

# 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: 5:20—5:50PM

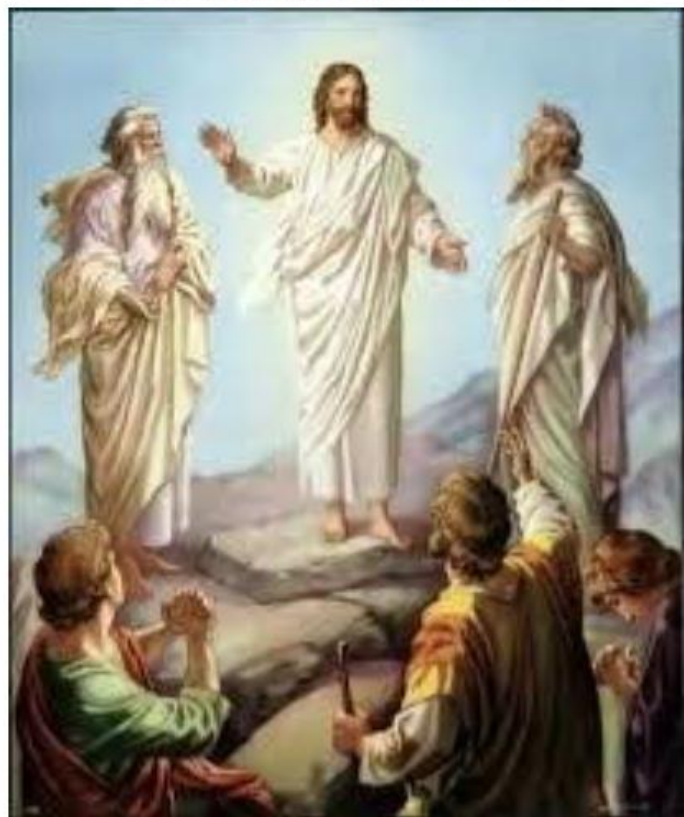
Saturday: 4—4:45PM

Sunday: 8:15—8:45 AM  
or by appointment

## March 5, 2023

## 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A

### The Transfiguration of Christ



### 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

Welcome to Saint Bernadette. Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent. On behalf of the Christians of Saint Bernadette, I wish welcome in a special way all those who are worshipping with us for the first. Thank you for choosing to worship with us today.

“Lord, it is good that we are here”. These are the words of Peter to Jesus in today’s gospel passage when he had a glimpse of the glory and the truth about Jesus. We should make these words of Peter ours, too. “Lord, it is good that we are here” at Saint Bernadette. Our Scripture readings demand that we do something more than merely express the wish to enjoy glorified moments in the presence of the Lord. Peter did not just express the wish to be there. He offered to “make three tents”: one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. We, too, at Saint Bernadette must continue to build a tent (parish) worthy of the Lord. A parish where people feel welcomed, loved, and appreciated.

When Peter proposed to build three tents, he was signaling that he did not want to go back. He thought he could just wish Heaven and it would become a reality, but Jesus assures him, and all of us, that we must take up our cross daily and follow Him. “The son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised”. (Luke 9:22). This message of Jesus can be translated in everyday lingo. “No omelets without breaking eggs”. “No sweat, no sweet”. “If you want to eat succulent cookies, you must be prepared to burn your fingers in the oven”.

What does this mean for us? It means that for us to enjoy eternal glory, we must listen to the beloved Son, with whom the Father is well pleased. We must be ready to deprive ourselves of what gives us joy for the sake of the Kingdom. This is seen in our readiness to leave our comfort zones – our homes, selfishness, pride, greed, sinfulness, etc. Obviously, we must do what Jesus tells us to do, emulating the example of Abram who “went as the Lord directed him”. Abram was considered the richest man in the world at the time. He had made it in life. Apart from being advanced in age – at 75, he had everything he needed, humanly speaking. Although long happily settled in “the land of (his) kinsfolk”, when he heard the call of the Lord, he abandoned a life that had given him security, and set out on a new unknown course.

Peter, James, and John followed the instructions of Jesus to go down from the mountain experience into the harsh difficulties of witnessing to the gospel in the plains below. The question to all of us is: are we doing as the Lord has directed us or are we too afraid to pay the cost of preaching and defending the gospel? Saint Paul exhorts us: “Bear your share of hardship for the gospel”. If you are afraid, Jesus is telling you: “Rise,

and do not be afraid.”

In our own weakness, let us pray, as Saint Paul says, for the grace and “strength that comes from God” to do “our works” according to “His own design”. With the Psalmist, let us entrust our fears and worries to the Lord who has “destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel”. May God help us so that, working together, we may build Saint Bernadette into a beautiful place for God. A place so pleasing to those who visit and worship with us that they may, like Saint Peter, exclaim: “it is so good to be here”.

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

“If you are going to walk with Jesus Christ, you are going to be opposed ... in our days, to be a true Christian is really to become a scandal.” (George Whitefield)

Fr Boh

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, “Cheers to a new month and another chance for us to get it right.” I wish you a beautiful new month of March. To all those who will be celebrating their birth anniversaries or anniversaries of whatever kind this month, God bless you. We accompany you with our prayers and best wishes.

**The Rite of Election:** Today is a great day for our parish as five catechumens and candidates preparing for the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil will be presented to the Bishop during the “Rite of Election” scheduled to take place this afternoon at Saint James the Greater Catholic Church, Charlestown at 4 p.m. Please do keep them in your prayers.

**The Pope’s Prayer Intention for the month of March 2023** – For victims of abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Daylight saving time starts soon:** On Sunday March 12, 2023, our clocks will “spring forward” one hour at 2 a.m. subtracting one hour of sleep. This will last until Sunday November 5th, 2023.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 3039.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 642.39
Capital Improvements.....	\$ 10.00
Diocesan .....	\$ 2092.00
Outreach.....	\$ 312.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

**WHAT IS GOING ON?**

Today, our **Catechumens and Candidates** will be celebrating the Rite of Election at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Charles Town, WV with Bishop Mark Brennan. Please pray for them during this Lenten season. Andrew Britner, Barbara Lepley, Condoleeza (Beri) Mbuwir, Isabella Valadez, and Laurence Kao

**VIRTUS / Safe Environment** The diocese has announced a VIRTUS audit in March of all volunteers, so please check your Virtus status as soon as you can. All VIRTUS documents are available to update online at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

The **March Diocesan Collection**, scheduled for March 12th, is for the Diocesan Priest's Retirement Fund. This collection provides the support for retirement benefits, medical expenses, assisting in the cost of nursing homes stays, and group living expenses for the diocesan priests who have served the people of our diocese as their vocation in life.

There will be a **Hospitality Ministry meeting on Wednesday, March 8th** after the 9 AM Mass. All are invited to attend.

**When You Sing, You Pray Twice!** If anyone would like to sing for Holy Week and Easter, the choir will start practicing next week. Stop and talk after Mass to Linda Abrahamian, our music director, or call or email her at 304-279-2315, [linda.abrahamian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com).

**March Birthdays** Below is a list of those celebrating birthdays in March. If you see them when you are out and about, wish them a Happy Birthday!

Nancy Bland	Andrew Haggerty	Tyler Blackshear
Joan VanMiddlesworth	Zachary Lathwell	Ruth Brown
Alexandra Winstead	Lindsey Moileu	Jane Orsie
Catherine Poplawski	Sarah Folk	Heidi Smith
Kacie Humbert	Beth Ferrell	Carol Bogacz
Marguerite Gould	Conor McKay	Mary MacDonald
Cooper Blackshear	Sebeey Chi	Charles Kinn
Emily Dunn	Joseph Battaglini	Trinity Rodriguez
Raymond Hart	Maureen Sabol	Eric Colliflower
Jonathan Weaver	Fiona Robertson	Joselyn Canby
Marie Coffey	Barb Howell	William Klover
Blanche Landry	Gregory Kniesler	Lawrence Stritch
John Horni	Jack Nees	
Fr. Ansgar Laczko	Maria Sanchez	

**PRAYERS REQUESTED**

Linda Guy, Bernie Guy, Hilda Guy, Mary Cordelli, Rose Stefanko, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Margaret Kistner, Angela Ramsey, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Kathy Weaver, Ginger Spice, Joe Schlegel, Walter & Helena Shenk, Isabella Horning, Brenda Inclima, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Tristan Pressl

*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, March 5th**  
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Josh & Holly Mackesy*  
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed  
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Hilda Guy*

**Tuesday, March 7th**  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Josphe Gasper*  
 9:30 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, March 8th**  
 9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
 9:30 AM Hospitality Ministry Meeting in RE Bldg  
 5—5:45 PM Confession  
 6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Thursday, March 9th**  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Friday, March 10th**  
 9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
 Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
 12 NOON Benediction  
 6 PM Stations of the Cross—Msgr. Ansgar

**Saturday, March 11th**  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
 9—10:30 AM RCIA  
 4—4:45 PM Confession  
 5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for The People of the Parish*

**Sunday, March 12th**  
 8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
 9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Laura Brock*  
 10:15—11:30 AM Religious Ed  
 11 AM Mass—Fr. Pooch



**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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA—15 years or older) and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC—7 to 14 yrs. of age), begins in August and ends during the Easter Vigil. 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.

**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 6th—Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday 7th—Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday 8th—Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday 9th—Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31

Friday 10th—Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday 11th—Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday 12th—Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

### 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.