



# 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

**October 31, 2021**  
**31st 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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B. We wish to welcome everyone to our celebration, especially those visiting us for the first time.

Our readings today talk about love, and precisely, about love of God and love of neighbor. We cannot love God in a vacuum. There is no true love of God which does not express itself in the love of neighbor, as Saint John says, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." (1 John 4:20). Loving God and loving your neighbor are inseparable. One cannot be without the other.

What we experience in our society and all around us today – the rivalry, the wars, violence in our streets, the divisions that keep us at loggerheads, and the hatred which pitches us against one another – point to the fact that this commandment that Jesus enjoins on us today has not taken root in our world. As Christians, if we fail to love, then we have failed in our calling.

The first reading and the gospel challenge us to balance our love so that it is lasting. Inspired by this commandment of love of God and neighbor, many of us have reached out to our needy brothers and sisters in various situations. May the example of Jesus continue to inspire us and animate our lives as Christians of Saint Bernadette to move steadily towards this double command of perfect love.

Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist, we receive true love from God, who is love. May we communicate this love to all our brothers and sisters.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, welcome to Saint Bernadette on this 31st 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.

Watch out for the following events in the month of November:

- Monday, November 1st** - The Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints. We will have Mass at 9 a.m. This year it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but Christians are encouraged to attend Mass.
- Tuesday, November 2nd**—Mass at 9 a.m. and at 5 p.m.
- Sunday, November 7th**—Daylight saving time ends
- Thursday, November 11th**—Veterans' Day/Remembrance Day
- Sunday, November 21st**—Last Sunday in the Church's Liturgical Year B
- Sunday, November 28th**—First Sunday of Advent, Year C.
- Thursday, November 25th**—Thanksgiving

The entire month of November is devoted to the deceased. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life but have not yet attained the joys of Heaven. A partial indulgence can be obtained by devoutly visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed, even if the prayer is only mental. One can gain a plenary indulgence by visiting a cemetery each day between November 1st and November 8th. These indulgences are applicable only to the souls in Purgatory.

What is Synodality?

During the inaugural Mass of "Synod 2021-2023" last October 10, at Saint Peter's Basilica, Rome, Pope Francis provided answers to the above question: "what is synodality?"

Pope Francis calls the event "a synod on synodality" – a Greek phrase which means "coming together" or "traveling together." According to the Pope, "synodality is about cooperation. A Synodal Church is a Church which listens."

At the Mass, Pope Francis said: "Let us ask: In the church, are we good at listening? How good is the hearing of our heart?" He issued a call to Christians: "Let us not soundproof our hearts" so that our hearts can listen; our hearts can hear, "We should be quick to listen, slow to speak" (Jas. 1:19).

In a synodal Church, everyone – the faithful, the bishops and even the Pope – has something to learn; "all listening to each other, and all listening to the Spirit of truth". Pope Francis asked: Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith, to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected or judged?

The Synod calls us to stop and listen. To listen to the Spirit in adoration and prayer. To listen to our brothers and sisters speaking of their hopes and of the cries of faith. Stop and listen to the little ones. Mutual Listening: You speak, and I listen. I speak and you listen, Pope Francis concluded.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday November 1st—Solemnity of All Saints Rv 7:2-4; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

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

Wednesday 3rd— Rom 12:8-10; Ps 112; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday 4th— St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27; Lk 15:1-10

Friday 5th— Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday 6th— Rom 16:3-9; Ps 145; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday 7th—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 1897.00
Capital Improvements .....	\$ 150.00
Diocesan Collection—Universal Mission .....	\$ 260.00
Loaves & Fishes .....	\$ 150.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 373.50

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 31st**

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

**Monday, November 1st**

9 AM All Saints Day Mass  
 \*\*Office is Closed\*\*

**Tuesday, November 2nd**

9 AM Daily Mass  
*For Tom Renninger*  
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart  
 5 PM All Souls Day Mass

**Wednesday, November 3rd**

9 AM Daily Mass  
*For Fr. William Kuchinsky*  
 5—5:50 PM Confession  
 6 PM Daily Mass

**Thursday, November 4th**

9:00 AM Daily Mass  
*For Billy Mulvey*

**Friday, November 5th**

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

**Saturday, November 6th**

4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, November 7th**

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

**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	Chris Ridley	Doug & Mary Blow	Bernie Guy
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?

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.

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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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.

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](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.