



# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

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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

*October 10, 2021*  
*28th 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**

“The Lord is good! All the time. All the time, the Lord is good.”

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, today, we celebrate the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B.

There’s a song we sing back in my native Cameroon and it goes thus: ‘I have Jesus in my life, I’m satisfied. Even though I have nothing, I am satisfied.’ All three readings for our celebration this Sunday focus on the fact that even though we have nothing we can call our own, we possess everything if we have Jesus. In our first reading from the Book of Wisdom, we learn that no other earthly possession is worth the value of wisdom. Not wealth. Not kingship. Not the throne. Not priceless gems. Not silver or gold. By asking for wisdom, King Solomon obtained a lot more than he bargained for. He obtained “all good things” and “countless riches”. The second reading refers to God as an irresistible power to whom everything is exposed and to Him we must render an account.

King Solomon’s wise choice in the first reading is contrasted in the gospel passage with the choice made by the rich man who came to Jesus to inquire about how to attain eternal life. Jesus’ answer to him - ‘Go sell what you have. Give the money to the poor then come ...’ Jesus was not condemning riches. He was not suggesting that material riches are bad in themselves; neither was he calling everyone of us to give away everything we have to the poor; nor did he want to make us feel guilty about what we have. We are told that the rich young man left disappointed and sad because he had many possessions. He didn’t have the courage to accept the idea proposed by Jesus. The young man, by all standards, was a good person – he kept all the Commandments from his youth. But, as good as he was, he lacked the wisdom of God. This was the wisdom that enabled Solomon in our first reading to choose wisely. Without money, there is a lot we cannot do, but money cannot purchase eternal life.

Dear friends in Christ, are you going to walk away today, sad like the rich young man, because Jesus is asking you to give up one more minute of your time for another announcement?

Fr. Boh

**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK**

A hearty welcome to those visiting us for the first time today and those who will sign up today to become members of this great Saint Bernadette family.

I would like to remind ourselves that next Sunday, October 17th, our parish will welcome the African Catholic Community of the Greater WV Panhandle to celebrate their first Mass here at St. Bernadette at 2:30 PM. All are welcome to join.

There will be an open house after all of the Masses next weekend, October 16th and 17th. Please visit the Stonehouse to see the renovations that have been done by our tireless volunteers.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has called a World Synod to run from 2021—2023 with a theme of Communion, Participation, and Mission. The official launch will take place at the Vatican this weekend, but for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the opening Mass will take place at Sacred Heart Co-Cathedral in Charleston October 17th. Joe & Elaine Commer have accepted to be St. Bernadette’s Parish Coordinators.

After reflection and consultation with some parishioners, I want to announce the new Mass and Confession schedules in our Parish **beginning October 1st** **\*\*Confession always available by appointment.\*\***

New Mass Times as of 10/1	New Confession Times as of 10/1
<b>Tuesday: 9 AM</b>	
<b>Wednesday: 9 AM &amp; 6 PM</b>	<b>Wednesday: 5—5:50 PM</b>
<b>Thursday &amp; Friday: 9 AM</b>	
<b>Saturday: 5 PM</b>	<b>Saturday: 4—4:45 PM</b>
<b>Sunday: 9 AM &amp; 11 AM</b>	
<b>1st Saturday Every Month</b>	<b>9 AM</b>

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday 11th—St. John XXIII, Pope Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday 12th—Rom 2:1-11; Ps 19; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday 13th—Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday 14th—St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130; Lk 11:47-54

Friday 15th—St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday 16th—St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105; Lk 8-12

Sunday 17th—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 53:10-11; Ps 33; Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING FOR SEPT 11-12TH**

Reg. Envelopes .....	\$ 3183.00
Diocesan Collection—Catholic University .....	\$ 50.00
Diocesan Collection—Universal Mission .....	\$ 25.00
Hurricane Ida .....	\$ 290.00
Poor Box .....	\$ 85.00
Loaves and Fishes .....	\$ 350.00
Capital Improvements .....	\$ 510.00
Immanuel’s House .....	\$ 375.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1090.75

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, October 10th**

9:00 AM Mass  
 10:30-11:45A Religious Education  
 11 AM Mass

**Monday, October 11th**

3:30 Immanuel's House  
 Dinner Preparation

**Tuesday, October 12th**

9 AM Daily Mass  
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, October 13th**

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

**Thursday, October 14th**

9:00 AM Daily Mass  
 After Mass—Social Concerns  
 Committee Meeting

**Friday, October 15th**

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

**Saturday, October 16th**

4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM Mass  
*For the People of the Parish*

**Sunday, October 17th**

9:00 AM Mass  
*For our Children Volunteers*  
 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	Joe Schlagal	Doug & Mary Blow	Bernie Guy
Kathy Skane	John Bennett	Bonnie Hart	Mark Mackesy
Sharee Buberl	Kathy Sloan	Dorothy Foley	Harry Skouras
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?

Monday, October 11th, is our scheduled bi-monthly meal for *Immanuel's House*. We are always looking for new volunteers for meal prep and monetary donations. Please contact Lynette Kammerer at 301-992-5608 or [kamnet513@hotmail.com](mailto:kamnet513@hotmail.com) if you are interested in joining this ministry to help the poor.

The *Social Concerns Committee* focuses on outreach to those in our community who are most in need. We are meeting on Thursday October 14 after the 9:00 AM mass and would love to have new members join us. Your assistance in growing our outreach efforts is needed. Please consider joining, even if you can't attend the meeting. Please contact Donna White for additional information at [javalady911@comcast.net](mailto:javalady911@comcast.net) or 304-240-7840.

*Stitches from the Heart Outreach Ministry* is continuing to meet every Tuesday morning at 10 AM. All skill levels are welcome to help knit and crochet prayer shawls, hats, and scarves for the sick and homeless. For more information, please call Ella Bell at 304-350-1097 or [elliebell48@comcast.net](mailto:elliebell48@comcast.net).

Would you like to help beautify the Parish grounds? Join the *Gardening Committee*. No experience necessary. Set your own schedule during the growing season between April – October. Please contact Elaine Comer at [veunnone@gmail.com](mailto:veunnone@gmail.com) or 304-261-9230 for more information.

All middle and high school teens are welcome to join the *Youth Group*! We have fun and fellowship as we continue to actively learn and live our Catholic faith by participating in many events and charitable service projects for our community. Upcoming events for October include Back from the Dead Cemetery Walk at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine, and the NET Retreat. For more information, please call or email Linda Abrahamian at 304-279-2315 or [linda.abrahamian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com).

*Substitute School Nurse* needed. Saint Joseph School is in need of a West Virginia –licensed RN to serve as a substitute school nurse, as needed. If you are interested, please email [acarter@sjswv.org](mailto:acarter@sjswv.org) or call the school office at 304-267-6447.

Saint Joseph School is seeking a *certified elementary school teacher for first grade*, as well as a *pre-kindergarten aide*. If you are interested in working in a rewarding, faith-filled environment as an aide, please email a résumé and cover letter to Allison Ferrell at [afferrell@sjswv.org](mailto:afferrell@sjswv.org). If you are interested in the teaching position, please email a résumé and cover letter to Principal Pat Blanc at [pblanc@sjswv.org](mailto:pblanc@sjswv.org).

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 school. Register your card online at the [www.weismarkets.com](http://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](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

Dear Members of St. Bernadette Parish Council,

**Application to Register & Worship at St. Bernadette**

On behalf of Catholics of African descent settled in the Eastern Panhandle of WV as well as in the Tri-State area of PA, MD & VA forming a cross along the I-70 and I-81 corridors, I write to most respectfully apply to St. Bernadette Parish Council:

- 1) To kindly accept our community to officially register with St. Bernadette Parish;
- 2) To seek your permission for our community to gather at St. Bernadette church once a month (third Sunday of every month beginning at 2:30pm) for the Eucharistic celebration; and
- 3) To accept to fully integrate our community into the work of God at St. Bernadette providing our members a chance to use our gifts to serve the people of God.

African communities have sprung up and are flourishing in a number of parishes notably in MD, DC, and VA. These have helped to rekindle the faith of many Catholics, helping them return to the church and to regular attendance at the Sacrifice of Holy Mass.

Father Boh, who is your new parish administrator is aware of the impact this has had in our community, and we are encouraged that he can speak on our behalf. We are also excited to offer other Christians of non-African descent an opportunity to experience worshipping Our Lord as they do in Africa without having to buy a ticket to travel to Africa.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our application and, please do let us know what the conditions are for registering. Kindly let us know how you will expect us to function and how we will relate to the Parish Council, and most importantly, how we will be a part of the bigger parish community.

We are in expectant joy of receiving a positive response from you and like to thank you again for the work you do for God's people at St. Bernadette.

With very best regards,

Jacob Minang, Ph.D  
Acting Chair,  
African Catholic Community (in formation)  
Eastern Panhandle, Hedgesville, WV

9812 Pembroke Dr  
Hagerstown MD 21740  
Phone: 832 519 7395

Dear Jacob Minang and the African Catholic Community of the Greater WV Panhandle,

We received your letter to register with St. Bernadette Catholic Church and join us in our pursuit of God's holy work here in the West Virginia area. It is with great joy that we welcome you to our parish family.

Father Boh and the St Bernadette's Parish Pastoral Council reviewed your letter and agreed that including the African Catholic Community will be a blessing to your community and to ours. We look forward to learning about your culture and traditions and anticipate you joining us in our parish traditions and activities.

We request that you work directly with Fr. Boh to allow him to appoint an African Catholic Community Chairperson to the St Bernadette's Parish Pastoral Council. This individual will be the liaison between the two organizations to share events, activity plans, and support as needed.

The African Catholic Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 2:30pm has been approved by the Parish Council and liturgical leader.

Please feel free to reach out to myself or Fr. Boh with any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you and your community in person over the coming weeks. May God bless you and the African Catholic Community.

Respectfully,

Patrick Winkelman  
St Bernadette Parish Council President  
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