

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—8:45 AM
or by appointment

March 2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



“A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” (Luke 6:45)

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

Theme: “Words Reflect Your Inner You”

Rocktree was going through a very difficult moment in her marriage. A marriage, once full of promise and love, had become a constant source of pain and frustration. Her husband had become increasingly critical and distant, leaving Rocktree feeling isolated and unloved. This had taken a great toll on her health both emotionally and psychologically, and she was contemplating taking away her life. One day, as she sat at the bus station, staring into the sky, her hands supporting her jaws, just as she was starting to feel like she was going to break down in tears, a gentle voice spoke up beside her. "Hey, are you okay? You look like you're carrying the weight of the world on your shoulders." Rocktree turned to see a kind-faced woman with a warm smile. "I'm just...having a tough day," Rocktree replied, trying to hold back tears. The woman nodded sympathetically. "I've been there too, my dear. Marriage can be tough sometimes. "Sometimes, all it takes is a little adjustment to get things back on track." Rocktree smiled weakly, feeling a small sense of comfort. "My name is Comfort, by the way," the woman said, holding out her hand. Rocktree shook it. "I'm Rocktree." Comfort patted Rocktree's hand. "Well, Rocktree, I want you to know that you're not alone. We all go through tough times, but with a little faith, love, and support, we can get through anything." As they chatted, Rocktree started to feel a weight lift off her shoulders. Maybe, just maybe, things will get better. When the bus arrived, Comfort stood up and hugged Rocktree tightly. "Remember, Rocktree, you are strong, capable, and loved. Don't give up on your marriage yet. Keep fighting and know that you have a friend in me." Comfort watched Rocktree walk away, feeling a sense of gratitude and hope. Maybe, just maybe, things would get better after all. As Rocktree sat on the bus all through the thirty miles ride, she could still hear Comfort's voice echoing in her ears. From time to time, she would gently nod her head in a kind of response.

Words are so much a part of our life. “Words can make you and they can even break you.”

Today’s readings speak to us about the power of what we say. In the first reading, we are told: “As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just”. The hot fire proves if the work of the potter is good. So too, the words you use or the way you express yourself on any issue shows if you are good or wicked. In the Gospel Jesus also speaks about good and bad words. He tells us “A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” It is also worth noting that Jesus himself was known for the power of his words. The guards answered, “Never before has anyone spoken like this one.” (Jn. 7:46).

Beloved in Christ, somebody has said; “. . .The most

important part of your life is the ability to use words. Words define your life; words define your values. Words define your personality. You are no better than your words; you are no greater than your words. The character of your words is the character of your personality: watch your words.”

The challenge for all of us today is, would others describe you as "evil-hearted" or "good-hearted" because of the choice of words that you use when you speak? You can say everything you ever need to say without piling on insults, and without denigrating the other person. God wants to use you, to use me as He used Comfort at the bus station, to encourage and bring solace to others in the way we talk and behave. Let’s ask God to heal us of all bitterness so that we can become channels of His love and mercy to our brothers and sisters.

Fr. Boh (Pastor)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, the season of Lent is upon us. We will begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. As we enter this season, it is appropriate to ask the question: What is Lent? According to the USCCB, “Lent is a 40-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday.” It’s a period during which the whole Church goes on retreat for six weeks, that is, for 40 days, for an annual spiritual renewal in preparation to celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. The USCCB starts that this is a season during which, “We are called not only to abstain from luxuries . . ., but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ’s will more faithfully.” In his message for Lent 2025, the Holy Father invites the faithful to live this season as a pilgrimage of conversion and trust, emphasizing the importance of synodality and Christian hope.

May the light God be our guide throughout this Lenten Season. Amen.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for March 2025 - For families in crisis: We pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness,

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 2/23

General Fund.....	\$ 3627.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 805.27
Maintenance.....	\$ 110.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 11.00
Diocesan Collection—Disaster Relief.....	\$ 586.00

Attendance 5 PM—85 9 AM—146 11 AM—108
As of March 1st—314 active families and 704 total members

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

rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

THANK YOU Dear friends, on behalf of the Boh and Ngong families, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your love and support since the sudden passing away of our elder sister, Ngong Rebecca F. Boh. Your kind words, prayers, and presence, especially last Wednesday evening for the memorial Mass in our parish church, meant the world to me and my family. Your financial donations helped alleviate some of the financial burdens, allowing us to focus on celebrating our sister's life and saying our final goodbyes. We are truly thankful for your support and thoughtfulness.

Please know that your kindness and generosity will never be forgotten.

With deepest gratitude,

Fr. Aloysius Boh

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Rite of Sending – Support Our OCIA Candidates — March 9th @ 9 AM ~ Next weekend, we celebrate the Rite of Sending, a special moment in the journey of those preparing to enter the Catholic Church. We ask our parish family to pray for and support our OCIA candidates as they take this next step. The following weekend, they will join others at the Rite of Election with our bishop, moving forward in their journey of faith toward full communion with the Church at Easter.



*Faith is what gets you started.
Faith is what keeps you going.
Love is what brings you to the end.
~~Mother Angelica*



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!

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| Nancy Bland | Andrew Haggerty | Sara Struemke |
| Diana Campbell | Lindsey Moileu | Tyler Blackshear |
| Cathy Poplawski | Sarah Folk | Jane Orsie |
| Kacie Humbert | Beth Ferrell | Heidi Smith |
| Marguerite Gould | Sebeey Chi | Carol Bogacz |
| Mary Guinn | Patrick Graveline | Chuck Kinn |
| Cooper Blackshear | Joseph Battaglini | Trinity Rodriguez |
| Emily Dunn | Maureen Sabol | Alan Friss |
| Raymond Hart | Fiona Robertson | Eric Colliflower |
| Jonathan Weaver | Barb Howell | Joselyn Canby |
| John Horning | Gregory Kniesler | Bill Klover |
| Msgr. Ansgar | Jack Nees | Lawrence Stritch |

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Sharon Peterson, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Linda Spiker, Vicki Lowery, Michael Huey, Isabella Horning, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Ruth Warner, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Joseph Bosco, Kathleen McAndrews, Richard Monroe, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, Irene Zarembo, Gail Sanders

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 2nd
2nd Collection for Disaster Relief
 8:15-8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Fr. Keith Ramey (+)

Tuesday, March 4th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, March 5th
Ash Wednesday
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 11 AM—5:30 PM Fish Fry
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, March 6th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, March 7th
First Friday
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction
 6 PM Stations of the Cross
 after Stations Meatless Supper

Saturday, March 8th
 3—4:30 PM OCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 9th
 2 AM Daylight Savings Time Begins
 8:15-8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh



P.O Box 726
Hedgesville, WV 25427

January 31, 2025

Dear Supporters,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As Bill and I begin our fourth year as co-leads for Loaves and Fishes, God continues to grow this ministry by showering the community with an abundance of volunteers, supporters, both monetary and physical donations, and the growth of our Prayer Warriors on distribution day going from car to car offering prayers and blessings.

We are blessed with a wonderful, generous community and all the disciples of Christ who joined us in 2024 to volunteer and provide their time and talents to support this ministry. Your continued generosity has enabled us to make significant strides in providing essential resources to those in need in the community.

We have 11 area churches and over 40 individuals participating in this ministry. In addition, there was support from local families, community clubs, ladies who donated live plants and vegetable starters, and a volunteer who sponsored all of the produce that was purchased from Frederick Food Pro for 2024.

Dollar Tree, Spring Mills, WV, has been our partner for grocery items, and Martins, Hedgesville, WV, continues to be our partner for grocery items, turkeys, and hams.

We would like to acknowledge the following groups that did food drives for Loaves and Fishes Pantry:

- Eastern Panhandle Board of Realtors Community Service Committee food drive with Food Lion (1,500+ lbs of food)
- Scout Pack and Troop 35 (1,800 + lbs of food)
- Hedgesville Middle School (1,500+ items)
- Girl Scout Troop 15102
- TOPS Club of Hedgesville

2025 will continue to be challenging for many people in the community. Loaves and Fishes began 2025 in a very good position financially to allow us to provide items to as many local families as needed. We all need to continue to pray for this ministry and that God will continue to bless and provide for 2025.

2024 Summary:

Throughout the year, in addition to the food box, we were able to provide:

January: Apples, Produce, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate

February: Hamburger, Bread, Produce

March: Easter Ham, Produce, Seeds

April: Potatoes, Toiletries, Produce, Apples, Tomato Plant Starters, Seeds

May: Seeds, Hamburger, Hot Dogs, Bread, Produce

June: Hamburger, Hot Dogs, Bread, Produce

July: Produce, Peaches, Produce, Toiletries, Bread, Children's Snacks

August: Back Packs, School Supplies, Corn, Peaches, Apples, Produce

September: Eggs, Cheese, Produce, Baked Goods

October: Hamburger, Apples, Produce, Halloween Candy

November: Turkeys, Produce, Gift table for Christmas

December: Hams, Produce, Apples, Oranges, Baked Goods, Gift table for Christmas, School Supplies

Additionally, the Christmas Star Program, run in partnership with St Bernadette's, supported over 70 children with gifts for Christmas.

We continue to collect donations in the McFadden Hall closet. The Social Concerns Ministry greatly appreciates your generosity and everything you do to support this great ministry!

**"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up".
Galatians 6:9 (NIV)**



Hedgesville Area Community Churches (HACC) Loaves and Fishes Distribution Totals				
Date	Families	Adults	Children	New Families
1/27/2024	83	152	77	6
2/24/2024	54	103	47	14
3/23/2024	69	138	70	20
4/27/2024	61	106	63	16
5/25/2024	59	106	60	11
6/29/2024	52	84	35	8
7/27/2024	63	110	78	13
8/31/2024	54	95	75	7
9/28/2024	66	115	78	21
10/26/2024	83	149	102	16
11/23/2024	123	269	150	40
12/21/2024	133	257	149	30
Total	900	1684	984	202

We are grateful for the continued support from the following community churches, organizations, and farm markets:

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| Allensville Church of the Brethren
Falling Waters Presbyterian Church
Hedges Chapel
Hedgesville Presbyterian Church
Hedgesville United Methodist Church
Johnstontown Bible Church

Eastern Panhandle Board of Realtors Community Service Committee
Falling Waters Presbyterian Men's Group
GFWC Women's Club of Martinsburg
Girl Scout Troop 15102
Hedgesville Brothers and Sisters Ministry
Hedgesville Middle School
Hedgesville Public Library
Highknob Philanthropic Society | Johnstontown Church of the Brethren
Mt. Zion Episcopal Church
St. Bernadette Catholic Church
Tomahawk Presbyterian Church
Tuscarora Presbyterian Church

Houser's Produce Farm
Kitchen's Farm Market
Norwalk Antique Car Club
Orr's Farm Market
Pack and Troop 35
Presbytery of Shenandoah
TOPS Club of Hedgesville |
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If you are interested in joining us in this ministry, whether donations, fundraising, packing boxes, prayer team, or distribution day activities, please reach out.

God Bless!!

Karen Bethke
 Karen Bethke, karenbethke.orr@gmail.com
 Hedgesville Loaves & Fishes Co-Leads

William F. Bethke
 Bill Bethke, bill_bethke@yahoo.com

Lori Pruitt
 Lori Pruitt, lorimae59@frontier.com
 Treasurer

Please note our address change: P.O. Box 726, Hedgesville, WV 25427

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Proceeds will create new transitional apartments for our mothers ready to take their next steps.



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REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Green & Cart Fees
- Door Prize Ticket
- Goodie Bag
- Catered Dinner

EVENT INCLUDES

- Door Prizes
- Longest Drive
- Closest to the Pin
- 30/30 Raffle



Everyone who plays in the tournament will get a Polo.

APRIL 28

2025



109 Clubhouse Ridge,
Hedgesville, WV 25427

IF YOU LOVE PAPER
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The deadline for mail submissions is March 14th. Mail to PO BOX 885,
MARTINSBURG, WV 25402. Payment is due when you submit this form.

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- Birdie Golfer Package (\$595)
- Par Golfer Package (\$250)
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Let us know if your donation is in memory of someone, if you prefer not to be recognized, etc.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

- Dinner Sponsor (\$1,200)
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- Beverage Cart Sponsor (\$1,000)
- Golf Cart Sponsor (\$500)
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- Men's Long Drive Contest Sponsor (\$500)
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- Putting Green Sponsor (\$250)
- Tee/Green Sign Sponsor (\$125)
- Supporter Sponsor (\$50)

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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, 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 3—Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday 4—Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday 5—Ash Wednesday; Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday 6—Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1; Lk 9:22-25

Friday 7—Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday 8—Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday 9—Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

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.