

# 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 22, 2026 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A



He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out.  
(John 11:43-44a)

### 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: Unbound for Life: The Third Scrutiny

Today's Gospel (from Year A, which is also optional for Years B and C) presents us with the intimate story of Jesus raising His close friend Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus was the brother of Mary and Martha of Bethany. Martha is best known for serving Jesus dinner while Mary sat at His feet, listening to Him. Mary is also "the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair" (John 11:2). John's Gospel says, "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus" (John 11:5).

Today, illness does not often result in death, but, given the limited medical knowledge in Jesus' time, death from illness was far more common. There was grave concern when someone became sick with a fever. Martha and Mary, out of their concern, sent word to Jesus about Lazarus' illness, "Master, the one you love is ill" (John 11:3). When Jesus heard this, He said to the apostles, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it" (John 11:4)

Jesus, however, remained for two days where He was staying before traveling to Bethany. By divine intuition, Jesus knew that Lazarus would die before His arrival. When He arrived, Martha greeted Him, expressing her deep sorrow. Mary also came to Him, despairing and sorrowful. When Jesus saw her, He became "perturbed and deeply troubled" and He wept.

Why would the Son of God weep? He knew what He was going to do. He knew that everyone's sorrow would soon turn to joy. So why weep? As soon as Jesus wept, some of those present said, "See how he loved him." (John 11:36).

Jesus' tears reveal the depth of compassion within His human heart. He is not only the All-Powerful Second Person of the Holy Trinity, He is also fully human, and His Sacred Heart is truly a human heart, perfectly united with His divinity. Jesus expressed the perfection of His divine love in this intimate moment when He encountered such grief, confusion, faith, a lack of faith, pain, loss, and even despair. He experienced all these emotions from the people present and was moved with the holiest and purest compassion that a human heart has ever felt.

As we continue to journey toward the end of Lent and continue to ponder our sin and our need to repent, use this story as a reminder that it is the same Jesus Whose heart is exploding with compassion for you and Who calls you out of sin. Continue to examine your conscience honestly, humbly, and thoroughly. Jesus loves you as He loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. As you experience your own sin, pain, confusion, or even despair at times, Jesus responds with holy sorrow, with weeping, and with compassion. At the end of time, He will be the Judge of all. For now, He is pure mercy and compassion, longing to say to you what He said to Lazarus, "Lazarus, come out!" and "Untie him and let him go" (John 11:43-44). **Come out of your sin. Be set free from all that**

burdens you. Rise to the new life of grace.

Ponder this compassion today. Ponder Jesus' tears for you, for all you struggle with, for all you suffer. Know that the joy experienced by those who saw Lazarus walk out of the tomb awaits you, if you only allow Jesus to call you forth from the tomb of your sin and guilt to the newness of life.

Prayer: My compassionate Lord, Your mercy is endless and inexhaustible. It is pure and perfect in every way. Please lavish that mercy upon me so that I will not fear facing my sin and confessing it to You. Untie me from these bonds that hold me down and call me forth to the newness of life. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen! (Cf. 'My Catholic Life!' A journey of personal conversion!)

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome, my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)! We welcome especially you, our Elect, who are preparing for the waters of new life. We are proud of you. Today we celebrate the Third Scrutiny which brings us to the tomb of Lazarus. This is the final, powerful step of purification before we enter the solemnity of Holy Week. The veiled crosses and statues remind us that we have entered Passiontide, the final, solemn preparation for Holy Week. Dear friends in Christ, let us prepare our hearts to walk with Christ these last two weeks, renewing our commitment to Him, as we look forward to a joyful celebration of Easter.

Thank you for being here this weekend.

## Marriage Banns:

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jack Burford and Keli Cole, and Kevin Day and Michelle Grimes, both of our parish.

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the first time for Joel Riggs and Danielle Anderson, Brian Foley and Tera Powell, James Dmczynski and Lelia Wyne, and Brandon Ray and Leticia Romero, all 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Lenten Penance Service:** Make the Sacrament of Reconciliation a part of your Lenten journey.

## PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 3/15

General Fund .....	\$ 3658.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1631.84
Maintenance.....	\$ 60.29
Local Outreach .....	\$ 128.25

Weekend Mass Attendance: 5 PM—129 9 AM—225 11 AM—112

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

Join us for our parish Penance Service on Wednesday April 1st from 4—5:30 PM in the parish Church. Take advantage of this opportunity to experience God’s mercy and grace during this holy season.

**Final Call: Parish Lenten Day of Recollection:** Take a break from the busyness of life this Lent to pause, reflect, and draw closer to God. Our Parish Lenten Day of Recollection is almost here! Join us for a day of silence, prayer, and spiritual renewal.

When: Thursday March 26, 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: In the ‘Big Room’ in the Religious Education Building

Theme: "Renew Me in the Likeness of Your Mercy".

Sign up: By Tuesday, March 24th on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call the parish office.

Don’t miss this opportunity to renew your heart this Lenten season!

**The Annunciation of the Lord (Wednesday, March 25th):** This solemnity marks the announcement by the Angel Gabriel to Mary that she would conceive the Savior, occurring nine months before Christmas. It is not a holy day of obligation in the United States or the universal Catholic Church, despite being a solemnity of the highest rank. Therefore, there is no obligation to attend Mass on this day. This obligation was abrogated in the U.S. in 1884 by the Third Council of Baltimore.

**Your Faith Matters**

*Q: When are crosses and images veiled?*

*A:* Crosses and images may be veiled on the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil to mark Passiontide. According to a decision of the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops), the veiling of crosses and images may now take place at the discretion of the local pastor. So, it is no longer a general practice within the United States.



*Q: What is the reason for the veiling of crosses and images?*

*A:* This practice visually highlights the somber final two weeks of Lent, helping the faithful to focus on Jesus’ Passion by hiding images of his glory, allowing worshippers to focus on the sacrifice rather than the surrounding artwork. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in an adoration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life. Have a blessed Sunday and a grace-filled week ahead as we continue our Lenten walk towards the resurrection.

**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, Maureen Sabol

*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 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

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

**Tuesday, March 24th**

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Sara Struemke (L)*

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, March 25th**

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Rosie Kesecker (+)*

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

*Intention for Rebekah Herber (+)*

6:30—8 PM OCIA

**Thursday, March 26th**

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Kenny DeHaven (+)*

**Friday, March 27th**

9 AM Mass (in the Rel Ed Bldg)

*Intention for James Bernard Knipe (+)*

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

11 AM—5:30 PM All-Day Fish Fry

6 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 28th**

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass

*Intention for Robert & Mary Hess (+)*

**Sunday, March 29th**

**Palm Sunday**

8:15—8:40 AM Confession

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Eric Colliflower (L)*

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](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: 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 23—Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 24—Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday 25—Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord; Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday 26—Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59

Friday 27—Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday 28—Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday 29—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion; Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

## 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.