

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 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

May 29, 2022 The Ascension 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 everyone will recognize you as my disciples.” —John 13:35

REFLECTION

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is not a holiday in the United States. So, whereas other dioceses celebrated on Thursday, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is joining other dioceses within its Church Province to celebrate Ascension on this Seventh Sunday of Easter. On this day, we commemorate the ascent of Jesus Christ into Heaven, which occurred on the 40th day after His Resurrection. Along with Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost, the Feast of the Ascension ranks in the universality of its observance among Christians.

I would like to focus my reflection on the following words of Saint Paul in our second reading: “May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom ... May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call.” This is Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians and for all of us. Paul asks God to grant Christians, wisdom beyond human wisdom, so that they can understand the mystery of the Church. He asks God to open our eyes and hearts so that we can fathom the greatness of the hope to which we have been called.

God’s “call” is sometimes very difficult to understand or wrap one’s arms around. When the boy, Samuel, was called, he repeatedly thought it was Eli calling. God has called us, too, but we are often deaf to the call or, when we hear it, we are uncertain as to what God is calling us to do. We toy with questions about it. We wonder if God is calling us to a particular ministry in our parish. We are, at times, uncertain whether He is calling us to a religious vocation, or to a married life.

At the same time, God has called us to some things... and the call is very, very clear. In the first chapter of his Epistle to the Ephesians, Paul mentions some of the obvious things to which God has called us. In Ephesians 1:4 Paul tells the Ephesians that God has called us “to be holy and blameless in his sight.” In Ephesians 1:5, he says God has called us “to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ.” And in Ephesians 1:12 he says we have been called by Him “for the praise of his glory.”

This is God’s call to all His sons and daughters. However, it is only by His grace that we can be who He has called us to be. It is for that reason that Paul offers prayer so that the eyes of our hearts should be enlightened to know the hope to which we have been called. We are not called to the hope that the people of this world hold onto in life. We have been called to the hope of a people who, although committed to their work in the world, regard themselves as foreigners in this world, awaiting the return of Christ. It is not the

hope of winning the lottery. It is not the hope that causes so many to fret and worry about worldly possessions, positions, and power. When we have the hope that Christ gives, we do not indulge in rituals or work at being “better” in hope that we will find favor with God and receive His blessings. As Christians, our hope is certain and sure because it is based on God’s eternal promises to you and me. So, let us heed the admonition of the two angels to the disciples in our first reading and engage in the life of witnessing to Him right to the ends of the world, in the assurance that our ‘hope will not fail us.’

Happy Feast of the Ascension.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR’S DESK

Welcome everyone to Saint Bernadette. We gather today to celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. A special welcome to those worshipping with us for the first time. Thanks for choosing to come worship with us today. We hope that you feel right at home and please come again. For those who would want to become members of this family of Saint Bernadette, please talk with any of the ushers after Mass or call the parish office on the phone number provided on this bulletin. You can also register online by visiting www.stbernadettewv.org.

Pastoral Care of the Elderly/Sick: Please contact the administrator or the parish secretary when someone is hospitalized or homebound.

Pentecost Sunday: In preparation for the Feast of Pentecost, we shall recite the Novena Prayer to the Holy Spirit just before the exit at every Mass.

The Pope’s June 2022 Intention - Families: We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 1991.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 408.01
Capital Improvements & Maintenance.....	\$ 100.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 42.00
Loaves & Fishes.....	\$ 100.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: The following persons will be installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Sunday June 5th, 2022, at the 9 am and 11 am Masses. (1) Betty Benoit (2) Carol Bogacz (3) Larry Bagacz (4) David Brown (5) Marie Coffey (6) Joseph Comer (7) Lori Felice (8) Kevin Ferrell (9) Jim Fritzges (10) Martha Glover (11) Brenda Inclima (12) Bob Kucharek (13) Bobbie Kucharek (14) Dan Montgomery (15) Sylvia Montgomery (18) Bernice Sullivan (19) Victoria "Vici" Trauger.

This installation shall be preceded by a preparatory session to hold on Wednesday June 1st at 4 pm in McFadden Hall.

Thank you to John and Jeanette Scofield for their donation of plants that were used to help beautify our property.

We are still in need of a **coordinator for Immanuel's House Dinners**. St. Bernadette's prepares 6 meals a year for the poor in our area. We are looking for someone, or a team of people, to plan the meal and be sure that it is delivered on time to Immanuel's House every 2nd Monday of every other month. Call the Parish Office if you have any questions.

The Catholic Sharing Appeal, (CSA) gives us all an opportunity to be part of something great. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the CSA. By contributing to the appeal you are providing service and love to so many across our beautiful state. www.dwc.org/csa

Teachers sought for Saint Joseph School

Saint Joseph School in Martinsburg, W.Va., is seeking teachers in the following areas for the 2022-23 school year:

- Physical education, prekindergarten to eighth grade
- Second grade classroom teacher
- Middle school math/science

Candidates must hold or be eligible to hold West Virginia professional teaching certification. A long-term substitute with a bachelor's degree or first-class permit may be considered if there is a lack of fully qualified candidates. Preferred applicants are practicing Catholics in good standing with Church precepts who will act as examples of and motivators toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school. Ideal candidates are expected to be familiar with the official teachings, doctrine and laws of the Catholic Church, and to integrate those concepts in curricular and extracurricular activities. Email résumés and three letters of reference to pblanc@sjswv.org.

Celebrate the World Meeting of Families at St. Leo Catholic Church on Thursday, June 23rd at 6 PM. Speakers and reception to follow. Speakers include Joyce Bibey, Tim Bishop, Nick Chancey, Tyler and Sydney Kilbane. Scan the QR code for more information.



Scan the QR Code or visit www.dwc.org/world-meeting-of-families to Register.

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, Jerry Wargo, Nancy Barnholt, Isabella Blackshear, Ginger Spice, Colleen O'Neill, and Ernie Montano

*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.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 29th

9 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass

Tuesday, May 31st

9 AM Mass

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, June 1st

9 AM Mass

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

Thursday, June 2nd

9 AM Mass

First Friday, June 3rd

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

First Saturday, June 4th

8 AM—2 PM Yard Sale/Bake Sale

9 AM Mass

Rosary directly following

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, June 5th

9 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass

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), will begin Saturday, August 20, 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 21, 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.

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 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.

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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 30th—Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday 31st—Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; (Ps) Is 12; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday 1st—Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr; Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday 2nd—Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Ps 16; Jn 17:20-26

Friday 3rd—Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs; Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday 4th—Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11; Jn 21:20-25

Pentecost Sunday 5th—Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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.

Mary's Refuge

St. Joseph's Catholic Ministry

Additional Help Needed

When: Saturday, June 11th from 8:00a.m. until projects are completed.

Where: Mary's Refuge, 336 South Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV

What will we be doing? During this "Second Day of Caring" we will be doing paint preparation and looking for someone who knows how to install windows at Mary's Refuge.

Please contact Donna at donnawhite.marysrefuge@gmail.com or (304) 240-7840 for questions or any other information you might need.

Lunch will be provided to the volunteers.