

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

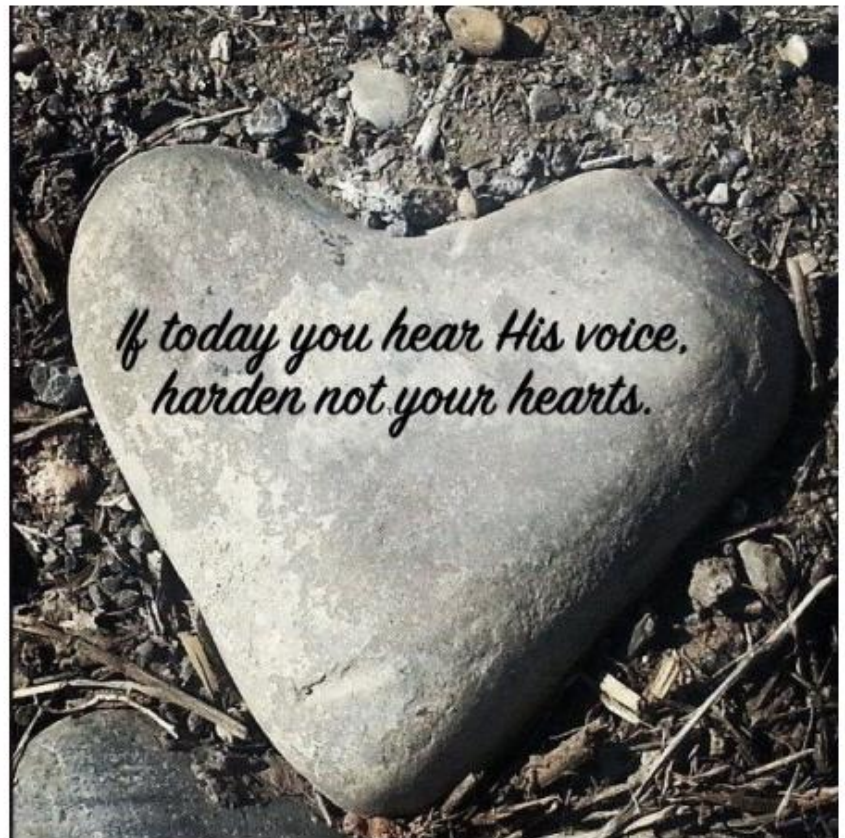
Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM

or by appointment

January 28, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



Psalm 95

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, our readings this weekend are linked by the theme “listen”. In the first reading Moses foretells the coming of a prophet who will speak in the Lord’s name and the people must listen to him. The Responsorial Psalm urges us not to harden our hearts if we hear God’s voice. Saint Paul in the second reading urges everyone, especially those who are celibate for the sake of the Kingdom of God to give undivided attention to the Lord. And in the Gospel the people in the synagogue listen to Jesus as He taught them with authority.

Like I said, this weekend’s readings are about listening. Listening to that ‘still small voice within.’ Those in charge with formation in various houses of religious formation are aware of just how easily both the formator and the one in formation can miss God’s voice as He speaks through the whispers of his Spirit. This has made the role of silence in formation houses key to the formation process. Back in my Major Seminary days, we had very strict rules on silence. Maximum silence was always required in and around the seminary chapel and everywhere else in the compound from 9:00 pm, that is, after night prayer until 7:45 am after breakfast every day. The purpose for this is to create an atmosphere that is conducive for seminarians to be able to silence to that ‘still small voice within’.

“If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart.” These words from the Responsorial Psalm capture the theme of listening adequately. This is meant to be understood that God is always knocking on the doors of our hearts no matter where you are, or who you are. He knocks seeking to enter, and if you hear Him then let Him in, the Psalmist urges us. The prophet Isaiah listened when God spoke to him: “The Lord GOD opened my ear; I did not refuse, did not turn away.” (Is. 50:5). If we harden our hearts to God’s voice, this will not only be wrong but foolish. Remember what our psalm for last Sunday said: “Teach me your ways, O Lord.” So, if we harden our hearts when He speaks to us, then we will end up making choices that lead to hardship and pain. God’s ways are always the best, and when we listen to Him, He gives us his guidance for how to live our lives. “Make known to me your ways, LORD; teach me your paths.” (Ps. 25:4)

Beloved in the Lord, let us pay attention to the God who can speak to us anywhere – in the Church, while you are plowing your driveway, in the shopping mall, or while you are making deliveries. During the coming week, let’s spend a little more time being attentive, listening for that still small voice within, and do not harden your heart if he is calling you to the

priesthood, and/or religious life. Ask Him for the grace and the courage to say YES as Mary did.

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Some events of interest within the week – Friday February 2nd, 2024, Feast of The Presentation of the Lord. Also known as Candlemas. This feast commemorates three distinct but related historical events in the life of the Holy Family. First, it marks the day when Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem, exactly 40 days after his birth. Second, the purification of Mary after the birth of her child. She didn’t need this because she was perfectly pure. Third, today’s feast also commemorates the encounter in the temple between the Holy Family and Saint Simeon the prophet and Saint Anna the prophetess. This is the third and final infancy epiphany of Jesus. Traditionally, families also bring their own candles to church to be blessed on this feast. The candles represent the fact that the light of the world is here; the light is coming into a dark world as the Church calendar progresses towards the brightness of Easter.

Ideas for celebrating this feast day:

Go to mass and bring a stack of candles to be blessed for use over the next year! We will have mass and blessing of the candles at 9 AM on Friday.

Spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament and meditate on the constant fiat of Our Lady of Sorrows, who embraced the will of God even as Simeon predicted that a sword would pierce her heart.

If you haven’t taken down your Christmas decorations yet, today’s the day!

Saturday February 3rd: Optional memorial of Saints Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, Saint Ansgar. Bishop, and it is also the First Saturday of the month: We will have Mass at 9 AM followed by Rosary. Saint Blaise is associated with the healing of throats. During Mass on that day, we shall bless the throats of those present.

Pope’s Prayer Intention for February 2024 is for the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 1827.00
Online Giving	\$ 1840.16
Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Outreach	\$ 120.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Our **Bible Study Group** is in the planning process and we need your help. If you are interested in joining, please fill out the sign-up sheet provided and drop it off in the box in the narthex.

The **Youth Group** will hold their After Christmas Winter Party this Sunday, 1/28, at St. Joseph School from 6-8 PM. Please bring a baby item to donate to Mary's Refuge and a small inexpensive gift for a gift exchange. Youth Group is open to all students 6th—12th grade.

Visit www.marysrefuge.com/baby-bulletin for the latest news on what's happening at Mary's Refuge.

Please read the thank you letter from the coordinator at Sisters of Charity of Nazareth from their visit in September of 2023.



OFFICE OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT

January 8, 2024

Rev. Aloysius N. Boh
St. Bernadette Church
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Dear Rev. Boh,

It is sometimes difficult to express in words an adequate "thank you." St. Paul, inspired by the words of the Prophet Isaiah, encouraged the followers of Jesus by saying that what God has planned for those who love him is more than any eyes have seen or any ears have heard.

We have been blessed in knowing you and your parishioners as ones who love God. Your compassion for others in their plight is a reflection of that love. You have been very generous to our missions. While we do extend to you our most sincere thanks, it is God who has plans, beyond imagining, to thank you most fully.

The gift of \$6,326.15 from Assumption, St. Joseph and St. Bernadette parishes carries with it the hope of a better life for those persons living in deeply challenging situations.

May our loving God bless you as you continue to bless others.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Linda Soltis, SCN
MCP Coordinator

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 28th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Erica Lindsay***Tuesday, January 30th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Jean Ridley

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, January 31st

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Edwin Byrne***Thursday, February 1st**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

First Friday, February 2nd

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Blessing of the Candles

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

First Saturday, February 3rd

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Blessing of the Throats

Rosary immediately following

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the People of the Parish***Sunday, February 4th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the Msgr. Ansgar

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Fr. Boh

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. 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 29—2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday 30—2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday 31—St. John Bosco, Priest; 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday 1—1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; (Ps) 1 Chr 29; Mk 6:7-13

Friday 2nd—Feast of the Presentation of the Lord; Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Saturday 3rd—1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday 4th—Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.



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YOUTH MINISTRY



High School- 2/23-4pm-9pm- Priest Field

Middle School 2/24- 10am-4:30 pm- St. James

Cost- \$15

RSVP- Parish Office, 304-754-7830 by Monday,
Feb. 5th

**All Middle and High School Youth
Welcome**

Parish Bible Study Group

A Bible study group provides an opportunity to delve into the Word of God and create an environment where participants can grow in their faith together. If this appeals to you, drop off this completed form in the box provided for this purpose in the Narthex on or before the weekend of February 17th/18th, 2024. Thank you!

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Which day of the week and time fits your schedule?

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_____ AM or PM

What are your expectations?
