

# 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 Saturday: 9 AM Mass  
Rosary immediately following

Confession

Wednesday: 5—5:45 PM

Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM

or by appointment

## January 14, 2024

### 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



"Here I am. You called me." (1 Samuel 3:5)

### 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

The main theme of today's Scripture readings is Divine vocation – that everyone is called by God to be a witness for Christ by doing something for others with his or her life, using his or her unique gifts and blessings. Hence, today's readings remind us of our personal and corporate call to become witnesses for Jesus, the Lamb of God, by leading lives of holiness and purity.

Our first reading recounts the call of Samuel, one of Israel's greatest prophets, the one who would ultimately anoint Israel's greatest king, David. The Lord calls Samuel by his name while he was sleeping. Many of us do not normally want to be disturbed from our sleep and thus, sometimes, pay deaf ear to summons reaching us while we are sleeping. But Samuel had to rise four times from his sleep to respond to a voice calling him that he didn't know precisely where it was coming from. Three times he heard the summons, not knowing where the voice came from, he ran to Eli because he thought he was the person calling him.

Would you have returned to Eli the third time after the first and the second rebuffs? Would you not have rather wondered to yourself: what is wrong with this old man, he can't sleep, and he doesn't want anyone else to sleep? Does he think I am also an old man who has lost all sleep from his eyes? But that was not Samuel's reaction. He was a man ready to be bent double. He would have returned again and again to Eli if he believed it was Eli calling him. And when Eli eventually realized that it was the Lord that was calling Samuel and gave him what response to give upon the next call, Samuel promptly made the suggested response his own. When the Lord called again, Samuel responded: 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'

How many of us can still behave like Samuel today? How many of us have the disposition to do the listening, leaving the talking to the Lord? Are we not rather more given to the tendency to do the speaking, expecting the Lord to do the listening? We like to talk rather than do the listening. We prefer to give orders rather than to be ordered around.

God calls Samuel by his name – a rare but not unheard-of privilege in salvation history. God "... does not deal with anonymous masses," says Fernando Armellini, "for him we are all important." Nothing is more personal than a name. God knows us by name.

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, God has a unique call and purpose for our lives, and we must embrace that vocation. So, ask yourself 'what does God want from me?' Why did He bring me into this country, into my family, into Saint Bernadette Parish, Hedgesville. If you don't know, then you have not heard his voice. Could it be that God has not yet spoken to me yet or that I have not listened? Maybe you haven't realized God is calling you. God called Samuel four times and with Eli's help Samuel realized it was God calling him. It might be difficult to hear God's voice calling you amid the noises that

surround you, however, He continues calling until we answer. God cannot be heard in noise and restlessness, only in silence. He will speak to us if we give Him a chance. If we will listen, if we will be quiet. "Be still," the Psalmist wrote, "and know that I am God" (Ps.64:10). Even when we are quiet, we still need the help of others; our spiritual directors, our parents, people closer to God, members of our parish community, etc. to able to understand that it is God inviting or calling you for a particular mission.

**Exercises:** I recommend the following exercises for the week to be done as a family. (1) How did the little boy find himself in the Temple? (2) How can parents help their children grow to love and serve God? (3) How does God speak to us?

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners, We have a tradition in Cameroon to say "happy new year" until the end of January. If you don't mind, let me begin by wishing a "Happy New Year to all of you"! We come together this weekend as a family of God to celebrate the good things God has done for us as individual families and as a parish community. I extend a warm welcome to you all and especially to anyone who is visiting and worshipping with us from other places or faith backgrounds for the first time. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish, please consider registering here at Saint Bernadette. You can contact the office at (304) 754-7830 or email: [office@stbernadettewv.org](mailto:office@stbernadettewv.org) for more information or with any questions. We are here to serve you and to guide you in the journey of the beauty of our faith.

**Word of God Sunday:** On September 30, 2019, a Motu proprio Apostolic Letter "Aperuit illis" issued by Pope Francis established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the "Sunday of the Word of God." This year, January 20/21, 2024, has been designated as "Sunday of the Word of God" and is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis explains the celebration has "ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity." Some of the activities to mark the celebration of this shall include: The enthronement of the Bible in the Parish Church during the 9 AM Mass and blessing of the readings during all three Masses.

## PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 1331.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 1617.42
Maintenance.....	\$ 795.00
Outreach.....	\$ 190.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD  
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP



## CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 18-25, 2024.** THEME: "You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an annual observance, sponsored jointly by the World Council of Churches and the Pontifical Council for Christian Unity since 1968. Christians everywhere are invited to remember one another in prayer and strengthen the bonds of love and mutual mission we share in Jesus Christ. This year's theme reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered "neighbor". In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

Wishing you and your loved ones a week that is filled with blessings, happiness, and peace!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

**The Social Concerns Ministry would like to extend a heartfelt thank you** for the support that Loaves and Fishes received the past two months from the parishioners of St. Bernadette's, including the teachers, parents, students, and siblings from our Religious Education Program and the OCIA Program. They helped with the distribution of food items, the white elephant table, and distributing the Christmas Star Gifts. Thank you again.

**This Monday!** January 15th from 11 AM—6 PM Fried Chicken Dinner at St. Bernadette's!! \$18 serves 2! 4 pieces of chicken, French fries, green beans, rolls, and drinks. Dessert can be purchased from the Bake Sale

There will be a **Social Concerns Ministry meeting** after the 9 AM Mass this Thursday, 1/18, in the Religious Education Building. Everyone is always invited!

**Donations to Saint Joseph School** If you would like to make a donation to Saint Joseph School, you may do so on our website: <https://sjsv.org/donate>. There are options there to direct your funds to the Adopt-a-Student Fund; gym roof/lighting needs; Safety and Security Committee; and Playground Fund. General donations may be mailed to Saint Joseph School, 110 E. Stephen St., Martinsburg, WV 25401. Please make checks payable to the school. Thank you for your generosity!



## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Bob Baker, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Linda & Bernie Guy, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Abby & Libby Conley, Shane Terry, Linda Spiker, Carol Bogacz

*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, January 14th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Jen Conley*

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Katherine Kuchinsky*

**Monday, January 15th**

11 AM—6 PM Fried Chicken Dinner

**Tuesday, January 16th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, January 17th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Nan Brown*

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Thursday, January 18th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Ministry Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg

**Friday, January 19th**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Lynn McCoy*

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, January 20th**

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Leila Policarpio*

**Sunday, January 21st**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for John Scofield*

2:30 PM African Mass

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and are required to attend a Preparation Session 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.

**Order of Christian Initiation:** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in August and ends in April. These classes are for members who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending OCIA, 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, 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 15th—1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 16th—1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 17th—St. Anthony, Abbot; 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday 18th—1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56; Mk 3:7-12

Friday 19th—1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday 20th—2 Sm 1:1-14, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday 21st—Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

## 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.



**SOCIAL CONCERNS  
WINTER  
OUTREACH DISTRIBUTION**

There will be an Outreach Distribution at  
St John's Lutheran Church (101 West Martin St. Martinsburg)  
on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Let's make a difference in 2024 for people who are less  
fortunate and need our help.

**The following items are needed:**

- Hygiene products (3 in 1 body wash, deodorant wipes, and toilet paper)
- Socks, t-shirts, gloves, and hats
- Vienna sausage, peanut butter crackers, and Slim Jims

Please drop off your donations in McFadden Hall.  
There is a cart in the closet.

We are so grateful for your generosity.

**Please have all donations in by January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

# CHERUBS

(Pre-K through K)

## Celebrating St. Valentine

When: Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after the 9 AM Mass

Where: McFadden Hall

**Please join the Cherubs Ministry on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after the 9 AM Mass for a small craft and lesson on St. Valentine.**

The Cherubs Ministry is a ministry to engage our youngest members of the church and gets them actively involved with projects for the community. It serves Pre-K through K. If you're interested in having your child participate with the Cherubs Ministry, or have questions, please reach out to Shanna Fisher (240-382-9198). We hope to see your children on February 11<sup>th</sup>!

