



# 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

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**October 24, 2021**  
**30h 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

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, today we celebrate the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. Our readings speak of the joy and hope that God’s presence brings into the lives of his people.

In our first reading, the Prophet Jeremiah evokes God’s promise to return His people from exile. In the Gospel, Jesus hears the cry of Bartimaeus, the visually impaired son of Timaeus, and restores his sight and dignity. Bartimaeus teaches us not to allow Jesus to walk by us every day without calling out to Him to have pity on us and heal us of our blindness especially in matters of faith.

Our second reading opens our eyes to the daunting challenges our priests face. Priests, we all know, are neither Angels nor superheroes. Every high priest is a sinner, “beset by weakness... taken from among men” and “called by God, just as Aaron was.” He is a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek, called to “offer gifts and sacrifices for sins” – both their sins and the sins of the people.

Two priests – Rev. Fathers Serguio Luiz Santos and Wally Soares – have a moving petition online calling on Christians to pray for priests after yet another priest committed suicide in Brazil. “Don’t see us only as Christ in glory, because most of the time we’re wounded, injured, bloodied and full of sorrows,” they write, echoing the words in the Letter to the Hebrews. “Priests are glorified by God, as Christ Our High Priest was glorified by His Father: “You are my son: this day I have begotten you”.

These priests appeal to Christians as Bartimaeus appealed to Christ: “For love of God, help us! Help us to carry the cross on the arduous ascent to Calvary. We aren’t superheroes. Priests are men, with weaknesses and limitations... Let’s pray, love and care for our priests” described as “the least among men, whom He has chosen to serve Him. Pray for us incessantly, and when we fall, help us: PRAY MORE,” they write.

Let me thank you, Christians of Saint Bernadette for your prayers, your wonderful care and support to your priests, notably my predecessors and myself. May God richly bless you. The Lord is good, all the time! All the time, the Lord is good!

Fr. Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, Peace be with you. A hearty welcome to those visiting us for the first time and to those who will sign up today to membership of this great Saint Bernadette family.

Last Sunday, we witnessed the inaugural Mass of the newly formed African Catholic Community of the Greater Eastern Panhandle. We thank God for enriching our Parish community through these our brothers and sisters. Welcome to those who signed up that day to become members of Saint Bernadette. A special thank you to all those who members of our parish community who were present for this inaugural Mass.

Monday I will be going in for surgery on my shoulder. Mgrs. Ansgar will be here to celebrate Mass with us Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9 AM. Please remember me in your prayers.

Please note that Mass on Wednesday evening, October 27th, we will not have confession and Mass at 6 PM.

We are in the last week of the month of the Holy Rosary, let’s steer the course to the end.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK—Continued

All Saints: Monday, November 1st Mass at 9 AM  
All Souls Day: Tuesday, November 2nd Mass at 9 am and 5 pm, as part of our parish observance of the commemoration of All Souls of the faithful departed. On this day, we will remember especially all those who passed this year, those who died due to the coronavirus, and all those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01 by lighting a candle in their memory. All are invited to attend, and anyone who wishes may bring a candle to place in front of the altar in memory of a loved one.

Wishing you all a blessed Sunday and a fruitful week.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 25th—Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday 26th—Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday 27th—Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday 28th—Feast of Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16

Friday 29th—Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147; Lk 14:1-6

Saturday 30th—Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94; Lk 14:7-11

Sunday 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes .....	\$ 1282.00
African Mass.....	\$ 491.00
Diocesan Collection—Universal Mission.....	\$ 5.00
Poor Box .....	\$ 62.00
Capital Improvements .....	\$ 5.00
Immanuel’s House .....	\$ 100.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 690.75

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP



WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 24th**

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

**Tuesday, October 26th**

9 AM Daily Mass  
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, October 27th**

9 AM Daily Mass  
*For Betty Mulvey*  
**\*NO CONFESSION OR MASS THIS EVENING\***

**Thursday, October 28th**

9:00 AM Daily Mass  
*For Fr. William Kuchinsky*

**Friday, October 29th**

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

**Saturday, October 30th**

4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, October 31st**

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	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	Chris Ridley		

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 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 at 304-754-7830.

***All Souls Day*** will be celebrated with a Mass on Tuesday, November 2nd at 5 PM. Envelopes for are available in the Narthex. Please fill them out and place them in the collection basket in the rear of the church sometime before November 2<sup>nd</sup>. During the remembrance, the envelopes will be on the altar.

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.

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](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com) for more information or to sign your teen up.

We will have a ***Children's Choir*** for the 5 PM Christmas Eve Mass. 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](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com) by Sunday, November 7th, to sign your child up.

***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.

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).

***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>

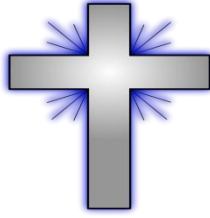
Online Registration: <https://dwc.org/evangelization-and-catechesis/confraternity-of-st-nicholas/>

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](http://www.weismarkets.com).

***Save the Date*** — Friday, December 3rd @ 7 PM and/or Sunday, December 5th @ 1 PM—***Paint Night Fundraiser*** to benefit The Social Concerns Committee and Immanuel's House. More details to follow.

### 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.



## **ALL SOULS DAY**

Please come and join us on All Souls Day to remember family and friends that have passed away.

Envelopes for All Souls Day are available in the Narthex. Please fill them out and place them in the collection basket in the rear of the church sometime before November 2<sup>nd</sup>. During the remembrance, the envelopes will be on the altar.

There will be a special remembrance for the following parishioners who passed away this year:

**Carolyn Collard, Helen Wynkoop, Judith Copenhaver, Anita Edwards, Angela Gentile, and Jane Corrigan.**

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**All Souls Day Mass**

**Tuesday,**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021**

**5:00 PM.**