

# 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

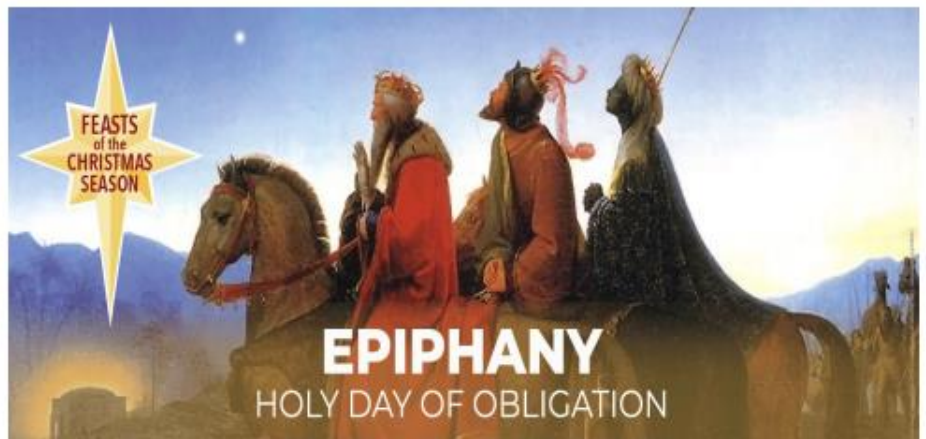
Confession

Wednesday: 5—5:45 PM

Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

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

## January 7, 2024



### 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

"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." ~Matthew 2:10-11

All of God's creation gives Him glory and praises Him by its very existence. Psalm 143 states, "Praise him, sun, and moon; praise him, all shining stars. Praise him, highest heavens, you waters above the heavens. Let them all praise the LORD's name; for he commanded, and they were created..." Though creation gives praise to God simply by existing and thus, revealing its Creator, today's solemnity commemorates the one moment in time when God used a star to manifest His eternal glory.

The Solemnity of the Epiphany commemorates the unique moment when God used a star to reveal the birth of Jesus to the world, aligning with the belief at the time that new stars heralded the birth of rulers. Guided by this celestial sign, the Magi journeyed to honor the newborn King, thereby exemplifying how all of creation gives glory to God. The term "Epiphany" signifies "manifestation," urging us to recognize Christ's continual revelation within our own hearts. Emulating the Magi, we are called to respond with earnest devotion when God reveals Himself to us. The gifts they offered—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—serve as symbolic gestures that we can mirror in our own spiritual lives. Gold, representing Christ's kingship, calls us to submit fully to Him; frankincense, used in worship, acknowledges His divinity; and myrrh, often used in burial, attests to the sacrificial nature of Christ's life. As we celebrate this feast, we are invited to respond to God's manifestation in our lives with faith, worship, and spiritual offerings, encapsulating our entire being in the adoration of the Divine.

As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, try to see it as a historical event in which you are invited to share. God wants to manifest Himself to you today. When this happens, you must respond with faith and worship, giving God the greatest glory by giving Him your very life and offering Him your spiritual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Most glorious Christ Child, the Father in Heaven honored Your birth by placing a star over the place where you lay. Through that new star, Your divine presence was made manifest to the world in the Magi who responded with faith and worship. Please manifest Yourself to me within my own soul where You wish to be born and give me the love and zeal I need to follow the example of the Magi, offering You my own gifts in adoration and trust. Jesus, I trust in You.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome! Today we celebrate the feast of Epiphany. We are still in the Christmas Season which ends with the Baptism of the Lord tomorrow, and we will return to "Ordinary Time".

I wish you all a Blessed Epiphany. And I continue to ask God's blessing upon our parish and with prayerful best wishes to all those who are visiting and worshipping with us.

**Special Collection:** Bishop Mark has approved a special collection for the Holy Land region will hold next weekend January 13-14, 2024. The money collected will be sent to The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA), a papal agency for humanitarian and pastoral support. They will provide the essentials of water, food, and emergency kits on the ground in the Holy Land. CNEWA has offices in the region and know where and what kind of help is needed the most. Checks are to be made payable to St. Bernadette and on the memo line indicate CNEWA Holy Land Collection. Thanks for your generosity.

**Please let us continue to pray** for peace and for all those who have suffered losses during this war.

**Sunday of the Word of God:** This celebration shall hold on Sunday January 21st, 2024, being the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time in accordance with the September 30, 2019, announcement by Pope Francis. We shall bless the reader (lectors) during all the Masses.

**Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany:** This tradition of blessing of homes is done at the beginning of each year so that you can invite God into your homes and place your family under his protection. Have you ever gone past a door with what appears to be random letters and numbers written at the top? These letters and numbers have a great significance. Traditionally on the feast of Epiphany, Catholics bless their homes by writing the letters C, M and B and the numbers of the year, for example 2024, at the top of their doors. The letters stand for the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means "May Christ bless this house." You can pick up a package to bless your family home from the Narthex; a piece of chalk and a small bottle of holy water. The blessing is found as an insert in this bulletin.

## PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund .....	\$ 5430.07
Online Giving .....	\$ 612.39
Maintenance.....	\$ 90.00
Outreach.....	\$ 2237.15

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD  
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP



## CONTINUED FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Care for the Sick:** Please contact the Parish Office when a parishioner is homebound, in the hospital, or in a healthcare facility and wishes to receive a visit, or any of the Sacraments. Whenever possible, please make arrangements for the Anointing of the Sick, or before a surgery or hospital admission.

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

**Save the Date:** January 15th from 11 AM—6 PM Fried Chicken Dinner at St. Bernadette's!! See included flyer for more details.

**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://sjswwv.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!

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be holding a weekend **Women's Discernment Retreat** in Wheeling for ladies 18 and over in June. Space is very limited. As part of the registration process applicants must submit a letter of recommendation from a pastor, Catholic school principal, campus minister, or DRE. We ask you to prayerfully consider who in your community would enjoy attending this special weekend. Give them a little nudge, so when Christ does whisper to them – they answer the call, knowing they are supported by you. To register or for more information contact Sister Martha Gomez at [mgomez@dwc.org](mailto:mgomez@dwc.org) or call 304-233-0880.



Two five-week courses are being offered through the **University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)**. These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's VLCFF. The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Dr. Stoicoiu at [rodicastoiu@phd@gmail.com](mailto:rodicastoiu@phd@gmail.com).

## 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

*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 7th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Lynette Kammerer*  
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Donald Wood*

**Tuesday, January 9th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Nan Brown*  
10 AM Stitches from the Heart

**Wednesday, January 10th**

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Lynn McCoy*  
5-5:45 PM Confession  
6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

**Thursday, January 11th**

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Anthony Crankovic*

**Friday, January 12th**

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
Adoration following the 9 AM Mass  
12 NOON Benediction

**Saturday, January 13th**

4—4:45 PM Confession  
5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for the People of the Parish*

**Sunday, January 14th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession  
9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar  
*Intention for Jen Conley*  
11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh  
*Intention for Katherine Kuchinsky*



**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](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 8th—The Baptism of the Lord; Is 55:1-11; Ps 29; Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday 9th—1 Sm 1:9-20; (Ps) 1 Sm 2; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 10th—1 Sm 2:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 11th—1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44; Mk 1:40-45

Friday 12th—1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 13th—1 Sm 9:1-14, 17-19, 10:1; Ps 21; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday 14th—1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

### 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.

# st. Bernadette

## Fried Chicken Dinner

### Fundraiser



**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**11am - 6pm**

**Eat-In or Take-Out**

**Pick up a dessert at the**

**BAKE SALE**

**\$18.00**

**Serves 2**

Dinner Includes:

4 Pieces of Chicken

French Fries

Green Beans

Rolls and Drinks

# How to bless your home

When all have gathered, a suitable song may be sung. The leader makes the sign of the cross, and all reply, "Amen."

The leader greets those present in the following words:

Let us praise God, who fills our hearts and homes with peace.

Blessed be God forever.

R/. Blessed be God forever.

In the following or similar words, the leader prepares those present for the blessing:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with his love. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 19:1-9:

Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham."

The intercessions are then said:

Leader: The Son of God made his home among us. With thanks and praise let us call upon him.

R/. Stay with us, Lord.



Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, with Mary and Joseph you formed the Holy Family: remain in our home, that we may know you as our guest and honor you as our Head.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you had no place to lay your head, but in the spirit of poverty accepted the hospitality of your friends: grant that through our help the homeless may obtain proper housing.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, the three kings presented their gifts to you in praise and adoration: grant that those living in this house may use their talents and abilities to your greater glory.

We pray:

R/. Stay with us, Lord.

After the intercessions, the leader invites all present to say the Lord's Prayer. The leader says the prayer of blessing with hands joined:

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them (us) with the light of Christ, that their (our) concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The leader concludes the rite by signing himself or herself with the sign of the cross and saying:

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever.

R/. Amen.

After the prayers are recited, walk throughout your home sprinkling each room with holy water. Then write the initials of the Magi connected with crosses at the top of your front door. Then the numbers of the year. The numbers will be split so that they are on each side of the initials.

Here's an example:

20 + C + M + B + 24

It is preferable to end the celebration with a suitable song, for example, "O Come, All Ye Faithful".