

SAINT BERNADETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST. BERNADETTE DIRECTORY

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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 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter



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

The Good Shepherd is Jesus who knows the sheep, gives them Eternal Life, in whom they are never lost, and no one can steal them from Him. None can be lost if he or she accepts Jesus as the Shepherd. Safety and soundness are found only in Him. True happiness and holiness come from Him. We may betray and hurt Him through sin, but He never abandons us because He abandoned everything to save us. The Good Shepherd never gives up on His sheep. Let us always remember this in our hearts as we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Vocations that He may inspire us, so often lost, and found ourselves, to assist Jesus the Good Shepherd in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs. May He grant to the leaders of His Church the courage to follow in his footsteps. And may Jesus be the true Shepherd of our souls and activities. Amen.

Fr Boh

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Celebrating motherhood: Today is Mother's Day. A blessed and happy Mother's Day to all our mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, mothers-to-be and all women who in and through their lives encompass the qualities of motherhood. Thanks for all that you do – the things known and the things unknown. Most especially, thank you for choosing the gift of life. Like the Good Shepherd, you feed your children, protect, defend, and love them. Mother's Day is meant for celebration, but it can be a sad day for some. It can be a day to grieve mothers who have passed on, it can be a sad day for women who struggle with infertility, with abuse, the loss of a child or children. Let us remember and pray for them. The celebration of Mother's Day affords us the opportunity to thank our mothers for all their love and sacrifices. Please, let us show them some love by giving them breakfast in bed or at McDonald's, lunch at their favorite restaurant, cards, flowers, and a telephone call. Thank you, Dear Mothers, for your love and sacrifice. All we are, we owe to you mothers. We love you. May God bless you and reward you abundantly.

A Blessing for Mothers by Julianne Stanz

Loving God, we give you thanks and praise for all mothers. We pray for mothers with young children, who witness to life while wiping tears, tending temper tantrums, and kissing scrapes. May they be blessed with patience, tenderness, and blessed sleep to care for their families and themselves with joy and tenderness. We pray for our own mothers, wise women who nurtured and cared for us as we grew up, gained in confi-

dence, and found our place in the world.

May they know how much they are loved and continue to guide us with strength and wisdom. We remember mothers who are separated from their children. May they feel the loving embrace of Jesus Christ and the Blessed Mother, who wraps them in comfort and care. We pray for all the women in our lives who love us, care for us, and shape our lives. They have given us treasures more precious than jewels. We remember women who are no longer with us but who live forever in our hearts. May we always feel their presence in our lives. We give thanks for all women and for all mothers, and we praise and ask your continued blessing and protection upon them. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Confirmation 2022 Requirement Retreat

Saturday May 14th, 2022, from 11:00 AM to 1 PM in the Big Room of the Religious Ed Building.

Are you thinking of **joining Saint Bernadette Parish**? If you are new in the area, contact Lynette at the Parish Office for information and to get started.

If you need Baptism or were baptized in another Christian tradition and desire to become a Catholic or if you were baptized Catholic and in need of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, **RCIA** is for you. Please, contact Theresa Highlands at 717-576-3614 for more information.

This week's suggested learning on FORMED

For the adults: Let's reflect during this Octave of Easter with short 4-5 minute daily reflections at <https://watch.formed.org/formed-daily-reflections>.

For the kids: Watch a family friendly cartoon at <https://watch.formed.org/ryan-defrates-secret-agent>

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

**PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING
GIVING SUMMARY**

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| Reg. Envelopes..... | \$ 3360.00 |
| Online Giving..... | \$ 1211.76 |
| Capital Improvements & Maintenance..... | \$ 905.00 |
| Diocesan Collections..... | \$ 5.00 |
| Poor Box..... | \$ 30.00 |
| Loaves and Fishes | \$ 25.00 |
| Mary's Refuge..... | \$ 1000.00 |

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

WHAT IS GOING ON?

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

—Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.

—Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest of religious brother or sister.

—Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Quilt Raffle sales will take place after Mass this Saturday and 9 AM Sunday. Tickets are 2 for \$5. Fr. Boh will draw the winning ticket after the 11 AM Mass this Sunday. (Need not be present to win.) Proceeds will be used to purchase sleeping bags and tents for the homeless.

Please pray for these students who will be receiving their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Ashlyn Canby, Sarah Folk, Elizabeth Givens, Maria Heredia, Grace Lathwell, Anna MacKinnon, Evan Nichols, Nicholas Nichols, Emma Null, Francis Donato, and Kristopher Domich.

On behalf of my entire family and myself, I would like to say "Thank You!" for all the support these last few months of my journey through recovering from surgery and having cancer. All the prayers that were said, meals that were provided, support, and checking in on me have meant so much to me. I am forever grateful for each and every one of you. Your support helped me to get through some very challenging times. **I am happy to say I am now cancer free!** St. Bernadette is truly an amazing church community to be a part of. From the bottom of my heart, thank you again for everything that was done for all of us! -Deb Nichols

Thank you to all parishioners who have supported the Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraising effort. Your generosity has allowed Msgr. Lackey Council 1169 to raise \$14,900.00. The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has matched that amount and we are able to purchase and donate a NEW Ultrasound Machine to AbbaCare Pregnancy Center. 'Ultrasound technology opens a window into the womb showing the humanity of the unborn even to the doubting eyes of those who may not share our regard for the sanctity of human life. (St. Bernadette's donated \$1,000 to this project.)

ENCOURAGING FAMILY HOLINESS IS A SURE WAY TO INCREASE VOCATIONS

FROM A HOMILY BY ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT

"If God called men to the priesthood by reaching down and tapping them on the shoulders, we would not be lacking for vocations.

"But the 'call' is much more subtle than that, and responding to it requires a good measure of human encouragement. Vocations are seldom the result of visions, dramatic miracles or near-death experiences. Instead, nurtured by others, they grow quietly and gradually, like seedlings which receive the necessary sunlight and water to mature into beautiful trees....

"It cannot be understated that our homes are the primary places for the renewal of vocations. I don't think it's a coincidence that the decline in religious vocations in the United States mirrors the decline in the traditional family structure. Pope John Paul II wrote that 'the future of humanity passes by way of the family.' So if we wish to transform our culture—and create a culture conducive to priestly vocations—we must first transform our families."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 8th

9 AM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass

Tuesday, May 10th

9 AM Mass

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

6 PM Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 11th

9 AM Mass

5:20—5:50 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

Thursday, May 12th

9 AM Mass

Intention for Tom Spice

Friday, May 13th

9:00 AM Daily Mass

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, May 14th

12 NOON Confirmation Practice

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

Intention for the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 15th

9 AM Mass

11 AM Mass

Intention for Pauline Keane

2:30 PM African 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, 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.*

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: 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. 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 Committee: Paul Guttman, 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.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday 9th—Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday 10th—Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday 11th—Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 12th—Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89; Jn 13:16-20

Friday 13th—Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday 14th—St. Matthias, Apostle; Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113; Jn 15:9-17

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15th—Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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.

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.

Important Dates Coming Up
At St. Bernadette's
Mark Your Calendars!!

Yard Sale

to benefit MARY'S REFUGE

June 4th – 8 AM – 2 PM

Rent a space for \$10 (limited number of tables
available for rent \$10)

~~Bring a baked good for the bake sale~~

Craft Night

limited seating available

to benefit MARY'S REFUGE

June 17th @ 6:30 PM

June 18th @ 1 PM

Totally Catholic
Vacation Bible School

July 25th – 29th – 5:30 – 8 PM

For children entering grades K – 5 - fall of 2022

~~Free event with dinner provided~~

Call the Parish Office at 304-754-7830 to reserve your spot today!