

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 26, 2023 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

The Raising of Lazarus from Death



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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Today we celebrate the fifth Sunday of Lent. This is the third Sunday of the scrutinies for the preparation of adult converts (catechumens) for the reception of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil celebration. It is the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week. Although graves and tombs are highlighted in today's first reading and the gospel, the readings speak more of re-creation, resurrection, and new life.

Of all the miracles worked by Jesus and documented in the gospels, the raising of Lazarus from death is, rightfully, considered as the most awesome by Christians and non-Christians alike. Saint John in today's gospel passage, documents Jesus saying Lazarus' illness and death happened "for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it".

This is the third Sunday in a row that Jesus uses an encounter with ordinary people – sinners like you and I – to reveal Himself as the Savior of the world. Three Sundays ago, He demonstrated His power to quench not only our physical but also our spiritual thirst during the encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. Last Sunday, He showed that He has power to heal us not only from our spiritual but also our physical blindness in the healing of the man born blind. This Sunday, He shows that He has power to raise us from the death. "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

The prophecy of the Prophet Ezekiel, which we hear in our first reading – "I will open your graves and have you rise from them," was addressed to a people who were deported to Babylon and had lost hope of liberation. This prophecy was not really about the resurrection of the dead, as we seem to understand it nowadays, but about the return of the deportees to their homeland. This prophecy helped to form in the people of Israel the idea that at the coming of the Messiah all the just would rise from the dead, to share with him the joy of the new Kingdom.

Saint Paul reassures the Romans and all of us that Christ's promise of the resurrection is real for all who live in the spirit. If we have faith, we would like Martha to admit that God will give Jesus whatever He asks of God. For even if our "body is dead because of sin," we must never forget that "the spirit is alive because of righteousness". We cannot forget that "the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to [our] mortal bodies also" even if, like Lazarus, we have been in the tomb for four days and our bodies are already producing a stench as Martha warned Jesus.

One condition is needed for us to inherit the land God promises us. We are to be like the Samaritan woman at the well, thirsting for righteousness, not only for water.

We must be like the man born blind, seeing by faith, and walking in the light of Christ, even if physically blind. We are to be like Martha, confessing Christ as our Savior and asking Him to perform the miracles we need in our lives for, as the psalmist says, with God "there is mercy and fullness of redemption".

As we go into the final week before Holy Week, let us heed the invitation of Saint Paul to the Romans to seek not the pleasures of the flesh but live in spirit. Let us, like Martha, invite Christ to awaken our faith from the sleep of death and grant us a new life that thirsts for the Lord, walks in the light of Christ and is raised to new life with Christ at Easter.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

God bless you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters, welcome to Saint Bernadette. A special welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time or after a long period of absence. Thanks for choosing to worship with us today. I pray that you are all well and healthy. A few things for us to take note:

Palm Sunday: 9 AM Mass on Palm Sunday, April 2nd, will begin in front of the garage, weather permitting, with the blessing of palms and procession.

Holy Thursday: If you are interested in being one of those whose feet are to be washed on Holy Thursday, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex before Saturday April 1st. Know that women and children can also sign up as per our Bishop's recommendation.

Good Friday Special Collection: A special collection to help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land will be taken up on Good Friday. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land.

Msgr. Joseph Peterson is now the Vicar General for the Diocese and Moderator of the Curia.

Pope's Intention for April 2023: For a culture of peace and non-violence – We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 3017.00
Online Giving	\$ 955.53
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 65.00
Diocesan	\$ 150.00
Outreach.....	\$ 370.01

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Msgr. Ansgar wishes to pass along many thanks for his birthday celebration last weekend. He was very appreciative of all the prayers and well wishes.

We are collecting candy for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**. Donations can be left in the basket in the narthex until April 2nd.

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.

Calling all bakers!! We will need baked goods for our bake sale being held in conjunction with our Fish Fry on Friday, March 31st.

We will resume distribution of the Sacred Cup starting on Holy Thursday. With that being said, we need additional **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**. Please sign up in the narthex if you would like to be contacted about this important ministry.

Sign up for Holy Thursday for Washing of the Feet and Adoration. Sign up sheets are in the narthex.

“Believe what Christ said at the Last Supper, ‘This is my Body. This is my Blood!’” This has been Bishop Mark Brennan’s emboldening message to the faithful during his ministry.

Spanning from the 2022 Feast of Corpus Christi – the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ to Pentecost 2025 the faithful in the United States will celebrate the National Eucharistic Revival.

Our diocese will host three regional Eucharistic Congresses to gather all the faithful to celebrate Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist. Each will feature Mass, Adoration, dynamic national presenters, and inspiring break out session focused on the Eucharist, and fellowship. The dates and locations of the 2023 regional events are:

April 21-22 St. James Catholic Church, Charles Town

April 28-29 Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Wheeling

June 2-3 Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston

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, Ginger Spice, Joe Schlegel, Walter & Helena Shenk, Isabella Horning, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Tristan Pressl, Wayne Montano, Beverly Barrett, Cathy Poplawski, Bella Blackshear

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 26th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for The People of the Parish

10 AM Donut Sunday

10 AM Stuffing Easter Eggs

10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Msgr. Ansgar

Tuesday, March 28th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, March 29th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

9:30 AM Social Concerns Ministry Meeting

4—5:45 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, March 30th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Helena & Walter Shenk

Friday, March 31st

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Salvatore Cordaro, Sr.
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

11 AM—5:30 PM Fish Fry

6 PM Stations of the Cross—
Deacon Marcus

First Saturday, April 1st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Rosary immediately following

9—10:30 AM RCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Pooch

Sunday, April 2nd**Palm Sunday**

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

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. 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 27th—Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 28th—Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102; Jn 8:21-20

Wednesday 29th—Dn 3:14-20; 91-92, 95; (Ps) Dn 3; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday 30th—Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105; Jn 8:51-59

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

Saturday 1st—Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday 2nd—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-17:66

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.