

# 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

## October 16, 2022

### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Moses holding up his arms during the battle,  
assisted by Aaron and Hur



### 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

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

Our readings for this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Church Year C, invite us to wait on the Lord with confidence in His justice, and to pray without being weary, for our God who never fails, will see to it that justice is done for His people speedily. The use of the word "speedily" in our gospel passage may feed impatience on our part, if we think God measures time the same way as we do.

From the readings of last Sunday, we saw that deliverance from leprosy happened in a flash. The Syrian General, Naaman, was cured once he plunged seven times in the River Jordan. The ten lepers were cured while still on the way to show themselves to the priests. Jesus told the Samaritan leper who came back to give thanks to God: "Go, your faith has saved you". Today's readings carry forward with that theme of faith, demonstrating why it is important not only to have faith, but to ensure that we have faith and take the necessary action. We know that if we want to get a good harvest, we must spend long hours working in the field and not praying in the church. Today, we see people praying and concretely doing something for a positive outcome. We are reminded that the solution to our daily struggles and quest have both a spiritual and physical dimension.

In our first reading, Moses had faith that God will deliver victory to the people of Israel in battle against Amalek. However, he did not just pray about it. He ordered Joshua to take military action. As the battle raged, Moses went up the mountain to pray that God may deliver Israel. Unlike with the healing of the lepers in our readings of last Sunday, victory did not come in a flash. We are told that Moses prayed all day, with his hands held high. Aaron and Hur had to erect a seat for him on a rock. They had to hold Moses' arms up all day for Israel to defeat the Amalekites.

In our gospel passage, the widow who wanted justice before the judge who feared neither God, nor respected any human being, never lost patience and never grew weary of asking for justice. It is because she persisted that the judge finally heard her cry and rendered the justice she deserved.

If we, too, believe that we deserve justice in battle against our enemies; if we want justice in court against our adversaries, we must emulate the widow, Moses, Joshua, Aaron and Hur. We must have faith, but even more importantly, we must act, praying without ceasing for God's help.

As in the time of Moses, our enemy – like the Amalekites – are at war against us. As in the time of the widow in the gospel, we, too, live in a world where the very powerful have neither fear for God nor respect for other human beings. The powerful are willing to deny justice to the poor, the widow.

In our world, as in the time of Moses and of the widow, our common human destiny is one. We are linked to the

country and in our world. If we are leaders of our community, like Moses, our most important job is to lead them in worship. If we are Joshua, it is our role to lead them in battle. Aaron and Hur show the rest of us how we can support our leaders. Life is full of trials and adversities, but with God there is hope. Let us make the words of the Responsorial Psalm our prayer to God – "I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help. My help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth". Ours is a God who "neither slumbers nor sleeps", continues the Psalmist. If we want to grow and persevere in faith until the end of our days, then we must nourish our faith with the Word of God.  
Fr Boh

## REFLECTION

God is good! All the time. And all the time. God is good. You are welcome to our Parish. We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today. We also welcome back our fellow parishioners who have been away for awhile. We missed you. Know that you are always welcome to worship with us whenever you are visiting in the area. If you wish to become a member of our parish community, please consider registering. You may do so by filling out a registration form (see one of the ushers to help you) or by visiting [www.stbernadettewv.org](http://www.stbernadettewv.org).

**African Catholic Community** celebrates its first anniversary: The African Catholic Community here at Saint Bernadette is one year old. They shall be having a big celebration today beginning with Holy Mass at 2:30 PM in our parish church. There will be dinner served immediately after Mass at McFadden Hall. All are invited.

**In the aftermath of Hurricane Ian**, which devastated areas across Florida and other parts of the southeastern US, recovery and cleanup efforts continue. To support this effort, The Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of October 29-30, 2022. Bishop Brennan appreciates your generosity this past summer to those affected by the severe storms and flooding in Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia.

**Prayer for Ukraine:** In the spirit of Moses and Hur in today's first reading, we have decided to resume our prayer for Ukraine since the war is still raging on.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING  
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes .....	\$	3324.42
Online Giving .....	\$	702.26
Capital Improvements .....	\$	90.00
Poor Box .....	\$	30.00
Loaves and Fishes .....	\$	100.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A  
LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

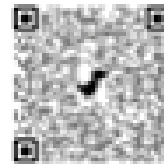
WHAT IS GOING ON?

The Youth Group is asking for donations of gently used coats, jackets and sweatshirts in all sizes for men, women and children for their annual coat drive. There will be a container in McFadden Hall the weekend of Oct. 15th- 16th where you can place them. Thank you for helping them with this important charitable event.

Social Concerns Ministry is collecting glove, hats, socks and gently used blankets and tarps for the homeless. Small household items are also needed. There will be a box in McFadden Hall starting next weekend.

Monthly Youth Masses will begin October 30, 2022. We are looking for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade students to join our youth choir and to become youth lectors. Contact Linda Abrahamian at [linda.abrahamian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com) for youth choir and contact Deb Mackesy at 304-754-7830 to become a youth lector.

St. Leo Catholic Church will host the Mary's Refuge Gala on November 11th at 6 PM. Attendance and dinner are free but registration is required. Scan the QR code or request registration form via email at [office.marysrefuge@gmail.com](mailto:office.marysrefuge@gmail.com)



The Princess Street Players are returning this year with a new murder mystery dinner presentation to raise funds for SJS! Those 21 and older are invited to join us for "Abra Cadaver" at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, in the school cafeteria. Tickets cost \$45 each and include a spaghetti dinner and beverage. A cash-only bar will be available.

We've reached 90% of our Catholic Sharing Appeal goal! The first half of St. Bernadette's \$20,505 goal benefits various ministries and outreach efforts throughout the diocese. The second half of that \$20,505 will come right back to St. Bernadette's—free of Cathedraticum and PHRA. You will start to see your donations at work as we renovate and update parts of our parish. To donate, visit [dwc.org/csa](http://dwc.org/csa) and select St. Bernadette Catholic Church.

Bishop Brennan would like to have Mass, a dinner, and a Q & A with young adults of the diocese. By young adults, we generally mean individuals and couples ages 18 to 35, or so. **November 8<sup>th</sup>** – Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston – 5:00pm Mass with dinner and a Q&A to follow with Bishop. For this one, please register with the diocese: Meet and Greet with Bishop Brennan ([wufoo.com](http://wufoo.com))

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 16th

9 AM Mass  
*Intention for Christine D'Angelo*  
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Education  
 11 AM Mass  
*Intention for Rick Roscoe*  
 2:30 PM African Mass  
 1 Year Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday, October 18th

9 AM Mass  
*Intention for Floyd Givens and Steven Middleton*  
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, October 19th

9 AM Mass  
*Intention for Eleuterio Teofista*  
 5—5:45 PM Confession  
 6 PM Mass

Thursday, October 20th

9 AM Mass  
*Intention for James Trauger*

Friday, October 21st

9:00 AM Daily Mass  
*Intention for Joe Kammerer*  
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, October 22nd

9—10:30 AM RCIA  
 4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, October 23rd

9 AM Mass  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*  
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Education  
 11 AM Mass

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Chris Ridley, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Ginger Spice, Ernie Montano, Monica Straley, Rose Boarman, Laura Samford, Joe Schlegel, Rick Roscoe, Vicki Lowery

*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.*

**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](http://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 Mackery, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholzer

**St. Bernadette Finance Ministry:** Paul Guttman, Kacie Morrell Humbert, Neil Shanholzer, 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 17th—St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr, Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday 18th—St. Luke, Evangelist; 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145; Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday 19th—Ss. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions, Martyrs; Eph 3:2-12; Is 12; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday 20th—Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33; Lk 12:49-53

Friday 21st—Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday 22nd—Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday 23rd—Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

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