

# SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## MASS SCHEDULE

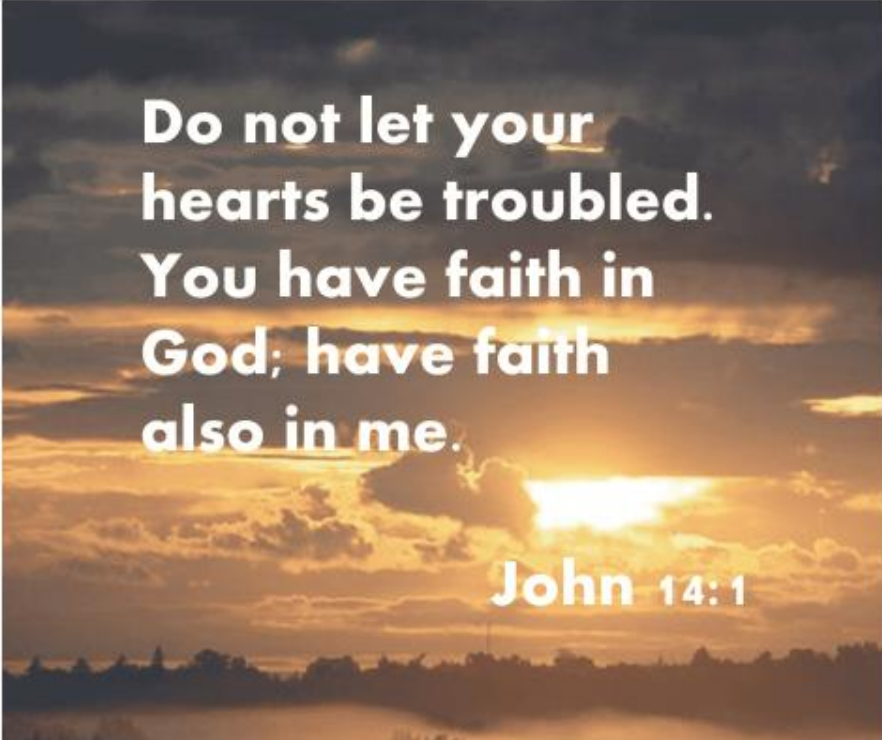
Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM  
Saturday: 5 PM  
Tuesday: 9 AM  
Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM  
Thursday—Friday: 9 AM

Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass  
with Benediction at 12 NOON

1st Saturday: 9 AM Mass  
Rosary immediately following

Confession  
Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM  
Saturday: 4—4:45PM  
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM  
or by appointment

## May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter



**Do not let your  
hearts be troubled.  
You have faith in  
God; have faith  
also in me.**

**John 14:1**

### 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

Today’s gospel passage is taken from the first of three farewell addresses of Jesus at the Last Supper, just after Judas left the room. This address is like Jesus’s last will and testament before his passion and death. It contains promises that are profoundly comforting in the face of the death of a loved one. Jesus had told his disciples that he will be with them only a little while longer, and that where he is going, they cannot come. No wonder the disciples are troubled. Their beloved teacher is leaving them. But Jesus responds to the anxiety of his disciples by saying, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me” (14:1). He assures them that he is not abandoning them. Rather, he is going to prepare a place for them, and after he has prepared them a place, he shall return to take them with him. Jesus assures his disciples that the place he is going to is also their destination, and not only theirs, but of anyone who believes in him. Therefore, the Father is our destination. For those who believe and hold to this destiny there are palpable practical implications that this belief must have for this present life. That practical implication is performing the same works as Christ. “I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.”

How can we perform the same works as Christ? How can we perform more works than Christ? Can we raise more dead people than Christ? Can we feed more hungry people than Christ? Can we reach more people with our preaching than him? Yes, we can. Our world is different from the world of Christ. We have more and better tools. We can reach more needy people faster than it was possible in the time of Christ. Most importantly, we only need to believe in Jesus, and we shall see that there is much more we can do for the neighbor than Jesus did. We have more resources today than Christ. He had to borrow the bread and fish to feed the five thousand.

I want to use this opportunity to thank you, Saint Bernadette parishioners, for all that you are doing in Christ for our needy brothers and sisters as individuals and/or as members of Social Concerns Ministry, Bereavement Ministry, etc. Just think for a second what our communities, our world would be like if we were not performing these works in

the name of Christ. Thanks to you and the so many believers around the world, living-dead people who have lost hope in life, now have hope and a reason to live on, because a person reached out to them. Some of our actions have saved lives of both the living-dead and the unborn. Dear brothers and sisters, truly those who believe in Christ can do more than him if only they were to truly believe in Him.

God bless you!  
 May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.  
 Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear Saint Bernadette Parishioners,  
 I am writing from John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston, West Virginia. I am here with more than 100 priests from all over the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston, WV, and Bishop Mark. We are here for the 2023 Priests Convocation that began on Tuesday 2nd and will end on Thursday 4th May 2023. This come together gives us the opportunity to see the faces of the other priests in the diocese. Please pray for your Bishop and for your priests that we may experience a greater depth of God’s love for us and that we may give our lives unreservedly for the service of the flock entrusted to our care.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction:** “Could you not watch with Me one hour?” (Mt 26:40). Exposition and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday from immediately morning Mass and ends with Benediction at 12 noon. Come spend some quiet time with our Eucharistic Lord!

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 3135.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 611.64
Capital Improvements .....	\$ 110.00
Outreach .....	\$ 100.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD  
 A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

**WHAT'S GOING ON?**

If you know of someone who is **sick or homebound**, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 so that we can bring them communion and send them a bulletin.

This week we will collect items for the Social Concerns Ministry - Outreach Program. We will be collecting the following items: tarps and hygiene products such as personal wipes, men's/women's deodorant, toilet tissue, men's/women's body wash, etc. Please leave your donations in the bin marked "Outreach Program" which will be in the closet in McFadden Hall.

The special Diocesan Collection for May is scheduled for May 28th and supports the Catholic Relief Services.

St. Joseph School is opening a new preschool for 6 week—5 year olds starting in the new school year, August 7th. This will be located in St. Leo Catholic Church in Inwood. Enroll now at sjswv.org. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook (Saint Joseph School—Martinsburg) for details about an open house.

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

Essohouna Kao	Jimzen Manongdo	Dianna Colliflower
Kathleen Reeser	Curtis Fretz	Cynthia Stegmaier
Terry Stotler	Lois Howard	Patricia Tatem
Kevin Corrigan	Michelle Rodriguez	Margaret Walker
Dave Linthicum	John Valasek	Mary Judith Boland
Carolyn Williams	Louis Rose	Julie Ludwick
Eavey Bleigh	Barbara Badanjak	Kerry O'Neill
Rondal Bleigh	James Fitzharris	Dominic Viera
Meilssa Shifflett	Patrick Reeser	Anthony Gould
Jenny Diver	Sean Stritch	Rebecca Valasek
Pamela Friedberg	Steven Zier	Kathryn Zier
Catherine McGuire	EllieHazel	Rachel Keller
Mary Cordelli	Farabaugh	Mary Givens
Luis Rivera	Dorothy Hess	Linda Guy

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Linda Guy, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Joe Schlegel, Walter & Helena Shenk, Isabella Horning, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Wayne Montaño, Beverly Barrett, Cathy Poplawski, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Victoria Porter, Tommy Mackesy

*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 7th**

Donut Sunday  
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—1st Communion —Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*  
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed  
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Tuesday, May 9th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Clarence Franko*  
 9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, May 10th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Tom Jacobs*  
 5—5:45 PM Confession  
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
 Rosary immediately following in the Grotto

**Thursday, May 11th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Clarence Franko*

**Friday, May 12th**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Nancy Rooney*  
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
 12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, May 13th**

4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Lydia Francisco*

**Sunday, May 14th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*  
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Karen Bennett*

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and must have regular attendance at Sunday Mass for at least six months and are required to attend a Preparation Class 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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA—15 years or older) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age), begins in August and ends during the Easter Vigil. These classes are for members who wish to enter in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending RCIA/RCIC, 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: Tom Bibby, Lynette Kammerer, Carol Sloan, Deb Mackesy, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

**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 8th—Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday 9th—Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday 10th—Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday 11th—Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11

Friday 12th—Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday 13th—Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday 14th—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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

# OUTREACH PROGRAM

MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2023

On Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Outreach Program will be on the Martinsburg Town Square from 5 PM – 7 PM distributing necessary items for personal use. Having it on the square will reach many people.

We will be collecting the following items: tarps and hygiene products such as personal wipes, men's/women's deodorant, toilet tissue, men's/women's body wash, etc. We will be collecting these items, starting May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please leave your donations in the bin marked "Outreach Program" which will be in the closet in McFadden Hall.

Thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those in need.

