



St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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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 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

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January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord



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 every-

HAPPY NEW YEAR

REFLECTION

Saturday January 1, 2022 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Summary of the Pope Message for the 55th World Day of Peace

On the 1st of January each year, we celebrate “World Day of Peace” and the “Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God”. The pope provides a message for the World Day of Peace. The Pope’s message for the 2022 World Day of Peace, the 55th celebration, is entitled “Dialogue between generations, education, and work: tools for building lasting peace.” The Pope urged world leaders to spend more money on education, health care, infrastructure, care of the land and devote fewer resources to weapons. The Pope laments that despite numerous efforts aimed at fostering the conditions for peace, “the deafening noise of war and conflict is intensifying.” The pope gave a grim assessment of the state of world affairs. “Diseases of pandemic proportions are spreading, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation are worsening, the tragedy of hunger and thirst is increasing, and an economic model based on individualism rather than on solidary sharing continues to prevail”. As a solution, Francis proposes greater solidarity and dialogue among different generations - dialogue between the keepers of memory — the elderly — and those who move history forward — the young. He argues that education and training must be viewed as investments rather than expenditures for promoting integral human development”. This will help counter the rise of violence and organized crime around the globe. Francis acknowledges the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In conclusion, he appealed to government leaders and all those charged with political and social responsibilities, priests and pastoral workers, and all men and women of goodwill, to walk together with courage and creativity on the path of intergenerational dialogue, education, and work. He prayed that more and more men and women may strive daily, with quiet humility and courage, to be artisans of peace.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Reflection: On the first day of every year the Universal Church celebrates the solemnity of Mary Mother of God. At the annunciation of the Angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body. We celebrated at Christmas the birth of this Word made flesh which was with God in the beginning

and through whom all things were made, and He is God. This is the Word that the Prophet Isaiah prophesied about (Is. 7:10-14), and the prophecy is fulfilled in Matthew 1:23; “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” - which means “God with us”. Hence, Mary is acknowledged and honored as truly the Mother of God. There is no better way to start the year than to be placed under Mary’s maternal care and powerful intercession as God turns our lowliness into exaltation throughout the year.

Sunday January 2, 2022 - Epiphany of the Lord, Solemnity

Reflection: Today the Church celebrates the Epiphany of the Lord. This is the manifestation of God’s light and glory to the whole world. Also, Jesus is shown as the Savior of the world. Today’s readings portray Jesus as the fulfilment of the law and the prophets as he himself asserts in Matthew 5:17: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them”. Above all, this feast establishes Jesus as the King of kings, with earthly kings coming to pay him homage while he is still an infant. Today’s celebration of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord teaches us to ask God to enlighten our hearts with His light to dispel the darkness of our lives and thus bring us to the true worship of God-made-man in the person of Jesus Christ.

Fr A. Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

Sunday Confessions: 8:15 – 8:45 am to begin Sunday January 9, 2022.
 Wednesday Confessions: 5:15 – 5:45 pm to begin Wednesday January 5, 2022
 First Friday of every month: Perpetual Adoration, Rosary, Evening Prayer and Benediction. Beginning Friday February 5, 2022. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately after 9 am Mass, Rosary, Evening Prayer and Benediction 4 - 5 pm. All are invited.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 19,602.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 2908.38
Christmas Offering.....	\$ 2010.00
Capital Improvements & Maintenance.....	\$ 210.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 156.00
Diocesan Collection—Catholic Charities	\$ 1810.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON

THANK YOU!

Father Boh would like to express his appreciation to the Bereavement Committee and to all parishioners that helped support Frank's funeral and luncheon. The giving of your time and contributions of food for Frank's luncheon and all Bereavement luncheons throughout the year have been much appreciated. Your generosity has helped provide comfort for the families of the deceased in their time of grief.

Thank you also to the altar servers, the choir members and ushers that help support at all the funeral masses.

Please know the families always express their appreciation for all that you do.

2022 Offertory Envelopes are available in McFadden Hall. If you have not received envelopes but want them, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

Change in enrollment dates

As the result of a directive from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the re-enrollment and enrollment dates for Saint Joseph School have changed for the 2022-23 academic year:

- Friday, Feb. 4, 2022: Re-enrollment opens for current families
- Friday, Feb. 11, 2022: Applications/enrollment open for parishioners of area Catholic churches who are new to the school
- Friday, Feb. 18, 2022: Applications/enrollment open for the general public. Please note that the families of current students only have from Feb. 4 to 10 to re-enroll their children before enrollment opens to new families. If you have any questions, please email Principal Patrick Blanc at pblanc@sjsvw.org.

TEC stands for Teens Encounter Christ. TEC is an international, spiritual-renewal movement in the Catholic Church that strives to bring young people and adults into a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. TEC is a community, led by the Holy Spirit, that gathers people into Christian groups of faith, while attempting to incorporate its ministry into the overall ministry of their members' dioceses and parishes.

The primary method employed to gather people into Christian community and form them in the Christian life is that of the weekend retreat. At the weekend retreat, which usually runs from Friday evening to Monday afternoon, the participants are led into Christ's Paschal Mystery, through a combination of presentations, activities, talks, prayer, community building, and liturgy.

The next TEC retreat that will take place in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be held from Friday, January 14th to Monday, January 17th, at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, West Virginia. It will be free for all teens who are in their junior year of high school through first year of college.

You can register on the Diocesan website, at <https://dwc.org/diocesan/ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/tec/>, or you can contact Jeanne McKeets at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis to register: 304-233-0880, ext. 374 or jmckeets@dwc.org.

Three five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of the books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org with your name, address, and phone number.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 2nd

9:00 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass

Tuesday, December 28th

9 AM Mass

Intention in memory of Frank Zielinski

Wednesday, December 29th

9 AM Mass

Intention in Honor of Tony Rutledge

5:20—5:50 PM Reconciliation

6 PM Mass

Thursday, December 30th

9:00 AM Mass

Intention in memory of Sarah Hannon

Friday, December 31st

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Intention in Memory of Phillip Rossetti

*Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

First Saturday, January 1st

9 AM Mass followed by the Rosary

5 PM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 2nd

9:00 AM Mass

Intention in memory of Frank Dobscha

11 AM Mass

Intention in memory of Eleanor Nemeckay

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

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.

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

2022 Major Church Events

Sat Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, also The 55th World Day of Peace

Sun Jan. 2: Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 9: The Baptism of the Lord

Sun, Jan 16: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Tue, Jan 18: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Sat, Jan 22: The anniversary of the USA Supreme Court Decision, Roe vs. Wade: to be observed as a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the rights to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion

Tue, Jan 25: Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle

Wed, March 2: Ash Wednesday – Lent begins

Fri, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

Sun, April 10: Palm Sunday - Holy Week begins

Fri, April 15 Good Friday

Sun, April 17 Easter Sunday

Thurs, May 26: The Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of obligation)

Sun, June 5: Pentecost Sunday

Sun, June 12: The Most Holy Trinity

Sun, June 19: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) Sun, June 26: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Mon, August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tues, Nov. 1, All Saints Holy Day of obligation

Wed, Nov. 2: Commemoration of all the faithful Departed: All Souls Day

Sun, Nov. 20, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sun, Nov 27, First Sunday of Advent Year A

Sun, Dec. 25, Nativity of the Lord

Fri., Dec. 30, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

How to Keep Your Kids Catholic” by Ken Hensley

In a heartfelt and truly practical presentation, former Baptist minister Ken Hensley reveals effective strategies to help keep our kids within the fold of the Catholic Church. Drawing on personal experience and centuries of Catholic spiritual wisdom, he shares timeless, real-world advice we can readily use. His insights set us on the road to effective and successful parenting. You can listen to inspiring presentation by signing on to Formed.org as a parishioner. Once you have signed in, place your mouse on ‘help’ at the top right of your screen, and click on ‘leader resources’. Once on that page, place your mouse on ‘ministry pathways’ and click on ‘pastors’. Scroll down to the first point under ‘strengthen your parish community’. Please find time this week to listen to this presentation by Ken Hensley. Thanks in advance.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 3rd—Monday after Epiphany 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 4th—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 5th—St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday 6th—Thursday after Epiphany 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72; Lk 4:14-22

Friday 7th—Friday after Epiphany 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 8th—Saturday after Epiphany 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday 9th—The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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.



**SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Dear Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you well, safe, and in good spirits. The year we are wrapping up has been unlike any before at St. Bernadette and across the world on account of the stress, sufferings, lockdowns, and deaths caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though we have been challenged as never before, we have also ascertained that God is still good!

I write to thank you for staying faithful throughout the year. I write to extend condolences for those of you who lost loved ones, to express solidarity with those who have seen their faith shaken by this trying year, to express my understanding for those of you who have not been able to return to active worship. These tough times, too, will pass. You can count on my prayers.

Permit me to thank you in advance, as we go into the New Year 2022, for your continued active engagement in our parish. I'm excited to see what the Holy Spirit has done to our parish in the year closing and what the Spirit has in store as we enter the new year. As you may already know, the following changes are ongoing in our parish:

1. We now have more options for Mass and other services, including:

- a) Adoration every Friday beginning after Mass and ending at noon with Benediction.
- b) First Saturday Devotion with the Rosary recited after Mass.
- c) The addition of a Wednesday evening Mass to accommodate those working during the day that cannot attend daily morning Mass.
- d) An African Catholic Community Mass at 2:30 pm every 3rd Sunday of the Month. All are welcome.

2. We now have more robust online presence:

- a) You can follow us on the St Bernadette Catholic Church page on Facebook.
- b) Our website www.stbernadettev.org has been updated to include three new features: (i) Mass times; (ii) an online giving button; (iii) the option to view or download our weekly bulletin; and (iv) a registration form for new parishioners.
- c) Also, soon, we will include an online option where you will be able to access a parish directory and update your family information.

3. Faith formation available as we grow in brick and mortar:

- a) St Bernadette Parish has secured subscription to www.formed.org where families will be able to learn more about our Catholic faith.
- b) By simply logging in, you will be able to watch, listen and read tons of material on our Catholic faith. Please, feel free to share this site with family and friends who are not parishioners of Saint Bernadette.
- c) We will soon begin meeting in small groups led by Joe and Elaine Comer as part of the Diocesan Synodal Process to discuss how we can be a better church, more faithful to the Lord, and more committed to sharing our faith.
- d) St Bernadette has now owns the old building next to the church at 107 Main West Street and will begin demolishing it this year.

Let me close by thanking you for your kind words of encouragement, your generous support and for your prayers for Fathers Bill, Pucciarelli and myself. Rest assured that I am praying for you, your loved ones, and your intentions. May you find great joy, happiness, and peace in giving thanks to God for the blessings in your life and in our parish.

Happy New Year 2022!

With a most grateful heart,

Aloysius Boh

Parish Administrator

Synod Information for St. Bernadette's Church

To give the faithful of St. Bernadette's ample time for prayerful discernment, the following Synod questions, among the ten categories, will be presented in our listening sessions. Bishop Brennan echoes the Holy Father's advice – in order to come into your local session prepared with open hearts, we must invite the Holy Spirit to guide all of us and our responses, so we are in sincere harmony to do what God calls us to do.

We hope you will take time to read through the questions and prepare your heart for participating in a Listening session occurring at St. Bernadette's starting January-April.

- 1.) **Companions on the Journey:**
 - In our Church, who are those who we “walk” with on our faith journey?
 - Who are those most active in our parish?
 - Who are those who come to Mass quietly and leave quickly?
 - What can we do to be a more welcoming community, especially to those who feel left out or are less involved in the life of our parish?
- 2.) **Listening:**
 - How is God speaking to us through others we encounter?
 - How are the laity listened to in the Church, especially women and young people?
 - What helps or prevents us from listening to them?
 - Are we able to provide opportunities to hear the voices of minorities, those experiencing poverty and excluded from society?
 - What are some limitations in our ability to listen, especially to those who have different views than our own?
 - How do we listen to the contributions of religious sisters and brothers?
- 3.) **Speaking Out:**
 - What barriers do we face when speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in our parish and in our community?
 - What enables us to speak up when something is important to us?
 - How should we relate to and make use of the media?
 - Who speaks on behalf of the Christian community and how are they chosen?
- 4.) **Celebration:**
 - Are we and other Catholics convinced that we truly receive Jesus himself in Holy Communion (the Eucharist) and not a mere symbol of him or just a piece of bread?
 - How do prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our common life and mission to society?
 - How do they inspire our decisions and our actions?
 - How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?
 - How do we encourage parishioners to serve in a particular ministry?
- 5.) **Sharing Responsibility for our Common Mission:**
 - Since we are all missionary disciples, how is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the Church?
 - What might be some reasons that keep someone from participating in the mission of the Church?
 - How does the church community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment, etc.)?
 - How does the Church help these members to live out their service to society in a missionary way?
- 6.) **Dialogue in Church and Society:**
 - Do we make sure to include a diverse group of people in our church community when we have a dialogue?
 - Where does this dialogue take place? How do we promote collaboration with neighboring dioceses, religious communities in the area, lay associations and movements, etc.?
 - How are differences, conflicts and difficulties addressed?

- What particular issues in the Church and society do we need to pay more attention to?
- What relationship do we have with believers of other religions and with those who have no religious affiliation?
- How does the Church interact with and learn from politics, economics, culture, civil society, and people who live in poverty?

7.) Ecumenism:

- What relationships do we have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?
- How can we come together with them to continue the mission of the Church?
- What successes have we achieved working with other Christians?
- What prevents us from coming together?

8.) Authority and Participation:

- How does a Bishop exercise authority in the Church?
- Who should he consult with?
- How does a pastor exercise authority in his parish?
- Who should he consult with?

9.) Discerning and Deciding:

- How do we promote participation in decision-making within hierarchical structures?
- Do our decision-making methods help us to listen to the whole People of God?
- What is the relationship between consultation and decision-making, and how do we put these into practice?
- What tools and procedures do we use to promote transparency and accountability?

10.) Forming Ourselves in Synodality:

- How do we create a Church community that promotes inclusion, listening to one another, participating in the mission, and engaging in dialogue?
- What type of formation do we need to offer our community to grow spiritually and ensure the participation of all the faithful?

A meeting schedule will be provided in upcoming weekly bulletins. We plan on having meetings during the day and in the evenings and throughout the week. Each meeting should last about two hours. We hope you can join us on this journey. See you soon, Elaine and Joe Comer

Vatican Links about Synod

Vatican Synod: <https://www.synod.va/en.html> – select English (EN) on the top of the page by the menu bar

Vatican's Synod twitter: https://twitter.com/Synod_va

Vatican's Synod FB: <https://www.facebook.com/synod.va/>

Vatican's Synod Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/synod.va/>



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***Help Fill the Pantry
January 2022***

Items Needed:

Coffee (1 lb. cans)

Canned Fruit

Canned Tuna/Chicken

Pasta Sauce

Monetary donations can be made to
St. Bernadette with Hedgesville Loaves and Fishes in the
memo line

For more information contact:
Karen 301-992-1368 or Bill 571-216-9320