

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024



Jesus Christ with the Children, Carl Bloch (1834-1890), date unknown, oil on copper (detail)
Museum of Natural History, Denmark



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 2024

welcome



SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
DAILY MASS	Mon.–Fri., 7 & 9am (live-streaming); Sat., 8am (live-streaming) Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
LIVE-STREAMING	Monday–Friday, 9am; Saturday, 8am; Vigil Sat., 5pm and Sundays 9 & 11am
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Fridays, 7-8pm (church) Rosary after 9am weekdays/8am Saturday Masses in church Taizé Prayer Service, 3 rd Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
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BAPTISMS	Saturday, 10am. 1 st and 2 nd Saturdays in English; 3 rd Saturday in Spanish. Parish registration is encouraged for parents. Class attendance is required. Please contact the parish office to schedule at least four weeks in advance. All required paperwork must be submitted before a baptism may be scheduled.
WEDDINGS	Sat., 12 & 2pm. Parish registration encouraged; contact a priest at least six months in advance of desired date.
JOIN US	You are welcome! Registration forms are available in the church vestibule, office, or online www.stbermpar.org .
	Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. bulletin@stbermpar.org .

calendar

september

- 22 Sunday, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Voter registration drive in the church vestibule
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 23 Monday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**
- 24 Tuesday, Weekday**
- 25 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 26 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs]**
- 27 Friday, Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**
- Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 28 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs]**
- Boy Scouts' Car Wash, front parking lot, 9am - 1pm
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 29 Sunday, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Special Mass and reception with Bishop Burbidge 11am, observing the World Day for Migrants & Refugees
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 30 Monday, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor**

october

- 1 Tuesday, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor**
- 2 Wednesday, The Holy Guardian Angels**
- 3 Thursday, Weekday**
- Kid's in Today's Society Presentation, church, 6:30pm, **No Children Please**
- 4 Friday, Saint Francis of Assisi**
- Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 5 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin]**
- **5K FUN RUN & WALK**, Burke Lake, check-in 7:30am, run 9am. See p. 9.
 - **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine in DC**, 11am
 - **Blessing of Animals**, in front of grotto, 11am
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 6 Sunday, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 7 Monday, Our Lady of the Rosary**
- 8 Tuesday, Weekday**
- 9 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs]**
- 10 Thursday, Weekday**
- 11 Friday, Weekday [Saint John XXIII, Pope]**
- Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 12 Saturday, Weekday**
- **El Señor de los Milagros/The Lord of the Miracles**, 10am Mass, 11:30am Procession, 2-4:30pm cultural dancing and dinner (for sale)
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

announcements

All are invited to join Bishop Burbidge at the final celebration of our Diocese's 50th anniversary by participating in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC on Saturday, October 5. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event! Contact the parish office for more information or email mpaniagua@stbermpar.org.

All couples celebrating a Golden or Silver Anniversary are invited to a **Wedding Anniversaries Mass on Sunday, October 20, 3pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More**. Please call the parish office to register no later than Monday, September 30.

All our Saint Bernadette choirs are welcoming new members. We have choirs for singers of all ages, including three adult choirs in English and Spanish, Children's Choir for 1st-6th grade and, starting this fall, the re-launch of our Youth Choir for 7th-12th grade. For more information see stbermpar.org/praying/music-ministry or contact David Mathers at 703-451-8575 x112 or dmathers@stbermpar.org

+ Plan for these upcoming events!

Kid's in Today's Society (formerly known as *Hidden in Plain Sight*) presentation. The one program today's parents will want to attend to keep their children safe. Join us in the church October 3, 6:30pm, **No Children Please**

5K Parish Fun Run and Walk: Saturday, October 5 (see page 9), sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

El Señor de los Milagros/Lord of the Miracles Mass, procession and dinner: Saturday, October 12

Parish Family Picnic, Saturday, October 19, 1 - 5pm.

ECHO Yard Sale, Saturday, October 26

from the pastor



DON'T FORGET
St. Francis' Feast
Oct. 4

ANIMAL BLESSING
Saturday,
Oct. 5 at 11am
in front of the Grotto

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

This week is National Migrants and Refugees Week.

Migrants and refugees are so much in the news right now, and the topic of such controversy. Their rejection is the platform for many autocratic governments in the world who are coming to power. How best can we keep them out of our Springfields?

It is a common theme throughout history. More of us means less for each, and change in our society. Suspicion, fear.

Both my mom's and dad's families were refugees. For the Irish it was leave home or starve. My German great grandfather, his wife and children left with next to nothing in 1907. Apparently he had a high government job and the Kaiser was already preparing for World War I and they fled for the safety of the family. Grandpa Schmid said when they came to America (he was 7) his parents told his five sisters and him that they were never to speak another word of German, especially due to the hate for Germans once the war started. Of course, the Irish language was suppressed for centuries by the crown many years before the Rooneys left. In Ireland I learned that my real family name is O'Ruanaidh.

Perhaps selfishly, I'm awfully glad and grateful that my ancestors had the courage to leave and look for survival. In either circumstance, millions did not survive.

In observance of National Migration Week there are several events scheduled across the Diocese in support of the Pope's message "God walks with His people."

To kick off the week's events, a workshop on "Naturalization and Citizenship" will be offered at Saint John Neumann Catholic Church in Reston on Saturday, September 21 at 10am. On Tuesday, September 24, from 10am–Noon an additional workshop titled "Understanding Immigration Law and the Church's Ministry to Newcomers" will be presented by Stacy Jones, Director of Hogar Immigration Services, and David Spicer, Senior Policy Advisor from the office of Migration and Refugee Services with the USCCB will be available virtually

(pre-registration is required). On Thursday evening, September 26, 5:30–7pm, Dr. Julia Young from the Catholic University of America, will offer a lecture on "Catholic History of Migration" at Burke Hall, Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (pre-registration is required). Our Diocesan observance of National Migration week will conclude by celebrating a Mass in observance the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, September 29, right here at Saint Bernadette Church, with Bishop Michael Burbidge as our celebrant at the 11am Mass. A short reception will follow the Mass in the church vestibule.

To support Newcomers in our Diocese, the Catholic Charities office has shared an Amazon Wishlist that can support their good work in providing families basic needs as they embark on a new journey here in the local area. Please visit https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/G0EPWH86L6MC/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex. Your thoughtful generosity is much needed and appreciated. Registration information can be found here: <https://www.cdda.net/nationalmigrationweek/>.

The Pope's Message can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5lyibguPRE>. In this message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2024, Pope Francis reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland." For this reason, the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development is inviting all people of goodwill to organize initiatives with migrants, refugees, vulnerable people...

As Fr. Fabio Baggio, undersecretary of the DPIHD, suggests in the video, the idea is to walk a piece of the road together, with our community, parish, and diocese, also involving all the inhabitants of the "existential peripheries" that Pope Francis encourages us to welcome. Read the message and download the material: bit.ly/WDMR2024.

"Welcoming the stranger" among us doesn't land on the lists of corporal or spiritual works of mercy, which might seem strange. In fact, to welcome the stranger involves all 14 works of mercy. It is called Christianity.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dan*

Back-to-School Night

It is hard to believe that the students of Saint Bernadette Catholic School have been back in our building for an entire month. Over the past several weeks, students have had the opportunity to see friends, old and new, acquaint themselves with new teachers, and familiarize themselves with school routines. As faculty and staff, we strive to form relationships in these early days that we will foster and grow throughout the school year.

At Saint Bernadette Catholic School we value our entire community. We recognize that for our students to be successful, we must not only form relationships with them, but we must work in partnership with our community of parents to afford our students the greatest opportunities for their education.

In addition to Sneak-a-Peek in mid-August, Back-to-School nights provide

parents the opportunity to meet with teachers and learn about what to expect during their child's school day. Our primary and intermediate teachers hosted three information sessions on Thursday, September 5, 2024. In addition, Mr. Raab, our school counselor, arranged for a speaker to present on the subject of technology and internet safety.

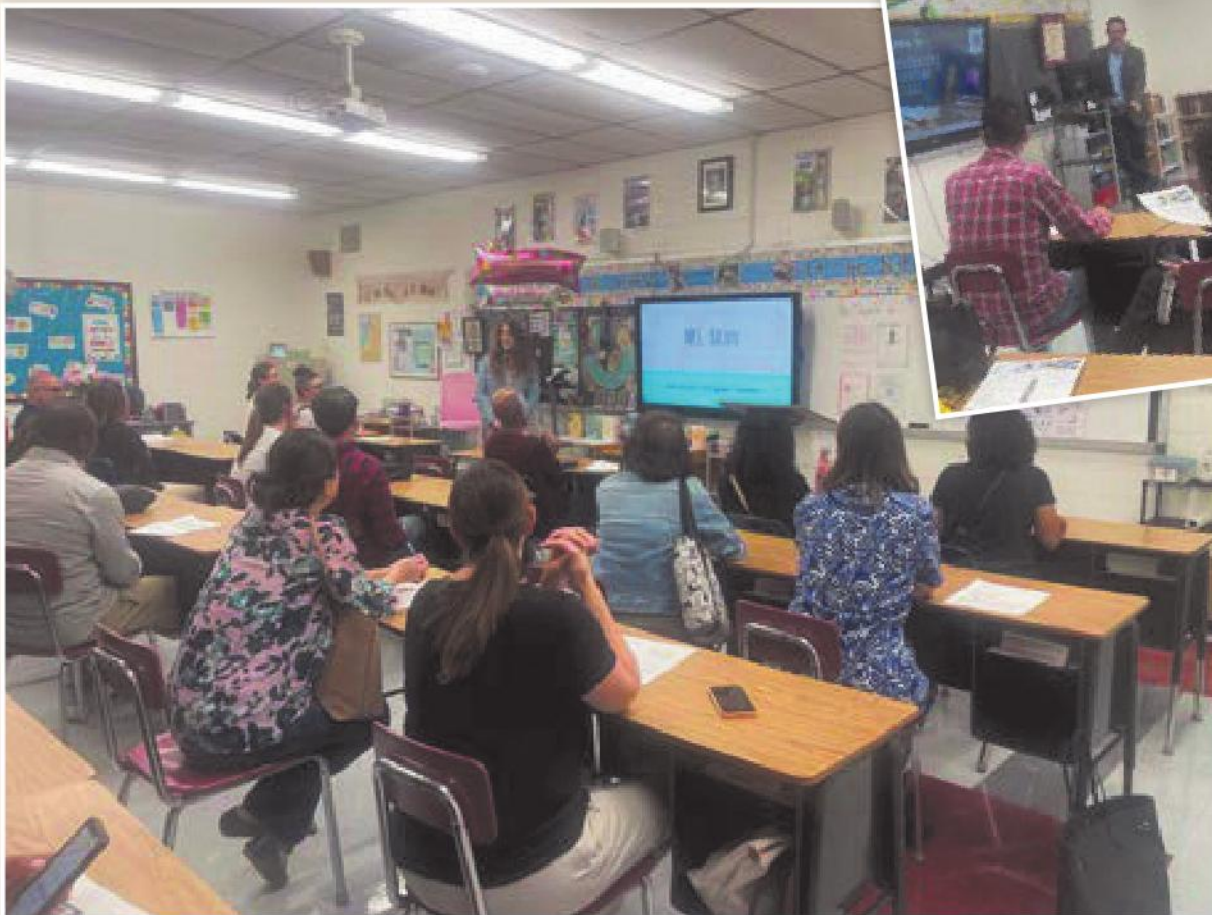
A week later, our middle school parents were invited to walk through a day in their child's shoes. Middle school parents followed their student's schedule and had the opportunity to visit teachers of all subjects. Our Specials teachers and Learning Resource team were also available to inform parents of their curriculums and answer questions.

Our Back-to-School nights were well attended, and we thank our parents for making time in their schedules to spend the evenings with us. We look forward to a wonderful 2024-2025 school year.

**cardinal
corner**



**FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST**



religious education

Weekly update

Please contact Lynn Jones, Director of Religious Education, at 703-451-8576, ext 136, or Victor Mendez, Administrative Assistant, at 703-451-8576, ext 138.

This year's schedule:

Tuesday Session
5:30–6:45pm

Wednesday Session
6–7:15pm

Special Tuesday Session
for Confirmation Fall 2024
7-8:15pm

RE Program upcoming schedule

Classes began on August 27 and 28. New registrations for families who have moved into our parish recently will be allowed. If you need help, email Vmendez@stbermpar.org or Ljones@stbermpar.org for more information.

Religious Education upcoming schedule

Our Tuesday session runs from 5:30 - 6:45pm, our Wednesday session runs from 6 - 7:15pm, and our special Tuesday session for Confirmation Fall 2024 runs from 7 - 8:15pm. For complete dates for the year, please see the calendar that was sent home in the colored folder in your child's materials received on their first day of class.

Find heaven in your home

Would you like to find fellowship with families who support each other in living out the faith? Then bring the kids and join us next Saturday, September 28, from 6:16-8:15pm for the Trinity House Community Gathering. We'll meet in the school cafeteria for a casual dinner, followed by a presentation and table discussions for parents while kids do activities with Virtus-trained volunteers in the classrooms. Please bring a drink or dessert to share. See the flyer in this bulletin for more details and to RSVP.

RE Class Instructions

All parents are responsible for understanding the policies in the Religious Education Program Handbook which is available on the parish website under the Religious Education tab <https://www.stbermpar.org/learning>. For all Tuesday and Wednesday

sessions, arrival and dismissal of all students is through door #1 of the school. Parents should plan to park in the lower parking lot and bring your child to door #1 of the school, or you may drop off along the curb next to the school gymnasium.

Family Faith Formation Class

Students enrolled in the Family Faith Formation class will meet for the first time on Sunday, September 29-- **Note: this is a change from the original plan.** More information will be sent via Flocknote this week.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Sunday 9am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word program has begun! New and existing participants are invited to register to participate in the 2024-2025 School Year at this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/xaritWzU8W> This program proclaims the Liturgy of the Word to the children at a level they can better understand. It is designed for children three years through first grade who are comfortable leaving their parents during Mass. For more information, or to volunteer to be an adult catechist or aide with CLOW, please contact CLOW Coordinator Kathryn Melton at yanezka@gmail.com.

Planning for this year

This year we will need many volunteers to help make our program run! If you are interested, please fill out the form at this link and I will get in touch with you: <https://forms.office.com/r/kw8uKKhfWL>. If you have questions about volunteering, please contact Lynn Jones this week!

youth ministry

Stay in touch:

Text/Email Updates: Sign-up at flocknote.com/stbermyouth or text "stbermyouth" to 84576.

Follow us on Instagram @stbermyouth

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Rihl, at grihl@stbermpar.org with any questions you may have.

High School Tuesday Socials

All High Schoolers are invited to join us for games, snacks, fun, and discussions on the faith every Tuesday from 7-8:30pm in the youth room! All are welcome, bring a friend!

High School Boys Catholic Life Community

Join other Catholic high school boys in this community of faith, prayer, and fellowship. New attendees are always welcome, every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:15pm in the youth room.

High School Girl's Duck Donuts Outing - Thursday, September 26

Join other High School girls at the West Springfield Duck Donuts on Wednesday, September 26 from 7-8:30pm! Contact Grace Rihl, our Director of Youth Ministry to RSVP.

Middle School Youth Ministry - Wed., Oct. 2

All 6th-8th graders are invited to Middle School Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Join us for games, snacks, and fun from 6:45-8pm in the Gym. All middle schoolers are welcome, bring a friend!

TRINITY HOUSE COMMUNITY GATHERING



YOU'RE INVITED – KIDS TOO! Meet up with other families for food, fellowship & support in building a faith-filled home!

September 28, 2024

**St. Bernadette Parish, Springfield, VA
School Cafeteria**

Topic: Faith Life



6:15pm: Dinner & Fellowship

6:45-7:30pm: Parent Presentation & Small Groups Discussion while Virtus-trained volunteers supervise kids

7:30-8:15pm: Fellowship & Dessert

RSVP [SignUp Genius](#)

Please bring a dessert to share!



Learn More at TrinityHouseCommunity.org

Gratis para toda la parroquia - ¡siempre se necesitan voluntarios!

picnic de familia parroquial

sábado
19 de octubre
1 - 5pm

burgers y hot dogs
bebidas

**(TRAES guarnición,
postre, o bocadillo)**

SI TU APELLIDO:

comienza con A-M:
guarniciones como
verduras, ensaladas, etc.

comienza con N-T:
postres, galletas, etc.

comienza con U-Z:
snacks no perecederos

música en vivo,
juegos inflables y más

bus desde Daventry
estacionamiento
(considere compartir
el vehículo)

Las donaciones de pasteles son bienvenidas para la caminata de pasteles en el gimnasio. ¡Hornea un pastel y gana un pastel! Tu creación será aceptada la mañana del evento en nuestro lugar de entrega designado.



Free for all the parish - volunteers are always needed!



family fall parish picnic

**saturday
october 19
1 - 5pm**

**burgers and dogs
beverages**

**(YOU bring a side,
dessert or snack)**

IF YOUR LAST NAME:

starts in A–M:
side dishes like potato
salad, salads, chips, etc.

starts in N–T:
desserts, cookies, etc.

starts in U–Z:
non-perishable snacks

**live music, games,
inflatables**

**shuttle from Daventry
commuter parking
(please consider
carpooling)**

Cake Donations are warmly welcomed for the PTO Cake Walk in the gym. Bake a cake, win a cake! Your creation will be accepted during morning / afternoon school carpool on Friday, October 18 or the morning of the event at our designated drop off location.

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Parish Offertory

Offertory 9/15 \$ 27,152
Facilities/Maint. 3,853
Thank you for your faithful support!



Consider using Faith Direct to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards, the same way you may make car or tuition payments. Faith Direct also offers personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may enroll securely online. Visit www.faithdirect.net or call (866)507-8757. Our parish code is VA70.

Mary's Comfort update

Mary's Comfort, a ministry sheltering pregnant women in crisis, has had our first home checked by the Zoning Evaluation Division of Fairfax County. We expect the special permit from Fairfax County to be approved in October after the public hearing. The permit will allow us to use the third bedroom for another guest. This home is made possible by the generosity of the Saint Bernadette parishioners! Please visit our website (www.maryscomfortva.org) to help with funding, future homes or furnishings. Or, send an email to: FacMgrMC@gmail.com or to maryscomfortva@gmail.com

Echo's Food Pantry

Before COVID, donated goods filled over 90% of the need. Now, ECHO is purchasing around 40% of the food we distribute. Food donations only cover 60%.

Our church vestibule is a permanent food drop off for ECHO. It is known as "Can-a-Week," but you can bring any kind of non-perishable food you wish!

Check out details about some upcoming ECHO fund-raisers on ECHO's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/EcumenicalCommunityHelpingOthers>.

Bishop Ireton HS open house

Arrive any time Sunday, October 20 1-3pm to explore Bishop Ireton and learn more about the school from faculty, administrators, students and coaches. Visit www.bishopireton.org and click on admissions, visit and inquire to RSVP. Bishop Ireton High School is a Catholic, coed, college preparatory high school serving grades 9-12 in the Diocese of Arlington. Located just outside of Old Town, Alexandria, Bishop Ireton offers a challenging academic curriculum and robust opportunities in sports, arts, clubs and STEM. Students are provided with the foundation and relationships for a lifetime of success, helping to ready the next generation to be exemplary and ethical leaders in an ever-changing world. Please email admissions@bishopireton.org with any questions.

Boy Scouts carwash next weekend

Saint Bernadette's Troop 995 will be holding its Fall Fundraiser Car Wash on Saturday, September 28 in the parish parking lot from 9am to 1pm. All donations greatly appreciated.

CYO Sports (for 3rd-8th Graders)

Joining sports teams can be a rewarding experience for young athletes. Saint Bernadette's CYO sports offers a variety of options, including cross country, tennis, track& field, basketball, cheer, and volleyball, fostering both physical fitness and teamwork. Participating in CYO sports not only helps in developing athletic skills but also emphasizes the importance of faith, sportsmanship, discipline, and community involvement. These programs often create a supportive environment where players can build lasting friendships and learn valuable life lessons. Whether your child is looking to improve their skills, stay active, or simply have fun, joining a CYO sports team can be a great way to achieve their goals. **CYO sports are open to children who attend St. Bernadette's school or are enrolled in the parish's religious education program this school year.**

Registrations are now open for **Fall and Winter** seasons. Please register at <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106541/leagues>.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your CYO Reps - Gina Soriano (gvsoriano@gmail.com) or Catherine Luby (catherineeluby@gmail.com).

Catholic Women's Group Upcoming events

No need to RSVP; just come and enjoy the wonderful food and warm fellowship. For more information, please email us at women@stbernapar.org.

Our next Lunch with Friends will be Tuesday, September 24 at noon at Milano's Family Restaurant, 6230 Rolling Road. We will meet for this casual lunch on the 4th Tuesday of each month.



ALL the parish is WELCOME, whatever your language may be!

Join us for the celebration of a patron of Latin America, The Lord of the Miracles, on Saturday, October 12. He is credited with protecting people in difficult times. A dinner will follow in the gym with traditional dances of different countries.

Únanse a nosotros para la celebración de nuestro santo patrón, El Señor de los Milagros, el sábado 12 de octubre. A nuestro santo patrón se le atribuye la protección de nuestro pueblo en tiempos difíciles. Una cena seguirá con bailes típicos de diferente países en el gimnasio.



celebración del señor de los milagros Lord of the miracles celebration

**sábado
12 de octubre
saturday
october 12**

**10am - church
Misa/Mass**

**11:30am - outside
procesión/procession**

**2pm - 4:30pm - gym
cena/dinner**

**venta de comida
food for sale - restaurant "Huascaran"**

**homenaje al Señor
con bailes típicos
tribute to the Lord with
traditional dances**

ministry possibilities



Upcoming VIRTUS class

Do you want to volunteer in our school, religious education, or youth programs? Attending a VIRTUS session is one of the requirements to volunteer. Once you begin volunteering, you have a 45-day grace period to complete compliance training. We have one remaining upcoming VIRTUS session - October 5 at our school gym. We are announcing the session early so you may sign up for it as slots fill up quickly:

Saturday, October 5, 9am – 1pm.
(45-day grace period begins 08/21/24)

New volunteers please contact Zory Conde in the parish office, zconde@stbernapar.org, for full compliance instructions, including VIRTUS registration. Existing volunteers who are only missing VIRTUS may contact the diocese OPCYP office, opcypsupport@arlingtondiocese.org, to register for August and October sessions.

Kids in Today's Society presentation

Kids in Today's Society, formerly known as *Hidden in Plain Sight*, is a community awareness program designed to enlighten parents through a unique learning experience encompassing insights into trends and indicators of potentially risky behavior. This is an engaging presentation offering parents the opportunity to interact with police officers and various props. These props, either circulated or part of an exhibit resembling a teenager's bedroom, comprise over 100 items that could potentially indicate dangerous or risky behaviors. Supplementing the props is a PowerPoint presentation and discussion covering topics such as alcohol, vaping, drugs, mental health, sexting, and other relevant subjects. The program is exclusively available for adult audiences. Participation is restricted to adults, and young individuals are not allowed in the sessions. Its purpose is to inform parents about recent trends and guide them in helping their children access appropriate assistance if any risky behavior is identified. We are hosting this presentation on **Thursday evening, October 3 at 6:30pm** in the church. The event is free and no registration is required.



Join one of our choirs!

Singers and instrumentalists who wish to share their gifts to help foster the sung prayer of our parish community are welcome to join one of our five choirs. For singers, no prior experience is required. The choirs on summer break will resume in two weeks, and all choirs are welcoming new members at this time.

Our Children's Choir, for 1st-6th grade singers, serves at 5pm Saturday Mass once a month. They rehearse every Thursday 5-5:45pm. Our Youth Choir, for 7th-12th grade vocalists and instrumentalists, sings most Saturdays at the 5pm Mass. We have three adult choirs: Sunday Mass at 9am (English), 11am (English) and 1pm (Spanish).

Please contact David Mathers, Director of Music Ministries, at dmathers@stbernapar.org or (703) 451-8576 x112. Rehearsal days/times, list of instruments that can participate, and guidance on instrumental experience levels can be found at <https://www.stbernapar.org/praying/music-ministry> or by contacting David Mathers.

Life Chain is October 6

The 2023 Alexandria Life Chain will be conducted along Franconia Road on **Sunday, October 6, from 2:30-3:30pm**, from Saint Lawrence Church to Frontier Avenue near the Springfield Mall. Our parish's location on Franconia Road will be in front of Key Middle School, the same as in previous years.

Knights of Columbus fall coat drive

Springfield Council 6153 is conducting its annual fall coat drive. Your donated new or gently used coats will be provided to ECHO for distribution to the neediest members of our local community. The coat drive will run from **September 14 - 30**. See the collection box in the vestibule or ask a Knight.



Recruiting boys Kindergarten to 5th Grade: Be a Scout!



Cub Scout Pack 995 is excited to start its 2024-2025 program year! We are an all-boy pack of about 45 scouts chartered by Saint Bernadette Parish.

We are actively recruiting boys entering kindergarten through 5th grade. Whether your son attends the parish school or attends FCPS this is a great place to help your son learn about duty to God & country, help others, and keep themselves strong! The point of contact is Jake Norris, pack committee chair: Jacob.norris.phd@gmail.com or 817-932-4999.

Welcome to Girl Scouts!

Ready for fun, adventure and lifelong friendships? Start your Girl Scout adventure today! Saint Bernadette Girl Scout troops are welcoming girls from Kindergarten to 8th grade. Learn more by signing up for information here: <https://bit.ly/StBGirlScouts>. There will be an informational meeting on September 22 at 2pm in the school cafeteria.

Women's Walking with Purpose Bible Study

Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study ministry returns October 8 and 10 with *Discovering Our Dignity*, a 22-week study of women in the Bible. Connect with Scripture and learn from the stories of women in both the Old and the New Testament. Separate morning and evening sessions of *Discovering Our Dignity* will take place in the Bradican Room on **Tuesdays from 9:45-11:30am and Thursday from 7:00-8:30pm beginning October 8 and 10**, respectively. The book fee is \$25 and the suggested hospitality fee is \$10. [Register at https://stbernadettewp.wixsite.com/stbwwp](https://stbernadettewp.wixsite.com/stbwwp)

Miscarriage or infant loss?

All mothers and fathers of pregnancy or infant loss are invited to *Behold and Be Held*, an evening of reflection on **Thursday, October 10 from 6:45 - 9:15pm** at Saint Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Reston, Virginia. We come together as mothers and fathers of loss to pray and honor the lives of our precious babies, gone too soon. Registration is free but is required. To register visit www.redbirdlove.com/hold Sponsored by the Diocesan chapter of Red Bird Ministries. Contact elizabeth@redbirdlove.com with questions.

get
involved



WHERE — Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA

WHEN — Saturday, October 5, 2024 (Rain or Shine). Check in starts at 7:30am (Run starts at 9am). **REGISTRATION** — \$15.00 (non-refundable).

Online Registration ends October 2. Use the QR code or visit www.runsignup.com/Race/VA/FairfaxStation/SpringfieldKnightsOfColumbus5K.

This 5K Fun Run and Walk is appropriate for the whole family (children in strollers included!). Event proceeds will be split to help the parish school

and KOVAR (a Knights of Columbus charity supporting the intellectually disabled). The race will be held at beautiful Burke Lake Park with a **free barbecue lunch** for participants and their families during the awards and door prize ceremony. If you have any questions about this race, please contact the race director Tom Smith at tomsmith6153@outlook.com

annual 5K
fun run &
walk

REGISTRATION
IS OPEN!



Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

Please call the office also if you would like to request a Mass sooner, that is not announced.

September

23 MONDAY

7am Rene Williams
9am* Anna Dereska
Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

24 TUESDAY

7am † Cella
9am* † Joyce D'Souza
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

25 WEDNESDAY

7am Rose Day
9am* † Carlos Tagle
Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

26 THURSDAY

7am Jesus Obieta
9am* † Mario Cantu
Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

27 FRIDAY

7am † Teresita Pentuan
9am* Bob Rooney
10am** † Marilyn Spille
Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

28 SATURDAY

8am* † Mario Cantu
Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45
5pm* † Donald Bisgrove

29 SUNDAY

7am For the parish
9am* † Ralph & Clara Gasper
11am* † Wanda Leets
1pm † Rosa Castillo Sifuentes
5pm † Leonard Patrick Figueroa
Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-48

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel
Mass intentions are available, please call the parish office or request intentions online.

Masses next weekend

Sept 28	5pm	Fr. Don
Sept 29	7am	Fr. Don
	9am	Fr. Jeb
	11am	Fr. James
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	5pm	Fr. Jeb

Parish Prayer List

It has been a long while since we have updated this list. If anyone is listed here who no longer needs to be included, please call the office.

Christopher Ayala, Ron Baker, Barbara Baxter, Lorenzo Beitia, Benedi Family, Eber Antonio & Alexis Blanco, Javier Blandon, Marvin Boord, Eleanor Butler, Josue Cabrera, Victoria Castro Guerra, Hyung Ji Choi, Kathleen Cobb, Emilio A. Conde Hernandez, Joaquin Cortez, Mary Crossin, Fernando Cruz Conde, Jessica Curtis, Russell Cykoski, Celine D'Cruze, Deeney Family, Joanne DeAngelis, Pierre Deslauriers, Ron & Karen Dietz, Nick Domahoski, Sean Duffy, Evans Family, Debbie Field, Thomas Fitzgerald, Paul Flapper, Richard & Veronica Flynn, Mario and Mark Fortin, Jerome Furlow, Elvira Gaudamus, Jim Gribshaw, Bill & Leona Harron, Andres Hernandez, Lauren Hicks, Shawn Hoisington, Elizabeth Howarth, Matthew Ianuzzi, Masaharu Ishii, Jack Judd, Sage Kalper, Astania Kamau, John Kelly, Theresa Khim, Mike Kidwell, Tim Kirk, John Kochersperger, Large Family, Melissa Lavelle, Lawler Family, Teodora Lim, Sharon Lord, Robert Madison, Minka Malnikof, Alice Martin, Tim McCarthy, Katherine Mehigan, Ken Miller, Jeremy Monsanto, Jonathan Mundell, Mike Mundell, Kathleen Maxwell, Ted Musialkiewicz, Kathleen Murray, Shamsun Nahar, Steve Nelson, Mike Nolen, the Noonan family, Sarah Norton, JoAnne Plavchan, Corina Portillo, Daren Perry, Evan Robish, Joanna Robson, Apollonia Rye, Sagum Family, John Sandidge, B. Schulz, Henry Shinol, Smith Family, Glendora Spinelli, Ailsa Squatrito, Laura Sutherland, Ellie Urmston, Holger Vargas, Mary Vago, Silvio Villena, Adrienne Vincent, Margaret Wyse, Earnest Yambot, Yessenia Zelaya Diaz.

Pro-Life Witness

The Saint Bernadette Pro-Life Committee invites you to pray the rosary and be a witness to the sanctity of life on Tuesday or Saturday mornings in front of the abortion facility at 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane in Alexandria (ample free parking across the street). We legally, peacefully, and respectfully gather for an hour starting at 10am; no sign-up or commitment required. Questions? Email Tom Palumbo at tompalumbo@outlook.com.

Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Meet us for: Square Dancing (most Tuesdays); Mass at St. Michael's/lunch (Oct. 6); Thursday lunches (Oct. 10, 24); tour of Sully Mansion (Oct. 12); Clifton Day Festival by train (Oct. 13); Hot Dog Social (Oct. 17); Manassas Battlefield walk (Oct. 19); Christ House meal (Oct. 26); St. Mary's Cemetery tour (Oct. 27); dinner in Alexandria (Oct. 27); Annual Dinner Dance (Nov. 16). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com

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Consider a gift of stock or any other appreciated asset as a donation to Saint Bernadette Catholic Church and School. In exchange for a gift of a long-term appreciated asset, you can receive an income tax deduction for the current market value and avoid capital gains taxes on that appreciation. Your gift will support the Church, School, or the Make All Things New Campaign. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernpar.org or call the office.

Remember us in your will or trust

The next time you review your will or trust with your attorney consider adding a provision to donate a portion of your assets to Saint Bernadette Church and School. Your gift will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernpar.org or call the office

Ancient Order of Hibernians raffles tickets to Ireland

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses the weekend of Sept. 28 - 29, 2024 for a Trip for Two to Ireland! Tickets are \$10 or 3 for \$25. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds are used to fund our charitable giving to include 8th grade graduation scholarships, Mary's Comfort, Project St. Patrick (Seminarians) and our annual St. Patrick Coloring Contest. Try your luck of the Irish!



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