

# 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 29, 2023

### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



#### 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

On this fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A, our readings remind us of the virtue of humility. Four times in our first reading, Zephaniah alternates between the words “humble”, “lowly” and “humility”. Saint Paul, in the second reading, reminds the Christians in Corinth that God has chosen “the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing” into fellowship with Christ. In our gospel passage (Sermon on the Mount), Jesus proclaims: “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land”. Echoing the gospel, the Psalmist says that the kingdom of God belongs to the “poor in spirit”. Which begs the question: what does it mean to be “poor in spirit”?

Before I attempt an answer to that question, let me point out again that the gospel passage, the second reading and the responsorial psalm leave us in no doubt that God cares for those who are materially or financially poor; not just for those who are “poor in spirit”. God, indeed, is on the side of the marginalized of our world. He is on the side of “the oppressed”. God “gives food to the hungry”. He “sets captives free”; “gives sight to the blind”; “raises up those who are bowed down”; “protects strangers”; and sustains “the fatherless and the widow”.

However, and because “man does not live by bread alone”, our calling to be Christians today and particularly Christians of Saint Bernadette, is the same as the calling Saint Paul reminds Christians in Corinth in our second reading. We neither expect nor deserve our calling into fellowship with Jesus Christ. Saint Paul reminds the Christians in Corinth that God did not choose them because they were “wise by human standards” or “powerful” or “of noble birth”. We, too, of Saint Bernadette, are like those Corinthians. We are “the foolish of the world”. Yet, God has chosen us “to shame the wise”. We are among “the weak of the world”. Yet, God has chosen us “to shame the strong”. We are all unworthy of being the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ; undeserving to be called into fellowship with Him; undeserving to be co-heirs with Him of the kingdom of God; yet, He has chosen us, and we praise His Holy Name.

So, what does it mean to be “poor in spirit”? We are poor in spirit if we recognize that we have absolutely nothing to offer to God. We live in spiritual poverty if we yearn for God... if we “hunger and thirst for righteousness”. When Jesus preaches: “Blessed are those who mourn”, He is not only referring to those who mourn the loss of a loved one, but also to those who, in repentance, mourn for their sins. We are called anew today to recognize that we are spiritually wanting. We are called to seek spiritual wealth. We are called to this confession: “Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof”.

We are humble if we, like Zacchaeus, recognize that our wealth does not change the fact that we are too diminutive of stature to even catch a glimpse of God. Yet, to our pleasant surprise, our Lord has decided to stay in our

house, to come into and dwell in our hearts here at Saint Bernadette. We are to be like The Centurion. Whereas the elders of the Jews thought he deserved for Jesus to heal his servant since he loved Israel and had built their synagogue, the Centurion knew that Jesus could order his servant healed only out of His mercy and grace.

We can only hope to inherit the kingdom of God if we are “a people humble and lowly”; if we “take refuge in the name of the LORD... do no wrong... speak no lies... [and do not have] “a deceitful tongue”. If we do these things, then “perhaps” - key word PERHAPS, says Zephaniah we “may be sheltered on the day of the LORD’s anger” or on Judgement Day. May God grant us the grace to be humble and give us an unquenchable thirst for righteousness.

Happy Sunday  
Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome! A special welcome to those who are worshipping with us today for the first time. Thank you for choosing to worship with us here at Saint Bernadette. Know that you are always welcome. For those who would want to register to become a member of this parish, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at (304) 754-7830. It is our tradition here at Saint Bernadette to acknowledge and welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time just before the final blessing. Please do not feel shy to stand when asked so that we can see you and welcome you to our parish. Thanks for your understanding.

Blessing of those who are celebrating birthdays and other keys events in their lives from now hence, will be on the first Sunday of every month and not the last Sunday of the month.

**Pope’s Prayer Intention for February 2023** is for parishes. We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

**Parish Liturgy Ministry:** We are looking for volunteers for this ministry. If you feel comfortable to serve our parish in this ministry, kindly write your name on the sign-up sheet at the Narthex. Thanks in advance.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 2930.65
Online Giving .....	\$ 463.40
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 128.35
Diocesan .....	\$ 90.00
Community Outreach .....	\$ 50.00

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 and Social Concerns 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.**

From the Hospitality Ministry:

We want to **thank all parishioners** for your help with Fr. Boh's Pastoral Induction Mass and Dinner last week. Many hands made the work easier and Fr. Boh and his guests had a great time.

Also, many unnamed volunteers have been helping Joe Comer with getting the Hall ready for our contractor to do his job starting this week, to them all "Thank You". You make life at St. Bernadette much better!

First Sunday Donuts will not happen until the Hall is back in working order, we will let you know as soon as we are ready.

Have a good week, even with all the construction, Mass still happens every day, please come and worship to start your day off with God blessing you.

April Canby and Carol Sloan

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](mailto:jyaquinta@dwc.org), or Tina High, Secretary, [thigh@dwc.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley

*Please keep the sick and homebound, and those that have no one to pray for them, in*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**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*

**Tuesday, January 31st**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, February 1st**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Thursday, February 2nd**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

**Friday, February 3rd**

9:00 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for those attending Mount 2000*

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

3:15 PM Blessing in the parking lot of teens leaving for Mount 2000

**First Saturday, February 4th**

9 —10:30 AM RCIA

9 AM Mass—Fr Boh

Rosary immediately following

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

**Sunday, February 5th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Theresa Highlands*

10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the Souls in Purgatory*

**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](http://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 30th—Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday 31st—St. John Bosco, Priest; Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday 1st—Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103; Mk 6:1-6

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

Friday 3rd—Heb 13:10-8; Ps 27; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday 4th—Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday 5th—Is 58:7-10; Ps 112; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

**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](http://www.dwc.org) under “Accountability” for additional information and reporting methods.



Social Concerns Ministry at



# Valentine's Day Project

This year, Hospice of the Panhandle is asking for your help. Because of Covid restrictions, they **CANNOT ACCEPT ANY HOMEMADE ITEMS**. This year, they are asking for individually wrapped – store bought snacks to distribute to the doctors, social workers, nursing home staff, pharmacists, funeral directors, and other friends in the community who help serve their patients.

## List of suggested store-bought snacks:

- Granola Bars and protein bars
- Snack size packs of popcorn, chips, and pretzels
- Single-serving packs of nuts and trail mix
- Snack cakes, brownies, and cookies
- Hard candies, candy bars, and gum

**Items due to the  
Religious Ed Building by  
Sunday, February 5th**