



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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ST. BERNADETTE MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 9 AM

Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM

Thursday—Friday: 9 AM

Saturday: 5 PM

Sunday: 9 AM & 11 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

November 7, 2021
32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



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

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, the first reading and the gospel of this day speak about two widows. In the ancient patriarchal world of the Old Testament, widowhood presented a difficult time in the life of a woman; even as it is in some parts of the world today. It is against this background that the Prophet Elijah visits with the widow of Zarephath and saves her from famine and sure death. The widow willingly prepares a meal for the man of God, and she is rewarded for her generosity. On one level, this story makes no sense. Taken literally, it seems impossible. Many people will think this is exaggerated, but there are many in our world today whose daily experience is no different from that of the Widow of Zarephath. Make no mistake, we still live in these times of dire need. According to the United Nations, about a billion people go to bed hungry every night in this world of ours. Many people in Africa die of hunger and starvation than die of malaria. This is something that is important and should concern all of us.

In our gospel passage today, Jesus praises the widow who dropped two copper coins into the treasury box. What she offered was a poor offering by human standards, but rich in the sight of God.

The lesson we can all learn from our gospel passage is that God is not impressed and pleased with our pomp and show, our power and wealth, but with a heart that is overflowing with love, generosity, and sincerity in our religious practices. It is not how much we give that matters, but how we give. It is in God's nature to be generous in sacrificial giving, and we, God's children need to follow His example.

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, we can all give from our plenty. But the widows in our first reading and the gospel teach us that the value of any gift that we make lies in the kind of heart that gives it. And that when it is the heart that gives, no matter what the gift is, how great or how small, the gift is blessed in God's eyes. May our faith move our hearts so that we give not only from our plenty/surplus but from our necessities and give until it becomes a sacrifice pleasing to God. I leave you with this quote: "Love is like a basket of loaves and fishes: you never have enough until you start to give it away." (Anonymous)

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

"The Lord is good. All the time. All the time. The Lord is good"

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to Saint Bernadette on this 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. A special welcome to those visiting us for the first time. For those who intend to register as members of this great Saint Bernadette family, forms are available at the back of the church.

POPE FRANCIS EXTENDS INDULGENCE By means of the decree, the Apostolic Penitentiary "confirms and extends for the entire month of November 2021 all the spiritual benefits already granted on 22 October 2020." That is, it allows the faithful to gain plenary indulgences for the souls in purgatory by visiting a cemetery on any eight days in November - which need not be consecutive - and praying for those who have died; normally, the indulgence is limited to the first eight days of the month.

A second plenary indulgence is also established for the day of the commemoration of the faithful departed, All Souls' Day, November 2. The current decree allows the faithful to obtain that indulgence for the benefit of the deceased on any day of November, at their choice.

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 November 19-20, 2021, for men and 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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday November 8th—Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139; Lk 17 1-6

Tuesday 9th—Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday 10th—St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday 11th—St. Martin of Tours, Bishop Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119; Lk 17:20-25

Friday 12th—St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr Wis 12:1-9; Ps 19; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday 13th—St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday 14th—33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Md 13:24-32

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

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| Reg. Envelopes..... | \$ 3511.00 |
| Capital Improvements | \$ 50.00 |
| Online Giving..... | \$ 373.50 |
| Diocesan Collection—Universal Mission..... | \$ 45.00 |
| Poor Box..... | \$ 50.00 |
| Immanuel's House..... | \$ 25.00 |

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 7th

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

Tuesday, November 9th

9 AM Daily Mass
For Servants of Divine Mercy
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, November 10th

9 AM Daily Mass
 5—5:50 PM Confession
 6 PM Daily Mass
*For Deceased Members of the CDA
 of Court Martinsburg 392*

Thursday, November 11th

9:00 AM Daily Mass
*For Larry Missenis
 For Father Pucciarelli
 and all Veterans Living and Dead*

Friday, November 12th

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

Saturday, November 13th

4—4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass
For Matt South

Sunday, November 14th

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

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| Margaret Kistner | Chris Ridley | Doug & Mary Blow | Bernie Guy | Mary Cordelli |
| Kathy Skane | John Bennett | Bonnie Hart | Harry Skouras | |
| Sharee Buberl | Kathy Sloan | Dorothy Foley | Rose Stefanko | |

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?

We will have a *Children's Choir* for the 5 PM Christmas Eve Mass only. The choir is open to children K—5th grade. Practices will be held the five Sundays before Christmas beginning on Sunday, November 21st from 4—4:45 PM. Please call or email Linda Abrahamian at 304-279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com by Sunday, November 7th, to sign your child up.

We are starting a *Teen Choir* that will sing about once a month at the 11 AM Sunday Mass. The choir will practice after the 11 AM Mass from 12:00 PM-12:30 PM the Sunday before they are scheduled to sing. Our first scheduled practice is Sunday, Nov. 7th, and the choir will sing on Sunday, Nov. 14th. Teens are excused from CCD the Sunday that they are scheduled to sing, but they must contact their teacher beforehand to get any assignments that need to be completed. Please call or email Linda Abrahamian at (304)279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for more information or to sign your teen up.

A reminder that all *4th Grade Religious Education students will meet for confession* before the 9 AM Mass on November 14th from 8:30 AM—8:45 AM.

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 is limited so sign up early. See flyer for more details.

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. If you have any questions, contact Karen at 301-992-1368 or Bill at 571-216-9320.

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 the collection basket or turn it in to the office.

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.

Great opportunity for our parishioners. Vintage, Baldwin, *Baby Grand Piano for sale*. Donated in 2016 and kept in temperature controlled location in the Religious Education Building. Last tuned in April 2021. \$1000, must pay to move. Kramer Piano will provide a 10% discount for our parishioners to move it.

The Confraternity of Saint Nicholas is a public association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking. Obligations are to attend daily Mass on December 6 and May 9, to say the Litany of St. Nicholas weekly, a brief daily prayer, and skip one meal every Wednesday. See the link to the statutes and required prayers of the Confraternity as well as the link to register online. Statutes and Prayers: <https://dwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Statutes-of-the-Confraternity-of-Saint-Nicholas.pdf>
Online Registration: <https://dwc.org/evangelization-and-catechesis/confraternity-of-st-nicholas/>

During the 2020-2021 school year, St. Joseph School earned \$400 through the *Weis 4 School rewards program*. Just by registering your Weis Preferred Shoppers Club card you will help support this cause. This is a great no-cost way for you to help your local Catholic school. Register your card online at www.weismarkets.com.

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.

Craft Night FUNDRAISER Friday & Sunday

December 3, 2021
at 7pm

December 5, 2021
at 1pm

Doors open 15 minutes before the start of the class.

Craft night artists will provide step by step instructions for your Christian-themed wall hanging. Enjoy a delightful time out with friends, both new and old! Refreshments will be served.

Sign up now:

sign up sheets are located in the Narthex

or contact:

April Canby at
(304) 995-7745

Join us!

- \$35 per project
- Bring a friend 2/\$60
- All materials are provided



Prior registration and project purchase are required
Walk-ins are subject to availability and are not guaranteed a spot

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