

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 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. (John 21:12)



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

One Hundred and Fifty-Three Large Fish

Recall the first time there was a miraculous catch of fish in the Gospels. In Luke 5:1–7, Jesus was preaching to the people on the shore from where He sat in Peter’s boat just a short distance away. After preaching, Jesus told Peter, “Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Peter did so and there was such a large catch of fish that the Apostles needed help to haul it in.

In today’s Gospel, some three years later after the Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples from the shore and instructed them to cast their nets “over the right side of the boat.” They did so and caught 153 large fish. In commenting on these two passages, Saint Augustine teaches that the first miraculous catch was a sign that the Gospel would be preached to all people, which is indicated by Jesus simply saying, “lower your nets.” But after the Resurrection, Jesus specifically tells the disciples to cast their nets “over the right side” to indicate that grace is now given to those who stand on His right side and are separated from the condemned who are on His left. Thus, this second miraculous catch symbolizes the end of the age when the good and the bad are judged. Saint Augustine also notes that the 153 large fish, caught off the right side of the boat, are a symbolic representation of those who conform not only to the Ten Commandments but also receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit by grace. He explains that $10 + 7 = 17$ and if you add all the numbers together between 1 and 17 you arrive at 153. Thus, these 153 fish represent everyone who receives His gift of grace and obtains salvation. The boat represents the Church, and the gift of salvation is offered by Christ through His Church.

One clear message we must take from Saint Augustine’s interpretation is that grace and mercy are offered to all but not received by all. At the end of our lives and at the end of the world, judgment will take place. Those who responded to the offer of grace and mercy, repented of their sins, and gave their lives to Christ will eternally share in the Resurrection. But those who refused to follow His Commandments and closed themselves to the transforming power of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will be separated from eternal joys.

Facing the reality of hell is not pleasant, but it is a message that must not be ignored. It is a message that is real and, therefore, hell is a possibility for us all. Therefore, it is important to remind ourselves from time to time of this spiritual truth. Are you among those 153 large fish found on the right side of the boat? Do you allow the ministers of Christ within the Church, represented by the disciples in the boat, to

draw you to Christ through preaching and the Sacraments? Though all of us might quickly answer “Yes” to that question, we should never fail to be attentive to the fact that salvation requires action on our part. It requires that we accept Christ Jesus by following His Commandments and live by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit as it is dispensed by the Church.

Reflect, today, upon the symbolism found in this Resurrection account. Consider the fact that the Gospel has, indeed, been shared with you. Have you listened to the Word of God as it is preached by the Church? Do you immerse yourself in the grace given through the Sacraments? Do you follow the Ten Commandments faithfully? Do you continually open yourself to the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit? Seek to be among that catch of fish caught on the “right side.” Never doubt that hell is real and possible. For that reason, never waver from your fidelity to Christ, so that you will remain firmly grounded in His grace and share one day in His Resurrection. (from ‘My Catholic Life! A journey of personal conversion!’)

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome. We are in a new month, the month of May. We thank God for the blessings of last month and we ask for His continuous guidance and blessings during this month. For those who will be celebrating anniversaries of any kind this month, congratulations! Know that we shall accompany you with our blessings.

This month is consecrated to the Virgin Mary—and rightly so. It is a beautiful thing to pray the Rosary prayer as a family. You can express your love for Our Blessed Mother by bringing her a flower.

Conclave to Elect the next Pope: The conclave to elect the successor of Pope Francis will begin on Wednesday, May 7, 2025. In a voice message from St. Peter’s Square on Monday, Monsignor Roger Landry, the national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies USA, “encouraged Catholics to pray for the cardinals 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

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 4/27

General Fund.....	\$ 2757.07
Online Giving.....	\$ 644.76
Maintenance.....	\$ 15.13
Local Outreach.....	\$ 81.00

Attendance 8 PM—90 9 AM—132 11 AM—145

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

who should be the successor of St. Peter and the successor of Pope Francis.” 135 cardinal electors will be participating in the upcoming conclave. The cardinal electors are depending on the prayers of the entire Church. As a parish community, we shall be saying the prayer at the end of every Mass as long as the conclave lasts. Additionally, you can adopt a cardinal elector and pray for him during the conclave by visiting the website

www.pontificalmissions.org#conclave#popefrancisPapaFrancisco

Prayer for the cardinals: Heavenly Father, guide the cardinals in wisdom and love as they may lead Your Church. May Your will be their compass. Amen.

May God grant Pope Francis a place of rest

When a Pope dies, Catholic Churches around the world typically drape or display black bunting on their doors as a sign of mourning. This black bunting is then replaced with white and gold bunting once a new Pope is elected. These changes in bunting reflect the transition from mourning to the celebration of a new Papacy.



Dear Parish Family,

Last Sunday, we celebrated a significant milestone in the faith journey of our children – Cooper Blackshear, Joshua Hudy, David and Matthew Mihalek, Hunter Soto, Breanna Weaver, and Norah Wine, as they received their First Holy Communion. Let us continue to support and guide them as they grow in their relationship with Jesus.



To the children, their families, and our Faith Formation teachers, I offer heartfelt congratulations and gratitude. May this sacrament deepen their faith and inspire them to live out their baptismal promises.

Let us continue to pray for these young disciples, that they may continue to grow in holiness and spread the Good News.

Fr. Boh, Pastor

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, Linda & 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 Zaremba, 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 4th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Shirley Zebergs (+)

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Christine Angelo (L)

Tuesday, May 6th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for George Nicolo (L)

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, May 7th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Theresa Highlands (L)

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Richard Osborne (+)

Thursday, May 8th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Jean Ridley (L)

9:30 AM Teen Mass & Class

Friday, May 9th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for John Slattery (+)

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, May 10th

4—4:15 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for the living and deceased members of the Abrahamian family

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

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, 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 5—Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday 6—Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 7—Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday 8—Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51

Friday 9—Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday 10—Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday 11—Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100; Rv 7:9, 14b-17

**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.

Thank You

For your dedication
to the Hospitality
Ministry's Lenten
events

The Hospitality Ministry truly appreciates all who helped with the Fish Fries and the Meatless Suppers. We raised \$4800 from the Fish Fries!! **THANK YOU!**

A reminder for upcoming May events.....

Confirmation - May 18th @ 11 AM Mass. Followed by lunch with Bishop Mark

Meeting - Last week of May - "Let's Recap" meeting - Date & Time TBD

Kitchen Clean-Up - After all of the activity these past 2 months, we need to give the kitchen a proper cleaning. There will be a checklist posted, so please stop by when you can and check off what you have cleaned. Thank you in advance for your help!

Christ is Risen!
Alleluia!



Thank You for a Beautiful First Holy Communion Celebration!

This past Sunday, we were blessed to celebrate First Holy Communion with our parish children and their families. It was a joyful and grace-filled day! ✨

We began a new tradition this year by hosting a parish-wide celebration brunch following Mass. A heartfelt *thank you* to our fabulous **Hospitality Committee** and our newly formed **Knights of Columbus Council**, who put on an incredible spread—including a BYO Omelette Bar 🍳 and Yogurt Station 🥛!

Special thanks to our **1st Grade families** who generously contributed items to help offset the cost of this joyful gathering. 🌸

We are also deeply grateful to the **parents, guardians, family members, and friends** who supported our First Communicants on their journey of preparation. 🏡 Your presence and encouragement helped make this day so special.

A sincere thank you to **Lynette**, who worked faithfully with our First Communion students each week to prepare them to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. ✝️

We're also thankful to **Jeff McCoy** for capturing beautiful moments 📷 from the day with his photography. Thank you to Kathy Z. for the beautiful flowers, and to all parishioners who help keep our altar and church adorned with fresh linens and loving care. 🌺🕊️

Of course, none of this would be possible without the faithful leadership of **Fr. Boh**, whose priestly ministry brings us the Sacraments. 🙏 We also lift up and thank our devoted **Sacristans**, especially our one and only **Kevin Ferrell**, whose quiet dedication behind the scenes helps make our liturgies flow so beautifully. 🕯️

Thank you, St. Bernadette family, for helping make this such a memorable celebration of faith, community, and love! ❤️

Final Day of Religious Education – Sunday, May 11

Next Sunday will be our final day of Religious Education for this school year! Thank you to our families, students, and dedicated catechists for a blessed year of growth and faith formation. 🙏

Confirmation Mass – Sunday, May 18 at 11:00 AM

Please join us in prayer and celebration as our Confirmation students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Brennan at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, May 18. Come support our young people as they are sealed with the Holy Spirit!

🔥 This Mass will also include our African Community as they gather for their monthly celebration.

We Need Religious Education Teachers!

As we look ahead to the fall, we are in need of faithful and joyful catechists to serve in next year's Religious Education program. Please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to help pass on the faith. ❤️

Vacation Bible School – Coming This June!

Mark your calendars! VBS will be held June 9–13. We plan to offer our traditional K–6 program during the day and are also working on a special evening program just for high school students. Stay tuned for more details and sign-ups! 😊✝️🌍

Homeschool Mass & Class – No Session This Week

There will be no official Mass & Class gathering with Mrs. Struemke this Thursday. However, homeschool families are always welcome to attend daily Mass with Fr. Boh and stay for his Thursday teaching afterwards. 🕊️📖