

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 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

“Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” John 2:16



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

Welcome! Dear brothers and sisters, this weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent in Church Year B. A very hearty welcome to you who are visiting and worshipping with us for the first time. We are happy that you have joined us to worship here this weekend. If you are new in the parish, please consider becoming a member of our community. Contact the parish office at your earliest convenience and register. There is a place for you here.

That said, I would like to invite you to deepen your understanding of and meditation on this Sunday's readings by asking yourselves questions. Let me begin by asking the following three questions:

Question One: If we obey the Commandments handed down to Moses rephrased in our first reading, can we say we do not have other gods?

Question Two: How many of us can, like Saint Paul in our second reading, affirm that our Christian life proclaims the crucified Christ?

Question Three: Are we Christians indeed or do we simply consider our dealings with the Church of Christ on earth as transactions in a marketplace?

These questions and others that I encourage you to ponder should help us come up with honest answers that we can use this Lenten Season to make the adjustments we need to be reconciled with God and one another.

The answer to the question: "Do we have other gods?" would be an emphatic "no" for a majority of us. However, if we meditate more intensely on the subject, we will all discover that we have all kinds of gods. We are more prepared to adore and be more obedient to the god that is our job or the salary we win from it than to skip work to keep the Sabbath holy. Our children are more prepared to devote time to the god of the video games than to honor their parents' instructions to do their household chores. Too many of us are more devoted to the alcohol or drugs we abuse than to the spiritual nourishment Christ invites us to at every Holy Mass. We are more prepared to spend time before the TV set at home or on our cell phones and on social media apps than we are to gather as a family to say prayers or watch a documentary on an aspect of our Catholic faith on 'FORMED'. These are, in many ways, gods that we have enthroned above the God who brought us out of the slavery and won redemption for us on the Cross of Calvary. To that extent, we are like the people of Israel who turned away from God.

Lent is the ideal season on the Christian calendar when we must ask and answer our second question: "Do our lives proclaim the crucified Christ?" Given our sinful nature, we already know that our lives fall short of the glory of God. Saint Paul explains why, in our second reading. We will remain unworthy of the title of Christian or follower of Christ if we do not recognize that even the wisest of our decisions is foolishness in God's sight. Our strength is nothing but weakness in God's eyes. That is why we are invited to devote our Lenten Season to seeking the face of God.

The third of the questions I suggest for our meditation is one that we should deeply ponder. How many of us consider coming to church a mere transaction? How many of us think that if we fast, give alms, ask for forgiveness for our

sins or pray for healing from a disease that afflicts us that God must grant our requests? How many of us think that Christianity involves us saying prayers or attending Mass as our share in a transaction in which God's part should consist of granting our prayers? How many of us have not stepped up to serve in a ministry in our parish for which we are enormously gifted simply because 'we do not have the time', or because there's no momentary or tangible reward? How many of us would discourage our children from pursuing their calling as a priest or a religious simply because we believe they can obtain more earnings in their lifetime by taking up a career in a more financially beneficial profession?

Let me close by inviting all of us to ask and answer more questions like the three above as you consider how to use this season of Lent to renew your faith and trust in God Our Father. God is good!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Some Practical Points and Upcoming Events

Order of Christian Initiation of Adult (OCIA): On the First Sunday of Lent, we celebrated the Rite of Sending here at Saint Bernadette during which three of our parishioners – two catechumens and one candidate, were sent to the Rite of Election that held last Saturday at Saint James the Greater, Charles Town, WV.

We want to thank Therese Highlands and all those who helped to plan to make these two events possible. These events require a great deal of preparation, and planning. They were a wonderful and successful!

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: This meeting shall be held on Tuesday March 12, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Religious Ed building. Non-members are invited to the meeting.

Prayer Garden: Plans are on the way to set up a prayer space - 'Prayer Garden' in the open space between the parish church and 105 building. We'll install Stations of the Cross in this garden. We encourage individuals, families, and/or groups to memorialize a station in honor of a loved one. "It's very heartwarming that we will soon have a holy place, a prayer space." In the days ahead, we will let you know the cost of memorializing a station.

Holy water during Lent: Some parishioners have asked me why holy water is available in the entrance fonts, or used during Lent here at Saint Bernadette, whereas in their former parishes, holy water was not used during Lent?

Question: Does the Church forbid the use of holy water during Lent? "Emptying or covering holy water fonts during Lent is a modern innovation not found in the Church's directives. Water is always kept in the holy water fonts until after Mass on Holy Thursday, when they are emptied of holy water and later refilled with the water blessed at the

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

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| General Fund | \$ 3906.50 |
| Online Giving | \$ 570.90 |
| Maintenance..... | \$ 25.00 |
| Outreach..... | \$ 246.00 |

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Easter Vigil” (Paschales Solemnitatis 97). It continued, “Lent is a time when we need the spiritual benefits of holy water. Holy water is a protection from evil, a reminder of our baptism and of our commitment to live a Christ-centered life. Empty holy water fonts during Lent only deprive the faithful of spiritual benefits that are theirs by right.” (cf. Catholic Answers To Explain and Defend the Faith).

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for March 2024: For the new martyrs. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Dear parishioners, I want to let you know that my email account was recently hacked. I have taken steps to secure my account, but I wanted to warn you in case you received any suspicious emails from me requesting you to send me a gift card or gift cards. Please disregard it. Know that I will never ask any parishioner to send me a gift card. I'm sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you for understanding. Fr. Boh

WHAT’S GOING ON?

High School Book Club for Lent! **This Sunday, March 3rd from 12:15-1:15 PM.** You do not have to be previously signed up to attend.

The **Cherub Ministry** is collecting donations of Easter candy for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held directly after the 9 AM Mass on Easter Sunday. A basket can be found in the narthex.

Catholic Sharing Appeal 2024 has begun! It’s a new year with a new goal. This year our goal is to raise \$20,995. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Remember that once we raise half of that money, the rest comes right back to St. Bernadette’s free of diocesan fees.



March Birthdays 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 | John Roscoe | Jack Stritch |
| Magdalena Dilger | Monsignor Ansgar | Sara Struemeke |
| Diana Campbell | Andrew Haggerty | Tyler Blackshear |
| Scarlet Heerd | Lindsey Zamora | Ruth Brown |
| Joan VanMiddlesworth | Sarah Folk | Jane Orsie |
| Alexandra Winstead | Nick Comer | Heidi Smith |
| Catherine Poplawski | Beth Ferrell | Carol Bogacz |
| Knox Hey | Conor McKay | Mary MacDonald |
| Kacie Humbert | Sebeey Takwa | Charles Kinn |
| Marguerite Gould | Patrick Graveline | Trinity Rodriguez |
| Cooper Blackshear | Joseph Battaglini | Eric Colliflower |
| Emily Dunn | Maureen Sabol | Joselyn Canby |
| Raymond Hart | Fiona Weaver | William Klover |
| Jonathan Weaver | Barb Howell | Lawrence Stritch |
| Breelyn Heerd | Gregory Kniesler | |

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 Montano, Ron Robertson

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 3rd
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
 ~Donut Sunday~
 10:15—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 12:15—1:15 PM High School Book Club

Tuesday, March 5th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Elaine Missenis
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, March 6th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Ansgar
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, March 7th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Steve Smith

Friday, March 8th
 9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction
 6 PM Stations of the Cross
 Meatless supper

Saturday, March 9th
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Ansgar
Intention for Rebecca Ramsey

Sunday, March 10th
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10:15—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Msgr. Ansgar
 12:15—1:15 PM High School Book Club

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 4th—2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday 5th—Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday 6th—Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 7th—Jer 7:23-28; PS 95; Lk 11:14-23

Friday 8th—Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday 9th—Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday 10th—2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

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.

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





CATHOLIC
SHARING APPEAL

Give Generously. Pray Purposefully. Serve Joyfully.

The *Catholic Sharing Appeal* is one of many ways that we are united in God's love as Catholics and as members of our Diocesan Family. In addition to providing funding for our own parish community, the CSA also delivers essential support for shared ministries, Catholic education, and evangelization & outreach efforts across the state.



Catholic Sharing Appeal

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE CSA!

with a **monthly** gift of: \$ _____

for a **total commitment** of: \$ _____

with a **one-time** gift of: \$ _____

Checks can be made payable to
CSA and mailed to:

P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003

Credit card donations can be made
online at:

csa.dwcministries.org/donate



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Did you know...

- last year nearly 4,200 families contributed \$3 million to the CSA
- more than \$2.1 million directly supported 91 parishes and 21 missions
- 250 faithful from the DWC have the opportunity to attend the National Eucharistic Revival this summer thanks to CSA funds
- parishes, Catholic schools, and parish food pantry programs all have the opportunity to apply for funding through the CSA grant program
- CSA funding provides for children who cannot afford to pay an opportunity to enrich their faith lives at Camp Carlo
- your parish leaders have the opportunity to continue their education in administering to their churches at the diocesan hosted PACE conference sponsored by the CSA.
- the CSA helps provide care and supplies for expectant mothers through the Walking with Moms program.
- 1,203 Catholic school students received tuition assistance in 2023 thanks to the CSA

Giving Options



CASH OR CHECK

Checks should be made payable to **Catholic Sharing Appeal** and dropped at the parish office or mailed to: Catholic Sharing Appeal, PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003.



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To donate by credit card, PayPal, debit/ACH or automatic draft, please visit: csa.dwcministries.org/donate or scan the QR code.



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