

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

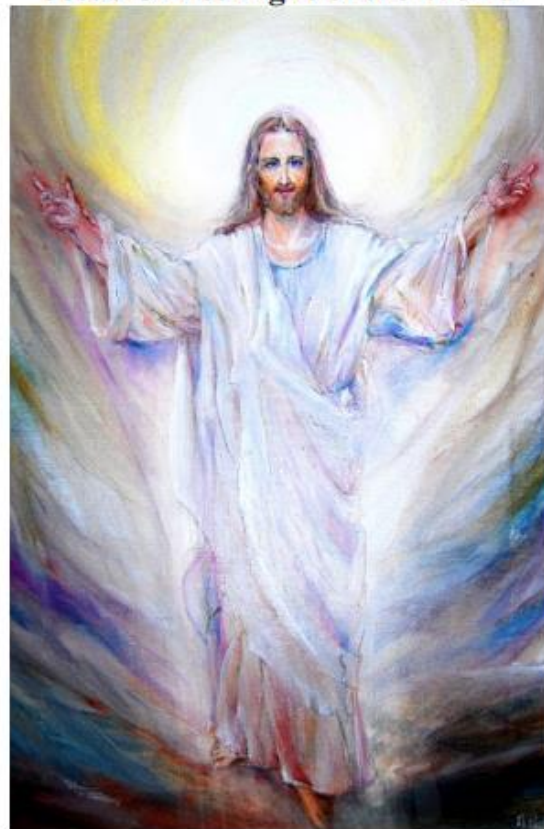
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM

or by appointment

January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus Christ Light 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

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, today is the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. In 2019, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated every year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Pope Francis says the Sunday of the celebration of the Word of God; "... can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world" (Aperuit illis, no. 2). The world is often bogged down by despair and hopelessness. Events on the socio-political scene hardly make one excited or hopeful for a better future. Yet, God once more tells us that a bright light will shine upon the people walking in darkness and no darkness can overcome it. The tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived in the northern part of Palestine. At the time Isaiah utters his prophecy the Assyrian army had overrun it and was oppressing its inhabitants. The message was not entirely negative. Despite the dark days, Isaiah sees a light and uses striking images of hope against the backdrop of defeat. "God would raise their status [8:23a]. And a light would arise to dispel anxiety [8:23b] and to give them hope. That light would lead to liberation" [9:3] (cf. word-sunday.com). Isaiah is sure that the Assyrian armies, responsible for all the violence, will be defeated and driven out. Notice the themes of hope and freedom so traditional for Jews was now applied to non-Jews. Isaiah implicitly extended God's activity to the Gentiles of the area. This message of hope is not just for the inhabitants of Zebulun and Naphtali, but for all who hear God's word today. A bright light shines upon them. In his gospel, Matthew used Isaiah's more universal scope when he described the mobile ministry of Jesus. No matter who inhabited the land, God would bless them with a light, a leader to guide their way to spiritual liberation. For Matthew, that light was Jesus. This light is also known as the Word of God who calls men to Himself to save them. This Word calls on us today. He wants to give us life. How often do we meditate on the Word to allow it to truly speak to us, and influence our choices and decisions? "Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path" (Ps. 119:105). May the Lord bless His Word in our hearts! I wish you a fruitful celebration of Sunday of the Word of God.

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome to Saint Bernadette Catholic Church. Permit me, beloved sisters, and brothers in Christ, to use this medium to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone that participated in and witnessed my installation as the Pastor of Saint Bernadette on Tuesday, January 17, 2023. Your presence and support in every way and form greatly blessed the celebration and became a memorable page in the next chapter of our parish history. A special thanks to the Very Rev Timothy Grassi for accepting to witness on behalf of the Bishop Mark and for his inspiring sermon. A special thank you to our Parish Secretary and the hospitality committee for all the planning and for the sumptuous dinner. Thank you to the pastor and parishioners of St Joseph the Worker, Martinsburg, especially the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of Court 392, the African Catholic Community, my family, and friends that traveled from near and far. Following the admonition of Saint Paul to the Corinthians in today's second reading, may we be encouraged to stay united and hold steady in the Lord. Keep me in your prayers as we set out on this journey as I am praying for you. Again, thank you all.



Monday January 23, 2023: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn Children

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3585.00
Online Giving	\$ 1290.89
Capital Improvements	\$ 60.00
Diocesan	\$ 345.00
Community Outreach	\$ 411.00

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. **First Sunday Donuts are suspended at this time.**

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 sjswv.org. For more information, email mpartington@sjswv.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 Yaquina, Coordinator, jyaquina@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, Sheree 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, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley

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 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***Tuesday, January 24th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Benjamin Boatwright

9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, January 25th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Souls in Purgatory***Thursday, January 26th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Souls in Purgatory***Friday, January 27th**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Helena & Walter Shenk

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, January 28th

9—10:30 AM RCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the People of the Parish***Sunday, January 29th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Zachary Kammerer

10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Jean Ridley

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 23rd—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98; Mt 3:22-30

Tuesday 24th—St. Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40; Mk 3:31-35

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

Thursday 26th—Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops; 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96; Mk 4:21-25

Friday 27th—Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday 28th—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; (Ps) Lk 1; Mk 4:35-41

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.