

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 3, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter



Pictured above is Fr. Kukuro distribution food in Bekora Parish, Kumba Diocese.

“It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task.” (Acts 6:3)

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

"Now in these days, when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose from the Hellenists against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution." — Acts 6:1

Today's first reading from Acts of the Apostle focuses on the differences and the tension that rocked the early growing Christian community in Jerusalem. The Jews who had become Christians were from two separate groups; the Hebrews and the Hellenists. The Jews who had lived all their lives in Palestine spoke Aramaic and attended the synagogue where the Bible was read in Hebrew. The Hellenists had grown abroad and had embraced some Hebrew customs, but the hardly understood Hebrew. They spoke Greek which was also used in the synagogue. There were several synagogues in first century Palestine where Greek was the predominant language. It is understandable that as the early Church evolved there was a language hurdle to overcome.

The tension between the Jews and the Hellenists that we read in our first reading today, grew and came to bursting point when differences arose about the distribution of the community's goods. Early in Acts 4: 34-35, Luke describes the distribution to those in need as follows; "There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need." Today's first reading directly addresses a perceived inequality in the care of those in need. The Hellenists, the minority, complained because the Hebrews were given preferential treatment: their widows got more than any of the others.

The situation was becoming scandalous, so the apostles decided to act. They did not wish the crisis away. Neither did they dismiss the complaint of the Hellenistic widows as a trivial administrative issue. Instead, they recognized that neglecting the vulnerable was a failure of the Gospel's mandate to love and a violation of a strong Jewish tradition to care for orphans and widows in the community because they had no steady means of support.

The neglect of widows in today's first reading was unintentional, yet it was still a grave failure in the eyes of the Apostles. So, they called the community together to decide how to address the issue. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the disciples proposed the appointment of seven people who enjoyed respect of all who would be responsible for the distribution to the poor, which in turn would allow the apostles time to focus on their ministry of the Word.

The Church is made up of people, not angels. The Church in its long history has had to deal with problems caused by envy, jealousy, and misunderstanding

among people of cultural backgrounds. Fernando Armellini says, "This was certainly not a good thing, but it was, after all, 'normal.' We should not therefore be scandalized or discouraged by this sort of situation. It reminds us of our sinfulness and our constant need to turn to Christ." (Celebrating the Word, Year A, Commentary on the Readings)

The apostles recognized that the situation was a serious breach of justice and acted immediately to change the system, appointing seven men to ensure fair treatment. This teaches us that true justice requires us to be proactive, structural solutions, and not just passive sympathy. Like the early church, we are called to be vigilant, to listen to the "murmuring" of the ignored, and to do something to address the situation. Empathy is not enough. Action is required.

In his article in 'Our Sunday Visitor' - July 29, 2018, Dr. William J. Shaules proposes the following action that you can take to live out the lesson of the disciples in Acts 6 this week.

- Volunteer at your local food pantry or soup kitchen
- Invite another family over for dinner, especially if they are new to the parish
- Visit a local nursing home and play games with the residents
- Make cards for homebound parishioners who are unable to come to Mass
- Introduce yourself to one new person after Sunday Mass each week.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Welcome to our Eucharistic celebration on this fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A!

It is a beautiful blessing to gather as an Easter people during this vibrant season. As the spring season brings new life to the world around us, may we also feel the renewed life of the Risen Christ in our hearts.

We are in a new month, the month of May. Traditionally, this month is dedicated to our Blessed Mother, Mary. As we begin this month, I encourage you to turn to her for guidance and comfort. I invite you to join us for our parish Rosary before daily Mass every Wednesday morning at 8:30 Am and in the evening

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 4/26

General Fund.....	\$ 3678.50
Online Giving.....	\$ 1412.85
Local Outreach.....	\$ 359.15
Maintenance.....	\$ 19.12

Weekend Mass Attendance: 5 PM—95 9 AM—191 11 AM—128

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

after 6:00 PM Mass, as well as every Sunday morning at 8:30 AM. During this month, let us walk with Mary, honoring her as our Queen and mother, and asking her to bring our prayers to her Son. May God bless you and your families, and may Mary keep you in her loving care. Fr. Boh

Confirmation: Bishop Mark will be in our parish on Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 11:00 AM mass to some of our youths. Please, mark your calendars. No Daily Mass and Confession: Wednesday through Thursday this week: Please note that Father Boh will be away from Monday, May 4th through Thursday, May 7th to attend the annual Diocesan Priests' Convocation in Charleston, WV. As all priests are gathered for this time of renewal, there will be no daily Mass or confessions during this period. Daily Mass will resume on Friday, May 8th. Please keep our priests in your prayers as they gather with bishop Mark for prayer and fellowship.

Pope's Prayer Intention for May 2026: That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food. Happy Sunday. May God bless you all! Fr Boh



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

Bradley Liles	Luis Rivera
Louis Campbell	Jimzen Manongdo
Stella Folk	Curtis Fretz
Eleanor Hudson	Michelle Rodriguez
Tri Van Dinh	John Valasek
Essohouna Kao	Butch Rose
Terry Stotler	Celeste Stotler
Kevin Corrigan	Barbara Badanjak
Dave Linthicum	Pat Reeser
Carolyn Williams	Sean Stritch
Melissa Shifflett	EllieHazel Farabaugh
Pamela Friedberg	Dorothy Hess
Kyla Graham	Jameelynne East
Catherine McGuire	Dianna Colliflower
Mary Cordelli	Vicky Robertson
James Lasick	Cynthia Stegmaier
Claire Pelletier	Pat Tatem

Judy Boland
Julie Ludwick
Kerry O'Neill
Joseph Beutler
Anthony Gould
Rebecca Valasek
Kathy Zier
Rachel Keller
Gregory Roberts
Amber Thomas
Catherine Burghgraef
Heather Beutler
Drake Blanchfield
John Bork
Kathleen Hall

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 Horing, Carl Drummond, Susan Clark, Betty Anne Powell, Mike Donato, Maureen Sabol, John Anderson, Jeremiah Nichols, Loreta Skinner

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 3rd
 8:15—8:40 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass
Intention for Thomas & Maria Dinh (+) and all Souls in Purgatory
 10—11:45 AM Religious Ed
 11 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 5th
 8:30 AM Rosary
 9 AM Mass
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, May 6th
 8:30 AM Rosary
Mass Canceled
 6:30 PM COR—Men's Group

Thursday, May 7th
 8:30 AM Rosary
Mass Canceled

Friday, May 8th
 8:30 AM Rosary
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for William "Bill" Weigle (+)
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, May 9th
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass
Intention for Theo Geoghegan (L)

Sunday, May 10th
 8:15—8:40 AM Confession
 8:30 Rosary
 9 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
 11 AM Mass
Intention for Brenda Plotner (+)

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 4—Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday 5—Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday 6—Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday 7—Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday 8—Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday 9—Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday 10—Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

**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.



FOR

Men's Group

Join us as we grow in our faith so that we can live it more fully in our daily lives.



WEDNESDAYS
After 6 PM Mass

No sign-up required
Open to all men 18 and over

St. Bernadette's

McFadden Hall

In May, we are focusing on the Mass—how to better understand it, actively participate in it, and truly encounter its meaning. Together, we'll reflect on how we can move from being spectators to engaged participants, offering ourselves more fully in worship.



Wayne Montaño: 240-678-7081
Jonathan Gautreaux: 912-322-1917

JOIN US

Pray the ROSARY IN MAY

Daily
at 8:30 AM

Wednesday evenings

after 6 PM Mass

Let's heed the call of Pope Leo XIV to pray for world peace. The Pope has highlighted the role of Mary as Queen of Peace, connecting prayer for peace to the devotion to her in May.

