

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

January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Theme: “Remain in My Word” (John 8:31)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday of the Word of God



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

Dear Parishioners, this weekend we are celebrating the third Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B. Since 2020, the third Sunday of Ordinary Time is celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. This celebration is an invitation for all of us to celebrate, study, and spread the Word of God. The theme for this year's celebration is "Remain in my Word" (Jn. 8:31).

On a day that Holy Mother Church is encouraging her children to celebrate, study, and spread God's Word, this quote by St Jerome, Father and Doctor of the Church comes readily to mind: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!" This a strong exhortation to Christians by Saint Jerome urging them to pay serious attention to the study of Sacred Scripture or the Word of God. "The Word of God, as revealed to us through the Scriptures, must become our rock foundation upon which our whole lives are built and exist. Pondering, praying with, meditating on, and believing the Word of God enables us to stand on firm and unchanging spiritual ground as we go through the change of this life ..." (Catholic Daily Reflections: My Catholic Life!)

As we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, let us first, thank and praise God for giving us his Holy Word! Second, let us reflect on this year's theme: "Remain in My Word". What does it mean to remain in His Word? How can a person remain in God's Word? It is to make His Word a permanent guide of your life. And as the Psalmist points it; "Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path (Ps. 119:105). To remain in God's Word is, therefore, not an occasional thing. It is not something you put on and off like a dress. When you abide in God's Word, you live immersed in it. You can't be receptive to God's Word only when it appeals to you and abandon it when it is inconvenient for you. You cannot be a 'good weather Christian'. Your relationship with Jesus and His Word must endure through good and bad times, through sad and happy moments. If his Word remains in you, Jesus assures us "... you can ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you" (Jn. 15:7). We all have access to God's Word, the Bible. The Bible is hugely important in the lives of Christians. Do you own a Bible?

I would like to conclude this reflection with these words lifted from "Catholic Daily Reflections: My Catholic Life!"

"Reflect, today, upon the importance of truly immersing yourself in the Word of God. How much time do you spend each week reading it, praying with it and allowing it to become your daily food? The Word of God is not simply a book of teachings meant to inspire you or guide you. The Word of God is a Living Word. It is God in His unchangeable form. God, in His

essence, will never change, and engaging Him through the revelation of His written Word is one essential way by which you will be able to experience true stability in life and prepare for each change to come until the final order of life is permanently established.

My Eternal Word, You are unchanging and eternal. You are the rock foundation upon which I must always rely. As I continue to experience the many changes encountered in this life, please enter my soul through Your written Word, so that I will find the stability I need. As I stand firm in You, I look forward with joy to the New Heavens and New Earth that await. Jesus, I trust in You."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Bible Study Group: Several parishioners have approached me wanting to know if we can start a Bible Study Group in the parish. I have been thinking about it for some time now and I think it will be good for us to start one here at Saint Bernadette. This group can certainly help us grow in our faith and become better Christians. We shall design a form to be completed by those who are interested and dropped off the completed forms in a box that will be provided for this purpose in the Narthex.

Parish Book Club: I am happy to announce that we shall be starting a Parish Book Club on Saturday February 17th, 2024. Meetings shall be held in the McFadden Hall. The goal is to enrich and strengthen the faith of its members through shared thoughts and insights from the books they'll be reading. Members can expect to encounter Jesus, both in the words they read and in the people with whom they discuss those words. All adults in the parish, both men and women are invited. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex for those who are interested. Please consider participating.

Finally, the African Catholic Panhandle Community that worships in this church will be having their monthly Eucharistic celebration today at 2:30 PM. We are all invited to join them in this celebration.

I wish you all a blessed week.

Fr. Boh (Pastor)

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 4074.00
Online Giving	\$ 756.27
Maintenance.....	\$ 422.00
Outreach.....	\$ 440.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

There will be a **Social Concerns Ministry meeting** after the 9 AM Mass this Thursday, 1/25, in the Religious Education Building. Everyone is always invited! (This was rescheduled from last week.)

There is still time to bring your donations for our **Social Concerns Ministry Outreach Program**. They are looking for hygiene products, socks, tshirts, gloves and hats, and easy snacks. Donations can be dropped in the cart in the McFadden Hall closet. Please have donations in by this Wednesday for distribution on the 29th.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

Enrollment to St. Joseph School for the 2024-25 school year begins Feb. 2 for families whose children already attend Saint Joseph School and for their siblings who do not currently attend. Catholic families who are active in local parishes may start the application process on Feb. 9 and the general public can apply starting Feb. 16. To apply, go to sjsww.org.

Donations to Saint Joseph School If you would like to make a donation to Saint Joseph School, you may do so on our website: <https://sjsww.org/donate>. There are options there to direct your funds to the Adopt-a-Student Fund; gym roof/lighting needs; Safety and Security Committee; and Playground Fund. General donations may be mailed to Saint Joseph School, 110 E. Stephen St., Martinsburg, WV 25401. Please make checks payable to the school. Thank you for your generosity!

SJS is selling discounted Hersheypark tickets again! Save nearly 50% off admission by ordering tickets by April 23. You also can save \$5 on parking if you buy a parking pass as part of your order. Tickets are valid through Jan. 1, 2025. The school earns a free admission ticket for every 10 sold, and the goal is to have enough of them to send all of the SJS eighth graders to the park to celebrate their graduation. Copies of the order form are available in the main office at 110 E. Stephen St. in Martinsburg; on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SJSMartinsburg>); and at sjsww.org. Tickets are expected to arrive by the third week in May. Please email mpartington@sjsww.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

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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, Jackie Crouse, Kevin Lathwell, Dorothy Knipe, Rebecca Ramsey, Abby & Libby Conley, Shane Terry, Linda Spiker, Carol Bogacz

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, January 21st**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for John Scofield

2:30 PM African Mass

Tuesday, January 23rd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, January 24th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

5-5:45 PM Confession

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, January 25th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

9:30 AM Social Concerns

Ministry Meeting in Rel Ed Bldg

Friday, January 26th

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Adoration following the 9 AM Mass

12 NOON Benediction

Saturday, January 27th

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Li Wang

Sunday, January 28th

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

11 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Erica Lindsay

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents must be registered with the Parish Office and are required to attend a Preparation Session 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. 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 22nd—Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday 23rd—2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday 24th—St. Frances de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday 25th—Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle; Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18

Friday 26th—Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops, 2 Tm 1:1-8; or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday 27th—2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday 28th—Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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 under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.