

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

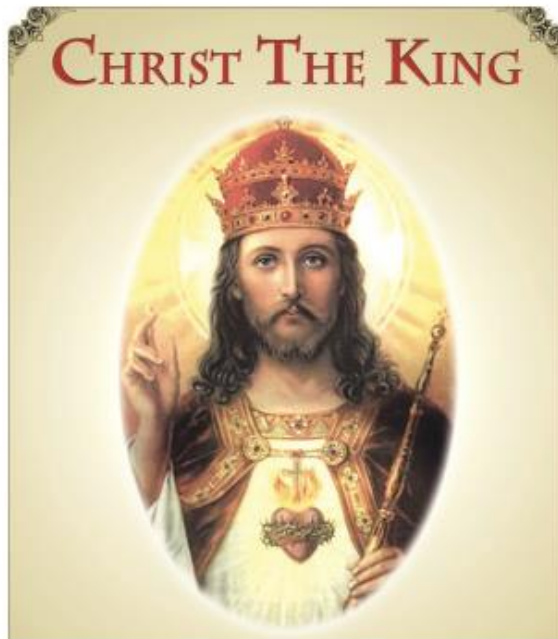
Wednesday: 5—5:45 PM

Saturday: 4—4:45 PM

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

November 26, 2023

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Come... Inherit the Kingdom

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Theme: Jesus Makes the Goal of Heaven Easy to Attain

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Today we celebrate the 34th Sunday Ordinary Time. This Sunday is also the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. With this celebration today, the Holy Mother the Church comes to the end of her liturgical year cycle A and looks forward to the liturgical year B which begins with the First Sunday of Advent next week.

This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a day set aside to celebrate Christ as Ruler of the universe and the life of men. Kings were seen as guarantors of stability. They were popularly revered. When this feast was instituted, kingship was still popular in the West. But with the heat of political dominance of modern day Cesars and Neros, whose political legacy was that of dictatorship and murder of the innocent people and sending out terrors that Pope Pius XI found a good enough reason to institute this feast in honor of the Universal Kingship of Christ. This was during the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin. The Holy Father reminded the Christians that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. This move was to inspire the faithful to cultivate allegiance to Christ, although this title does not fully bring out all the emotions of deference, we owe Christ.

Our readings for this feast paint an image of a King who tends His flock, like a Good Shepherd. In the first reading the prophet Ezekiel tells us that God has such interest in our personal welfare that he decided to put an end to having third parties take care of us for him. "Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep". This decision stems from the fact that those he had hitherto entrusted with this function had not attended to it with the dedication he desired: beginning with the Judges to the kings and prophets. Granted that there were some good judges and kings and prophets, many more were greedy and self-centered. They failed in their responsibility. Our Gospel scene of the Last Judgment has the King, once again like a shepherd, separating the sheep from the goats. The criteria for which each of us will be judged is simple. Did we imitate Jesus? Did we see Him in others and respond or ignore them? Jesus is clear, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for Me."

Although we still have dictators and enemies of the faith in our societies today who come in different forms and indices, but this feast challenges us to embrace Christ and make him the center of our lives and to see Him as the King in the lives of everyone even those who do not recognize him in their lives. More importantly, it challenges us to see Christ present in

those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each person with the same love, mercy, and compassion as He did.

The emphasis is on "whatever you do". Our Master, Teacher, Savior, and King is calling us to action: "whatever you do". Not just whatever you pray about. Jesus does not want us to be lost in the "do nothing" attitude of those who offer their thoughts and prayers, without doing deeds. He wants us to do something – whatever that thing may be – to bring about the Kingdom of God. He does not just want us to pray for our brothers and sisters who are homeless. He wants us to do something – whatever that thing may be – to resolve the crisis of homelessness in which they find themselves. God does not just want us to pity the refugee or stranger. He invites us to welcome them. He wants us to clothe the naked; not just point out or ridicule them for being naked. He wants us to feed the hungry; not just pray that God may provide bread for them.

God is not inviting us to do these acts of charity to our friends, our relatives or the most connected of our friends and neighbors. God wants us to reach out and touch the lives of "the least" amongst us. And Jesus is clear that it is in serving "the least of these brothers and sisters of mine" that we serve Him.

We ask God for the grace to do "whatever" He requires of us to share love with the "least" of Jesus' brothers and sisters in our parish and community. That those of us in positions of leadership will lead as people prepared to put their personal interests in the secondary position to better render service to the people we are called to serve. And may we use our time, talent, and resources to render to "the least" amongst us "whatever" service and action we would have taken to honor our Master, Savior, and King, Jesus Christ were He living in our midst here at Saint Bernadette today.

I pray and hope that you are having a wonderful celebration of Thanksgiving with family and friends. And for our brothers and sisters visiting with us for this Thanksgiving Holidays, may God almighty accompany you and grant you journey mercies as you travel back to your respective destinations. May Saint Christopher, patron of travelers, pray and intercede for you all. Amen. God bless you!

May Saint Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us.

Fr Boh, Pastor

PARISH SACRIFICIAL OFFERING

General Fund	\$ 2377.60
Online Giving	\$ 1905.03
Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Outreach	\$ 546.00

THANK YOU FOR TAKING A STEP TOWARD
A LIFE OF STEWARDSHIP

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Fr. Boh would like to thank the anonymous donor for purchasing and installing the railing up to the sanctuary. And thank you to Joe Comer for overseeing the extension of the white fence along our property. Both have added beauty and security to the sanctuary and our property.

Too busy to commit for the year? Then join the choir for just Christmas. Speak with Linda Abrahamian, our Music Director, after Mass or call or text her at 304-279-2315 or email at linda.abrahamian@gmail.com.

Orders for delicious pierogies, kielbasa, ravioli, and gnocchi made by the Ukrainian Catholic parishes in the Pittsburgh area will be taken on the weekends of November 18-19 and November 25-26. Food pick-up will be after all Masses on the weekend of December 9-10. Proceeds from the sale will be used to help support the Ukrainian families sponsored by St. Joseph Parish who have recently arrived in our area. Please return the completed form no later than November 26. If you have questions, please call the parish office or Joe Guttman at 304-274-2984.

Be sure to pick up a Christmas Star from the wreaths hanging on the doors to McFadden Hall. Please return your gifts by December 3rd.

Sign up to attend one of the craft night events to help raise money for the Lathwell family. There has been a time change for the craft night scheduled for December 8th. Friday, December 8th Craft Night will start at 7 PM after the 6 PM Mass.

Please sign up to spend 30 minutes with Jesus during our 40 Hours of Adoration to be held December 6th—8th. See the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Reminder—Monday, December 8th, is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9 AM and we will finish our 40 hour Adoration with Benediction at 5:45 PM and Mass at 6 PM.

From July 17 to 21, 2024, the Church will gather as one American family in Indianapolis. We are asking YOU to volunteer to represent St Bernadette. The entry ticket to the venue will be provided by the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV. Please come to the Parish Office or call and give your name(s) so that we can contact the diocese for the entry ticket(s). Thanks in advance for accepting to represent our parish.

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, Tom Knutson, John Scofield

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 26th**

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Walter Shenk

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for the People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 28th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

10 AM Stitches from the Heart

Wednesday, November 29th

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

6 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Thursday, November 30th

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

4:30 PM Liturgical Committee

Meeting

5 PM Extraordinary
Ministers of Holy Communion
meeting

First Friday, December 1st

9:00 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for those who have no one to pray for them

First Saturday, December 2nd

9 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for those who are persecuted

Rosary immediately following

9—10:30 AM OCIA

4—4:45 PM Confession

5 PM Mass—Fr. Boh

Sunday, December 3rd

8:15—8:45 AM Confession

9 AM Mass—Msgr. Ansgar

Intention for Helena Shenk

10 AM Donut Sunday

10:15—11:45 Religious Education

11 AM Mass—Fr. Boh

Intention for Nestorine Boh

Fr. Pooch has indicated that he is not available to celebrate Mass with us until the end of April 2024.

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. 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 27th—Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday 28th—Dn 2:31-45; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday 29th—Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday 30th—St. Andrew, Apostle; Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19; Mt 4:18-22

Friday 1st—Dn 7:2-14; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday 2nd—Dn 7:15-27; (Ps) Dn 3; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday 3rd—First Sunday of Advent; Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

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.