

# 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 Saturday: 9 AM Mass  
Rosary immediately following

Confession  
Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM  
Saturday: 4—4:45PM  
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM  
*or by appointment*

## March 12, 2023 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

### Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well



### 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 brothers and sisters, in the Lord, in today’s Gospel passage, Saint John recounts a moving encounter between the Samaritan woman and Jesus. The Samaritan woman receives the gift of God and becomes a disciple of Christ to her people.

We all have had our own encounters with Christ. As a young man, I served on the Liturgy Committee of my parish, as its minutes secretary. It is in this role that I heard the voice of Christ again calling me to the priesthood.

The chairperson of that committee was a man who, formerly, was a drug dealer. He had built a flourishing business on ill-gotten money. What was remarkable about him is that he had a conversion experience during the period of “The Renew Program”. This program was instituted in our Archdiocese with three goals in view. Firstly, to help Christians become convinced and more committed Catholics. Secondly, to help them grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. And, thirdly, take up their mission as evangelizers, thus building a church of discipleship. In my estimation, this pastoral strategy was a great success, largely achieving the goal for which it was intended. One shining example was this former drug dealer who got converted. On account of his life of witness, he was elected chair of our liturgy committee and his example won many back to Christ.

Dear friends in Christ, sharing our faith story and our relationship with Jesus touches the heart. We can share truths about Jesus, or share what the Gospel might demand, but that will not lead to a change of heart in ourselves or those who hear us. When we witness, we truly move other people. This is exactly what the Samaritan woman did when she drew many to Christ by her testimony.

Jesus, as we hear in the gospel passage, was returning from Galilee when he stopped at Sychar to rest by the well of Jacob. We are told that he was “tired from the journey. ... It was about noon.” When a woman comes to draw water, Jesus asks her for a drink. The woman is unnamed. She is a Samaritan – a people with whom the Jews (Jesus’ people) did not associate, as Scriptures tell us. She was an unhappy woman, an outcast in her community. She had married five times and the person with whom she was living was not her husband. Despite their ethnic and religious differences, Jesus initiates a conversation with her to the amazement of the Samaritan woman herself and his disciples; “... How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink? ... At that moment, his disciples returned and were amazed that he was talking with a woman.” The conversation is so deep, honest, and personal that it eventually leads to the conversion of the Samaritan woman.

She had gone to the well to fetch material water (an activity she carried out daily); water which could not quench her real thirst. “The Samaritan woman went away greatly enriched because of her encounter with Jesus. Yet he didn’t give her anything. On the contrary, he asked something from her. In doing so, he awakened her to her own riches, to the ‘gift of God’ within her,” comments Flor McCarthy in the ‘New Sunday & Holy Day Liturgies’, Year A, SDB. The Samaritan woman goes back to her people and tells

everyone about Jesus. She becomes a witness because of what Jesus told her, just as Nathanael became a disciple after Jesus told him about his whereabouts under the fig tree (Jn. 1:46-48). The woman’s testimony brought a harvest to Jesus. Giving testimony is something we, Jesus’ friends, are called to do. She testified to her people like the chairperson of our Parish Liturgy Committee testified to the people of my home parish of Njinikom, Cameroon with his life of witness. The encounter of the Samaritan woman made her experience with Jesus’ truth and love shine on her past and future life. With this experience, she dropped everything, even her water jar, forgetting the water she had gone out to fetch, and went to share with her people what she now knows about the Messiah.

Fellow parishioners, the season of Lent offers us the opportunity to come and drink from the Well Spring, who is Christ. He is waiting for us in the sacraments, especially the sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist. May we receive this “gift of God”, drop everything that will hold us back, and go forth, just like the Samaritan woman or that liturgy committee chairperson, to bear testimony to Christ in our families, places of work, shopping centers and, indeed, everywhere.

St Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Welcome brothers and sisters, to Saint Bernadette! Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent. On behalf of the Christians of Saint Bernadette, I wish welcome in a special way all those who are worshipping with us for the first. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. If you are new in the area and you are looking for a home parish, talk to any of our ushers and please consider joining St Bernadette.

**Please mark your calendar for the upcoming events.**

**Reconciliation Wednesday, March 29th:** Confessions will be heard from 4—5:45 pm in the parish church. This is a good opportunity during Lent to receive this sacrament. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states; “after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year.”

**Lenten Recollection Day:** We shall be having our Lenten Recollection on Friday March 31st, 2023, beginning after the 9:00 am Mass. The detail program of the day in our subsequent Sunday Bulletin.

**Activity for this week:** Do something this week to put a smile on someone’s face.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

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|---------------------------|------------|
| General Fund .....        | \$ 4178.00 |
| Online Giving .....       | \$ 1250.15 |
| Capital Improvements..... | \$ 1102.00 |
| Diocesan .....            | \$ 285.00  |
| Outreach.....             | \$ 244.00  |

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD  
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

**WHAT IS GOING ON?**

**When You Sing, You Pray Twice!** If anyone would like to sing for Holy Week and Easter, the choir will start practicing today. Stop and talk after Mass to Linda Abrahamian, our music director, or call or email her at 304-279-2315, linda.abrahamian@gmail.com.

**Weekday Masses for this Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday** will be held in the Religious Education Building.

The **McFadden Hall makeover** is coming along nicely. The main construction is almost complete. All painting and electrical work has been done. The flooring company will be in on Monday to start laying the new vinyl. We plan to add chairs and tables back into the hall on Thursday. Once the kitchen is cleaned we will resume regular activities in the hall.

The Hospitality Ministry is planning a **90th birthday celebration for Msgr. Ansgar**. Cake will be served after the 11AM Mass next Sunday, March 19th in the Religious Education Building. A poster will be available for everyone to sign. If you want to send a card, please send it to our address, and we will pass it along. I am told that he likes gift cards and eating out.

**Donut Sunday** will start back March 26th after the 9 AM Mass. Donuts will be served again on May 7th and every first Sunday after that.

**Hospitality is planning a fish fry and bake sale!** Mark your calendars for March 31st. We will serve from 11 AM—5:30 PM. This is a perfect opportunity to enjoy a fish meal before Stations of the Cross at 6 PM.

The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #392** would like to say thank you for supporting our chocolate candy sale. St. Bernadette's Parish has always been so kind and generous to our organization. We so do appreciate all of you and hope you enjoyed your candy.

**St. Joseph School is seeking a school nurse** to provide clinic assistance to the school community during school hours for the safety and well-being of the students. Pay will vary according to education/experience. Please send a letter of introduction and resume to Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjswv.org.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Linda Guy, Bernie Guy, Hilda Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Ginger Spice, Joe Schlegel, Walter & Helena Shenk, Isabella Horning, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Tristan Pressl, Wayne Montañó

*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 12th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Laura Brock*  
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed  
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Pooch  
*Intention for Brenda Plotner*

**Tuesday, March 14th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Mary Jo & Harvey Kenney*  
 9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, March 15th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
 5—5:45 PM Confession  
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Thursday, March 16th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for William & Margaret Devin*

**Friday, March 17th**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Patrick Daniel Sullivan*  
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
 12 NOON Benediction  
 6 PM Stations of the Cross—Fr. Pooch

**Saturday, March 18th**

9—10:30 AM RCIA  
 4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

**Sunday, March 19th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for The People of the Parish*  
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed  
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
 12 NOON Msgr. Ansgar's Birthday Celebration  
 2:30 PM African Mass



**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 13th—2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday 14th—Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday 15th—Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 16th—Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95; Lk 11:14-23

Friday 17th—Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday 18th—Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday 19th—1 SM 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

### 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.



201 South Mary Street  
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## **Help Fill the Pantry 1Q 2023**

### **Items Needed:**

**Easter: Yams, Brownie Mix, Green Beans, Applesauce**, Soup, Boxes of Crackers, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Bars of Soap

**Additional Pantry items always welcome:**  
Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Can Fruit, Soup, Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese, Vegetables, Baked Beans, Rice, Syrup, Pancake Mix, Cereal, Hamburger Helper

**Monetary donations can be made to  
St. Bernadette Catholic Church**

**Hams or Ham Certificate (with valid phone number)  
also being accepted for Easter**

For more information contact:  
Karen 301-992-1368 or Bill 571-216-9320

# Easter Flowers

Easter flowers and decorations for St. Bernadette Catholic Church are supplied through donations given by members in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. If you wish to make such a memorial, please complete the form below and place it and your gift in an envelope clearly marked EASTER FLOWERS and place it in the collection basket or turn it in at the office.

Make checks payable to **St. Bernadette Catholic Church** with **Easter Flowers** on the memo line.

## PLEASE PRINT

IN MEMORY OF:

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of deceased)

IN HONOR OF:

\_\_\_\_\_ (name of living)

REQUESTED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ please publish my gift in the bulletin

\_\_\_\_\_ do not publish my gift



# **Happy Easter Egg Hunt**

**Easter Sunday  
April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM**

**All children are invited!**

- ❖ We will be hiding the eggs at 8:15 AM that morning. Contact April Canby at 304-995-7745 if you can help.



## **Candy Donations**

- ❖ Our annual Easter Egg Hunt needs small individually wrapped candy. If you can help, please leave donations in the basket in the narthex before April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ❖ We will be stuffing the eggs after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> in McFadden Hall (DONUT SUNDAY!!)





FRANCISCAN SISTERS, TOR  
**THE WAY OF LOVE: CRIB,  
CROSS, EUCHARIST**

MARCH 20-22

AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
225 S. QUEEN ST. MARTINSBURG WV  
FROM 6-7PM EACH EVENING

Each night of this Lenten mission, our sisters will give reflections on the three loves of St. Francis of Assisi: the crib, the cross, and the Eucharist. Come and join us in meditating on the different ways He humbles Himself in coming to us. We hope you can join us for one or more of the nights, and we really look forward to praying with you and meeting you!