

# 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—5:45 PM

Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

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

## November 5, 2023

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Woe unto You, Scribes and Pharisees



### 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: "Hearing the Gospel".

"The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." Matthew 23:2-3

It is often said that actions speak louder than words. These words of Jesus above contain this truth. In the verses following this passage, Jesus goes on to give various examples of how the Pharisees act in hypocritical ways. Furthermore, Jesus points out that "All their works are performed to be seen" (Matthew 23:5).

What's most interesting about this passage is not so much the harsh criticism of the hypocrisy and pride of the Pharisees. Rather, it's that Jesus tells His disciples to "do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you..." The truth is that not even the greatest saint can preach the Gospel fully by their actions. This is because the Gospel is perfect, and human beings are not. We will never be perfect instruments of the Son of God. But the good news is that Jesus wants to use us anyway. We are called to witness with our actions. When we fail in our actions we are also called to preach with our words.

This statement from Jesus should help us be more receptive to the Word of God as it is preached by His ministers. If Jesus wanted His disciples to listen even to the words of truth spoken by the hypocritical Pharisees, then He will certainly want us all to listen to His Word as it is preached by the ministers of His Church, regardless of their sanctity.

No minister is perfect, but they do have the mission of proclaiming the Gospel. If we fail to receive the Gospel from them, then it is as much our own sin as it is theirs.

Reflect, today, upon this command from our Lord and allow it to also apply to you as a command to listen to the Gospel spoken by those in the Church. When their example also supports their words, rejoice in that fact. When it does not, be merciful and seek to hear our Lord speak through them anyway. Jesus has much to say through them if you will listen.

Lord, may I always be open to the Gospel whenever it is preached. I thank You for the great example set by so many saintly people. I also pray that I will be merciful to those who preach Your Word and fail to live up to it in their actions. I thank You for the ministers of Your Church, especially, and pray for their fidelity to the proclamation of Your Word. Jesus, I trust in You.

(From 'My Catholic Life!' A journey of personal conversion!)

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, welcome!

This weekend we celebrate the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year A. It's always a pleasure to welcome especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time. Thanks for choosing to worship with us this weekend. Know that you are always welcome to Saint Bernadette. During this month, let us continue to prayerfully remember all our deceased loved ones and members of this parish family especially those who passed this past year November 1, 2022, to October 31, 2023.

**NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK**  
November 5-11, 2023: Today, Sunday November 5th begins National Vocation Awareness Week. Did you know that in our country, compared to 60 years ago, there are 20,000 fewer priests and 129,000 fewer religious sisters? At the same time, the Catholic population has grown steadily. During Vocation Awareness Week, please pray that young people today will hear and respond to God's call. And do your part to encourage them to consider the priesthood and consecrated life.

**One Vocation Leads to Another:** "Let us not forget that Christian marriage is a vocation to holiness in the full sense of the word, and that the example of holy parents is the first condition favorable for the flowering of priestly and religious vocations." – Pope Benedict XV.

**Your Unique Mission:** Why does it matter that people discover their God-given vocations? Because the Church relies on the unique contribution of every soul. As St. John Henry Newman famously reflected: "God has created me to do some special service; God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I HAVE A MISSION."

**Priesthood Invitation Coin:** I have left a GOLD COIN hanging on the Altar as an offering from the Lord to a young man who is considering the vocation to the priesthood. Please feel free to take it if you are considering the priesthood.

**40 Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** As part of our parish activities for Eucharistic Revival at Parish level, we shall be having a 40-hour Adoration

## PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

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| General Fund .....  | \$ 3434.25 |
| Online Giving ..... | \$ 649.14  |
| Maintenance .....   | \$ 120.00  |
| Outreach .....      | \$ 261.00  |

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

## CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

the Blessed Eucharist from Thursday November 23rd beginning with Holy Mass at 9:00 am culminating on Saturday November 25th, 2023, with Benediction and Holy Mass at 8:30 am.

We will need the presence of at least one person, or a family at every second of these 40 hours of perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Did you know that becoming closer to God and spending quiet time with Jesus can be very rewarding. As this will be shutting the door of the Liturgical Year A and opening the door for a new liturgical year, it may be a good way to start the new Liturgical year. Having time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is a place to be strengthened, healed, and comforted, and can foster a stronger relationship with Him. So, please think and pray to be part of this 40 hours of perpetual Adoration of the Jesus in the Blessed Eucharist.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

**Social Concerns is asking for tarp donations** for our outreach program (preferably 8 x 8). They will be distributed to the homeless living in the fields. This will be a great help to them with keeping their sleeping bags off the ground and dry. They can also use them to make a lean-to shelter (tent). Thank you for always being so generous in helping others.

A volunteer from the Catholic Daughters will be here for the this weekend taking orders for their **Annual Homemade Chocolate Candy Fundraiser**. Orders placed by November 13<sup>th</sup> will be guaranteed to pick up by November 18<sup>th</sup>, in time for Thanksgiving.

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

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|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Brandi Cook        | Donna Machin     | Katherine Fisher   | Ethan Dunn       |
| Richard Inclima    | Thomas Sloan     | Nathan Fisher      | Michelle Susinko |
| Natalie Comer      | Constance Brewer | Maureen Gentry     | Yvette Lopez     |
| Leonard Frederick  | Conrad Cook      | Chastity Rodriguez | Amanda Steiner   |
| Raymond Heredia    | Anice Folk       | Madalyn Smith      | John Wakelin     |
| Cameron Copenhaver | Riley Williams   | Jordan Stover      | Grace Lathwell   |
| Robert Kucharek    | Denise Irwin     | Margarita Baker    | Joshua Wright    |
| Robert Pie         | Patricia Nara    | Ashley Battaglini  | Delmont Spiker   |
| Margaret Slattery  | Lauren Pelletier | Lee Hare           | Sidney Steele    |
| Carl Drummond      | Dorothy Foley    | Daniel Boyce       | Sebastian Domich |
| Thomas Knutson     | Jennifer Conley  | Terry Glover       | Sylvie Swisher   |
| Ryan Ludwick       | Monica Straley   | Laura Wingerd      |                  |

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Mary Cordelli, Sharee Buberl, Bonnie Hart, Kathy Skane, Msgr. Patrick Fryer, Randy Bookwalter, Ginger Spice, Walter Shenk, Robin Marlin, Betty Foley, Beverly Barrett, Tim Umrysz, Theresa Comer, Bob Baker, Betty Beniot, Hank Chase, Freddy Highlands, Linda & Bernie Guy, Carol Bogacz, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell

*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, November 5th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Stitches from the Heart  
Ministry Members*

10—11 AM Donut Sunday

10:15—11:45 Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Nestorine Boh*

**Tuesday, November 7th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Tommy Mackesy*

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, November 8th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Thursday, November 9th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

**Friday, November 10th**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for Nestorine Boh*

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, November 11th**

9—10:30 AM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the Deceased Members  
of the Catholic Daughters  
Martinsburg #392*

**Sunday, November 12th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

10:15—11:45 Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

*Intention for Stitches from the Heart  
Ministry Members*



**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.

**Order of Christian Initiation:** The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults begins in August and ends in April. These classes are for members who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you need to receive Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation, and are interested in attending OCIA, 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—Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday 7th—Rom 12:5-16ab; Ps 131; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday 8th—Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday 9th—Feast of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome; Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday 10th—St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church; Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday 11th—St. Martin of Tours, Bishop; Rom 16:3-9, 22-27; Ps 145; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday 12th—Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

### 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.

**Loaves & Fishes  
Donations Needed**



201 South Mary Street  
Hedgesville, WV

***As we prepare for the food pantry  
distributions for Thanksgiving and  
Christmas, we need help with the following  
donations:***

***Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Stove Top Stuffing  
Gravy  
Yams (28 oz)  
Brownie Mix  
Oatmeal  
Cranberry Sauce  
Canned Fruit  
Jiffy Muffin Mix  
Canned Vegetables***

***Monetary Donations for the turkeys and  
hams are always welcome***

If you have any questions contact:  
Karen 301-992-1368 or Bill 571-216-9320

## Christmas Teen Choir



- Teen Choir for the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
- Practices will be held after the 11 AM Mass, Sundays before Christmas, starting on November 26th
- Please call the parish office (304) 754-7830 or Linda Abrahamian (304) 279-2315 or email at [linda.abrahamian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com)

**~~Sunday, November 19th Deadline~~**

## Christmas Children's Choir



- Children's Choir for the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
- Kindergarten - 5th grade
- Practices will be held from 4 – 4:45 PM beginning on Sunday, November 26th
- Please call the parish office (304) 754-7830 or Linda Abrahamian (304) 279-2315 or email at [linda.abrahamian@gmail.com](mailto:linda.abrahamian@gmail.com)

**~~Sunday, November 19th Deadline~~**



# DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

## Monthly Collections and Appeals

November 12<sup>th</sup>

**Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services** - This unique Archdiocese is faced with many challenges, including a severe shortage of Catholic priest-chaplains, a flock spread out among military installations across the world, and constant transition. The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government and must rely solely on private donors. Catholic service members and their families, and veterans cared for in a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, deserve the same faith opportunities as Catholics here at home; their faith should not be part of the sacrifices they make.

### Ways to donate:

- For those who receive Sunday envelopes in the mail, please use the gold envelope in your packet labeled ARCH OF THE MILITARY SERVICE.
- To give electronically -
  - click on the blue *"Online Giving"* button at the top right corner of our website, [www.stbernadettewv.org](http://www.stbernadettewv.org)
  - click the *"Fund"* drop-down menu
  - click *"Diocesan Collection"*
  - click *"Sub Fund"*
  - find *"Archdiocese for the Military"*You can make a one-time donation or an annual recurring donation. Consider signing up for monthly recurring donations for all of our collections.
- You can always drop a check in the collection basket with *"Military"* written on the memo line.

As always, thank you for your generosity.