

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—8:40 AM
or by appointment

March 1, 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent, 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

Second Sunday of Lent: Contrast

The Gospel for today’s Mass presents us with the Transfiguration of our Lord, which took place on a mountain where Jesus offered a small glimpse of His glory to three of His apostles: Peter, James, and John. This story begins with similarities to Jesus’ forty days in the desert. Jesus took these three apostles away by themselves for a time of solitude. They didn’t journey into the desert, but they did climb a mountain, which was undoubtedly laborious.

What these apostles would encounter on that mountain was far from a desert experience of hunger, thirst, heat, and temptation. Instead, in what must have seemed a surreal and instantaneous flash of grace, Moses and Elijah appeared and were speaking to Jesus. Jesus Himself became radiant with light, His clothing dazzling white. Then the Voice of the Father thundered from Heaven. Not only were the eyes of these apostles dazzled, but their spirits were also stirred, for they knew they were seeing something they could have never imagined seeing. They were receiving the consoling gift of a glimpse of Jesus’ glory.

Though this mountaintop experience was radically different from Jesus’ time in the desert, it is an experience that would prove invaluable to the apostles when they entered their future deserts. This glimpse of glory was meant to instill hope in their hearts when they would need it the most. As they left the mountain, Jesus told them not to tell anyone about their experience until the Son of Man was raised from the dead. Jesus knew that at that time, after He had been killed and raised from the dead, these apostles and many of His followers would endure persecution and even death. Therefore, Jesus gave them this consoling vision to help them endure the crosses they would one day face.

What “mountaintop” experience have you had with our Lord? Was there a moment on a retreat, a parish mission, or a time of prayer, when Jesus manifested Himself to you in a powerful way? When that happens, we want to keep that sense of God’s closeness, just as the apostles did on the mountain. But they had to come down and face Jesus’ Cross, and ultimately their own. The same is true for us. These moments of great consolation usually last only for a time. Jesus gives these graces as a small taste of what awaits us in Heaven in order to strengthen us to embrace His Cross with Him in whatever form it comes into our lives.

Ponder any experience you have had that left you deeply consoled by God. Has an experience like that given you strength during difficult times? As you ponder any such experience you have had, be reminded of its purpose. It was a gift that should forever remind you of God’s glory so that its remembrance will inspire hope in you when you need hope the most.

My transfigured Lord, You gave Your apostles a small but most glorious glimpse of Your divinity. This gift strengthened them as they endured Your suffering and death, as well as their own. Please give me a glimpse of Your glory so that I will be able to hold onto that knowledge of Who You are when I need it the most. Jesus, I trust in You. (from “My Catholic Life! A journey of personal conversion!”)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome to the Second Sunday of Lent and to this beautiful month of March. The month of March is traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph, encouraging prayers for the Church. We thank God for the blessings of last month, and we thank Him for bringing us to this new month. To all of you for whom this month is very significant because of one anniversary or another, we say CONGRATULATIONS! We accompany you with our prayers.

As we continue our 40-day journey deeper into the grace of Lent, there are key liturgical events this month that I would like to draw your attention to, they include Saint Patrick’s Day, patron Saint of Ireland – Tuesday, March 17, the Solemnity of St. Joseph (Patron

of the Universal Church and Patronal Feast of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston) on Thursday, March 19, the Annunciation of the Lord on Wednesday, March 25, and Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Beginning of Holy Week), March 29. Chrism Mass, Monday March 30, 4 PM - at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston and March 31, 4 PM at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling.

I pray this month brings you closer to the heart of Christ.

Marriage Banns:

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Jack Burford and Keli Burford, both of this parish, and Kevin Michael Day and Michelle Anne Grimes, both of our parish.

The Banns of Marriage are announced a second time for George Burghgraef and Marjorie Beth Applebaum, both of our parish, and Maria Maskaluk & Garry Bock, both of this parish.

If any of you know of any just cause or impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bound in conscience to make it known to the pastor.

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for March 2026: For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

First Saturday Devotion & Rosary in Lent: 9 AM - Holy Mass, followed by the Rosary. All are invited to join us this coming Saturday, March 7th, for our monthly First Saturday Mass and devotion, a beautiful way to deepen your Lenten sacrifice. Our Lady of Fatima requested this devotion of reparation to her Immaculate Heart.

Your Faith Matters

Q: What are the Stations of the Cross?

The Stations of the Cross (or Via Crucis) are a 14-step devotion in the Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran traditions that commemorate Jesus Christ’s passion and death, from his condemnation to his burial. According to Wikipedia, The Stations of the Cross or The Way of the Cross, also known as the Way of Sorrows, the Via Crucis, or the Via Dolorosa, are a series of fourteen images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. These stations are derived from the imitations of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem, which is a traditional processional route symbolizing the path Jesus walked from the Lions' Gate to Mount Calvary. The objective of the stations is to help the Christian faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ. It has become one of the most popular devotions.

Q: How Many Stations of the Cross Are There?

A: There are traditionally fourteen Stations of the Cross. Each station represents a different moment in Jesus’ Passion and Death.

Q: When do we genuflect when praying the Stations of the Cross?

A: It is customary to genuflect (or deeply bow if unable) at the

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 2/22

General Fund	\$ 4707.10
Online Giving	\$ 2317.50
Maintenance.....	\$ 1000.00
Local Outreach	\$ 142.27

Weekend Mass Attendance: 5 PM—146 9 AM—215 11 AM—85

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beginning of each station when saying, "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you". This is done to honor the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Q: What are the Benefits of Praying the Stations of the Cross?

A: There are at least SEVEN benefits of praying the Stations of the Cross.

- It deepens our union and personal relationship with Christ.
- It helps us to understand the magnitude of God's love and the high price of redemption.
- Seeing Christ endure the cross, believers find comfort and strength to bear their own "crosses," knowing that Jesus understands and accompanies them in their pain.
- This devotion brings believers face-to-face with the reality of sin, inspiring a desire for repentance, forgiveness, and a commitment to avoid sin in the future.
- This devotion teaches empathy for others who suffer and encourages service.
- It helps us to make a spiritual journey/pilgrimage.
- We can gain a plenary indulgence to shorten our time in Purgatory. There are a few conditions to receive this indulgence.

I wish you a blessed, fruitful, and peaceful March.

Fr Boh, Pastor

WHAT'S GOING ON

Garden Ministry News: We are planning a Spring Clean Up day for the St. Bernadette's Gardens! Please mark your calendars for April 25th from 10am-12pm. We will need help spreading bags of mulch, trimming bushes, planting annual flowers into pots, and sprucing up the campus grounds. If you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact Elaine Comer at 304-261-9230 or email her at veunnone@gmail.com. You can also contact the parish office at 304-754-7830 and share your contact information with us.

Save the Date! Join us as we celebrate **Father Boh's 25th Anniversary of Ordination** on **April 19th** from 1 – 4 PM at the Hedgesville Fire Department's Community Hall. This special event will require a ticket for admission; however, there is no cost to attend. Tickets will be available after Masses on March 14th and 15th. Please plan to join us as we give thanks for Father Boh's faithful 25 years of priestly service!



March Birthdays Below is a list of those celebrating birthdays in March. If you see them when you are out and about, wish them a Happy Birthday!

Nancy Bland
Diana Campbell
Catherine Poplawski
Kacie Humbert
Marguerite Gould
Mary Guinn
Cooper Blackshear
Emily Dunn
Raymond Hart
Jonathan Weaver
Father Ansgar
John Roscoe
Brandon Curran
Andrew Haggerty

Lindsey Moileu
Sarah Folk
Chana Dinh
Beth Ferrell
Karen Hilleary
Sebeey Chi
Patrick Graveline
Joseph Battaglini
Alan Nelder
Maureen Sabol
Fiona Robertson
Barb Howell
Gregory Kniesler
Jack Nees

Sara Struemke
Tyler Blackshear
Jane Orsie
Heidi Smith
Carol Bogacz
Charles Kinn
Trinity Rodriguez
Alan Friss
Eric Colliflower
April Canby
Joselyn Canby
Lawrence Stritch

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Walter Shenk, Helena Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Hank Chase, Jackie Crouse, Vicki Lowery, Michael Huey, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Joseph Bosco, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, James Wynkoop, Carol Bogacz, Lynn Fitzharris, Fr. Ansgar, Marianne Henterly, Thomas Mackesy, Florence Dellasanta, Isabella Horning, Carl Drummond, Susan Clark, Betty Anne Powell, Mike Donato, Chuck Kinn

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, March 1st

9 AM Mass
Intention for Mark Lane (+)
10:15—11:45 AM Religious Ed
11 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 3rd

9 AM Mass
Intention for Nancy Barnholt (L)
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, March 4th

9 AM Mass
Intention for John Slattery (+)
5—5:45 PM Confession
6 PM Mass
6:30—8 PM OCIA

Thursday, March 5th

9 AM Mass
Intention for Walter Shenk (L)

Friday, March 6th

9 AM Mass
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction
Special intention for the Kusmitch family
11 AM—2 PM Fish Fry Lunch
6 PM Stations of the Cross
6:30 PM Meatless Supper

Saturday, March 7th

First Saturday
9 AM Mass
Special intention for the Kusmitch family
Rosary immediately following
4—4:45 PM Confession
5 PM Mass
Intention for Betty Anne Powell (L)

Sunday, March 8th Second Collection for the Priests' Retirement Fund

8:15—8:40 AM Confession
9 AM Mass
Intention for the living and deceased members of the Abrahamian family
10:15—11:45 AM Religious Ed
11 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish

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, Jeff Ferrell, and Freddy Gibb

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 2—Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday 3—Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday 4—Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday 5—Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31

Friday 6—Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-56

Saturday 7—Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday 8—Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

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.