

# 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 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*

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**March 27, 2022**  
**4th Sunday of Lent, Year C**



The Return of the Prodigal Son

[Lk 15:1-3, 11-32](#)

## 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: "Be careful what you ask for"  
 In Saint Thomas Aquinas' Major Seminary, Bambui, Cameroon where I received my priestly formation, a story is told of a seminarian who was advised to withdraw from that seminary a few weeks prior to his admission into candidacy for diaconate. By the standards of that seminary and by all human standards, he was a good seminarian and 'good material' for the Catholic priesthood. He was loved and admired by most of the formators and seminarians. His academic record has never been beaten in that seminary, at least, as of the time I left the seminary. He came from a very poor family and because of this, he could barely afford his necessities. The story goes that those who were a class ahead of him returned to the seminary after their priestly ordination to complete their studies, he approached some of them and solicited for material and financial assistance. The newly ordained priests were so generous to him. From their ordination gifts they gave him money, shoes, pants, shirts, etc. With all these gifts of money, clothes and shoes, the seminarian couldn't wait for the next outing day. It is a tradition in this seminary that every Sunday immediately after lunch, seminarians have outings until 5:30 pm. The next Sunday this seminarian went out, had fun, and came back to the seminary late and drunk. Unfortunately for him, he was greeted as he entered the seminary campus by the rector and that ended his journey to the priesthood. His was advised to withdraw from the seminary. "Be careful what you ask for." In today's gospel passage, Jesus tells us the story of the younger son who asked for his share of the inheritance from his father. This was something unheard of in that culture. The son was basically saying that he wishes for the death of his father. However, the father gave the child what he desired. We are told that he set off for a distant country. But eventually met with the consequences of his demands. The world mistreated him, made him starve, and led him to loneliness and darkness, in short, he was miserable. "Be careful what you ask for".  
 We must be careful what we ask for – God may give it to us. Our self-will can make us end up in addiction, alcohol, gambling, and unhealthy relationships. It can make us pay a very heavy price. "Be careful what you ask for". What the seminarian asked for from his friend priests eventually led to the loss of his vocation. He was very angry with himself until he passed away in 2000. Some of us are asking God to help us win lottery; some young people are asking for more freedom from parental control or discipline; some are asking for more gargets, a sports motorcycle, etc. May we all be reminded of the misfortune of the younger son in today's parable after receiving what he had asked for, as well as that of the seminarian in the above story.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

**Wednesday Evening Mass:** We are reminded that we have two Masses every Wednesday – at 9 am and 6 pm. So far, attendance at the 6 pm Mass has been very low.

**First Saturday Devotion:** We have Mass every first Saturday of the month. This is in keeping with one of the conditions that Our Lady gave for the Five First Saturdays of Reparation, namely, that one go to confession, receive Holy Communion, pray the rosary, and meditate 15 minutes on five decades of the rosary. These are to be done with the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for five consecutive months. Our Lady also asked that we say the following prayer at the end of each decade of the Rosary: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy."

**Stations of the Cross:** We are reminded that we have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6 pm. Stations of the Cross, like many of our Catholic traditions can be rich, deep, and meaningful. Let's make the best use of this spiritual exercise for the two remaining Fridays of Lent 2022.

Pope Francis gives us eight reasons why we should pray the Stations of the Cross.

1. They allow us to place our trust in God: We are encouraged to give ourselves over to God, because he never disappoints anyone!
2. They put us into the story: Who do you want to be? Like Simon, Mary, etc.
3. They remind us that Jesus suffers with us: "The Cross of Christ bears the suffering and the sin of mankind, including our own. Have courage! You do not carry your cross alone! I carry it with you.
4. They compel us to action: The Cross of Christ invites us also to allow ourselves to be smitten by his love, teaching us always to look upon others with mercy and tenderness, especially those who suffer, who need help, who need a word or a concrete action.
5. They help us decide for or against Christ: Embrace his love and then be saved, reject it, then be condemned.
6. They reveal God's response to evil in the world: God's answer to evil in the world is the Cross of Christ.
7. They give us the certainty of God's love for us that no one else can give.
8. They guide us from the Cross to the Resurrection. The Station of the Cross teach us that evil shall not have the last word, but love, mercy, and forgiveness.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL  
 GIVING SUMMARY OFFERING

Reg. Envelopes .....	\$ 2998.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 939.64
Capital Improvements & Maintenance .....	\$ 75.00
Diocesan Collections .....	\$ 145.00
Poor Box .....	\$ 35.00
Loaves & Fishes .....	\$ 80.00
Mary's Refuge .....	\$ 50.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A  
 LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

**FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK CONTINUED**

**Parish Lenten Pilgrimage** - Saturday April 2nd, 2022: Please, remember to complete the form for our Parish Lenten Pilgrimage and return it to the Parish Office or drop it into the box provided in the Narthex.

**Palm Sunday:** Regular Mass times. Palms will be blessed at every mass this weekend

**Easter confessions:** Correction from last week's bulletin: Tuesday, April 12th, and Wednesday, April 13th, from 5 PM to 7 PM. These will be the only 2 days for individual confession this week.

**Holy Week Mass Program**

**Holy Thursday:** 7 PM Mass with Washing of the Feet. Please sign up in the Narthex. Open to all men, women and children.

**Good Friday Service:** Stations of the Cross starting at 5:30 PM with service at 6 PM

**Holy Saturday Mass:** at 8 pm

**Easter Sunday:** 9 am, 11 am and 2:30 pm for the African Community—all are invited.

**WHAT IS GOING ON?**

We will continue to collect money for Ukraine for one more week.

**A huge thank you goes out to PJ Yurish** for taking over as Immanuel's House bimonthly meal coordinator. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry, and help prepare the 6 meals a year that we prepare for the poor, please contact PJ at ichty1933@gmail.com. Contact Immanuel's House if you would like to be a back up driver for weekly food delivery. Contact Cliff at 304-261-1365.

**Join the Choir Only for Holy Week and Easter**

Do you love to sing, but cannot commit to the choir full-time? Then please consider joining us for Holy Week and Easter! We are practicing next Sunday, March 27th at 10 am and on Monday, March 28th at 7 pm. Call or email Linda Abrahamian, (304)279-2315 or linda.abrahamian@gmail.com to sign up or for more information. You can also speak with her after one of the Masses.

**What Greater Gift Can You Give?** When someone passes away, extend them a Plenary Indulgence. It is so easy. If you received Communion daily, went to Confession monthly, and fulfilled the conditions stated below, you could release a soul to heaven everyday of your life. There is an army of souls in purgatory ready to help you. If you help them, they are especially anxious to help you. They cannot help themselves. Those who are released by your prayers and sacrifices are indebted to you and full of gratitude. They will be your prayer partners forever.

**Conditions for a Plenary Indulgence:**

Be in the state of grace. Receive Communion each time a plenary indulgence is sought. Go to Confession within 20 days before or after doing the prescribed work. Have a disposition of Catholicism detachment of sin, even venial sin. Pray for the intentions of the Pope, preferably one "Our Father" and one "Hail Mary". Have at least a general intention to gain a plenary indulgence. Fulfill one of the following: —at least a 1/2 hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament —family or group Rosary —or private Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament — or at least a 1/2 hour of pious reading of Sacred Scripture — or walking the Stations of the Cross in a church or with properly erected display of the Stations.

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, March 27th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9:00 AM Mass

*Intention for Anita Edwards*

10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass

**Tuesday, March 29th**

9 AM Mass

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, March 30th**

9 AM Mass

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

**Thursday, March 31st**

9:00 AM Mass

*Intention for Michael Ridley*

**Friday, April 1st**

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist

11—2 PM Fish Fry Lunch

5:30 PM Benediction

6 PM Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 2nd**

9:30 AM Pilgrimage to the

National Shrine Grotto

5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, April 3rd**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

Donut Sunday

Filling Easter Eggs

10:30-11:45 AM Religious Education

11 AM Mass

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

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, Jammie Mackesy, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Anna Greist, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Jerry Wargo, Nancy Barnholt, Isabella Blackshear, and Amanda Miller

*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, Jean Ridley, Linda Abrahamian, Maureen Sabol, Joe Comer, Paul Guttmann, and Neil Shanholtzer

**St. Bernadette Finance Committee:** 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 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.

THIS WEEK'S SUGGESTED LEARNING ON **FORMED**

For the adults: Symbolon: Part 1, Session 4: The Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall, & Redemption

For the kids: Lent with Brother Francis. He will post a daily reflection every day of Lent.

Find this week's post on our Facebook page and leave your review in the comments. Links for videos can be found there as well. [www.facebook.com/StBernadetteWV](http://www.facebook.com/StBernadetteWV)

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday 28th—Is 65:17-21; Ps 30; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday 29th—Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday 30th—Is 49:8-15; Ps 145; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday 31st—Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106; Jn 5:31-47

Friday 1st—Wis 2:1z, 12-22; Ps 34; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday 2nd—Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday 3rd—Is 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

**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.

# *Easter Flowers*



Easter flowers and decorations for St. Bernadette Catholic Church are supplied through donations given by members in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. If you wish to make such a memorial, please complete the form below and place it and your gift in an envelope clearly marked EASTER FLOWERS and place it in the collection basket or turn it in at the office by Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. **PLEASE PRINT**

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Make checks payable to **St. Bernadette Catholic Church** with **Easter Flowers** on the memo line.

IN MEMORY OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of deceased)

IN HONOR OF:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of living)

REQUESTED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_ please publish my gift in the bulletin

\_\_\_\_\_ do not publish my gift