

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 24, 2024

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." Revelation 1:8

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 we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This feast is relatively new—it was only added to the Church calendar in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in response to growing nationalism and secularism. It was also instituted to promote the worship of Christ in the privacy of our hearts and publicly. He formalized the title of the feast: it is now officially the “Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe.”

The Catholic church in Cameroon, following the directives of the Cameroon Episcopal Conference, has attached to the celebration of this Solemnity of Christ the King the annual Eucharistic procession that normally takes place on the feast of Corpus Christi. This is because in June when this feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated, Cameroon is in the heart of the rainy season making the Eucharistic procession practically impossible. On the Solemnity of Christ the King, Christians put on the uniforms of their respective church groups because of the Eucharistic procession that follows immediately after Holy Mass. The color and the beauty that these various uniforms add to the ceremony are something to behold.

The Eucharistic procession goes through the village and city streets while Christians pray and dance to various traditional rhythms as they go in procession. This public manifestation is a sign of our belief in Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords. It is a way of saying: “We are Christians. Our King is Christ”, as Deacon Greg Kandra puts it (Art. “What We Stand For, 11/21/2015). The procession ends at the city or village square/center with Benediction. Upon arrival at the city or village square or center, the Blessed Sacrament is placed on an altar and the various church and cultural groups take turns to honor Christ, the Universal King, with dancing and gestures akin to those reserved for their local kings. The celebration usually lasts more than an hour and thirty minutes before the final Benediction.

The question to ask yourself as we celebrate this Solemnity of Christ the King is does this celebration challenge the way I make decisions for myself and my family? Do I give Christ a unique place and role in my life? Or do I like most Christians back in my native Cameroon who take part in this Eucharistic procession abandon Christ at the city/village square at the end of the celebration and return to our previous way of life? As we go away from today’s celebration, let us ask God for the grace to submit to Christ’s rule in our lives by trusting in Him and obeying His word. And may we strive always to do him honor. That way, we shall one day reign with Him forever in heaven.

Wishing you all a Blessed Sunday
Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

From the Pastor’s Desk

Dear brothers and sisters, welcome! A special welcome to those visiting and worshipping with us for the first time. Thank you for choosing to worship with us this weekend. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. This celebration marks the end of our current Liturgical Calendar Year, and the new Liturgical Calendar Year ‘C’ begins next Sunday with the First Sunday of Advent. At the end of this Liturgical year, we thank God for His blessings on us as a parish family and we entrust the future into his hands.

As we gather around our family tables laden with food, drinks, and family this week to celebrate Thanksgiving, we must remember that we owe God lots of gratitude. There are so many things for us to be grateful for: life, health, food, the good air, the rain, sunshine, shelter, loved ones, etc. Yes, there is so much bad news around the world, but we give thanks to the Lord because HE IS GOOD! As you think about the raptures you have experienced this year, may the words of St John in today’s second reading reassure you that God is still in control of whatever you are experiencing: “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and who was and who is to come.”

This Thanksgiving, dear friends, I am thankful to God for each of you! It is a joy and a privilege to serve you as your pastor. Thank you for all your support and encouragement. Know that you are a blessing to this parish and that God loves you.

We shall have Mass in the parish church on Thanksgiving Day at 9 AM. You are invited to come and begin this day of Thanksgiving with the Lord. Feel free to bring the food and drink you will share with family and friends on Thanksgiving Day for a special blessing. For those who’ll be traveling to be with family for Thanksgiving, I wish you all journey mercies.

Happy Thanksgiving! May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray and intercede for us!

Fr Boh (Pastor)

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOR 11/17

General Fund	\$ 4074.00
Online Giving	\$ 1835.27
Maintenance	\$ 125.00
Local Outreach	\$ 325.00

Attendance 5 PM—90 9 AM—180 11 AM—113

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

A representative from the Catholic Daughters will be available after all Masses this weekend to distribute orders for their homemade holiday candy.

Stitches from the Heart is canceled this week. Everyone have a fabulous Thanksgiving break.

For details about our Book Club, please email Kevin Ferrell at kevin.a.ferrell!@gmail.com.

Diocesan Collection 12/7 & 8—Retirement Fund for Religious— Across the United States, hundreds of religious communities lack the financial resources sufficient to meet the retirement and healthcare needs of aging members. Lack of Funds - Many elder religious worked for years for little to no pay, leaving a large gap in retirement savings. At the same time, fewer religious can serve in compensated ministry. Rising Costs - Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. Changing Demographics - Today, retired religious outnumber wage-earners by nearly three to one.

2025 Liturgical Calendars are available in the narthex.

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, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Linda Spiker, Vicki Lowery, 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, Gary E. Manley, Maggie Keating

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 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

Tuesday, November 26th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Wednesday, November 27th

Office Closed

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
 5-5:45 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, November 28th

Happy Thanksgiving
 Office Closed

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Sara & Billy Struemke (L)

Friday, November 29th

Office Closed

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, November 30th

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 1st

8:15—8:45 AM Confession
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
 10—11:45 AM Religious Education
 11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar



St. Bernadette Christmas Star Project

The Christmas Star Project wreaths have been hung on the McFadden Hall doors. 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 bag 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 money is used for any stars not taken or 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



Please No Clothing



Knights of Columbus
108 West Stephen St.
Martinsburg WV



BINGO!

9 AM Every Wednesday

Doors Open at 7:30 AM

New State of the Art Bingo System!!!

Tip Jars! RAFFLES!

Progressive Jack Pot!

20 Games of Bingo

\$30 pay out most days

6 card 20 pack - \$20

9 card 20 pack - \$25

2 Games of Early Bird Specials

4 card sheet - \$1

2 Games of U-Pic-Em

3 plays per sheet - \$2

**Bingo is cancelled due to weather when Berkeley County Schools are closed or on delayed opening
Bingo is not held when Christmas, New Years, and 4th of July fall on a Wednesday**



JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 5, 2024 – 6PM – 7:30PM

@ ST JOSEPH MIDDLE SCHOOL - 336 S QUEEN STREET

A NEW HIGH SCHOOL BASED ON TRADITIONAL CATHOLIC VALUES

Explore, Discover, and Imagine the Future for Your Child

We're thrilled to invite you to an upcoming Open House at Saint Joseph High School, where you'll have the opportunity to experience firsthand what makes our school a special place for students to grow, learn, and thrive. Whether your family is Catholic or not, we welcome you to come see how our values-driven education can make a difference for your child.



Get More
Info & RSVP

SJHSWV.ORG/OPEN-HOUSE

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

**Birds of a feather,
flock together!**

Help us spread the word! **Share the vision of Saint Joseph High School with a friend or neighbor— let's grow this Crusader community together!**

Tell a friend here and invite them to explore what we have to offer.



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 25—Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday 26—Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday 27th—Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 28th—Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday 29—Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Ps 84; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday 30—St. Andrew, Apostle; Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19; Mt 4:18-22

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

**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.