

# 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 Divine Mercy & 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

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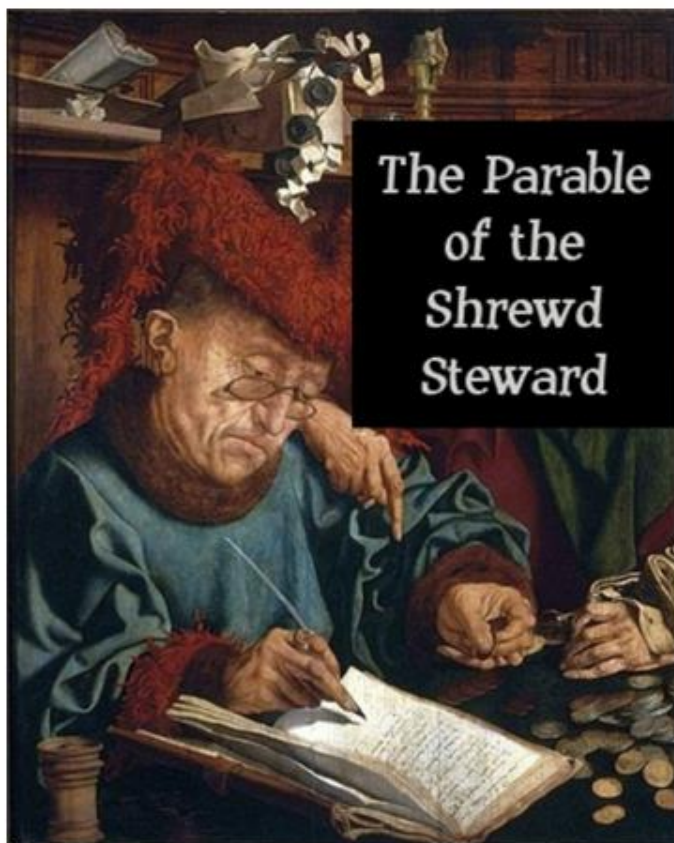
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Office Hours: Monday—Friday 10am—2pm

Office is located in the Religious Education Building

## September 18, 2022

### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Parable  
of the  
Shrewd  
Steward

## 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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. Our readings for this Sunday remind us of our vocation as Christians. We have been called, by our faith, to love and serve God's people. The readings show us how service is at the center of all Christian life and why being like Christ must entail that we reject riches, embrace poverty, and serve others in humility, in honesty and with loyalty to God.

The first reading warns us against cheating the poor or taking advantage of the most vulnerable among us. In the second reading, Saint Paul, writing to Timothy, urges us to pray for everyone, for the kings and for all in authority, since God wants everyone to be saved and embrace the truth that Christ came into the world to save sinners. Finally, in the Gospel we have the parable of the devious servant. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us that we must be good stewards of our lives and be prepared to give account of our lives when the time comes.

We need to reflect on what kinds of lives we are leading. Are we cheats? Are we getting rich on the backs of the poor? Do we pray for others? Are we astute stewards of our lives? Or are we selfishly focused on personal gain, cheating, and crushing anyone on our path? Christ is clear; we cannot serve God unless we turn our backs on Mammon (the Devil), the gospel tells us. We are serving Mammon if we do all the things that the Prophet Amos warns us against in our first reading. We cannot be serving God, if after a worship service, we get back to making money by dishonest practices. We cannot separate our worship from the proper treatment we give others, especially the poor. If we do these things, the first reading warns us, we must know that God, who has sworn by the pride of Jacob, "will never forget a thing" we have done. In other words, we will be held to full account on Judgement Day. And the gospel describes Judgement Day using the story of the steward who was guilty of dilapidating his master's property. Once caught, we are told the steward tried to pull more tricks out of his hat. He went to the debtors of his master to try to further defraud his master.

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, we are all stewards. We do not own anything. Even the very life we live is only given to us to take care of. We

are mere custodians of earthly goods and of our very own lives. We are not the masters, they belong to God, and He will hold us accountable. If we do not manage what is not our own well, who then will give us what is our own (eternal life – since man was made to use his freewill to choose it)? Is it not this same bias that we judge some fit or unfit to handle certain responsibilities? Jesus is telling us in today's gospel that we are 'shrewd' if we use the goods of this world to help others and thus ensure our eternal salvation.

Fr Boh

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATORS DESK

Good morning beloved sisters and brothers in Christ. Welcome to Saint Bernadette. We are so glad you chose to join us today as we worship the Lord. We consider ourselves blessed to have you. Please, come again. Know that you are always welcome. May we continue to pray for each other and never lost hope. God is good! All the time. This God will never abandon us. I have you in my prayers, have a wonderful week.

**Parish Annual Picnic 2022:** Our Annual Parish Picnic was held last Sunday at Mc Fadden Hall. It was a beautiful day and a beautiful location. Many parishioners were in attendance. A special "thank you" to April and her team who planned and organized the event. A "thank you" to all the youth who assisted with Bingo and cleaning the hall. A "thank you" also to all who attended and provided an abundance of good food. It was a great event!

**African Catholic Community:** We are reminded of the African Catholic Community Mass this afternoon at 2:30 pm. All are invited.

**A reminder to pray for the Pope's intention for September 2022:** For the Abolition of the Death Penalty - We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING  
GIVING SUMMARY

Reg. Envelopes.....	\$ 4597.00
Online Giving.....	\$ 935.76
Capital Improvements .....	\$ 720.00
Poor Box.....	\$ 37.00
Diocesan .....	\$ 290.00

## WHAT IS GOING ON?

Make your appointment to be included in our **new pictorial directory**. Photo dates are October 3, 4, and 5th. Scan this QR code to be connected to the online registration page (link can also be found on our Facebook page). We need you to be a part of our new family photo album!! **Call the Parish Office if assistance is needed.**



Representatives from the **Land of Peace** will be here next weekend selling their beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land. Their missions is to support fellow Christians in the holy land by selling their wood carvings which are a major source of income for these people.

All students, 6th to 12th grade, are invited to join our **Youth Group**. Their first fall event will be at War Memorial Park next Sunday, September 25th from 6-8 PM. Contact Linda Abrahamian at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com to be added the email list.

**Monthly Youth Masses** will begin October 30, 2022. We are looking for 6<sup>th</sup> -12th grade students to join our youth choir and to become youth lectors. Contact Linda Abrahamian at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com for youth choir and contact Deb Mackesy at 304-754-7830 to become a youth lector.

We've reached 80% of our **Catholic Sharing Appeal** goal! The first half of St. Bernadette's \$20,505 goal benefits various ministries and outreach efforts throughout the diocese. The second half of that \$20,505 will come right back to St. Bernadette's—free of Cathedralium and PHRA. You will start to see your donations at work as we renovate and update parts of our parish.

Saint Joseph School is seeking a **middle school math teacher** for the 2022-23 school year. 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. Morning duties will be part of this part-time job. Hours are 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Applicants should be driven to promote high moral standards and academic excellence. If you are looking for a joyful and faith-filled community, you are invited to apply! Email résumés and three letters of reference to mbyrd@sjsv.org.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

Linda Guy, 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, Ginger Spice, Ernie Montano, Monica Straley, Rose Boarman, Laura Samford

*Please keep the sick and homebound, and those that have no one to pray for them, in your thoughts and prayers.*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, September 18th

**Ministry Fair after all Masses**

**Sign up for Pictures**

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Floyd Middleton*

10:15—11:30 AM

Religious Education

11 AM Mass

*Intention for Lynn Reichard*

## Tuesday, September 20th

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Jennifer Pixler*

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

## Wednesday, September 21st

9 AM Mass

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Meeting

5—5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass

## Thursday, September 22nd

9 AM Mass

## Friday, September 23rd

9:00 AM Daily Mass

*Intention for Rick Rosco*

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

## Saturday, September 24th

9—10:30 AM RCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5:00 PM Mass

*Intention for the diseased and living of the Abrahamian Family*

## Sunday, September 25th

9 AM Mass

*Intention for Bernice Mackesy*

10:15—11:30 AM

Religious Education

11 AM Mass

*Intention for the People of the Parish*

**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, 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. 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 19th—Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday 20th—Ss. Andrew Kim Taegön, Priest, and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs; Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday 21st—St. Matthew, Apostle and evangelist; Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday 22nd—Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90; Lk 9:7-9

Friday 23rd—St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest; Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday 24th—Eccl 11:9-12:8; Ps 90; Lk 9:43B-45

Sunday 25th—Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

### 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.



Since 1987, believers have gathered nationwide on the first Sunday of every October to prayerfully  
STAND FOR LIFE!!

## Life Chain – Martinsburg

Come join us for this year's silent prayer vigil for the sanctity of Life, the protection of the pre-born, and their moms.

(We will have signs for you to display as you pray silently)

Sunday, October 2, 2022

1:45 – 3 PM

Martinsburg Town Square

(intersection of King and Queen Streets)

Rain or Shine

