



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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ST. BERNADETTE 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 Saturday: 9 AM
Rosary immediately following

Confession
Wednesday: 5—5:50PM
Saturday: 4—4:45PM
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM
or by appointment

*January 23, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*



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

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, today we join our sisters and brothers the world over to celebrate Sunday of the Word of God. In a bid to help Catholic Christ across the world to deepen their appreciation, love and faithful witness to God and his Word, Pope Francis decreed that the third Sunday in Ordinary Time, be observed as a special day devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God.”

Today’s gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of Saint Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. The gospel reading speaks to us about the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. Anointed by the Spirit of the Lord, Jesus announces the Lord’s year of favor in which the good news will be preached the poor, the sight of the blind will be restored, and the captives and the downtrodden will gain freedom. All of us who have been baptized were anointed at our baptism by the Father to be the collaborators of Jesus to bring the good news the poor. By lending a helping hand, we can free someone from captivity to poverty. when we love and care about others’ welfare, we can free them from loneliness and desolation. The downtrodden can regain the strength to carry-on through our kind words. Christ wants to reach his people through us.

Dear friends in Christ, each one of us must personally and seriously the mission God is giving us today. You are the one he is choosing today to bring his good news to the poor and oppressed. He is sending you. You are the wings on which the good news is borne to others. May the Holy Spirit which we received at our baptism, rekindle in us the zeal to be bearers of the good news of Jesus Christ to our sisters and brothers.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

The Lord is good!
 Welcome, everyone to Saint Bernadette. A special welcome to those visiting with us for the first time. On behalf of the Christians of this parish, I want to let you know that we are so glad you have chosen to join us today as we worship the Lord together and have fellowship! We hope that you feel right at home and please come again. For those who would want to become members of this family of Saint Bernadette, please pick up a registration form at the back of the Church as you leave the church and return the filled form to the Parish Office or drop it in one of the collection baskets. You can also register online by visiting www.stbernadettewv.org

A heads up for the week ahead of us: Tuesday, January 25th the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends. It is also the feast day of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for January 2022: For all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution, that their own rights and dignity be recognized.

A word of gratitude:

We want to thank all those who, in one way or the other to help us to pray better. A special thank you to the altar servers, the ushers, the members of the choir, the Lectors and all those who helped set up for Mass. Please, know that we appreciate your wonderful contributions. Thank you for your efforts, time and voices.

Prayer for the Rite of the Enthronement of the Bible at Home

One member of the family holds the Bible, raised slightly.

Leader: Begins with the sign of the cross.

Let us pray: God our Heavenly Father, we gather as family to enthrone your Holy Word – the Bible, in our home. May this Bible which contains your Word, be a lamp for our feet, and a light on our path. May we always pay attention to the teachings of your Son, who Himself is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He came and lived among us to tell us of the Father’s love. May your Word which we read and reflect on daily as a family, continue to guide our steps and lead us to you. Give us the grace to bring this Good News to our brothers and sisters who yet do not know you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Scripture Reading Read Matthew 4:17-23

After the reading, the leader places the Bible in the place prepared for it.

All bow deeply before the enthroned Bible.

Leader: O Lord, we have listened to listened to your words. They give us joy and bring light and truth into our lives. Your presence gives us peace in our troubled and divided world. May your Word create in our hearts a deep desire for you. Be with us in our hearts and homes, in our community and country. Give us your Holy Spirit to help us to understand your Word. May this Holy Bible which we enthrone in our home today, become the center and source of inspiration in our daily lives. May your Word inspire all that we think and say and do. May your Word bind us together in unity with each other and with you. Today and forever.

All repeat after the leader: We promise to respect the Word of God in our midst. We shall read and reflect on it as a family of God. May we draw from it inspiration for our decisions, strength for our work, and comfort in suffering. Jesus, help us to be faithful to our promise, you who live forever and ever. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes	\$	3310.00
Capital Improvements & Maintenance	\$	135.00
Online Giving	\$	678.13
Loaves & Fishes	\$	25.00
Poor Box	\$	16.00
Immanuel’s House	\$	25.00

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Loaves and Fishes is seeking donations to fill their food pantry. Monetary donations can be made to St. Bernadette with Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes in the memo line. If you have any questions, contact Karen at 301-992-1368 or Bill at 571-216-9320.

Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat

Do you desire a life of sacrifice and faithful service to God and His People? Do you desire to give yourself completely to God in a life of consecration and commitment to building up the kingdom of God here in West Virginia? Perhaps the Lord is calling you to be a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston! The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on March 5-6 at the Priest Field Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430). This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The weekend will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the diocesan priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For any men interested in attending, please sign up at wvpriests.org.

Catholic Schools Gear up for Application/Re-enrollment Period*Hope Scholarship Program Creates Opportunity for New Families*

Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are preparing for the 2022-23 school year with their common application and re-enrollment period beginning in February.

Schools are also preparing to welcome new students taking advantage of the HOPE Scholarship—with its application period set to open by March 2022. The Hope Scholarship, formerly House Bill 2013, was passed last Spring by the WV Legislature. Hope Scholarship is set up to provide funds for families enrolling in private school, alternative instruction programs, or home schools. This education savings account is managed through the West Virginia Treasure Riley Moore's office and not by the Diocese.

According to the Treasurer's website, hopescholarshipwv.com, students are eligible for the program if they are:

- A resident of West Virginia
- Entering kindergarten for the first time in the Fall of 2022
- Current K-11 student enrolled full time (or at least 45 days during the time of application) in a public elementary or secondary school in West Virginia in 2021-2022

The site also states that under the current school aid formula, each eligible student would receive \$4,600 annually that can be used toward private school, alternative instruction programs, or home school. The funds awarded can only be spent on education expenses such as tuition and fees, extracurriculars, tutoring, materials, supplies, textbooks, transportation, etc. Please visit the site to learn more about the program and receive updates from the Treasurer's office.

The application and re-enrollment period for the 24 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston begins in February:

- February 4, 2022 (1st Friday of Catholic Schools Week) – Re-enrollment for current families begins.
- February 11, 2022- Application period opens for parishioners new to the school begins.
- February 18, 2022-General public application period begins.

If you haven't already done so, schedule a tour or shadow day for your child or grandchild. For information or to find a school in your area go to WVCatholicSchools.org.

St. Maria Goretti Catholic High School in Hagerstown, MD is currently accepting applications for transfer students for this school year and for next school year (2022-2023). They are known for being both academically challenging as well as helping to guide their students in their faith. If you have children in 7th or 8th grade who would be interested in St. Maria Goretti, contact Makayla Solomon at 301-739-4266 or at admissions@goretti.org to schedule a time to meet.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 23rd

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass

Intention for People of the Parish

10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass

Tuesday, January 25th

9 AM Daily Mass

Intention in memory of Elizabeth Mulvey

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, January 26th

9 AM Mass

Intention for June Williams

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

Thursday, January 27th

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Intention for the Nichols Family

6:00 PM Synod meeting for Parish Council members

Friday, January 28th

9:00 AM Daily Mass

*Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, January 29th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

*Intention in memory of Douglas Blow***Sunday, January 30th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass

Intention for Jean Ridley

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Kathy Sloan, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, John Bennett, Sharee Buberl, Chris Ridley, Bonnie Hart, Harry Skouras, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Deb Nichols, Tommy Mackesy, Joe Hermosillo

Please keep the sick and homebound in your thoughts and prayers.
You may call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 to add a name to our Prayer List.

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 6—7 PM and before Saturday Mass. Confession also available by appointment at anytime. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation: RCIA (for children 15 and older and adults) or RCIC (for children 7-14 yrs of age). For more information call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830. Preparation for receiving First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation, 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. 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, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Committee: Paul Guttmann, Kacie Morrell Humbert, 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 for assistance.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 24th—St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday 25th—Feast of the Conversion of St. Pau, Apostle Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday 26th—Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday 27th—2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132; Mk 4:21-25

Friday 28th—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10z, 13-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday 29th—2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday 30th—Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

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 one of the Bishop's designees at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.