

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 Friday: Perpetual Adoration of the
Blessed Eucharist after 9 AM Mass
with Divine Mercy & Benediction at 3 PM

1st Saturday: 9 AM
Rosary immediately following

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

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent



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

Theme: “Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”

Advent is here. Today, the First Sunday of Advent, marks not just the beginning of our preparation for Christmas, but also the beginning of a new Liturgical year of the Catholic Church, Year A. The word ‘Advent’ comes from the Latin word ‘Adventus’, which means ‘coming.’ Advent is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of the anniversary of the Lord’s birth on Christmas. It is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord.

Advent devotions, including the Advent Wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Lighting the candles on an Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the Light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every week light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus’ coming the brighter it gets. The prophet Isaiah and the evangelist Matthew are our main guides through this period. They call us to a life of preparedness.

The Gospel reading for this Sunday from St. Matthew reminds us to stay awake and constantly be ready for chances to bring about the kingdom. The kingdom of God is present and hidden waiting to be revealed into the light through our actions and words. What are the things we can be doing to reveal the light? We should love one another, care for the sick, feed the hungry and help the poor. By doing these things we will be heeding the advice of Jesus who tells us never to let ourselves forget that this world and this life are only temporary and that we have something much greater to look forward to: Jesus and Heaven!

As we prepare for the Christ’s coming, let us open to him who wants to share our human condition in loving care. During this time of Advent, I invite each of you to open your heart to this great love, as together we wait in peace and trust for Christ the Light to come! I wish you the very best this Advent Season!

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

Grace and peace to you brothers and sisters from our Lord Jesus Christ! Welcome to Saint Bernadette. We are thankful to God who has brought us together to pray, worship and reflect on His word on this first Sunday of Advent, Year A.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December 2022: Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations: We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

First Friday and First Saturday Masses:



December 2nd— First Friday 9 AM Mass is an Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and is followed by the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

December 3rd— First Saturday’s 9 AM Mass is an Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary in honor of our Blessed Mother. Mass is followed by the Holy Rosary.



PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$	2174.00
Online Giving.....	\$	767.15
Capital Improvements	\$	15.00
Diocesan.....	\$	350.00
Outreach.....	\$	150.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

The Christmas Wreath project is underway. Help bring joy to a child in need by taking one or more stars and purchasing the requested gift. Return the gift unwrapped, in a gift bag, with the tag attached. Please return gifts to McFadden Hall or the office by December 1st.

Stitches from the Heart crafters have been very busy. They have emptied their cabinets and have donated over 80 hat/scarf sets, over 150 hats, and over 70 scarves to the homeless. These items have been made from the donations of the crafters. Monetary donations are always welcomed for the month to be able to continue this much needed ministry.

Warm clothing drive for Ukrainian Children We are seeking clean jackets, coats, gloves, hats, and other items to help keep children under the age of eighteen warm this winter. The drive will run through November. Clothing can be placed in the provided box in McFadden Hall. Checks to support the drive can be made out to St. Bernadette with "Ukraine clothing drive" in the memo line.

GIVING TUESDAY

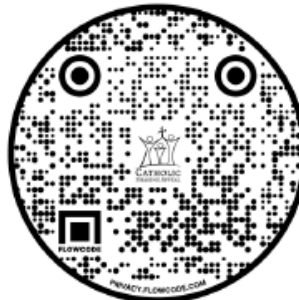
November 29, 2022

Together we can serve as a light for all to see!

There's Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, Cyber Monday and, since 2012, there is **Giving Tuesday**. Make your charitable contribution to our Catholic Sharing Appeal on Tuesday, November 29th. We have reached 100% of our goal set by the diocese. Everything after 50% comes right back to our parish free of cathedraticum and PHRA, the fees that our parish pays back to the diocese. This

money will continue to fund the upkeep of our property and capital projects and the pastoral work of the parish. (Construction on McFadden Hall will start early next year.)

Point your phone's camera at the QR code to connect and give securely through the diocese website, <https://csa.dwcministries.org/giving-tuesday/>



PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Ginger Spice, Monica Straley, Joe Schlegel, Vicki Lowery, Walter Shenk, Isabella Horning

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 27th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Lillian Willis Key

Tuesday, November 29th

GIVING TUESDAY
9 AM Mass—Fr. Pooch
Intention for Lillian Willis Key
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, November 30th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar
Intention for Lillian Willis Key
5—5:45 PM Confession
6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, December 1st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Paul Kuckert

First Friday, December 2nd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention of Living and Deceased of the Grassi Family
Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist
3 PM Divine Mercy & Benediction

First Saturday, December 3rd

9—10:30 AM RCIA
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Rosary immediately following
4—4:45 PM Confession
5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention of Laura Samford

Sunday, December 4th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for Helena Shenk
10:15—11:30 AM Religious Education
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh
Intention for the People of the Parish
NOON 40th Anniversary Celebration

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. 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 28th—Is 4:2-6; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday 29th—Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24

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

Thursday 1st—Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday 2nd—Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday 3rd—St. Francis Xavier, Priest; Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday 4th—Second Sunday of Advent; Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rm15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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.

Join Us

Tree Blessing and Decorating

December 11th

After the
9 AM Mass



Students Will Decorate The
Church Christmas Tree in McFadden Hall

Christmas Cookies and Punch
Will Be Served

There Will Be No Other
Religious Education Classes That Day