

# SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



## ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

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**RCIA, Theresa Highlands**

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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 Divine Mercy & Benediction at 3 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

## July 24, 2022

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Teach us How to Pray



Lk 11:1-13

#### 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 sisters and brothers in Christ, in our gospel passage Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray. In ancient times, religious groups were characterized not only by the truths they believed in and the laws they observed, but by their prayers. John the Baptist taught his disciples prayers. Luke recounts that, "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples'". Jesus responds to His disciple's request with what we have come to refer to as "The Lord's Prayer"—a deeply beautiful and simple model of how to engage in conversation with God the Father. The disciple that made this request was inspired by Jesus' prayer life. As practicing Jews, they knew how to pray, but Jesus prayed in a different way, and this moved them. There must have been something very special about his prayer that moved this unnamed disciple to ask him to teach them how to pray. If prayer can be taught, then prayer can be learned. We all must pray. Vima Dasan, SJ says, "Only the self-sufficient do not pray, the self-satisfied will not pray, and the self-righteous cannot pray. Otherwise, all of us pray. We pray because we cannot help praying". Prayer stands the believer out from the rest of humanity. No person can claim to be a believer, a Christian believer at that, if he/she has no room for prayer in his/her life. If our Lord and Master prayed, as this gospel text and many more like it tell us, then there must be something in prayer that transcends our understanding of prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that prayer 'is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God' (#2559). So, why did the Godman, Jesus Christ, pray? Many theologians over the course of church history have wrestled with this question. I think the answer to this question is relatively simple: Jesus prayed because he needed to pray and because God infused in him a spirit of prayer. If the Lord Jesus prayed often, as the Gospels tell us, what does that say about our desperate need for prayer today! Yes! We need to pray always, that is, pray without ceasing as Saint Paul tells us (1Thes. 5:17). We should pray with perseverance. But our prayers must express the wish for the accomplishment of God's plan.

Dear friends in Christ, let us pray this day and the days ahead asking God to destroy evil, hatred, injustice, and the spirit of revenge in our midst and in the

world at large. That God gives the grace to recommit ourselves to the building of his Kingdom of justice, love, and peace. 'Lord, teach us how to pray as John the Baptist taught his disciples.'

Fr. Boh

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

**Mass Intentions:** We want to thank those who have been offering Masses in our parish and to encourage everyone to try and offer Masses. You can ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. In one of his Encyclical letters, St. Cyril of Jerusalem explains how at Mass, both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead. Therefore, the Sacrifice of the Mass brings certain benefits upon the Church to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in Purgatory. The stipend given to the priest for offering a Mass in the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is \$10, which thereby in justice creates an obligation which must be satisfied. To have a Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need, is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

**Tuesday July 26, 2022:** Feast of Saints Anna and Joachim, parents of Mary. In 2021 Pope Francis establish this day to be celebrated as the World Day of Grandparents and the elderly as a reminder of the important role they play as a link between generations. Let us remember to pray for our grandparents living and dead.

**Wednesday evening Mass:** We are reminded that we have a parish Mass every Wednesday evening at 6 pm. Kindly slot this into your weekly calendar.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING  
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 1757.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 692.76
Diocesan Collection .....	\$ 100.00
Mary's Refuge.....	\$ 90.00

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

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

There will be a **Social Concerns Ministry meeting** on Wednesday, July 27th, after the 9 AM Mass.

We have an immediate need for some home health care for an elderly parishioner. If you are able to help, please call the parish office.

**Registration for Religious Education** for Grades 1-6 and First and Second Year Confirmation ends August 7, 2022. If you are transferring from another parish, please attach a copy of the Baptism and First Communion Certificate to the registration form. Registration forms can be mailed to St. Bernadette, dropped off in the collection basket, or emailed to the Religious Education Director at [reled@stbernadettewv.org](mailto:reled@stbernadettewv.org).

**Substitute Religious Education Teachers are needed for grades 5, 6, & 8.** Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer. If you have any questions, you can contact Deb Mackesy at the Parish Office.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (**RCIA—15 years or older**), will begin Saturday, August 27, 2022, from 9 AM to 12 NOON at the Religious Education Building. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (**RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age**), will begin Sunday, August 28, 2022, from 12:30—2 PM at the Religious Education Building. These classes are for members who wish to enter in full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending RCIA/RCIC, please call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830.

All Parishioners: Please mark your calendars for our **Parish Picnic on September 11, 2022**. We are collecting items for **BINGO PRIZES**. Look through your home for items that you want to regift and bring them in!!

We have a **lightweight wheelchair** available for those that need help getting around the church. Please speak with an usher if you would like to use this wheelchair.

**Divorce and Beyond** There is a proven 19-step process of adjustment to the loss of a love. Those who appear not to hurt when their love relationships ends have either already worked through a lot of hurt, or have yet to feel the pain. Acknowledge that you're hurt. It's natural, expected, healthy, even OKAY to hurt. Pain is nature's way of telling us that something in us needs to be healed. A Divorce and Beyond Group will be offered beginning in September, for further information contact Richard Hitchcock, 803-331-2565 or email at [rhitchsr@gmail.com](mailto:rhitchsr@gmail.com).

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday, July 24th**

9 AM Mass

*In Thanksgiving for April Canby*

11 AM Mass

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

**Tuesday, July 26th**

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Holy Souls in Purgatory*

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, July 27th**

9 AM Mass

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Ministry Meeting

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

**Thursday, July 28th**

9 AM Mass

**Friday, July 29th**

9:00 AM Mass

Adoration following 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, July 30th**

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

*In Thanksgiving for Vinessa Allen*

**Sunday, July 31st**

9 AM Mass

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

11 AM 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, Nancy Barnholt, Isabella Blackshear, Ginger Spice, Colleen O'Neill, Ernie Montano, Christine D'Angelo, Beth Sclama and her unborn baby

*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.*



**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.

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**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 Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

**St. Bernadette Finance Ministry:** Paul Guttmann, 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.

**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 25th—Feast of St. James, Apostle; 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday 26th—Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday 27th—Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday 28th—Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146; Mt 13:47-53

Friday 29th—Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus; Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69; Jn 11:19-27

Saturday 30th—Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday 31st—Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23; Ps 90; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

### 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.

# ST. BERNADETTE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FINANCIAL RECAP FOR 2019 -- 2022

## INCOME

	BUDGET				
	2019	2020	2021	2Q2022	2022
Sunday Collections	\$ 198,530	\$ 172,756	\$ 179,299	\$ 91,263	\$ 185,000
Building/Mort/Organ/Maint	\$ 34,015	\$ 39,112	\$ 19,857	\$ 9,780	\$ 20,000
Memorials & Donations	\$ 52,441	\$ 13,200	\$ 87,063	\$ 12,259	\$ 66,000
Catholic Sharing Appeal	\$ 4,437	\$ 5,383	\$ 10,229	\$ 6,743	\$ 8,500
Fund Raising (Net)	\$ 6,931	\$ 3,986	\$ 4,788	\$ 4,409	\$ 4,500
Other	\$ 2,773	\$ 14,595	\$ 3,376	\$ 1,416	\$ 4,000
Total Income	\$ 299,127	\$ 249,032	\$ 304,611	\$ 125,871	\$ 288,000

## DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries & Benefits	\$ 85,400	\$ 90,798	\$ 94,985	\$ 55,603	\$ 110,650
Transportation	\$ 13,748	\$ 12,840	\$ 13,603	\$ 6,568	\$ 14,800
Office Expense	\$ 3,668	\$ 9,167	\$ 9,428	\$ 4,261	\$ 10,000
Rectory Food/Supplies		\$ 4,930	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,202	\$ 9,800
Liturgical Expenses	\$ 6,210	\$ 11,454	\$ 23,918	\$ 3,800	\$ 10,000
Ministries	\$ 19,019	\$ 5,646	\$ 6,890	\$ 7,363	\$ 10,000
Utilities/Fees	\$ 22,343	\$ 24,625	\$ 20,380	\$ 12,812	\$ 28,000
Maintenance & Facilities	\$ 21,526	\$ 48,227	\$ 66,107	\$ 53,577	\$ 53,250
Diocesan Fees & PHRA	\$ 3,306	\$ 10,797	\$ 17,232	\$ 6,195	\$ 16,500
Mortgage Interest	\$ 187				
Mortgage Principle	\$ 19,826				
Total Expenses	\$ 195,232	\$ 218,484	\$ 258,044	\$ 152,382	\$ 263,000

## NET INCOME

	\$ 103,894	\$ 30,548	\$ 46,568	\$ (26,511)	\$ 25,000
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## COMMENTS:

- 1.) During the 1st Half 2022, expenditures exceeded revenue by \$26.5K. IRA donations are the primary shortfall in revenue. The main expenditure was the demolition cost (\$40K) of the adjacent building at 107 W Main. St Bernadette received no financial assistance from the Diocese on this project.
- 2.) As of July 20, 2022 St Bernadette was 53% of its \$20,500 Catholic Sharing Appeal goal. All donations for the remainder of 2022 to the CSA will be returned to St Bernadette free of assessment. In 2021 this resulted in over \$10K being returned to St. Bernadette.
- 3.) The major goal is still to complete the parking lot before winter and to renovate the Hall. The latter project will provide more storage and improve the space for functions.
- 4.) Questions regarding our finances should be directed to our Finance Council. Additional information can be obtained through the Parish Office, our Facebook Page and website which is [www.stbernadettewv.org](http://www.stbernadettewv.org)
- 5.) Thank you for your generosity of your time,talent and treasure. There is still time for the CSA.



Aim your camera at the flowcode

Support our parish by  
making a gift to the  
**Catholic Sharing Appeal**  
[dwc.org/CSA](http://dwc.org/CSA)

## 6/30/2022 Balance Sheet

Checking+	\$	243,706
Diocesan CD	\$	75,000

Payables	\$	(20,316)
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7/20/2022		
Checking	\$	243,047
Reserves	\$	75,000
Assets	\$	318,047
Payables	\$	(20,891)

Net Cash Available		
12/31/2019	\$	243,706
12/31/2020	\$	280,355
12/31/2021	\$	320,081
3/31/2022	\$	326,585
6/30/2022	\$	304,585
7/20/2022	\$	297,156

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