

# 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

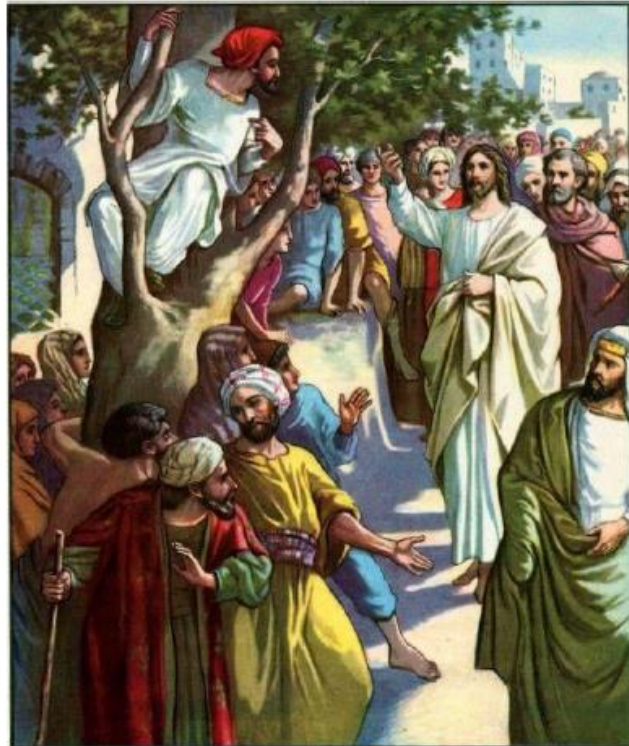
1st Saturday: 9 AM  
Rosary immediately following

Confession  
Wednesday: 5:20—5:50PM  
Saturday: 4—4:45PM  
Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM  
*or by appointment*

## October 30, 2022

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Zacchaeus, come down quickly,  
for today I must stay at your house."



#### 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

Our readings for this 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Church Year C, invite us to a new appreciation of the deal God has made with us, His lost sheep, to seek us out and save us thanks to His enduring patience, His unfathomable mercy, and His never-ending love for all of us. In the first reading, the author of the Book of Wisdom says that God, who created the world out of love, overlooks people's sins so that they can be repent. Saint Paul in the second reading urges the Thessalonians to be worthy of their call and assures them that the Second Coming of Christ has not yet taken place. The gospel tells the story of the conversion of the rich tax collector, Zacchaeus.

The story of the conversion of Zacchaeus is a Bible classic, told in vivid detail by Saint Luke. He describes the scene of Jesus going through Jericho. There is commotion and electricity in the air as Jesus, almost like a rock star, goes through the town. St. Luke tells us that Jesus only intended to pass through Jericho. We believe that Jesus, who is God and man, was aware of how every detail of his journey would unfold. Luke narrates the story of Zacchaeus racing down the street, finding and climbing into a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Zacchaeus's best hope was that he would satisfy his curiosity when he sees Jesus as He goes by. Even in his wildest dreams, Zacchaeus probably never dreamt of what happens next. Jesus stops. Calls him out by name and invites him down from the tree. He tells the chief tax collector: 'Zacchaeus, come down quickly for today I must stay at your house'. Thus, it is not Zacchaeus who sees Jesus, it is the other way round, it is Jesus who sees Zacchaeus. Jesus is surrounded by the "upright" who immediately started grumbling. Why was Jesus going to the home of Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector, which is like saying that he is one of the chief thieves, instead of to the home of those who, like the Pharisees, considered themselves holy? Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom and our Gospel Acclamation explains why. God sent His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to save us sinners, the lost sheep. The Book of Wisdom explains that God's mercy is possible because He overlooks "people's sins". God, the Book of Wisdom explains, rebukes "offenders little by little", warning and reminding all of us of sinners "that [we] may abandon [our] wickedness and believe" in God.

The scene in Jericho proves that we will neither be saved by our stature – short or tall, big, or small, - nor by our material status – rich or poor. We will not get a front row in our meeting with Jesus just because we think we are holy, and others are sinners. Jesus alone seeks out and saves us, the lost sheep. Zacchaeus must have heard of the teachings of Jesus – 'Go sell everything, give the money to the poor, and come follow me' (Mt. 19:21), etc. He quickly offers to make fourfold restitution of anything he may have extorted from anyone and to sell half of what he owns and to give the money to the poor. And Jesus blesses his offering in atonement for his shortcomings, welcoming him into conversion as a son of Abraham. Jesus is the only person who calls Zacchaeus by name. For everyone else, he is 'unclean'. But for Jesus, he is a child of Abraham.

I would like to end this reflection with these questions posed by Fernando Armellini (in Celebrating the Word, Year C):

"With what kind of eyes do we see people? Do we see people with the eyes of Jesus or with the eyes of the crowd that sees only the bad side of Zacchaeus? Don't we describe people by their defects? Do we not call people drunkards, prostitutes, homosexuals, drug-addicts or violent? But they are not all evil or only evil. They have names. Yes, they have defects, but they have good qualities, too. Why do we see only the negative sides? Because our eyes are not guided by love as Jesus' eyes are".

Today's gospel passage is not only a story that happened in the streets of Jericho more than 2,000 years ago. Jesus is going through our own towns and cities today. Yes! He is passing through Hedgesville today. May you hear Him as He calls you by name.

God is good! All the time.

Fr Boh

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

Greetings, beloved sisters, and brothers. I hope you are staying warm during these cool days! God has been good to us, and it is always a wonderful moment to gather as a parish family around the table of the Lord to praise and thank Him for all the blessings received. Please note we are having a very busy start of the week with Halloween tomorrow, Monday October 31st. Halloween is the evening before All Saints' (or All Hallows') Day.

**Tuesday November 1st:** All Saints Day. It is also called All Hallows' Day, or Halloween. This is a day commemorating all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven. It is a Holiday of Obligation. We shall have Mass at 9 am and at 6 pm.

**Wednesday November 2nd:** All Souls Day. This is a day for the commemoration of all the faithful departed, those baptized Christians who are believed to be in purgatory because they died with the guilt of lesser sins on their souls. Our Catholic doctrine holds that the prayers of the faithful on earth will help cleanse these souls to fit them for the vision of God in heaven. Masses shall be held for all our loved ones at 9 am and 6 pm in the parish Church. We are encouraged to visit and decorate the graves of our loved ones if that is possible. During this month of November, we are encouraged to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory daily.

**Sunday, November 6th, Daylight Saving Time Ends:** Please, remember to turn your clock and watches one hour forward next Sunday.

**The family of Fr Boh in the United States** shall be having a memorial Mass for their parents and grandparents next Sunday November 6th, 2022, in the parish church at 2 pm. All are invited. Dinner shall be served at McFadden Hall immediately after Mass.

**November 6-12 is National Vocation Awareness Week.**

**Pope's Intention for November 2022 – Children Who Suffer.** We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Teen Choir

We are trying to form our teen choir again this year to sing at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass and at our Youth Masses. The choir will practice after the 11 AM Mass from 12:00 PM-12:30 PM the Sunday before they are scheduled to sing and for several Sundays before Christmas. Please call the parish office, (304)754-7830 or email Linda Abrahamian, (304)279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for more information or to sign your teen up.

Christmas Children's Choir

We will have a Children's Choir for the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. The choir is open to children in kindergarten- 5th grade. Practices will be held the 5 Sundays before Christmas beginning on Sunday, Nov. 20th from 4:00 pm-4:45 pm. Please call the parish office (304) 754-7830 or email or call Linda Abrahamian by Sunday, Nov. 6th to sign your child up. (304) 279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com

Social Concerns Ministry will have a meeting on Wednesday, November 9th after the 9 AM Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Hospitality Ministry will have a meeting on Thursday, November 10th after the 9 AM Mass. All are welcome to attend.

Religious Ed is in need of substitute teachers. Please contact Deb Mackesy at 304-754-7830 for more information.

**THANK YOU!!** On behalf of the Social Concerns Ministry we want to thank you for your generosity that made the outreach program a great success. We collected two vans full of various items, such as blankets, tarps, hats, socks and small household items. Over two hundred people showed up at the event and everything was distributed. Your generosity is amazing and very much appreciated.

Warm clothing drive for Ukrainian Children

Winter is fast approaching and the Russian army is targeting the Ukrainian power grid. It gets cold in the Ukraine (think "Canada" cold). In conjunction with the parishes of St. Joseph and St. James, St. Bernadette will be having a warm clothing drive for Ukrainian children. We are seeking clean jackets, coats, gloves, hats, and other items to help keep children under the age of eighteen warm this winter. The drive will run through Wednesday, November 16. Clothing can be placed in the provided box in the narthex. The clothing will be sent to the Ukrainian Catholic churches in Pittsburgh to be shipped to Ukraine. Checks to support the drive can be made out to St. Bernadette with "Ukraine clothing drive" in the memo line.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING  
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$	2735.00
Online Giving.....	\$	384.15
Capital Improvements .....	\$	15.00
Poor Box .....	\$	220.00
Diocesan.....	\$	80.00

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 Boardman, Laura Samford, Joe Schlegel, Leonna Baromeo

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, October 30th

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

Tuesday, November 1st

All Saint's Day—Holy Day of Obligation

Office Closed  
 9 AM Mass  
*Intention for Francesca Zimmer*  
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart  
 6 PM Mass

Wednesday, November 2nd

9 AM Mass  
 5—5:45 PM Confession  
 6 PM All Soul's Day Mass  
*Intention for All Souls in Purgatory*

Thursday, November 3rd

9 AM Mass  
*Intention for Chad Hough*

First Friday, November 4th

9 AM Mass  
*Intention for Mike Shelley*  
 Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist  
 3 PM Divine Mercy & Benediction

Saturday, November 5th

9 AM Mass  
 Rosary immediately following  
 4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5 PM Mass  
*Intention of Deceased Members of Catholic Daughters Court Martinsburg*

Sunday, November 6th

9 AM Mass  
*Intention for the Tommy Mackesy*  
 10:15—11:30 AM  
 Religious Education  
 11 AM Mass  
 2 PM Memorial Mass for Fr. Boh's Parents

**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 Mackesy, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttman, and Neil Shanholtzer

**St. Bernadette Finance Ministry:** 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.

**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 31st—Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday 1st—Solemnity of All Saints; Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday 2nd—The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls); Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Thursday 3rd—Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105; Lk 15:1-10

Friday 4th—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday 5th—Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday 6th—2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

### 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.



# MUSIC MINISTRY

## **When You Sing, You Pray Twice!**

Do you have a talent for singing or playing an instrument? Then use this gift from God for His glory! We have plenty of opportunities at St. Bernadette to do so; come and explore them!

**JOIN ONE OF OUR  
WEEKEND MASS  
CHOIRS**

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**PRACTICES HELD  
BEFORE OR AFTER  
MASS AS NEEDED-  
EVENING PRACTICES  
FOR HOLY WEEK AND  
EASTER MASSES**

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**CANTORS-  
CAN BE PUT ON A  
REGULAR SCHEDULE  
OR JUST TO FILL IN AS  
NEEDED**

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**INSTRUMENTALISTS-IF  
YOU PLAY AN  
INSTRUMENT WELL,  
MAKE SURE YOUR  
NAME IS ON FILE AND  
WE WILL CONTACT YOU  
AS THE NEEDS ARISE**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
OR TO SIGN UP, PLEASE  
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE,  
(304)754-7830,OR CALL,  
TEXT OR EMAIL LINDA  
ABRAHAMIAN, MUSIC  
DIRECTOR, (304)279-  
2315,LINDA.ABRAHAMIAN  
@GMAIL.COM**



## 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:

**Robert McGovern, Marty Skane, Frank Dobscha, John Lucas, Janet Redding, Nancy Corrigan, James Trauger, and Laura Samford.**

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**All Souls Day Mass**

**Wednesday,**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022**

**6:00 PM.**