



# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

## ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

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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 28, 2021*  
**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

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the Lord is good. All the time. All the time. The Lord is good. Advent is upon us. Today is the first Sunday of Advent and it marks the beginning of the new liturgical year C. Advent is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent 2021 begins today, Sunday November 28th, and ends on Friday, December 24. 'Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy, from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, ...'. Beloved in Christ, these are the words Christ addresses to us in today's gospel passage. They say it all: watch! He goes on to tell us how we are to watch; '... at all times.' These are the characteristics of the period in the Church's calendar we have begun today – the season of Advent. We are invited during this season to focus on the Lord's coming. The coming of the Lord can be a moment of condemnation rather than joy for us we are not prepared. When we hear of the Lord's coming, our minds go immediately to Christmas. However, Christmas is not the only coming of Christ that we are reminded to think about during this season. There is a second coming that will come to each of us at a time we least expect it. And there is a third, which is the final coming. For all these comings, the church warns us to be prayerfully vigilant. Beloved in Christ, let us do all we can to secure a pleasant eternity for ourselves by accepting Christ in our hearts and allowing him rule and guide our lives. This will make us experience him at his third coming as righteous Judge who will allow us a full share in his glory – and it is for this that he made us.

Fr. Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Welcome to all those who are visiting with us! Thank you for joining us in prayer today at Saint Bernadette Parish. We are glad you took the time to join us for Mass and we hope you will return soon. Take a copy of our Sunday Bulletin and learn more about our parish. 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 either pick up a registration form at the back of the Church or call the Parish Office at (304) 754-7830. 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 or mail it to the Parish.

Thank you to everyone that has supported Saint Bernadette financially. Without your help the diocese and our parish would not be able to support all the many missions that it has been entrusted with, to assist our church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the principal ways to prepare for Christ's coming. Watch out for the day and time for this celebration in our parish and in the neighboring Parishes.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting: members are reminded of this meeting scheduled for Wednesday December 1, 2021, immediately after the 6 pm Mass.

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 [mcdonald@adw.org](mailto:mcdonald@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 29th—Is 2:1-5; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday 30th—Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19; Mt 4:18-22
- Wednesday 1st—Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23; Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday 2nd—Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday 3rd—Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday 4th—Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday 5th—Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 1529.00
Capital Improvements .....	\$ 50.00
Online Giving—November 1-7.....	\$ 429.00
Online Giving—November 8-14.....	\$ 397.50
Online Giving—November 15-21.....	\$ 2221.88
Diocesan Collection—Human Development .....	\$ 70.00
Diocesan Collection—Military Services.....	\$ 5.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 375.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 75.00
Immanuel's House.....	\$ 25.00

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](mailto:padrebill@live.com)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, November 28st**

9:00 AM Mass  
*For the People of the Parish*  
 No Religious Education  
 11 AM Mass  
 4—4:45 PM Children’s Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday, November 30th**

Giving Tuesday—use this code  
 9 AM Daily Mass



**Wednesday, December 1st**

9 AM Daily Mass  
*For Phillip Rossetti*  
 5—5:50 PM Confession  
 6 PM Daily Mass  
 6:30 Parish Council Meeting

**Thursday, December 2nd**

9:00 AM Daily Mass  
*For William Nara*

**Friday, December 3rd**

9:00 AM Daily Mass  
*For Phillip Rossetti*  
 \*Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
 12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, December 4th**

4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, December 5th**

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	

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.

## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

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 and place it the collection basket or turn it in to the office.

Loaves and Fishes is seeking donations for Christmas food pantry distributions. This year they will be providing the regular food box in addition to the special holiday boxes. If you have any questions, contact Karen at 301-992-1368 or Bill at 571-216-9320. Thanks to your generous donations, they were able to distribute food to 172 families in need for Thanksgiving. That included turkeys, hams, a regular food box and a special Thanksgiving food box.

On November 30th we will join in the celebration of Giving Tuesday, a global day of kindness and generosity. It's easy to donate! Just scan this QR code with your phone's camera and connect to the Diocese website where you can select St. Bernadette to give an online donation.



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

St. Bernadette's Catholic Church

# ROSARY MEETING



*Join Us!*

Sunday  
Dec 5th

following the 9am  
mass during  
coffee & donuts

109 W Main St, Hedgesville, WV 25427, USA

# Christmas Flower Offering

Christmas flowers and decorations for St. Bernadette Catholic Church are supplied through donations given by members in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. If you wish to make such a memorial, please fill out the envelope provided or fill out this form and place your gift in the collection basket or turn it in to the Parish Office by **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**.

IN MEMORY OF

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(name of deceased)

IN HONOR OF

-----  
(name of living)

REQUESTED BY

----- please publish my gift in the bulletin

----- do not publish my gift