

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—8:40 AM
or by appointment

May 17, 2026 The Ascension of the Lord



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Psalm 47

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

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Welcome!

This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation, occurring on Thursday that coincides with the 40-day mark following Easter. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV is one of the dioceses in the USA that have opted to transfer the celebration of this Solemnity to the following Sunday. The reason for celebrating the Ascension of the Lord on the Seventh Sunday of Easter instead of the traditional Thursday (40 days after Easter) is to encourage higher Mass attendance and allow more of the faithful to celebrate this significant solemnity.

Forty days after the Resurrection and having strengthened his disciples, Jesus leaves the sight of his apostles, not to abandon them, but to take his rightful place at the right hand of the Father. So, the Ascension of the Lord is not a story of absence, but a new way of presence. He will not leave us orphans, Christ assures us. He remains Immanuel, ‘God with us.’ He promises his apostles, and by extension all of us, his constant presence “I am with you always, until the end of time” (Mt 28:20). He also promises us the gift of the Holy Spirit which will strengthen, inspire, nurture, defend, and guide us to the truth of all that He has revealed to us about the Kingdom of God.

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, today’s feast reminds us that our life’s work as Baptized Christians is to carry forward the mission of Jesus, that is, to take the gospel to the very ends of the world. We cannot be idling away while the souls of men are dying. So, the angel tells us, “men of Galilee,” ‘men of Saint Bernadette’, “why are you standing there looking at the sky?” Jesus does not want admirers. He wants joyful and faithful witnesses. We must get to work! We are more than equipped for this mission, my dear friends, because God is with us empowering us through His Spirit. Like the apostles, we have been given a very important task, “You will be my witnesses”. The truth of Jesus’ message will not be proved by prodigies, wonders, or other extraordinary events, but by us when we live like people newly risen. We can only make a change in the world if our lives truly reflect God’s light, love, and mercy. As

we continue with our spiritual preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, let us ask for the grace to renew our commitment to being true proclaimers of the Gospel.

Reflection Question: In what specific way can I "proclaim the Good News" in my family or workplace this week?

Happy Ascension!

Know that you are in my prayers.

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Marriage Banns

The banns of marriage are announced for the first time for Mikayla Marie Shockley and Damon Panucci both from this parish.



If anyone knows of any just impediment why these people should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, please contact the Parish Office. Please keep this couple in your prayers as they prepare for this holy union.



Bishop Mark’s Pastoral Visit:

I want to remind you that next Sunday, May 24th, six of our parish youth and one of our OCIA candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 11:00 AM mass. Our Bishop Mark Brennan will be the main celebrant for that mass. I invite you to keep these young people in your prayers who will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that they may be good Christians and live their faith in Jesus Christ with great love and become true soldiers of Christ and of the Church. Everyone is invited to come.

Welcome, Father Cornelius: We are delighted to welcome Father Cornelius to Saint Bernadette this weekend. Father Cornelius is no stranger to us here at Saint Bernadette. For those who do not know Fr Cornelius, Father is a diocesan priest

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 5/10

General Fund.....	\$ 4877.06
Online Giving.....	\$ 2172.20
Local Outreach.....	\$ 20.00
Maintenance.....	\$ 855.29

Weekend Mass Attendance: 5 PM—109 9 AM—166 11 AM—157

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

studying at St Mary Seminary, Baltimore, MD and is covering our weekend Masses while Father Boh is away celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his Priestly Ordination with his immediate family, the Cameroonian community and friends. Please join us in giving Fr Cornelius our Saint Bernadette warm welcome after Mass!

*Thank
you!*

Thank you to our CCD kids

Permit me to use this medium to say thank you to some of our children in CCD - Zac, Jack, Vincent, Marc, Daniel, Madeleine, Chloe, Darrel, and two others who chose to remain anonymous, for your beautiful handmade cards and your best wishes for a Happy Silver Jubilee of my Priestly Ordination. This brought so much joy to my heart. May God bless you always!

WHAT'S GOING ON

For the month of May, we would like to invite you to join us to pray the rosary before daily Mass at 8:30 AM, except on Wednesdays when we will do it after the 6 PM Mass.

The St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus would like to begin a new tradition at St. Bernadette by inviting all active-duty military personnel and veterans to participate in the opening procession at the Memorial Day Sunday Mass at 9 AM on May 24th. Participants are asked to arrive by 8:40 AM for pre-Mass formation. Service members are encouraged to wear their military dress uniform, if possible. We thank you and your families for your sacrifice, dedication, and service to our country.

The St. Bernadette Knights of Columbus is hosting a Financial Benefits Evening on Monday, June 1st at 6:30 PM in McFadden Hall. This is not a Knights of Columbus members only event. This invitation is extended to all St. Bernadette Parish Family members. There is no obligation by attending and no expense is required. Come and ask any questions you would like answered on a wide range of financial topics. If this event and information will benefit you, please sign up on the sheet located in the Narthex. We will use the sign up information to gauge attendance, as light refreshments will be offered.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Walter Shenk, Helena Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Hank Chase, Jackie Crouse, Vicki Lowery, Michael Huey, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Joseph Bosco, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating, Sandy Robertson, James Wynkoop, Carol Bogacz, Fr. Ansgar, Marianne Henterly, Thomas Mackesy, Mark Mackesy, Florence Dellasanta, Isabella Horning, Carl Drummond, Susan Clark, Betty Anne Powell, Mike Donato, John Anderson, Jeremiah Nichols, Loreta Skinner, Thomas & Carol Sloan, Heidi Smith, Eileen & Tom Siefring, Pat Tatem, Wayne Montano, Jean Ridley

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 17th

8:15—8:40 AM Confession
8:30 AM Rosary
9 AM Mass—Fr. Cornelius
Intention for Antoinette Carr (+)
11 AM Mass—Fr. Cornelius
Intention for James Knipe (+)

Monday, May 18th

8:30 AM Rosary
7 PM Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, May 19th

8:30 AM Rosary
9 AM Mass
Intention for Aris Harrison (+)
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, May 20th

9 AM Mass
Intention for Dianna Colliflower (L)
5—5:45 PM Confession
6 PM Mass
Intention for Grace Lathwell (L)
6:30 PM Rosary
6:30 PM COR—Men's Group

Thursday, May 21st

8:30 AM Rosary
9 AM Mass
Intention for Marie-Francoise Kao (L)

Friday, May 22nd

8:30 AM Rosary
9 AM Mass
Intention for Marie-Francoise Kao (L)
11 AM Funeral—Lynn Fitzharris

Saturday, May 23rd

4—4:45 PM Confession
5 PM Mass
Intention for Suzanne Chambers (+)

Sunday, May 24th

Collection for Catholic Relief Services
8:15—8:40 AM Confession
8:30 AM Rosary
9 AM Mass
Intention for Tom Foley (+)
11 AM Mass—Confirmation
Intention for the People of the Parish

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. 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, Jeff Ferrell, and Freddy Gibb

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 18—Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 19—Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday 20—Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday 21—Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26

Friday 22—Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday 23—Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25

Pentecost Sunday 24—Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**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.