

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 Benediction at 5 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

April 24, 2022 Divine Mercy Sunday



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

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. The history of Divine Mercy dates to 1931 when the world was in the midst of the Great Depression and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus. It was only in 2000 following her canonization that Pope Saint John Paul II proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

One will be tempted to ask the question: What is the Divine Mercy Feast All About? In fact, the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina is filled with invitations from our Lord Jesus Christ to celebrate with Him the great Feast of the Divine Mercy. The answer to the above question is spelled out by Jesus Himself for Faustina. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls... I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy. ... If they will not adore My mercy, they will perish for all eternity". This Feast is "a lifeline," so to speak, to souls who are perishing, souls who are drowning in sin and despair. Jesus attaches to this Feast tremendous promises of graces, benefits, and comfort. This Feast is not only for a select few, all are invited especially poor sinners and those who are most in need of His mercy. "My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. ... It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the First Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy".

On this Mercy Sunday Jesus is offering us a complete renewal of our baptismal grace, a complete cleansing of the soul and washing it clean, renewing within us all the gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit that we received at our baptism.

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, as we celebrate

this Feast of Divine Mercy, we are reminded of our need to be merciful to others, through our actions, words, and prayers. "If we are not practicing the works of mercy in our lives," says Saint Faustina, "then our celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday would be a kind of blasphemy, rather than an offering pleasing to the Lord". Wealthy of note is the fact that a plenary indulgence is granted to those who celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday. Let us commit as a parish community to do the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.) in our parish church every First Friday of the month. "Jesus! I Trust in You".

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Confirmation Rehearsals Saturday, April 30th 12—1 PM & May 14th 11 AM—1 PM Confessions included

We want to extend a special thank you to all those that sacrificed and volunteered their time and talents to our Holy Week Celebration.

THIS WEEK'S SUGGESTED LEARNING ON



For the adults: Let's reflect during this Octave of Easter with short 4-5 minute daily reflections at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-daily-reflections>.

For the kids: Watch at family friendly cartoon at <https://watch.formed.org/ryan-defrutes-secret-agent>

Find this week's post on our Facebook page and leave your review in the comments. Links for videos can be found there as well. www.facebook.com/StBernadetteWV

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 1511.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 1085.64
Easter Offering.....	\$ 1962.00
Capital Improvements & Maintenance.....	\$ 50.00
Diocesan Collections.....	\$ 555.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 116.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 1000.00
Mary's Refuge.....	\$ 50.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP
TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

There will be a **Social Concerns Committee** meeting on Wednesday, April 27th after the 6 PM Mass. All are invited. Newcomers would be applauded.

Quilt Raffle sales will take place after all Masses on April 30th, May 1st, 7th, & 8th. Tickets are 2 for \$5. Fr. Boh will draw the winning ticket after the 11 AM Mass on May 8th. (Need not be present to win.) Proceeds will be used to purchase sleeping bags and tents for the homeless.

Catholic Radio in the Eastern Panhandle!

The effort to bring Catholic Radio to the Eastern Panhandle continues. We will have an informational meeting Saturday, May 14th. The meeting will be held after the 8:00 am Mass in the St. James Parish Library (49 Crosswinds Drive, Charles Town). Our special guest is Mr. Bob Carubia of Light of Life Catholic Radio in Central West Virginia and the Northern Panhandle. To RSVP or for questions, please contact Shaun Perkows at shaun.perkowski@gmail.com or 304-283-1038.



Quilt made by Sharon Rose

Blessed Sacrament Church, a mid-sized, vibrant Catholic parish in South Charleston, WV, seeks to hire a full-time, **salaried Pastoral Associate** who will direct all faith formation programs and coordinate all liturgical ministries in close collaboration with the pastor, youth minister and music minister, along with a host of volunteers. The ideal candidate is a loving, faith-filled, practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, with either a masters level degree in education or theology, or equivalent experience. Good "people skills", written and oral communication skills and familiarity with computers and social media are a must. Send questions, resumé, references and salary expectations to Rev. John H. Finnell at blessedsacrament305@gmail.com, preferably by May 5, 2022.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Martinsburg, West Virginia, is seeking a **principal for Saint Joseph School**, which has students in preschool through eighth grades. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts, and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school. The ideal candidate must have a master's degree in educational leadership or administration, or begin the process of completing degree requirements; or hold a valid educational leadership certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification. The candidate must have a minimum of five years of successful educational experience, with preference given to one with administrative experience. Previous applicants need not reapply. A resumé with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF to Meg Partington (mpartington@sjswv.org) by Thursday, May 12, 2022.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 24th

9 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
 10:30—11:45 AM Religious Education (LAST CLASS)
 11 AM Mass
 12 PM Teacher's Luncheon

Tuesday, April 26th

9 AM Mass
 10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, April 27th

9 AM Mass
 5:20—5:50 PM Confession
 6 PM Mass
 6:30 PM Social Concerns Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 28th

9 AM Mass

Friday, April 29th

9:00 AM Mass
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass
 12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, April 30th

12—1 PM Confirmation Practice
 4—4:45 PM Confession
 5:00 PM Mass
 Quilt Raffle Sales after Mass

Sunday, May 1st

9 AM Mass
Intention for the People of the Parish
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 Quilt Raffle Sales after Mass
 11 AM Mass
 1st Communion
 Quilt Raffle Sales after Mass

PRAYERS REQUESTED

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, Jerry Wargo, Nancy Barnholt, Isabella Blackshear, Ginger Spice, and Colleen O'Neill

*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.*

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: 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 or you can register on our website at 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 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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 25th—St. Mark, evangelist; 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89; Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday 26th—Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday 27th—Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday 28th—Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34; Jn 3:31-36

Friday 29th—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church; Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday 30th—Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; Jn 6:16-21

Third Sunday of Easter, May 1st—Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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.

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.

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to purchase
SLEEPING BAGS
AND TENTS FOR
THE HOMELESS**



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**Tickets on sale after all Masses on April 30th,
May 1st, 7th, & 8th**



**TWO CHANCES
FOR \$5**

**Fr. Boh will draw the winning ticket after the
11 AM Mass on May 8th**

(Need not be present to win)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT