

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 15, 2026

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A



“... he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes,” sent him to go wash in the Pool of Siloam, “He went and washed, and came back able to see.”

John 9:6, 7b

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Sight

Do you want to see? Today's Gospel (from Year A, which is also optional for Years B and C) is the story of the healing of the man born blind. He had suffered greatly throughout his life, but that suffering helped to make him the man he was. It's clear from the story that this poor, blind outcast of society was also very virtuous. He was humble, respectful, sincere, simple, and honest. Though we do not know how he would have turned out if he were not born blind, we do know a little about him as a blind man.

When someone is born blind or with any physical defect, the immediate response is often one of disappointment and pity. Though this response might come from a compassionate heart, it might also be the result of a failure to see the many blessings that come through hardship. Let's look at some of the clear good fruit that resulted from this man's years of blindness.

First, this man is humble and respectful. He refers to Jesus as "sir" and treats our Lord with much kindness, even before he knows Who Jesus is and what He is about to do for him. The man is also docile and honest with the Pharisees who disrespect him as they interrogate him. He is honest with them in a respectful way and does not allow himself to be intimidated by their veiled threats but acts courageously and sincerely with integrity. In the end, the Pharisees threw him out of the synagogue because of his honesty with them. After that, Jesus invites him to have faith, and the now-cured blind man responds by worshipping our Lord. Thus, the deeper gift this man was given was the invitation to respond to God in faith. When he did, the eyes of his soul were also open, and he was forever changed.

Lent must be a time in which we all consider the blindness of our own souls. Some people have many natural gifts. They are smart, talented, successful, and carry no serious physical defects; yet they remain blind to the supernatural truths of faith. Others have suffered greatly in life, and as a result, their hearts are humble and disposed to accept the gift of faith more fully. Whether or not you are talented, smart, gifted, privileged, free of physical defects, or successful, the humble disposition of your heart must be like that of this blind man. He is the model for how we should live. He is the model of openness to God and exemplifies for us how we are to come to faith in God and worship Him.

Ponder the people you admire the most in this world and seek to imitate. Too often, we elevate those who are held up by the secular world, rather than the humble, sincere, docile, and faith-filled souls. Who do you want to be most like? Could this blind man be a

true role model for you? Are you drawn to his humble, sincere, honest, and docile qualities? Can you see the blessings he had because of his lifelong struggle with being blind? Or do you normally choose other role models who fail to exemplify the purity of a faithful heart? This Gospel story is read in the middle of Lent for a reason. Our Lord wants each of us to look up to this blind man and imitate him as a model of the people we are called to be.

Prayer - Most glorious Lord, You seek out those who are humble of heart, open to the gift of faith, and willing to offer You the worship that is due Your name. Thank You for placing before me this poor and humble blind man as a model for me to follow. May I seek to imitate him so that I, too, will come to see You as You are and worship You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in You. (cf. "My Catholic Life! A journey of personal conversion!")

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare Sunday is a counterpart to Gaudete Sunday and provides a similar pause in our Lenten journey of penance to rejoice, for the dawn of Easter is drawing near. The rose-colored vestments that the priest wears today symbolize this serene joy—a joy rooted not in fleeting happiness, but in the unwavering love of God.

I am particularly delighted to welcome our Elect and Candidates, who are journeying toward full communion with the Church this Easter. Today, you are experiencing the Second Scrutiny, as we reflect together on the story of the Man Born Blind (John 9:1-39). As you prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, know that this community walks with you.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the readings challenge us to move from spiritual blindness to sight, recognizing Jesus as the light of the world. Let us use these remaining days of this season to allow Jesus to heal our own spiritual blindness so we may live as true "children of light".

This week, I encourage you to make the most of this holy season to which St Paul refers to as "... a very acceptable time; ... the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2) by attending at least one daily Mass in addition to

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 3/8

General Fund	\$ 4758.20
Online Giving	\$ 1937.92
Maintenance	\$ 481.00
Local Outreach	\$ 134.00

Weekend Mass Attendance: 5 PM—118 9 AM—175 11 AM—153

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

your Sunday obligation and to walk with Jesus through the Stations of the Cross on Friday.

St. Patrick's Day: Tuesday, March 17. This Tuesday, we honor the life and legacy of St. Patrick. May his dedication to God, his missionary zeal, and courage, which led him to bring the light of Christ to Ireland, inspire us in our evangelization efforts.



Thursday, March 19th: Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron Saint of our diocese. The Catholic Church honors St. Joseph as the foster father of Jesus, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and patron saint of the Universal Church, workers, and a happy death. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV, or anywhere in the United States.

Parish Day of Recollection: This is to remind us of our Parish Lenten Recollection Day with the theme: "Renew Me in the Likeness of Your Mercy". Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 10 AM – 2 PM. Please sign up at the parish office or on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex by March 23rd for planning purposes. All are welcome! Wishing you all a beautiful week ahead! And may God's loving protection surround you! Fr Boh



Join us for Meatless Suppers every Friday after the 6 PM Stations of the Cross.

WHAT'S GOING ON

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. Please plan to join us as we give thanks for Father Boh's faithful 25 years of priestly service!

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 15th

8:15—8:40 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass
Intention for Thomas & Maria Dihn and all souls in purgatory
 10:15—11:45 AM Religious Ed
 11 AM Mass
Intention for Bonnie Hart (L)

Tuesday, March 17th

9 AM Mass
Intention for Kristine Colliflower (L)
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart
 11 AM Carr Funeral

Wednesday, March 18th

9 AM Mass
Intention for Christine D'Angelo (+)
 5—5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass
Intention for Joseph & Norma Gasper (+)
 6:30—8 PM OCIA

Thursday, March 19th

9 AM Mass
Intention for the Kusmitch family

Friday, March 20th

9 AM Mass (in the Rel Ed Bldg)
Intention for Elijah Colliflower (L)
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction
 11 AM—2 PM Fish Fry Lunch
 6 PM Stations of the Cross
 6:30 PM Meatless Supper

Saturday, March 21st

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass
Intention for Betty Anne Powell (L)

Sunday, March 22nd

8:15—8:40 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass
Intention for Thomas & Maria Dihn (+) and all souls in purgatory
 10:15—11:45 AM Religious Ed
 11 AM Mass

OUTREACH FOR THE HOMELESS

St. Bernadette's is collecting items to distribute to the homeless camps. Collection and distribution will be ongoing as these items are always needed.

Hand Sanitizer

100-foot paracord

Socks, Gloves, Hats

Hand warmers

Tarps

Gently used pots and pans

Gently used twin-size air mattresses

Gently used tents and sleeping bags

Items can be placed in the bin in McFadden Hall

Thank you in advance for your
generosity in helping those in
need.





Easter Candy Donation

The Cherubs Ministry is collecting bags of candy to fill Easter eggs for the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**.

Please place your donations in the bin marked 'Easter Candy' that will be sitting in McFadden Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Easter Sunday after the 9 AM Mass.

Thank You and God Bless
~Cherubs Ministry

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





SAVE THE DATE
APRIL 27
2026

Lee Ho

FOR A CAUSE

Proceeds will benefit our **Fatherhood Program**, supporting dads as they grow, lead, and build strong families.



Everyone who plays will get a polo.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES
Green & Cart Fees
Door Prize Ticket
Goodie Bag
Catered Lunch

EVENT INCLUDES
Door Prizes
Games on the Green
30/30 Raffle

The Woods
109 Clubhouse Ridge,
Hedgesville, WV 25427



REGISTER SPONSOR



IF YOU LOVE PAPER
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The deadline for mail submissions is March 15th. Mail to PO BOX 885, MARTINSBURG, WV 25402. Payment is due when you submit this form.

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- Presenting Sponsor (\$5,000)
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 - Individual Colter (\$125)
- Let us know if your donation is in memory of someone, if you prefer not to be recognized, etc.

- ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:
- Lunch Sponsor (\$1,200)
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WOMEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

MERCY AND TRUST- ENCOUNTERING OUR LORD IN DIVINE MERCY

Presented by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy
(St. Faustina's Order)

*Mass, Talks, Adoration, Confession, Time for Personal Prayer
and Spiritual Conversations with the Sisters*

Saturday, April

18
2026

Mass and Rosary-8:30 AM

Check in- 9:30 AM

Day Ends at 3:00 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Martinsburg, WV

**\$15-CDA Member \$20- Nonmember. Lunch is included. Tickets
will be available starting the weekend of March 14th. Please call
the Parish Office (304)267-4893 by Friday, April 10th.**

Space is Limited

*Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 392
and the DWC Office of Faith Formation*

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 16—Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday 17—Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday 18—Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday 19—Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday 20—Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday 21—Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday 22—Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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.