



# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

**Administrator,** Rev. Fr. Aloysius Boh

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**Maintenance,** Joe Comer

## ST. BERNADETTE 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

February 6, 2022  
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



### 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

Theme: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” In one of the parishes where I worked in my native Cameroon, the chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council of that parish was a lady. As the chairperson, she did an excellent job. When the Christian action group - Catholic Women Association to which she was a member (this happens to be the largest group in the Catholic Church in the English-speaking part of Cameroon) was preparing for their diocesan election, she was one of the three candidates that won the nomination. She shared with us – priests working in the parish, her fears and how unworthy she felt she was to handle such a position in these words: “I am not well learned to lead a group made up of mostly intellectuals, I will decline the nomination”. We succeeded to persuade her to not to decline the nomination. She won the election to become the diocesan president of this group. Although unworthy, by her judgment, God used her and the association during her tenure grew from strength to strength and did a lot for the church.

“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” A lot of people do not always say yes when they feel called to a particular task. We think about it, and we ask ourselves all kinds of questions. We do the same even when it is God calling us - whether to serve or follow Him, before we say yes or no. We give a lot of reasons and excuses to justify our not saying yes to Him. Which should not be the case. This happened with the prophet Isaiah as we hear in today’s first reading: “Woe is me; I am doomed!” he says, “For I am a man of unclean lips”. Isaiah didn’t see himself worthy to be employed in the service of God. But God’s abiding grace and His forgiveness set him free and even emboldened him before God and he cheerfully engaged in the service of God: “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” Dear friends in Christ, God is still addressing that question to each one of us today: “Whom shall I send?” Whom shall I send to that public office, to that sister or brother who has been away from Church for so long; to that sister or brother in prison, or at the hospital; etc.? Let us commit today, dear friends, to make Isaiah’s answer our own: “Here I am, Lord, send me.”

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

**Friday 11 February 2022:**

Day of Prayer, Reconciliation and Healing here at Saint Bernadette. From 9.45am until 12:10pm. This will include Anointing of the sick during Mass; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Confession; Angelus and Benediction at 12:10 pm.

**The Pope’s Prayer intention for the month of February 2022:**

“For religious sisters and consecrated women”. Kindly say one ‘Our Father’ one ‘Hail Mary’ and one ‘Glory be to the Father’ for this intention.

If you can, please, be part of the West Virginia annual Pro-Life Rally on February 7, 2022. Bishop Brennan will join fellow West Virginians and he will speak at the rally beginning at 9 a.m. in the lower rotunda. Those in attendance will join the bishop as they are introduced in the House/Senate Galleries when sessions begin at 11 a.m.

**RETREAT FOR SURVIVORS OF ALL FORMS OF ABUSE**

Survivors of all forms of abuse across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV are invited to attend a special retreat entitled, “The Way.” The Way is 3-day guided meditation and prayer program for men and women crafted around the Stations of the Cross. It is an opportunity for healing and prayer and for survivors to reflect on God’s plan for their lives through prayer and sacraments. There will be opportunities for individual counseling and spiritual direction. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, the retreat is free of charge and will be held in *February 18-20, 2022, for women*. The location of the retreat is not being publicized to protect the privacy of survivors. For more information on the retreat, visit <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat>. To learn more and to register, please contact Deborah McDonald at [mcdonalddd@adw.org](mailto:mcdonalddd@adw.org) or 301-853-4466.

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING**

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 3468.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 641.13
Capital Improvements & Maintenance.....	\$ 1150.00
Church in the Developing World .....	\$ 50.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 67.00
Loaves & Fishes .....	\$ 50.00

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP**

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

The Diocese is updating parish reports for *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion*. We currently have the following people on the list for our parish: Betty Benoit, David Brown, Anna Ciancarelli, Marie Coffey, Lori Felice, Jim Fritzges, Martha Glover, Brenda Inclima, Bob & Bobbie Kucharek, Dan & Sylvia Montgomery, Mary Smith, Bernice Sullivan, and Vici Trauger. If you would no longer like to serve this ministry, or if you should be on this list, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 before February 9th.

A *Social Concerns meeting* is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16th following the 6:00 PM Mass. There are a number of important items we will be discussing. Please try to attend. New members are always welcome.

*Loaves and Fishes* is seeking donations to fill their food pantry. Monetary donations can be made to St. Bernadette with Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes in the memo line. If you have any questions, contact Karen at 301-992-1368 or Bill at 571-216-9320.

St. Leo Parish in Inwood is looking for a *Part time Director of Music Ministries & Organist/Pianist*. Please call their Parish Office at 304-229-8945 for more details.

*St. Maria Goretti Catholic High School* in Hagerstown, MD is currently accepting applications for transfer students for this school year and for next school year (2022-2023). They are known for being both academically challenging as well as helping to guide their students in their faith. If you have children in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade who would be interested in St. Maria Goretti, contact Makayla Solomon at 301-739-4266 or at admissions@goretti.org to schedule a time to meet.

**Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat**

Do you desire a life of sacrifice and faithful service to God and His People? Do you desire to give yourself completely to God in a life of consecration and commitment to building up the kingdom of God here in West Virginia? Perhaps the Lord is calling you to be a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston! The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on March 5-6 at the Priest Field Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430). This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The weekend will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the diocesan priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For any men interested in attending, please sign up at wvpriests.org.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, February 6th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass

*Intention for People of the Parish*

10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass

**Tuesday, February 8th**

9 AM Daily Mass

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, February 9th**

9 AM Mass

*Intention in memory of Harry Lord, Jr.*

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

**Thursday, February 10th**

9:00 AM Daily Mass

**Friday, February 11th**

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, February 12th**

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

*Intention for the People of the Parish***Sunday, February 13th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass

10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Kathy Sloan, Bernie Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, John Bennett, Sharee Buberl, Chris Ridley, Bonnie Hart, Harry Skouras, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Deb Nichols, Tommy Mackesy, Joe Hermosillo, Msgr. Patrick Fryer

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 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](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, 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.

### WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 7th—I Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday 8th—I Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday 9th—I Kgs 10: 1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday 10th—St. Scholastica, Virgin; I Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30

Friday 12th—I Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday 13th—I Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday 14th—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; I Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

### 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.

# Hope Scholarship Program

## West Virginia

### **Catholic Schools Gear up for Application/Re-enrollment Period**

#### **Hope Scholarship Program Creates Opportunity for New Families**

Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are preparing for the 2022-23 school year with their common application and re-enrollment period beginning in February. Schools are also preparing to welcome new students taking advantage of the HOPE Scholarship—with its application period set to open by March 2022.

The Hope Scholarship, formerly House Bill 2013, was passed last Spring by the WV Legislature. Hope Scholarship is set up to provide funds for families enrolling in private school, alternative instruction programs, or home schools. This education savings account is managed through the West Virginia Treasurer Riley Moore's office and not by the Diocese.

According to the Treasurer's website, [hopescholarshipwv.com](http://hopescholarshipwv.com), students are eligible for the program if they are:

- A resident of West Virginia
- Entering kindergarten for the first time in the Fall of 2022
- Current K-11 student enrolled full time (or at least 45 days during the time of application) in a public elementary or secondary school in West Virginia in 2021-2022

The site also states that under the current school aid formula, each eligible student would receive \$4,600 annually that can be used toward private school, alternative instruction programs, or home school. The funds awarded can only be spent on education expenses such as tuition and fees, extracurriculars, tutoring, materials, supplies, textbooks, transportation, etc. Please visit the site to learn more about the program and receive updates from the Treasurer's office.

The application and re-enrollment period for the 24 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston begins in February:

- February 4, 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Catholic Schools Week) – Re-enrollment for current families begins.
- February 11, 2022- Application period opens for parishioners new to the school begins.
- February 18, 2022-General public application period begins.

If you haven't already done so, schedule a tour or shadow day for your child or grandchild. For information or to find a school in your area go to [WVCatholicSchools.org](http://WVCatholicSchools.org).



Synod2021-2023

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The Synodal Journey has begun at St. Bernadette Catholic Church. Originally, in a Covid-free world, we would have preferred to meet in person. In these ever-changing times we have had to rethink our process. **YOU CAN NOW PICK UP YOUR SYNODAL PACKET** in the Narthex. Participation is strongly encouraged. You can return the packets to the collection box market “Completed Packets” in the Narthex. We will continue to collect the packets until March 13<sup>th</sup>. You can also drop it off to the Parish Office during regular business hours, Mon – Fri 10AM – 2PM.