

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 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem



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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Reflection:

'God is good'. All the time. And all the time. God is good!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Welcome! Holy Week is here! Today the Church celebrates Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week – the most solemn week in the Church's year and culminates with Easter Sunday. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of Jesus' triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem with crowds waving palm branches and shouting; "Hosanna!"

Between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, the Church celebrates a series of liturgies that offer the whole story of the paschal mystery. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Lord's Supper, and we hear Jesus' command of love and service. "You call me 'teacher' and 'master,' and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow..." On Good Friday, we enter Jesus' trial, crucifixion, and death. We venerate the Cross remembering the incalculable price Jesus paid for our redemption. Saint Peter puts it beautifully in these words: "... realize that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb" (1Pet. 1:18-19). On Holy Saturday, we experience our entire salvation story in the liturgy of the word. We welcome new members to our faith community, renew our baptismal vows, and share in the Eucharist. We leave the church that night full of joy.

Holy Week is a time of reflection, prayer, and grace for us as we re-live in word, ritual, and sacrament the great events of our redemption. Make every effort to be part of these celebrations this week to confess Jesus of Nazareth, Messiah, and Lord. "If you have never experienced an entire Holy Week, consider trying it this year. You will feel the flow, power, and beauty of how Palm Sunday becomes Easter Sunday by having walked the steps of the journey yourself. We need Holy Week, and Holy Week needs us, as it reveals the one who came, died, and rose as the Christ." (Living the Word, Scripture Reflections and Commentaries for Sundays and Holy Days, Year A, By Thomas Ryan . Deborah L. Wilhelm).

Let us try to make the best use of this time. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. May this Holy Week be a sacred time for all of us and may the

Spirit of God guide us as we make this journey to the joy of Easter Sunday.

And may Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Some Announcements

Marriage Banns: Third and last Call – I publish the banns of marriage between Alann Patricio and Crystal Ortiz, both of this Parish. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.

Fasting and abstinence: We are reminded that all Catholics from age 18 until 59 are to fast and abstain on Good Friday. And all Catholics are encouraged, as a voluntary practice, to fast on Holy Saturday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

This week our **O CIA Catechumens**, Crystal Ortiz, Carolina Ortiz-Gonzales, and **Candidate** Samantha Myers, enter the final days of preparation for their initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Let us pray for them, and for ourselves that we may follow firmly in the footsteps of Jesus.

Penitential Service and Individual Confessions: Holy Week is upon us and next Sunday, we'll be celebrating Easter Sunday – the Resurrection of the Lord. How well are you prepared for this Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebrations? One way to help in this effort is through participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as the precept of confessing grave sins and receiving Holy Communion at least once during the Lenten Season merits a reminder to all. In this light, we have scheduled a Penitential Service and Individual Confessions to hold in the Parish Church on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 5:45 PM, followed by Holy Mass at 6:00 PM.

Holy Week Schedule: Please find attached the Holy week Schedule for 2024. A copy of the schedule is displayed on the door of the Church for your convenience.

Chrism Masses

Monday March 25, 2024, in Charleston at 4:00 PM
Tuesday March 26, 2024: • Chrism Mass is celebrated in Wheeling at 4:00 PM

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING	
General Fund	\$ 3111.50
Online Giving	\$ 1870.53
Maintenance	\$ 140.00
Outreach	\$ 108.00
THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP	

CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Holy Land Collection: We shall take up this collection during the service on Good Friday. Note that this is a special collection. Please be generous.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord: PLEASE NOTE that this Solemnity has been transferred to Monday April 8, 2024.

A BIG THANK YOU! to everyone that took part in our Lenten Fish Fry this past Lenten Season. It was a great success! We thank all our wonderful volunteers who helped in one way or another to make our fish fry so successful! (see pictures below), and, most of all THANK YOU! everyone that placed orders and all who came out to eat and support our St. Bernadette fish fry! May God richly bless you all.

Wishing you all a very prayerful and grace-filled Holy Week!!!
God bless you! Happy Palm Sunday!



WEEKLY CALENDAR 



Palm Sunday, March 24th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Kathy Reeser

Tuesday, March 26th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Kathy Reeser

Wednesday, March 27th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
4-5:45 PM Penitential Service
6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Holy Thursday, March 28th

9 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Intention for Msgr. Ansgar
Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following Mass
9:30 PM Night Prayer

Good Friday, March 29th

9 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:30 AM Stations of the Cross
6 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday, March 30th

8:15—8:50 AM Confession
9 AM Lauds (Morning Prayer)
8 PM Easter Vigil
Intention for the People of the Parish

Easter Sunday, March 31st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the Kathy Reeser
11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Jean & Mike Ridley

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Bob Baker, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Abby & Libby Conley, Shane Terry, Linda Spiker, Carol Bogacz, Vicki Lowery, Wayne Montañó, Ron Robertson, Pat Reeser

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.

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 5:20—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.

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: 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 25th—Is 42:1-7; Ps 27; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday 26th—Is 49:1-6; Ps 71; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday 27th—Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday 28th—Holy Thursday; Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday 29th—Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday 30th—Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter; Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104; Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16; Ex 14:15-15:1; (Ps) Ex 15; Is 55:1-11; (Ps) Is 12; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday 31st—Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord; Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

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.

Happy Easter Egg Hunt

**Easter Sunday
March 31st 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.

