

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

November 17, 2024

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
Mk 13:31



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

Some of you are familiar with books and stories that attempt to forecast what will happen in the near or distant future. Humans are fascinated by tales such as those in a book like ‘Animal Farm’, about a time when “big brother is watching you” and when some “animals will be more equal than others”. For a long time, the book “1984” was about a date that humans could only think of in the far, far future. It came and passed. Then, we had the same experience, with the same fears of some pending disaster that would be brought on the earth by the mere dawn of the century in 2000. Some of you would remember how Y2K was feared. So many countries around the globe made policies to meet the magic date of 2000. Politicians promised things like “water for all by the year 2000”; “electricity for all by the year 2000”. The United Nations promised an end to extreme poverty by the year 2015; only to revise it to sustainable development by the year 2030. We just completed the elections here in the United States and most if not all of you have heard of Project 2025. All projects by human beings, whether they promise prosperity or disaster, tend to have some date attached to them.

Our readings for this thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Church Year B, talk to us about events – to come – that are entirely within the control of God, and are all certain to be fulfilled – unlike pledges that human beings make and break. Both the first reading and the Gospel use language that sounds strange to us - apocalyptic language, that is, teaching through mysterious images. The readings tell of “a time unsurpassed in distress”. A time of “tribulation” when the “sun will be darkened”; when “the moon will not give its light”; when “the stars will be falling from the sky”; when “the powers in the heavens will be shaken” just before “the Son of Man” comes “with great power and glory”. No one – not even those who forecast political and weather events; not even the prophets; not even the Son of Man” - can tell when that time is coming. “Of that day or hour,” says Jesus in our gospel passage “no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father”. But it will be a time that as Daniel prophesies “Michael, the great prince” shall arise and “many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake” and those who defended justice would share in the joy of the Kingdom of God, while others will go to an everlasting horror and disgrace.

Unlike any dates promised by politicians, unlike any events we dread would happen to us but that never happens, Jesus is very clear and certain about one thing: “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away”, but not when this will happen. He advises that we should not be deceived by those who interpret these happenings as the ultimate

destruction of creation. The Church wants to remind us of the need to be prepared, and not to bother ourselves by trying to work out the date of the end of the world. It is more important to know how to live now, in this world.

This is a message of hope not only for the Jews who were shaken by war, calamity, and famine but for all who live in similar conditions today. Wickedness, injustice, and persecution are about to come to an end, and in their place, a kingdom of justice and peace would arise. Yes, the end of the world will come, but not the destruction of the earth, of mankind, or material things. “Rather”, says Fernando Armellini, “the world dominated by the wicked, the violent, the unjust would be vanquished to leave room for the kingdom of God.”

Dear friends in Christ, may the events of everyday life, like natural calamities, accidents, epidemics, wars, terrorist attacks, inflation, etc. lead us to think of the shortness and vulnerability of our life on earth and of our true destiny which is heaven where we shall enjoy eternal happiness.

God is good! All the time.

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome!

Once again, we draw to the close of another year. The year 2024 draws to a close in a month and a half but before then, in just two weeks, we end our liturgical year and begin another one with the season of Advent. So, again just like every other year, as we approach the end of the Church calendar, the readings remind us that life does not go on forever. We are living as it were in the last quarter of life. Maybe there are some things you know you need to change. It’s not too late. You can still make it! Maybe you have been leading a pretty good life. Now is not the time to rest on your laurels. Keep up the intensity! One thing we cannot do is pretend that life should be easy, and we can simply run out the clock on life and automatically expect to win. No! Life is a battle and it’s not easy. May God grant us the gift of final perseverance.

Fr Boh (Pastor)

I wish you and your loved ones a very happy Sunday!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous pray for us!

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 11/10

General Fund.....	\$ 3063.92
Online Giving.....	\$ 4483.14
Maintenance.....	\$ 515.00
Local Outreach.....	\$ 750.00

Attendance 5 PM—79 9 AM—148 11 AM—112

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

We are still looking for young children and teens to join our children and teen choirs. See the flyer in this week's bulletin for an adult choir as well. Please speak with our music director, Linda Abrahamian, or call the parish office if you are interested in joining any of the groups.

A representative from the Catholic Daughters is available today to take orders for their homemade holiday candy. Orders will be available for pickup next weekend after all Masses.



2025 Liturgical Calendars are available in the narthex.

A parishioner at St. Joseph is looking for someone local to rehome a dog. FREE to a good home. Lucky is a 3-year-old, 20-pound female, golden cocker retriever. She is not spayed but does have her rabies shot. She is playful and good with kids. She plays fetch and is potty-trained and crate-trained. The family is unable to keep her due to caring for elderly parents and they don't have the time to give Lucky the attention she deserves. She was their son's Christmas present as a puppy in 2021. Please call 304-267-6447 and ask for Meg if you are interested.

Saint Joseph School is joining forces with the Animal Health Clinic of Funkstown, employer of an SJS parent; VFW Post 1177 in Leesburg, Va.; the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and Knights of Columbus Council 12791 in Potomac Falls, Va., to collect sweat suits for veterans hospitalized at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Martinsburg. If you would like to participate in Sweats for Vets, please bring **NEW** sweat suits (solid colors and sets preferred) in all sizes (with a focus on XL, 2XL, 3XL and 4XL) to the school office at 110 E. Stephen St. in Martinsburg through **Friday, Dec. 20. Socks and slippers would also be appreciated.** Please do not wrap the items, but instead tie each set with Christmas ribbon. If possible, please put "SJS" on the label. Monetary donations also will be accepted in the form of checks written to Martinsburg VAMC. The sweats will be sorted at VFW Post 1177 on Dec. 26 and delivered to the Martinsburg VAMC on Jan. 18, 2025.



PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Sharon Peterson, Theresa Comer, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Linda Spiker, Vicki Lowery, Eric Heartley, Michael Huey, Patricia Baker, Isabella Horning, Raymond & Connie Roscoe, Ruth Warner, Glenda Bonfila, Jose M. Boursiquot, Kenny DeHaven, Joseph Bosco, Kathleen McAndrews, Richard Monroe, Barbara Loeffler

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, November 17th
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Marguerite Farren (+)
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #392
 2:30 PM African Mass

Tuesday, November 19th
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, November 20th
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, November 21st
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Friday, November 22nd
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Anastasia Geoghegan (L)
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, November 23rd
 3—4:30 PM OCIA
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Sunday, November 24th
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

6TH - 12TH GRADERS SHARE
YOUR TALENT

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Christmas Teen Choir

WILL SING FOR THE 5 PM MASS ON CHRISTMAS
EVE

PRACTICES STARTING ON SUNDAY, NOV. 24TH
AFTER THE 11: 00 AM MASS

SIGN UP BY MONDAY, NOV. 18TH
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE, 304-754-7830
OR LINDA ABRAHAMIAN, 304-279-2315
LINDA.ABRAHAMIAN@GMAIL.COM



PLEASE JOIN US TO SING FOR

Christmas

December

24

5 PM or
7 PM Mass

OR

December

25

9 AM

Too busy to commit for the year? Then just join the choir for Christmas! Speak with Linda Abrahamian, Music Director after Mass, or call, text or email her, (304)279-2315, linda.abrahamian@gmail.com

We can't wait to see you!



St. Bernadette Christmas Star Project

The Advent Wreaths will be hung on the McFadden Hall doors next weekend. The wreaths have stars with a child's name, age, and what he or she would like for Christmas. Please help bring joy to a child in need by taking one or more stars and purchasing the requested gift.

Please put your gift in a gift back but do not wrap it.

Please return your gift with the star tag attached.

Please follow the strict \$35 limit on gifts. These gifts go to different families, and we want everything to be equal for all.

Gift cards will be limited to the following: For clothing: TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Old Navy, and Ross
For Sports and Crafts: Dick's Sporting Goods, Michael's, and Hobby Lobby

If you select a "cash" tag, please put the cash or check (*made payable to St. Bernadette*) in an envelope with the star attached. The cash is used for any stars not taken, or any gifts not returned.

Any extra cash will be used to buy items for Bethany House and Mary's Refuge.

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS TO MCFADDEN HALL BY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th

You may return your gift earlier if you wish. It is important that the committee have the gifts by December 8th so they can shop for gifts that have not been returned.

Please drop gifts off in McFadden Hall on the tables to the left in the hall.

Thank you for helping bring the joy of the Christmas season to others.

Social Concerns Ministry

St. Bernadette parishioners are always so generous and the Hedgesville Area Community Cupboard is always so appreciative of our help. Please continue to support this very important ministry that is led by our Social Concerns volunteers. Boxes of pantry items and fruits and vegetables are handed out every last Saturday of the month (except November and December where distribution happens the weekend before the holiday) to needy families in our area. In November every family will receive a free turkey. In December, families that have signed up previously, will receive gifts for their children that have been so graciously purchased by other area churches and you! Please consider volunteering your time, talent, and treasure to help our fellow neighbors in need. Contact the parish office if you are interested in joining our Social Concerns Ministry.



**Help Fill the Pantry
For the Holidays
2024**

November and December

- Turkey**
- Ham**
- Instant Mashed Potatoes**
- Stove Top Stuffing**
- Gravy**
- Yams (28 oz)**
- Brownie Mix**
- Oatmeal**
- Cranberry Sauce**
- Canned Fruit**
- Jiffy Muffin Mix**

Additional Pantry items are always needed.

- Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Canned Fruit, Soup, Peanut Butter,
- Mac & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Baked Beans, Rice, Syrup,
- Pancake Mix, Cereal, Hamburger Helper

Monetary donations can be made to Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes
P.O. Box 726, Hedgesville, WV 25427

For more information contact:
Karen - 301-992-1368 or Bill - 571-216-9320

You Are Invited!

*The Hedgesville Area Community Cupboard
(HACC) invites you to come worship with us!*

2024 Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

Tuesday Nov. 26th @ 6 pm
Light refreshments to follow

*All Are
Welcome!*



hosted by

HEDGESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

202 East Main St, Hedgesville

Bring a canned food offering in support of



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 Struemme, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Kevin Ferrell, and Carol Bogacz

St. Bernadette Finance Ministry: Paul Guttmann, 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 18th—Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 19th—Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday 20th—Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 21st—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149; Lk 19:41-44

Friday 22nd—St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr; Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday 23rd—Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday 24th—The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe; Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

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.