



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 9, 2022
The Baptism of the Lord



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

The Baptism of the Lord

REFLECTION

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, Happy New Year again. Today, we celebrate the Lord's Baptism by John the Baptist in the river Jordan. Today's celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord marks the end of Christmas Season. Jesus' baptism prefigures the eventual establishment of the Sacrament of Baptism as the initiatory sacrament that washes away our Original Sin and makes us children of God through water and the Holy Spirit. Jesus, at his baptism, is anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit. His baptism shows all three Persons of the Trinity at the same time: the Son being baptized, the Holy Spirit descending, and the Father speaking from the heavens. In this event, the Father and the Holy Spirit confirm the deity of Christ, and Jesus submits to his Father's will. He is the proclaimed Messiah John spoke of who has brought good news and salvation to humanity.

The Catholic Church teaches that Baptism is the Sacrament that washes away Original Sin and other sins, makes us children of God and members of the Church. If that is the reason for Baptism, then why is Jesus baptized?

We read in Matthew's Gospel 3:14 that when Jesus comes to be baptized by John, John hesitates to baptize him. He says, "I need to be baptized by you, and why do you come to me?" John's baptism is a baptism of repentance, and Jesus has nothing for which he needs to repent. Why then does Jesus insist on being baptized? Number 1224 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, to 'fulfill all righteousness.'" It continues; "Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying". He is preparing himself to be a perfect sacrifice for us.

Jesus chooses to be baptized, firstly, to make a clear connection with John the Baptist. John was the "voice of one crying in the wilderness" (Matthew 3:3; Isaiah 40:3) who served as the Elijah who was to come. As the one to announce the Messiah, it was fitting for him to dedicate Jesus for His public ministry. Secondly, his baptism connects his humanity with the rest of humanity. Thirdly, his baptism provided an example he expected other believers to follow. Jesus began His public ministry with baptism; He ended His public ministry with a command for His followers to baptize others. In him the Father is so pleased that signs and wonders are made manifest in his words and deeds.

Dear friends in Christ, through our baptism as Christians, our life is to be ordered to that of Jesus as sharers in his threefold mission of Priest, Prophet and King. Let's pray for a renewed commitment to our baptismal promises.

Fr. Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

"The Lord is good. All the time. All the time. The Lord is good".

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to Saint Bernadette. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast marks the end of the Christmas Time and next Sunday is Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C. On behalf of the Christians of Saint Bernadette, I want to welcome all those visiting with us for the first time. And for those who intend to register as members of this great Saint Bernadette family, forms are available at the back of the church. Thanks for coming and I hope you will enjoy your stay with us. Please, come again.

A word of Thanks

Kindly, permit me to use this medium to thank all of you for all the thought and energy you put into the Christmas gifts you gave me. The cards, the homemade cookies, and the monetary gifts were just wonderful and so are you!

I can't thank you enough for such wonderful gifts. I hope you know how much I appreciate them.

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It's EASY and FREE to register!

1. Visit formed.org/signup
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email
4. Enjoy and share with others in our local community!

After you sign up, download the free FORMED app from App Store or Google Play.



PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 1566.00
Capital Improvements & Maintenance.....	\$ 370.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 593.88
Diocesan Collection—Kentucky Disaster Relief	\$ 1776.00
Diocesan Collection—Latin America	\$ 25.00
Diocesan Collection—Catholic Charities	\$ 20.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 50.00
Loaves & Fishes	\$ 138.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Reminder: 1st Year Confirmation Students will have confession on Sunday, January 16th from 8:30—8:45.

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.

TEC stands for Teens Encounter Christ. TEC is an international, spiritual-renewal movement in the Catholic Church that strives to bring young people and adults into a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. TEC is a community, led by the Holy Spirit, that gathers people into Christian groups of faith, while attempting to incorporate its ministry into the overall ministry of their members' dioceses and parishes.

The primary method employed to gather people into Christian community and form them in the Christian life is that of the weekend retreat. At the weekend retreat, which usually runs from Friday evening to Monday afternoon, the participants are led into Christ's Paschal Mystery, through a combination of presentations, activities, talks, prayer, community building, and liturgy.

The next TEC retreat that will take place in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be held from Friday, January 14th to Monday, January 17th, at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, West Virginia. It will be free for all teens who are in their junior year of high school through first year of college.

You can register on the Diocesan website, at <https://dwc.org/diocese/ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/tec/>, or you can contact Jeanne McKeets at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis to register: 304-233-0880, ext. 374 or jmckeets@dwc.org.

Volunteer Needed: Catholic Charities WV is seeking a volunteer scheduler to help with the VITA Tax Season through mid-March 2022. This volunteer will be provided with a cell phone and can work from home.

Duties:

-Check voice mails on a very regular basis starting in January through March to schedule taxpayers for tax appointments. -Provide the taxpayers with information about all of the documents needed.

-Enter tax appointments into an online calendar.

Requirements:

-Have at least an hour each week day to respond to requests for appointments and to schedule them.

-Access to the internet and be located where there is a reliable cell service.

-Ability to use computer to schedule appointments in an online calendar.

If you are interested, please contact Trina Bartlett at 304-267-8837 ext. 8 or tbartlett@ccwva.org.

Change in enrollment dates

As the result of a directive from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the re-enrollment and enrollment dates for Saint Joseph School have changed for the 2022-23 academic year:

- Friday, Feb. 4, 2022: Re-enrollment opens for current families
- Friday, Feb. 11, 2022: Applications/enrollment open for parishioners of area Catholic churches who are new to the school
- Friday, Feb. 18, 2022: Applications/enrollment open for the general public

Please note that the families of current students only have from Feb. 4 to 10 to re-enroll their children before enrollment opens to new families.

If you have any questions, please email Principal Patrick Blanc at pblanc@sjswwv.org.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 9th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass

Intention in Memory of Frank Dobscha

10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass

Intention in Honor of Joseph Ferrante

Monday, January 10th

1 PM Hospitality Meeting

Tuesday, January 11th

9 AM Daily Mass

Intention in Memory of Patricia Zielinski

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, January 12th

9 AM Mass

Intention in Honor of John Ferrante

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

Thursday, January 13th

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Intention in Honor of Jayme Closs

Friday, January 14th

9:00 AM Daily Mass

*Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

Intention in Memory of Dolores Kivorak

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, January 15th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

Intention in Memory of Eleanor Nemeckay

Sunday, January 16th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

8:30-8:45 AM 1st Yr. Confirmation Students

Confession

9:00 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass

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

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, Donna White, Carol Sloan, Deb Mackesy, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Committee: Paul Guttman, 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 10th—1st Week in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday 11th—1 Sm 1:9-20; Ps 1 Sm 2; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 12th—1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 13th—1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45

Friday 14th—1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 15th—1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1; Ps 21;
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday 16th—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62:1-5;
Ps 96; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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.



HOSPITALITY THANKS YOU!

As 2021 draws to a close we would like to thank all parishioners for their support this past year. We could not have had the Sunday Social hour, the Soup and Pie Sales, the Parish Picnic or the Heritage Day festivities without your help and support.

Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who contributed their talent, time and treasure to make this year a memorable one amid all the crazy health scares.

We pray for a happier year in 2022 and look forward to working with all in the year ahead.

April Canby

Bob and Bobbie Kucharek

Carol Sloan

Hospitality Meeting

Join us Monday, 1/10, @ 1 PM

**Agenda will include updates and
a plan for future activities.**

If you are interested in helping the Hospitality Committee, please fill out this form and return it in the collection basket or to the Office

Name:

Phone #: _____

Email:



Divorce and Beyond - A New Beginning

Four of the most dreaded words are: I want a Divorce! Along with those words comes, Fear, Denial, Anger, Grief, Guilt, Self-Worth, Loneliness, Singleness. We offer hope and healing, simply by listening and sharing experiences and insights with others. Even if you are seeing a therapist one on one, a group setting can help you by showing you that others are experiencing the same feelings.

If you or someone you know is having difficulty with a recent Separation or Divorce, we encourage you to join us. We are meeting starting Tuesday, January 18th, 6:30pm at St. Agnes Catholic Church 106 S Duke Street, Shepherdstown, WV 25443 There will be 11 sessions for a total cost of \$10. Space is limited so you are advised to register early. For more information and a registration form Contact Richard Hitchcock at 803-331-2565, email rhitchsr@gmail.com or Lorraine Javorsky at email, lormjav@gmail.com.