

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 31, 2024

Easter Sunday - Resurrection of the Lord

Peter and the other disciple at the tomb. (John 20:6-8)



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 Friends in Christ,
 Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia! Happy Easter!
 Today we celebrate the most sacred day for all Christians – Easter Sunday. St. Gregory of Nazianzus, the Theologian, in his paschal sermon, declares: “Pascha – this is the feast of feasts and the festival of festivals, which outshines all other solemnities as much as the sun outshines the stars.”
 ‘This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad’ (Ps. 118).

Permit me to begin this short reflection with this quotation from Pope Benedict XVI’s 2011 Easter homily. “Easter morning brings us news that is ancient yet ever new: Christ is risen! The echo of this event, which issued forth from Jerusalem twenty centuries ago, continues to resound in the Church, deep in whose heart lives the vibrant faith of Mary, Mother of Jesus, the faith of Mary Magdalene and the other women who first discovered the empty tomb, and the faith of Peter and the other Apostles.”

Right down to our own time, our faith as Christians is based on that same news. The Resurrection of Christ is truly the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles because it validates who Jesus claimed to be, namely the Son of God and Messiah. That is why St. Paul writes: “If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain” (I Cor 15:14). “Jesus is Lord, He is risen” (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the preaching of the Apostles.

The resurrection of Jesus is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies...” (Jn 11:25-26). If Jesus Christ is not resurrected, then we have no hope that we will be, either. In fact, apart from Christ’s resurrection, we have no Savior, no salvation, and no hope of eternal life. As Paul said, our faith would be “useless,” the gospel would be altogether powerless, and our sins would remain unforgiven (1 Corinthians 15:14–19). In resurrecting Jesus from the grave, God reminds us of His absolute sovereignty over life and death. By His resurrection Christ has opened to us the path to eternal and blessed life.

May our celebration of the Lord’s rising from the dead give us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. May it remind us that life is worth living. May it also give us stren-

gth to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Thank you for your presence at Mass as we celebrate this special feast. I especially extend a warm welcome to anyone who is visiting and worshipping with us for the first time and those of other faith backgrounds as we gather to celebrate the beautiful gift of life that God has blessed each of us with. If you are new in the area and looking for a parish you can call ‘home’, then I welcome you ‘home’ to Saint Bernadette. For any questions you may have, please meet any of the ushers after Mass, or contact the parish office at office@stbernadettewv.org, or call: (304) 754-7830. We are here to serve you and to guide you in the journey of the beauty of our faith.

At the Easter Vigil, we warmly welcome two new Catholics into our parish family and one into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you or a loved one would ever like more information about becoming Catholic, please feel free to speak with me or Sara Struemke, Director of our Faith Formation Staff. Christian Initiation is an ongoing process in our community. We look forward to walking with you on this journey of faith.

Together with Msgr. A. Laczko, Fr. George Pucciarelli, and the parish staff, I wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Easter! In your prayers, please remember us. Know that we will be praying for your intentions and those of your loved ones.

In our Risen Lord,
 Fr Boh
 Pastor

Prayer Garden: “It’s very heartwarming that we will soon have a holy place, a prayer space.” Work is in progress on the soon to be ‘Prayer Garden’, located in the open space between the parish church and 105 building. We’ll install Stations of the Cross in this garden. We encourage individu-

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

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| General Fund | \$ 4246.00 |
| Online Giving..... | \$ 558.15 |
| Maintenance | \$ 115.00 |
| Outreach | \$ 327.00 |

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
 TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

als, families, and/or groups to memorialize a Station or two in honor of a loved one. It will cost \$200.00 to memorialize a station. Please see Lynette in the office to make this purchase. If we receive more money, the rest of the money will go in for the purchase of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Regina Caeli: Throughout the year, the Church recalls God's promise of salvation by praying the Angelus – the announcement of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that she would be the Mother of the Savior. During the Easter season, the Angelus is replaced by the Regina Caeli – rejoicing with Mary that God has fulfilled his promise of salvation.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: "In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. . . . It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering." (Pope Benedict XVI) Come adore the Lord for one hour or more in Eucharistic Adoration. The Most Blessed Sacrament is exposed upon the altar of our parish church each Friday after the 9 AM Mass and ends at 12 NOON with Benediction. We must have at least one person present during each hour as the Most Blessed Sacrament may not be left alone while exposed. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. May you receive many blessings during Adoration.

Pope's Prayer Intention for April 2024: For the role of women - that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Save the Date!! Dive into an unforgettable "underwater" adventure with us at the Totally Catholic Scuba VBS!

📅 Dates: August 5th - 9th

📍 Location: St. Bernadette Church

👤 Theme: "Scuba-Diving into Friendship with God"

Get ready to explore the depths of faith through fun activities, engaging lessons, and exciting adventures! Whether you're a seasoned diver or just dipping your toes in the water, there's something for everyone at our Totally Catholic Scuba VBS. Mark your calendars and join us for an ocean of faith-filled fun! Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Easter Sunday, March 31st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the Kathy Reeser

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Jean & Mike Ridley

Monday, April 1st

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2nd

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Chester Poplawski

Wednesday, April 3rd

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Marie Françoise Kao

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Emily Samford

Thursday, April 4th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Kathy Reeser

First Friday, April 5th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for David Paul Meade

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

First Saturday, April 6th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Edel Manny

Rosary immediately following

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Sunday, April 7th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

10—11 AM Donut Sunday

10:15—11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for All Priests and Religious in Purgatory

A Word of Gratitude to the Outgoing Coordinators of Religious Educaiton and OCIA

Dear Deb Mackesy and Theresa Highlands,

On behalf of the parishioners of Saint Bernadette, I would like to thank you both for your 'yes' to God's call to coordinate the transmission of the Catholic faith for the past several years here at Saint Bernadette. Your roles as coordinator of our faith formation program and teacher of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) are roles that are often underappreciated and misunderstood. Thank you for all the time, effort, and sacrifice you placed in diligently executing this God-given-tasks. God has done great work in our children through each of you. We could not be more grateful. We pray that God will reward you with the blessings of health and every other good gift as He alone can give. It is not an easy task. But it is rewarding and important—so, Thank You from the bottom of our hearts! -Fr. Boh

We welcome Sara Struemke and Eric and Dianna Colliflower as the Coordinator of Religious Education and OCIA teachers, respectively. We wish you God's guidance and blessings in this God-given-mission here at Saint Bernadette.



MACKESY
DEBRA



HIGHLANDS
THERESA



Sara Struemke



COLLIFLOWER
ERIC & DIANNA

WHAT'S GOING ON? ~~CONTINUED

The Bereavement Ministry would like to thank all of you that were so generous in donating food for the Bright funeral luncheon. The food was delicious and the family was very appreciative. You can pick up any containers you might have brought either in the kitchen or in the closet in McFadden Hall.

The **High School Book Club** was a resounding success! A big thank you goes out to the MacKinnon family for generously providing refreshments on multiple occasions. And, of course, heartfelt thanks to all the young ladies and one gentleman who embarked on this literary adventure with us. Your enthusiasm made it all the more enjoyable. We're already looking forward to seeing you all again, along with some new faces, for our next gathering. Stay tuned for details—we'll be planning our next meeting after Easter. Thanks again for making the book club a memorable experience!

St Joseph Angels is currently in need of children's clothing and coats for boys and girls sizes 12 months up to size 5T. When donating, please keep in mind that we do not have the space or need for sizes above 5T. There is a pack and play in the narthex for the collection of these items. Thank you!

Save the Date! Yard Sale, May 18th. Purchase a spot and/or tables for \$10 each. Flyer coming soon.

The **Baby Grand Piano** in the Religious Education Building is for sale. Please make an offer!

🕯️ April Birthdays 🕯️ Below is a list of those celebrating birthdays in April. If you see them when you are out and about, wish them a Happy Birthday!

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| Jennifer Fretz | Kurtis Struemke | Billy Weigle | David Symuleski |
| Jonathon Gautreaux | Eamonn MacKinnon | Bernie Guy | Michael Huntsberry |
| Mary Jane Drummond | Joshua Welsh | Gene Podeszwa | Sara Lettal |
| Patricia Bauer | Burrie Takwa | Olivia Gould | Tommy Todas |
| Samantha Meyer | Lena Miller | Arnold Burghraef | John Wakelin |
| Isabella Blackshear | Robert Folk | Samson Bland | Laura Beutler |
| David Cumley | Ezekiel Rivera | Lisa Keller | Laura Rihn |
| Herbert Boh | Celeste Stotler | Tara Cumley | Prenam Kao |
| Clara Gulbranson | David Pelletier | Dolores Hanna | Ryker Swisher |
| Katherine MacKinnon | Grace McCoy | Rachel Popelka | Sarah Beutler |
| Maria Domich | Christopher McCusker | Mary MacKinnon | Treyvon Boh |
| Michael Kesecker | Phillip Tolson | James Wynkoop | Jerome Zalek |
| Carolyn Farabaugh | Alexander Robertson | Nancy Landreville | Marianne Kusmitch |
| Nicolas Heredia | Ivo Zamora | Lucia Crotti | |
| Sophia Maria Heredia | Phil Heerd | Reid Boswell | |



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 Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttmann, 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 1st—Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday 2nd—Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday 3rd—Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday 4th—Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8; Lk 24:35-48

Friday 5th—Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday 6th—4:13-21; Ps 118; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday 7th—Sunday of Divine Mercy; Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

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 Flower Offering



| Donated By: | In Memory Of: |
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| Patricia Bowling | Thomas, James, & Andrew Bowling |
| Joe & Elaine Comer | Joe & Anita Edwards Cecil Comer Eddie, Chad & Jessica Comer Sue Comer Jamie Hannig |
| Charles Deal | Dolores Deal |
| Tom & Dorothy Foley | Kelsey Hafen |
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