

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

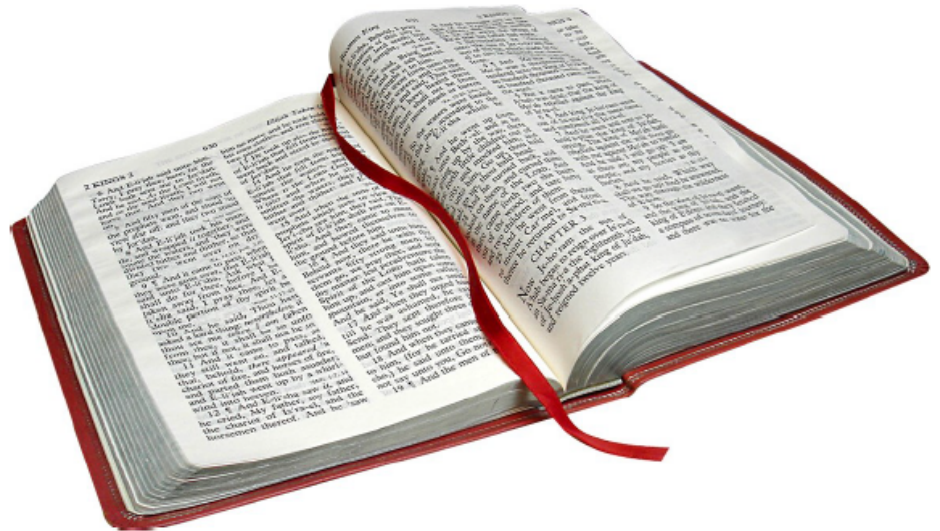
1st Saturday: 9 AM Mass
Rosary immediately following

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

January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C Sunday of the Word of God

“Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way
and opened the scriptures to us?”
(Luke 24:32)



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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners, Welcome!

I am thrilled that we are back after a week-long snowstorm. I hope you and your loved ones stayed safe and warm during the cold weather. If someone you know was affected by the storm and needs assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're here to support one another.

Today is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Church Year C. On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis in his inspiring Apostolic Letter, "Aperuit illis", designated this Sunday to be celebrated in the Catholic Church throughout the world as the Sunday of the Word of God. The Sunday of the Word of God is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. According to Vatican News, "The ... Sunday of the Word of God offers Christians an opportunity to renew their commitment to reading and meditating on the Bible as a fundamental tool for growth in faith and spiritual life, as well as a source of hope for the faithful worldwide." (Vatican News, 21 January 2025).

I don't think it was a coincidence or by some random choice that Pope Francis made the announcement that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God on September 30th. On September 30th, the Church celebrates the feast of St Jerome who is credited with translating most of the Bible into Latin. Saint Jerome famously said: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." This thought must have greatly influenced Pope Francis' decision to devote an entire Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God: This "yearly event"—which he explains should rather be viewed as "a year-long event"—is to encourage all of us "to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord." Today's celebration, therefore, should challenge each of us to seriously consider what is the place of the Bible in our individual lives and whether we dedicate enough time to the Bible.

A story tells of a child who noticed that there was a particular book in their family library that she had never seen anybody reading it. One day, the child picked up the book from the book shelve and took it to her parents as they sat on the porch reading some newspaper. "Daddy, Mommy, whose book is this?" she asked. "That's the Bible and it contains the Word of God. Please go and put it back on the shelve" the parents responded. "Permit me suggests, dad, mom, that we mail it back to God instead of letting it lie on the book shelve accumulating dust," the child retorted. Her parents got the message and from that day, the family started reading and praying the Bible daily.

Reading the Bible is an important thing to do. But why should we read the Bible? We read the Bible to deepen our relationship with Jesus. Pope Francis writes, "The relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians." St Jerome says, "Ignorance of Scriptures, is ignorance of Christ."

We read the Bible to understand our Catholic faith better and be able to pass it on to others. The Bible is one of the three sources of our Catholic faith (Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium). Saint Paul says, "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction and for training in righteousness" (2 Tim 3:16). Lastly, reading the Bible helps us to pray better and to be holy. "Be holy because I [am] holy" (1 Pet. 1:16).

May the Sunday of the Word of God help us "to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred Scripture." For as the Psalmist say, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light for my path" (Ps. 119:105).

Fr. Boh

WHAT'S GOING ON?

The Disciple Maker Index survey closes in less than two weeks! We are available after all weekend Masses to help you complete the survey. If you need a paper copy, please come by the office, and we'll provide one.

Please note that the first QR code we provided has expired. This is the new QR code to access the survey

(the website is the same): every voice 18 and older matters. Your input will help us shape and create ministries and opportunities for our parishioners. We cannot meet your needs if we don't know what they are. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to complete this survey.



PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 1/19

General Fund.....	\$ 1487.31
Online Giving.....	\$ 1762.52
Maintenance.....	\$ 25.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 215.00

Attendance 5 PM—145 9 AM—83 11 AM—42

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Safe Environment: Lesson #2 will now be held, February 16th for all Kindergarten through Confirmation Formation classes. Please look for information coming home with your student after class next week, 2/2.

We've seen an increase in interest in our OCIA process. If you or anyone you know is discerning this journey, please reach out to Sara at the office. We would love to see those on the OCIA journey to form a strong Christian community as we walk this path together.

The Knights of Columbus is opening a new Council here at St. Bernadette. All men of St. Bernadette, baptized Catholic, age 18 and above and are practicing the Catholic Faith, are invited and encouraged to join. The Knights of Columbus offers many opportunities for men to serve their Parish, community, and those in need. If you are seeking to enhance your faith journey, please give prayerful consideration to joining today. For questions or more information, please see or contact: Greg Hilleary, WV State Warden, Knights of Columbus 304.702.3216 - Dustyboy1025@gmail.com

Saint Joseph School is participating in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. Students are learning about heart health and raising funds to protect all hearts – especially those of other kids. Through fun activities, they'll discover ways to take care of their hearts and brains while practicing kindness, gratitude, and learning ways to destress. If enough funds are raised, we can earn equipment for our school's gym. To make a donation, please go to www2.heart.org/goto/StJoseph-MartinsburgKHC or use the AHA Schools app. Donations can be made through Friday, Feb. 14. For more information, please visit the website or email Meghan Gochenour at mgochenour@sjswv.org.



WEEKLY CALENDAR



Sunday, January 26th
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Bill Wright and his family
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Luke Donato (+)

Tuesday, January 28th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Zac Kammerer (L)
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, January 29th
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, January 30th
Intention for Jean Ridley (L)
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, January 31st
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, February 1st
First Saturday
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 Rosary immediately following
 3—4:30 PM OCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Sunday, February 2nd
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

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 Loefler, 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.

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 27—Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday 29—Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday 30—Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24; Mk 4:21-25

Friday 31—St. John Bosco, Priest; Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday 1—Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; (Ps) Lk 1; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday 2—Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

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.