

# 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 1, 2023

## Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God



### 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, welcome! Happy New Year. As we ring in the new year 2023, I pray that God may make this new year one of success and of good health for you and your loved ones. I also pray for a deepening of the faith of all Christians of Saint Bernadette and for a revival in our commitment to doing God's will. Today is the Octave Day of Christmas. The Church celebrates this day as the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God.

At the start of the new year many people make resolutions. Sometimes we keep them, other times we don't follow it up. But that should never discourage us. We all must have "a new beginning for a new year." The readings the Church offers for our meditation on New Year Eve as well as on New Year Day are perfect for any Christian looking to make meaningful resolutions for 2023. For my reflection, I have used excerpts from these readings to put together a list of 10 New Year's resolutions. If you are looking for effective ways of changing your life for the better, then you'll be sure to find some useful information here that you may want to consider. Here they are:

1. Attend the gym of faith: I resolve to enroll and attend the gym of faith, strengthening the muscle of my belief through daily prayers, attendance of Mass, reading of the Bible and devotions to Mary and Saints of God.
2. Lose weight: I commit to lose the chains of slavery to and excessive weight of sin by praying for God's grace to accept me as a son, daughter and heir endowed with the spirit of adoption that cries out Abba, Father.
3. Keep healthy: More than my physical body, I will devote myself in 2023 to upholding my spiritual health by embracing Jesus who makes me a child of God "born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision, but of God".
4. Save money: I commit to save for a spiritual reward in Heaven by shunning every lie, notably from the antichrist, as alien to the truth of the gospel revealed to me by "anointing that comes from the Holy One".
5. Daily walk from darkness to light: I shall strive to walk daily from the darkness of sin into the light of Jesus, Word of God made flesh, and "light of the human race".
6. Build my dream home: I pledge to love my neighbor as myself with the love Christ wants me to extend to His brothers and sisters: the homeless, the poor, the hungry, etc. in the prayerful hope of being rewarded by God building a place of rest for me in everlasting life.
7. Capacity building: I resolve to identify my vocation and to develop my capacity to fulfill your calling for me in this life including by serving my fellow parishioners of Saint Bernadette.
8. Sign up to apostleship: I pledge to emulate the example of the shepherds of Bethlehem, who went out in haste to make known the message of the gospel, glorifying and praising God with my life aware that it may be the only Bible some people will ever read.
9. Review my spending: I commit to spend less time bothered by the distractions sold by false prophets and the antichrist, praying that God may keep me from temptation, forgive me when I slip and help me to forgive those who

wrong me.

10. Blessings of peace: I commit to offer the prayer of Aaron and his sons on all – my loved ones but also my enemies – that God may bless all; let His face shine upon all; be gracious to all; and look upon all kindly and give them His justice and peace throughout the New Year 2023.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Our Calendar for 2023**

Sunday January 1, 2023 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday January 8, 2023– Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday January 9, 2023 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Mass at 9 am

Tuesday January 10, 2023 – First Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday January 17, 2023 – Installation of Fr Aloysius Boh as Pastor. Holy Mass 6 pm

Wednesday January 18, 2023 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

January 22, 2023, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday of the Word of God

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

Thursday February 2, 2023 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Wednesday February 22, 2023 – Ash Wednesday – Lent begins

Sunday March 5, 2023: Second Sunday of Lent – Rite of Election celebrated in Charles Town at 4:00 pm

Sunday March 12, 2023: Third Sunday of Lent – First Scrutiny of the Elect

Sunday March 19, 2023: Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday; Second Scrutiny of the Elect

Monday March 20, 2023: Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass in the Parish Church at 9:00 am for those who can make it

Saturday March 25, 2023: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Mass in the Parish Church at 9:00 am for those who can make it.

Sunday March 26, 2023: 5th Sunday of Lent. Third Scrutiny of the Elect

Sunday April 2, 2023: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Monday of Holy Week – April 3, 2023: Chrism Mass in Charleston at 4:00 pm

Tuesday of Holy Week – April 4, 2023: Chrism Mass in Wheeling at 4:00 pm

April 9, 2023: Easter Sunday

April 21, & 22, 2023: Eucharistic Revival Regional Congress – Charles Town

Monday May 1, 2023: Memorial of St Joseph the Worker, Patron of our Diocese

Sunday May 21, 2023: Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

June 2 & 3, 2023: Eucharistic Revival Regional Congress – Charleston

Sunday June 4, 2023: Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK—CONTINUED

Sunday June 11, 2023: Begin Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival (Eucharistic Processions are encouraged)

Friday June 16, 2023: Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday June 24, 2023: Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist

Sunday August 6, 2023: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday August 15, 2023: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 9 am and 6 pm in the Parish Church

Tuesday August 22, 2023: Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. 4th Anniversary of Bishop Mark Brennan as Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Sunday September 17, 2023: Catechetical Sunday

Sunday October 1, 2023: Respect Life Sunday

Wednesday November 1, 2023: Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at 9 am and 7 pm in the Parish Church

Thursday November 2, 2023: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Mass at 9 am and 7 pm in the Parish Church

Sunday November 26, 2023: Solemnity of our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe

Sunday December 3, 2023: First Sunday of Advent Year B

Monday December 25, 2023: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for 2023:** Pope Francis' 2023 prayer intentions covers a wide array of challenges facing humanity and these include: educators, non-violence, victims of abuse, World Youth Day and for the Synod to name a few. For the month of January, the Pope invites us to for educators – that they may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Fr Boh

Pastor

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

The **office will be closed** on January 2nd in observance of New Year's Day.

**Weekly and special collections can be made with online giving.** Visit our website at [www.stbernadettewv.org](http://www.stbernadettewv.org) and click the blue Online Giving button at the top-right of the page.

**Saint Joseph School is seeking a Spanish teacher** for grades kindergarten to two beginning Jan. 2, 2023. The candidate must have prior experience as a teacher or teacher's aide; be a fluent Spanish speaker; be experienced in differentiating language instruction for diverse learners; and use appropriate instructional strategies for making language instruction comprehensible. If you are interested in this position, please email your resume to Meg Partington at [mpartington@sjsvw.org](mailto:mpartington@sjsvw.org).

## 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, Isabella Horning, Paula Shenk

*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 1st**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Judith Copenhaver*

**Tuesday, January 3rd**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for William Kammerer*

9:30 AM Stitches from the

Heart

**Wednesday, January 4th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for*

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Haydee Puertas*

**Thursday, January 5th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Haydee Puertas*

**First Friday, January 6th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Jim Thielman*

Perpetual Adoration of the

Blessed Eucharist

3 PM Divine Mercy & Benediction

**First Saturday, January 7th**

9 —10:30 AM RCIA

9 AM Mass

Rosary immediately following

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass

*Intention for William Nara*

**Sunday, January 8th**

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Debra Mackesy*

10 AM Welcome Social

(Donuts and Coffee)

10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Deacon Dave Galvin*

**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 2nd—Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church; 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28

Tuesday 3rd—1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98; Jn 1:29-34

Wednesday 4th—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious; 1Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98; Jn 1:35-42

Thursday 5th—St. John Neumann, Bishop; 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100; Jn 1:43-51

Friday 6th—1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147; M 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Saturday 7th—1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149; Jn 2:1-11

Sunday 8th—The Epiphany of the Lord; Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

### 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.