paul talks about the various gifts or charisms, and all come from the same God. If these charisms are used as God intended, they will benefit the community. In the Gospel, Jesus changes water into wine, a symbol of the old order giving way to the new. The mission of Jesus was to change lives. He came to change the world and teach us how to love God and our neighbor. To change us from 'slaves of sin' to become children of God. As Rev. John Robinson puts it, "He changed people who were sick and made them well. He changed sinners by forgiving them and telling them to live good lives (sin no more). ... In his first miracle, he changed water into wine and changed what would have been a failed celebration into a great party." (Guiding Light, Trust, and Transform)

Jesus continues to call us to change. Blessed John Henry Newman says, "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." Everyone wants a change, especially when we perceive the situation as bad. But how many people are willing to change? As Michael Jackson sang, "If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself and then make a change." We become so comfortable with what we have and where we are that we resist change. "Change is hard because people overestimate the value of what they have—and underestimate the value of what they may gain by giving that up," says James Belasco and Ralph Stayer.

When Jesus called people to change their lives, it didn't always happen. Judas Iscariot, the Scribes, and the Pharisees come readily to mind. We have free will to accept or reject what God has spoken to us. He changed bread and wine into His Body and Blood, but still many do not believe His Real Presence in the Eucharist. The Eucharist can change us, and it will become more like Him.

I would like to conclude this reflection with the Serenity Prayer: "O God, give us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed, the courage to change what can be changed, and the wisdom to know the one from the other."

Fr. Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome to Saint Bernadette!

Today we begin the first half of Ordinary Time, Church Year C, with the celebration of the Second Sunday. A special welcome to all who are visiting us for the first time. If you are new in the parish and aren't yet registered as a community member, we would love for you to join us. You can contact any of the ushers for a registration form or you can also register online by visiting www.stbernadettewv.org or call the Parish Office during office hours (304)-754-7830.

Adult Faith Formation - I am delighted to inform this parish family of Saint Bernadette that we shall be starting having a 30-minute catechesis every Thursday immediately after morning Mass. Religious education is not just for children or for those preparing to receive the Sacraments anymore. It is for all of us, the baptized. Every one of us, by virtue of our Baptism, is on a lifelong journey of faith. Consequently, Adult Faith Formation has its purpose to support, nourish, and challenge adults as they explore their faith, experience its power, and grow in relationship with God. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Adult Faith Formation "aims at putting 'people . . . in communion . . . with Jesus Christ.'"

It is my prayer that we'll find time in our busy schedule to be part of this weekly Adult Faith Formation program.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 1/19

General Fund.....	\$ 3058.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1358.51
Maintenance	\$ 1130.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 231.00

Attendance 5 PM—84 9 AM—158 11 AM—130

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Disciple Maker Index Survey: The deadline to take the online survey is Thursday, February 6th. Please see the volunteer in McFadden Hall every weekend from now until then for help. Or you can visit <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/x1b72x> to take this brief, multiple choice questionnaire.

Items for the Social Concerns Outreach can be dropped off in the cart in McFadden Hall until Sunday the 26th. Items needed are women's socks, coats, blankets, wipes, 3-in-1 bodywash, deodorant, and \$10 McDonald's gift cards.

Help fill the Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes pantry! Toiletries and toilet paper are the big items being collected in January. Some of the other items needed are pasta sauce, pasta, canned fruit, soup, peanut butter, mac & cheese, canned vegetables, baked beans, syrup, pancake mix, cereal and hamburger helper.

Hospitality Ministry is having their annual Soup Sale Fundraiser. Orders are being taken this weekend. Payment and pickup are February 1st and 2nd after every Mass. The choices this year are Vegetable, Ham and Bean, Beef Barley, and Chicken Noodle. Soups will be made on January 30th and 31st. Please see the Hospitality volunteer if you are willing to help prepare the soups.

ST. BERNADETTE MEN'S RETREAT

Christ, Fellowship, & Nature

Please join us as we get to know each other outside of Church & enjoy the outdoors while deepening our love and knowledge of Jesus.

Reservations w/ payment required by Jan 21st. Options below are per night, you can opt for 1 night (Saturday night).

- Full Cabin - 2 queen rooms, 2 twin bunk rooms (\$252)
- Single Room - (\$63)
- Share a room to split the cost
- Cabins are heated and have bathrooms
- Food additional and TBD
- If cost is an issue, please reach out to us

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Where:
 Cacapon State Park, 818 Cacapon Lodge Dr, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

Who:
 Open to all men 18 and over. NOT just St Bernadette's.

Agenda:
Friday
 -6pm: Arrival, introductions, campfire
Saturday
 -8am: Mass w/ Fr. Boh onsite
 -10am-1pm: Fellowship & lunch
 -1pm-5pm: Nature hike, walk, fishing, or just hang out. Play an instrument? Bring it!
 -6pm-?: Campfire dinner, prayer discussion
Sunday
 -10am: Checkout

April 4-6, 2025

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, Kenny DeHaven, Joseph Bosco, Kathleen McAndrews, Richard Monroe, Barbara Loeffler, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, Irene Zaremba

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 19th
 2nd Collection—Church in the Developing World
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Ginger Spice (+)
 2:30 PM African Mass

Monday, January 20th
 Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21st
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the Struemke family
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, January 22nd
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, January 23rd
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, January 24th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, January 25th
 3—4:30 PM OCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Sunday, January 26th
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

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 20—Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 21—St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr; Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 22—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday 23—Heb 7:25-8:6; Ps 40; Mk 3:7-12

Friday 24—St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday 25—Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle; Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18

Sunday 26—Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

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.