



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

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ST. BERNADETTE MASS SCHEDULE

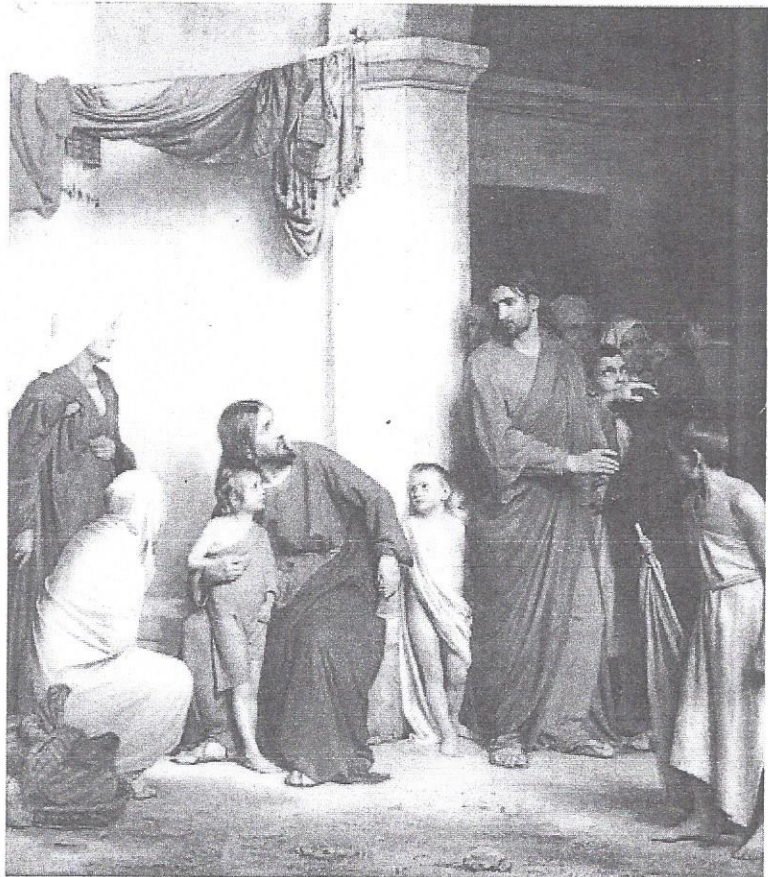
Tuesday: 6 PM
Wednesday—Friday: 9 AM
Saturday: 6 PM
Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM

Adoration every Friday after 9 AM Mass
with Benediction at 12 noon

1st Saturday: 9 AM
Rosary immediately following

Confession
Wednesday 6—7 PM
Saturday 5—5:45 PM
or by appointment

September 19, 2021
25th 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

“My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, “the Lord is good, all the time. All the time, the Lord is good.” Today is the 25th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year B. The readings that the church puts before us today for our meditation address some pertinent day-to-day issues of a society. The first reading talks about the suffering that the righteous undergo at the hands of the wicked. Saint James, in the second reading, highlights selfish ambition as the principal cause of conflict and division in a community. Motivated by selfish ambition, the disciples in the gospel passage, engage in an argument as to which of them is the greatest.

Jesus Christ came into this world on a mission. This mission dominated his entire life and was the inspiration behind everything he did, including his decision to choose his disciples. He will not let anything deter or distract him from this mission - “My food,” He declares, “is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work” (John 4:34). He will not let his popularity get into His head by accepting the offer of an earthly kingship. He will refer to the one He will make head of His Church “Satan” and asked him to get behind Him for thinking not as God does, but as men.

Each of us came into this world with a God-given mission. To accomplish that mission, we need to discover what that mission is and to be dedicated to it. We need to remain focused and opened to the Holy Spirit so that through us God can achieve His purpose for humanity and for Saint Bernadette Parish. May we be motivated by true ambition, so that together, we can make Saint Bernadette a place truly 'Beautiful for God'.
'The Lord is good, all the time. All the time, the Lord is good'.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

We have the following up-coming events:
Parish Finance Council meeting on Tuesday September 21, after the 6 pm Mass

Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday September 28 after the 6 pm Mass

Check your calendar - Fall begins Wednesday September 22nd

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY
OFFERING FOR SEPT 11-12TH

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$	1541.00
Online Giving.....	\$	437.50
Capital Improvement.....	\$	10.00
Diocesan Collection...Scholarship Assoc.....	\$	30.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

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

New Mass Times as of 10/1	New Confession Times as of 10/1
Tuesday: 9 AM	
Wednesday: 9 AM & 6 PM	Wednesday: 5—5:50 PM
Thursday & Friday: 9 AM	
Saturday: 5 PM	Saturday: 4—4:45 PM
Sunday: 9 AM & 11 AM	

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 20th—Ss. Andrew Kim Te-Gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday 21st—St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday 22nd—For the Evangelization of Peoples Ezr 9:5-9; Ps 13; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday 23rd—St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9

Friday 24th—Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43; Lk 9:18-22 Sugg: The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Votive #7

Saturday 25th—Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Ps Jer 31; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday 26th—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19; Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 under “Accountability” for additional information and reporting methods.

WEEKLY CALENDAR
SAINT BERNADETTE

Sunday, September 19th

9:00 AM Mass
10:30-11:45AM Religious Education
2—5 PM Parish Picnic

Tuesday, September 21st

6 PM Daily Mass
6:45 PM Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 22nd

9:00 AM Daily Mass
For Liz Duffy Rau (diseased)
6-7 PM Confession

Thursday, September 23rd

9:00 AM Daily Mass
Bereavement Meeting
directly after 9 AM Mass

Friday, September 24th

9:00 AM Daily Mass
For Philip Rossetti (diseased)
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, September 25th

5—5:45 PM Confession
6:00 PM Mass

Sunday, September 26th

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

All are welcome to our *Annual Church Picnic* this Sunday from 2 to 5 PM. The church is providing fried chicken, drinks, and desserts. Please bring a side dish to share! We will be hosting a cornhole game and bingo with prizes! We hope to see you at the picnic!

Volunteers Needed: We are looking for volunteers directly after the 9 AM mass to assist in setting up canopies and moving tables and chairs needed for the church picnic today. All able-bodied volunteers are whole heartedly welcomed.

It is time for our *Annual Coat Drive* for the needy. We would appreciate donations of gently used coats, jackets, heavy sweaters, and sweatshirts for all ages and sizes for children, women, and men. Place them in McFadden Hall the weekend of September 18-19th and 25-26th. Thank you for your support and help with this project.

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.

Heritage Day is October 9. We are looking for volunteers to assist in preparing & selling food, donating bake sale items, and parking lot attendants. Volunteers are needed between the hours of 7 AM and 5 PM. Additional information will be provided in bulletin flyers next week. Please consider helping for this event. Without new volunteers, this event fundraiser will be canceled.

On Saturday, October 9 *Altar Server* training will be held in the church from 10:00AM-12:00PM. An Altar Server must be between the ages of 9 and 17 who have received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation. If you are interested in joining this ministry please plan to attend this training. Register by emailing the Parish office at office@Stbernadettewv.org or calling 304-754-7830. *All Altar servers who were active prior to COVID restrictions and wish to be scheduled as Altar Servers are required to attend the training.* **Parents – Altar Servers will generally be scheduled to serve one to two weekend Masses per month and could be Saturday or either Sunday Mass. Please contact Donna White for additional information if needed. 304-240-7840 or javalady911@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 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 our annual coat drive, praying at the Life Chain event, 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 lin-da.abrahamian@gmail.com.

On Sunday, October 3rd, from 10am – 5pm, the Youth Group will attend a *Life Chain* event in front of St. Joseph Catholic Church. All are welcome to join this national event to come together and pray for an end to abortion.

A *Separated and Divorced Ministry* has been created to help with the challenges of separation and divorce. For more information and to register contact Richard Hitchcock at 803-331-2565 or rhichsr@gmail.com or Lorraine Javorsky at lormjav@gmail.com.

The diocese is conducting a survey of *Catholics that are not practicing in the Faith any longer*. If you know of anyone that is no longer attending Mass, please notify the Parish Office so that a survey can be mailed to them.

A Cause Without Cuisine-Catholic Charities WV Martinsburg

For the 2nd year, we will be hosting an online auction fundraiser that will assist those in our community who are most in need of social services and the support that it provides. There are two ways to participate. You can go to <https://catholiccharitieswv.org/ACauseWithoutCuisine/> to make a donation, while reading about the types of services that you will be supporting. Please also join us from September 13-30 to bid on your favorite items in our online silent auction. <https://one.bidpal.net/CatholicCharitiesWestVirginia>. All proceeds stay in our community to help provide direct assistance to those in need. Contact Siobhán Bertone for more information at 304-267-8837 ext 10 or sbertone@ccwva.org. Thank you!

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 or call the school office at 304-267-6447.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

Margaret Kistner	Joe Schlagal	Rugena Bell
Robin Marlin	John Bennett	Bonnie Hart
Sharee Buberl	Kathy Sloan	Dorothy Foley
Rose Stefanko	Harry Skouras	Doug & Mary Blow

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.

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. Please note: Mass and Confession times are changing effective 10/1/2021.

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: Cindy Lathwell, Tom Bibby, Pat Winkelman, 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, and Neil Shanholtzer

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.