

# 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*

## May 11, 2025

### *Forth Sunday of Easter*

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)



### 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

**Habemus Papam – “We have a Pope”**

The question for every one of the world’s 1.4 billion Catholic Christians as the Church celebrates this fourth Sunday of Easter is no longer “Who will be the next pope?”. On Thursday, hardly over 24 hours since the conclave opened, a new spiritual leader for Universal Church was elected. Formerly Cardinal Robert Frances Prevost, the 267th successor of Saint Peter, chose the name Pope Leo XIV. His “yes” is a gift to the Church and to the world. He is the first-ever U.S.-born Pope - a native of Chicago, Illinois, an American citizen who also holds Peruvian citizenship. He is the first Augustinian to become Pope.



Speaking from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica during his first public appearance as pontiff, his first words to the world were “Peace be with all of you!” The 69-year-old pontiff said he wanted his message of peace - delivered in Italian, Spanish, and Latin - to “enter your hearts, reach your families and all people, wherever they are.”

The new pope comes to us at a most opportune time. The first Sunday he will be celebrating as Pope is also known as “Good Shepherd Sunday”. This Sunday is also observed as a day of prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, since as John Bergsma points out: “... priests and religious are visible manifestations to us of Christ in his role as the Good Shepherd” (The Word of the Lord, Reflections for Sunday Mass Readings for Year C). God answered our prayers giving the Church and the world a Pope within two days of the conclave. Let’s be encouraged to pray that He should choose from among us young men and women who will serve Him as priests and religious.

Each year, the Gospel reading for this Sunday is taken from the Gospel of John 10, the “Good Shepherd Discourse.” The election of Pope Leo XIV ends the brief period of the absence of a visible head of the Universal Church since the passing away on Easter Monday (21 April 2025) of Pope Francis. The passing of a Pope leaves the Chair of St. Peter empty (Sede Vacante).

As you may know, a new pope is elected in a Conclave made up of Cardinals aged no more than 80 years. A total of 133 Cardinals fell in this age group during the election of Pope Leo XIV. They are called cardinal electors. All other Cardinals who are aged above 80 do not have voting powers and cannot be elected.

In the period between the passing of a pope and the election of another, nobody is running the affairs of the Universal Church (Sede Vacante). In other words, nobody was administering the affairs of the Universal Church

between the death of Pope Francis and the election of Pope Leo XIV. This is unlike what happens when a bishop passes away or is transferred, or resigns, in which case the Pope immediately appoints an apostolic administrator to manage the affairs of the diocese, and the appointee can make certain decisions.

What is a conclave?

The word conclave has its roots in Latin: “com”, meaning “together” and “clavis”, meaning “key”. Its literary meaning is a “room that can be locked up”. But in our specific context, conclave is a meeting of Roman Catholic cardinals secluded continuously while choosing a pope.

The process of electing a new Pope – the successor of St Peter - is a delicate and sacred responsibility that lies solely on the cardinal electors guided by the Holy Spirit. This explains why Monsignor Roger Landry, the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies USA, sent out a voice message on Monday, 28 April 2025 from St. Peter’s Square. In it, he encouraged “Catholics to pray for the cardinal electors as they take on their important responsibility before God of responding to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in order to be able to discern who should be the successor of St. Peter and the successor of Pope Francis.” This call reminds us of the sacredness and seriousness of the conclave. Unfortunately, this is not the case for some people. For those of you who are on social media, you would agree with me that some people made light of what is a monumental moment in the life of the Universal Church. Some social media posts suggested, erroneously that the process is just like any political election campaign. All the drama on social media gave the wrong impression that a pope is chosen as political leaders are chosen; not as guided by the Holy Spirit. Cardinal Robert Sarah, 79, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacrament, has openly expressed his fears: “I am afraid”, he says, “that we are tempted to build a human Church, according to the times and according to our ideas. But the Church is not ours.” Those who think that the election of a pope is just like a political process have lost sight of the fact that the pope is the spiritual leader of the Universal Catholic Church over and above his functions as the leader of the state of the Vatican.

In today’s gospel, Jesus spells out the job description of a good shepherd. He is one who is ready to lay down his life for the sheep. This is the kind of shepherd the Church awaited and has been gifted by the Holy Spirit thanks to the conclave which wrapped up with the election of Pope Leo XIV. It is our prayer that Pope Leo XIV will be a great Chief Shepherd after the heart of Jesus. A Supreme Pontiff who, as Pope Francis says in *Evangelii Gaudium*, must, beginning with himself and all missionary disciples,

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 5/4**

General Fund .....	\$ 4450.97
Online Giving .....	\$ 1467.39
Maintenance.....	\$ 1073.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 566.00

Attendance 8 PM—90 9 AM—132 11 AM—145

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

take on the “smell of the sheep” if the sheep are to hear their voice. May his pontificate be fruitful, faithful, and filled with the joy of the Gospel.  
Fr Boh (Pastor)

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners:

As you read this Sunday Bulletin, we are still walking through the Easter season, a season that reminds us that we are not owners but stewards of God's creation. Today's celebration of Good Shepherd Sunday invites us to be generous with our time, talents, and treasure – to reflect the love and hope that Easter represents.

Fellow Parishioners, I invite you to join the Universal Church today to ask the Lord to send laborers into His harvest! This day is a reminder for us to pray for and support those discerning the priesthood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church. Here are the simple ways you can participate:

**Pray:** Offer a Rosary or a personal Holy Hour for an increase in vocations.

**Encourage:** Take a moment to affirm someone who may have a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

**Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, and all the mother figures in this parish!** Today we celebrate your love, care, and sacrifices. May God bless you as only He can. I entrust you to the maternal protection of our Heavenly Mother, Mary. We love you, mothers!

**Special Intention at Mass:** Offer your Mass intentions for priests, seminarians, and all those discerning their vocations.

May we all be open to God's call in our lives!

**Something of interest about the duration of some conclaves**

The conclave that saw Jorge Mario Bergoglio elected lasted 2 days, March 12 and 13. After the 5th ballot, Cardinal Bergoglio (Pope Francis) was elected by the Cardinals. It needed 77 votes to have a 2/3 majority. The longest conclave ever in history lasted 1,006 days to elect Gregory X. Some Cardinals died while in the conclave, and they had to be subjected only to bread and water as food. The shortest conclave ever in history was in 1503, which elected Pius III. It took the Cardinals just 10 hours.



**Prayer Request:** Kindly remember to say a prayer for my private intention on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. Thanks in advance, Fr Boh.

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Sharon Peterson, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Linda Spiker, Vicki Lowery, Michael Huey, Isabella Horning, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Ruth Warner, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Joseph Bosco, Richard Monroe, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, Irene Zarembo, Gail Sanders, Ruby

*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, May 11th**

**No Confession**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Sue Comer & Anita Edwards (+)*

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*

12 NOON Baptism of  
Ava Elizabeth Miele

**Tuesday, May 13th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Mary Ellen Dawley (L)*

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, May 14th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Mary Katherine Nicolo (L)*

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Mary Dougherty (L)*

**Thursday, May 15th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the Edwards family*

**Friday, May 16th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Mary Riley (L)*

11 AM Memorial Mass for  
Linda Guy

**Saturday, May 17th**

11 AM Memorial Mass for  
Theresa Ann Babaki

4—4:15 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Adres Rivera-Ramos (+)*

**Sunday, May 18th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the People of the Parish Edwards (+)*

11 AM Mass—Bishop Mark  
Confirmation

*Intention for William & Margaret Devin (+)*

**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, 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 12—Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 13—Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 14—St. Matthias, Apostle; Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17

Thursday 15—Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20

Friday 16—Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 17—Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday 18—Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**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.



YOU ARE INVITED

**BLOOM  
TOGETHER  
YOUNG ADULT**  
*Spring Cookout*



Ages 18-40 are all welcome!

Don't forget to bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the spring sunshine!



**MAY | 18 | 2025**



AT 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
FOOD - MUSIC - GAMES

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Grassy Area in the Back Parking Lot  
225 S Queen St.  
Martinsburg, WV 25401

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