



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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ST. BERNADETTE 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

Rosary immediately following

Confession

Wednesday: 5—5:50PM

Saturday: 4—4:45PM

or by appointment

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November 21, 2021
**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus
Christ, King of the Universe**



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

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the Lord is good. All the time. All the Time. The Lord is good. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today’s celebration marks the end of the Church’s liturgical year - Year B. Next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church’s new liturgical year - Year C. We are invited, in each liturgical year, to follow Jesus through the events of the History of our Salvation. The liturgical year is made up of six seasons - Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Paschal Triduum, Easter, and Ordinary Time. The idea of king may be alien to some who have always lived in a democracy, led by elected presidents. Even for those ruled by kings, the Kingship of Christ cannot be compared to any earthly kingdom. As our readings lay out, the Kingship of Christ “shall not be destroyed” and “cannot be taken away”. It is a kingship of service, of love, justice, and peace. As a “servant king”, who comes to us at Christmas “to serve, not to be served”, His Kingdom is not of this world. His mission is “to testify to the truth” and, by His death on the cross, He “freed us from our sins”. He wins us back to the Father, making us his brothers and sisters, a “kingly people”, heirs of His Kingdom and “priests for his God and Father”. Today’s feast should remind us that we, Christians, belong “to the truth” only if we listen to Christ’s voice and lead our lives in accord with His teachings, that we might be counted among His elect at the end of time. May we crown Jesus Christ king of our lives, giving Him sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our hearts. May each day of our lives be dedicated to celebrating Christ: “King of the Universe”.

Fr. Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

Welcome to all those who are visiting with us! Thank you for visiting Saint Bernadette Parish. We are glad you took the time to join us for Mass and we invite you to come again. You are always welcome to join us whenever you are visiting around Hedgesville or Martinsburg area. See our Sunday Bulletin for our Mass schedule. A special welcome to those who intend to become a part of our parish family. If you would like to register in the parish, you can pick up a registration form at the back of the Church. You can either place the completed form in the collection basket or stop by the Parish Office and drop it off with our Parish Secretary. If you have any questions, you can please contact the Parish Office at (304) 754 -7830.

I want to thank all those who have been a part of our choir for leading us in singing during our Liturgical celebrations. A special thank you to Linda Abrahamian for putting together the Teen Choir. It was wonderful to hear the children lead us at the 11 AM Mass last Sunday. Thank you to the children and their parents for making this commitment. Thank you all for a job well done.

40 years ago, on the first Sunday of Advent in 1981, the first Eucharistic Sacrifice was celebrated here at St. Bernadette by Fr. William Nolte. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ALL FORMS OF ABUSE

Survivors of all forms of abuse across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV are invited to attend a special retreat entitled, “The Way.” The Way is 3-day guided meditation and prayer program for men and women crafted around the Stations of the Cross. It is an opportunity for healing and prayer and for survivors to reflect on God’s plan for their lives through prayer and sacraments. There will be opportunities for individual counseling and spiritual direction. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the retreat is free of charge and will be held in February 18-20, 2022, for women. The location of the retreat is not being publicized to protect the privacy of survivors. For more information on the retreat, visit <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat>. To learn more and to register, please contact Deborah McDonald at mcdonaldd@adw.org or 301-853-4466.

I hope this was helpful to those that attended the retreat -if any- on the 19th and 20th of this month.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 22nd—St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday 23rd—Dn 2:31-45; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday 24th—St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 25th—Dn 6:12-28; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:20-28

Friday 26th—Dn 7:2-14; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday 27th—Dn 7:15-27; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday 28th—First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 2291.33
Capital Improvements	\$ 55.00
Online Giving—(2 weeks)	\$
Diocesan Collection—Human Development	\$ 5.00
Diocesan Collection—Military Services.....	\$ 155.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 1625.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

Fr. Bill has asked for his address to be published for those inquiring. He can be reached by contacting St. James the Greater Church in Charles Town, WV. 49 Crosswinds Drive, Charles Town, WV 25414 phone: 304-725-5558 / email: padrebill@live.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 21st

9:00 AM Mass
For the People of the Parish
 10:30-11:45A Religious Education
 11 AM Mass
 2:30 PM African Mass
 4—4:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 23rd

9 AM Daily Mass

Wednesday, November 24th

9 AM Daily Mass
 5—5:50 PM Confession
 6 PM Daily Mass

Thursday, November 25th

Office Closed
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, November 26th

Office Closed
 9:00 AM Daily Mass
 *Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, November 27th

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, November 28th

9:00 AM Mass
For the People of the Parish
 10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass

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 6—7 PM and before Saturday Mass. Confession also available by appointment at anytime. Please call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation: RCIA (for children 15 and older and adults) or RCIC (for children 7-14 yrs of age). For more information call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830. Preparation for receiving First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation, 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. 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, Donna White, Carol Sloan, Deb Mackesy, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

St. Bernadette Finance Committee: Paul Guttman, Kacie Morrell Humbert, 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 for assistance.

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.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Margaret Kistner	Chris Ridley	Doug & Mary Blow	Bernie Guy	Mary Cordelli
Kathy Skane	John Bennett	Bonnie Hart	Harry Skouras	Deb Nichols
Sharee Buberl	Kathy Sloan	Rose Stefanko	Angela Ramsey	Jack McElhinney

Please keep the sick and homebound in your thoughts and prayers. You may call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 to add a name to our Prayer List. Names will be published for four weeks and then removed.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Stitches from the Heart will not meet Tuesday before Thanksgiving but will meet the following Tuesday as usual.

Come celebrate *Anthony and Dillon Lathwell* as they receive their *First Holy Communion* on Sunday November 28th at the 11 AM Mass. Light lunch is being provided by the family in McFadden Hall directly following.

Sign up today! *Paint and Craft Night Fundraiser* will be held Friday, December 3rd @ 7 PM and Sunday, December 5th @ 1 PM to support the continued efforts of the Social Concerns Committee and the less fortunate in our community. Project examples are on display and a sign-up table is located in the Narthex. Projects are \$35 each or bring a friend and get 2 for \$60. Project designs and seating are limited, so sign up early.

Loaves and Fishes is seeking donations for Thanksgiving and Christmas food pantry distributions. This year they will be providing the regular food box in addition to the special holiday boxes. *They are still in need of stuffing, instant potatoes, yams, and cranberry sauce.* If you have any questions, contact Karen at 301-992-1368 or Bill at 571-216-9320.

The *Religious Education Students contributed food to Loaves & Fishes* for their Thanksgiving and Christmas meal collection. See a photo on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/StBernadetteCatholicCommunity>.

Are you interested in deepening your faith and prayer life during Advent? The *Rosary "Committee Group"* would love to have additional members. Please attend a Rosary meeting Sunday, December 5th, following the 9 AM Mass during coffee and donuts.

Christmas flowers and decorations for St. Bernadette Church are supplied through donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. If you wish to make such a memorial, please complete a Christmas Flower Offering envelope (located in the Narthex) and place it in the collection basket or turn it in to the office.

Ministries in Need of Volunteers

We are in need of Altar Servers for all Masses. Boys and girls, between the ages of 9 and 17, who have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation can be Altar Servers. Please contact Donna White or the Parish Office if you are interested in serving this ministry.

We are in need of Ushers for the Sunday 11:00 AM and the Saturday 5:00 PM Masses. Please see either Joe Comer, Maureen Sabol, or the Parish Office if you are interested in joining the Usher Ministry.

We are in need of *Lectors for all Masses*. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Donna White at 304-240-7840 or javalady911@comcast.net or the Parish Office.

Cantors Needed—It has been said when you sing, you pray twice! We are in need of some more cantors. Even if you can only volunteer as a substitute once in awhile, we would appreciate your gift and talent. Please contact Linda Abrahamian, (304)279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for more info.

Looking for *Adult Choir Members for Christmas*—Love to sing, but cannot make a long term commitment to the choir? Then join us only for Christmas! Practice will be conveniently scheduled between the two Sunday Masses. Please contact Linda Abrahamian, 304-279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for more information.

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 one of the Bishop's designees at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304-230-1504. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



St. Bernadette Christmas Star Project

Did you notice the beautiful Christmas wreaths hanging on the doors of McFadden Hall? 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 return your gift **with the star tag attached**.

Do not wrap your gift but, if possible, put it into a **gift bag**.

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.

**PLEASE RETURN GIFTS TO MCFADDEN HALL BY
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

You may return your gift earlier if you wish. It is important that the committee have the gifts by December 12 so they can shop for gifts that have not been returned.

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

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



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Hedgesville, WV

2021 Quarterly Report
July, August, September

Dear Friends,

Navigating food distributions in the midst of a pandemic has brought a few challenges with it, however as God's people we continue to make adjustments in order to meet the needs of our community. We have experienced shortages of items in the grocery store causing volunteers, at the last minute, to shop at several stores to ensure we have enough food to distribute to those who need it. Thank you volunteers!

During July we were able to distribute much needed food from the social hall. For August and September, we were back outdoors delivering food in the parking lot. Fresh produce was provided through a separate outreach group called Grow to Share and was much appreciated by our patrons.

God provided for 1000 pounds of pet food to be donated in July and September. It is so seldom we are able to offer pet food. We and our patrons are grateful for the donations.

The Loaves and Fishes group wishes to **thank all of you** who supported us with bags of food, gifts of money and gift cards, time in prayer and especially to the workers who have made such an effort to keep our service available to our North Berkeley Family. It takes all working together to meet the needs and to do God's will.

Remember us with funds to LOAVES AND FISHES and if you wish to contribute to fresh produce, write on the "FOR" line: GROW TO SHARE.

The Tax ID# is: 55-6020790. Our contact numbers are 301-992-1368 and 571-216-9320.

Peace and blessings,

Karen Bethke
Co-coordinator

Bill Bethke
Co-coordinator

Lori Pruitt
Treasurer