

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 29, 2024



Detail of a Byzantine mosaic commissioned by the Emperor Justinian, c. 550AD
Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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

13 Sunday, TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

14 Monday, Weekday [Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr]

15 Tuesday, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

16 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin]

17 Thursday, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

18 Friday, Saint Luke, Evangelist

- Adoration, 7pm in the church

19 Saturday, Sts John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions, Martyrs

- **PARISH PICNIC!** 1-5pm, see pp. 8-9 in this bulletin
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

20 Sunday, TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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@stbernapar.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 stbernapar.org/praying/music-ministry or contact David Mathers at 703-451-8575 x112 or dmathers@stbernapar.org

+ Plan for these upcoming events!

Kid's in Today's Society 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,

You may have noticed a graphic which I had placed on this page for several weeks inviting adults who might be seeking God and interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church. What had been the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) is now called the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* (OCIA).

Although I don't really understand the obsession with translation (usually only resulting in minor changes which are just enough to throw off those who knew the previous version by heart), it is good to look for the reason why this was important enough to somebody to make the changes. The Mass was re-translated in 2014, I think, then the Rite of Baptism, followed by the Rite of Marriage. Just last year the words of absolution in the sacrament of Reconciliation were re-translated resulting in the change of one word "sent," to "poured out" with regard to the Holy Spirit. (I'm not sure how long it will take me for this to become second nature after having used the old version for 30 years.) Apparently the Liturgy of the Hours will be next... I find that it is hard to teach this old dog new tricks.

It is an opportunity to sell more books as they will have to be replaced in every church in the United States.

Still, the word "order" is an important one and provides a teaching moment. In the same way we refer to bishops of dioceses as "ordinaries" because they are the ones responsible for order in their local church, the word "order" speaks of a practice that is normative. A rule to be faithfully followed. "Ordinary" doesn't mean plain and unremarkable, it means *normative*. There has been a lot of misunderstanding over the word with regard to the Mass. The Mass we celebrate here at Saint Bernadette is referred to as the "ordinary Mass," the product of Vatican II. The Mass prior to Vatican II is referred as "extraordinary" not because it represents something more excellent or rare. It simply means *outside* the norm.

The Rites contained within the newly translated Order of Christian Initiation of Adults remain the same with a few

words changed here and there. The Rite of *Acceptance*, for example, is now called the Rite of *Entrance*. The Rite of *Presentation* of the Creed or Lord's Prayer is now the *Handing-on*. Explanations newly-provided for presiders to read will give a clearer understanding to the assembly in places where before they had been left to the presider to do, or not. "Optional" texts for the presider are diminished. You may not notice the difference at all, as with most changes. The most obvious are that now at all weddings we are to sing the *Gloria*, and that *The Lord be with you* is followed by *And with your spirit*, something that now is not shared with all other Christians.

The *Order* of the Mass has changed throughout the history of the Church. Some elements have always been there: readings from Scripture, preaching, prayers, the sign of peace, processions, consecration and Communion. This structure is attested to in Scripture and in some of the earliest writing of the post-apostolic period.

But the details changed constantly, each local congregation improvising most of it and developing their own customs. As the monoepiscopal structure emerged there was some uniformity in dioceses, but not as strictly controlled as today—we even have accounts of individual churches celebrating Easter on different days in dioceses like Rome in the third century.

There was some regularization at a universal level once Christianity was legalized with the first ecumenical councils. Local regional *synods* were far more common and would occasionally regulate liturgical issues. Kneeling was universally forbidden on Sundays and during Easter, for example, and explains why today most of the world Church kneels less than we do. Prayers commemorating the bishop and others in communion with him were developed. As the canon of Scripture was developed, readings were regularized.

With Charlamagne it was first encouraged to use a foreign language (Latin) rather than the vernacular for worship. Also the idea was introduced for the first time that "we should do here what the Romans do," rather than "when in Rome, do what the Romans do."

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dm*

The gift of service

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). In the First Letter of Peter, we are reminded of the importance of service. Serving one another may take shape, for example, through words of encouragement or gestures of kindness.

We are blessed at our school with a phenomenal Parent Teacher Organization (P.T.O.), whose members model service to build a culture reflective of our Catholic identity—a culture of caring. This month, the P.T.O. provided a delicious luncheon for faculty. That generous act gave witness to our teachers about how much we all appreciate their dedication to helping our students thrive.

On September 18, the P.T.O. sponsored a unique dine out experience at Silver Diner in Springfield. Excitement filled the air that evening as our students had the opportunity to serve others. In their school uniforms, our students served the patrons by seating people, taking meal orders, delivering food, and spreading cheer. Students gathered to sing "Happy Birthday" to a lovely customer who just turned 97. In this joy-filled atmosphere, students learned a valuable lesson about the importance of serving others. We are grateful to Silver Diner for affording us this opportunity, as well as for their charitable contribution to our school.

On September 20, 2024, Fr. Jeb visited some of our youngest cardinals. He reviewed the Gospel message about serving one another (Mark 9:30-37). Kindergarteners engaged in discussion about how they might serve, in particular at home. Together they created a list of ideas: helping Mom or Dad cook; clearing the dishes; or assisting a sibling to clean up the bedroom. Throughout the year, students of all ages will learn to use their God-given gifts to serve others.

Our mission statement states, "we develop the whole child through faith formation, service to others, and academic excellence to be leaders in our ever-changing world."



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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.

RE regular 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@stbernpa.org or Ljones@stbernpa.org for more information.

Religious Education upcoming schedule

- Family Faith Formation monthly class: Sept. 29, 3:30-4:45pm
- Regular classes: Tues./Wed., Oct. 1 - 2. Begin TOBET *The Body Matters* unit.
- Regular classes: Tues./Wed. Oct. 8 - 9.
- Saturday SPRED Class: Oct. 12.

For complete dates for the year, please see the calendar that was sent home in the colored folder in your child's materials they received on their first day of class.

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.stbernpa.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 this Sunday, September 29 from 3:30-4:45pm-- NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL PLAN. Please enter through Door 14 of the school.

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.

TOBET The Body Matters unit begins this week

Our students in kindergarten through high school, except Family Faith Formation, SPRED, and Confirmation 2024, will begin The Body Matters curriculum this week. For more information, see the Parent Guide enclosed in your child's colored folder sent home the first day of classes, or go to <https://tobet.org/the-body-matters/> to learn more

youth ministry

Stay in touch:

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

Follow us on Instagram @stbernyouth

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

High School Diocesan RALLY - Sunday, October 27

This annual event is an opportunity for the young Church in the Diocese of Arlington to gather each year to pray, learn, and celebrate the Catholic faith. RALLY includes Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Eucharistic Adoration, inspirational speakers and entertainers, breakout sessions, inflatable games, music, and more! The cost is \$25, and adult volunteers are needed. Contact Grace Rihl at grihl@stbernpa.org for information on how to register.

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.

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!

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 warm fellowship and great food. For more information, please email us at women@stbernpar.org.

Our next Dinner with Friends will be Monday, October 7 at 5pm at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual lunch on the 1st and the 3rd Monday of every month.

Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, October 8 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. As we continue into fall, Mary Pierce will do a presentation on how to put your garden to bed for the winter so that it thrives in the spring.

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, no registration is required.

Faith & Blue Weekend - October 11-14

National Faith & Blue Weekend is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect and understanding. Law enforcement and faith institutions are key pillars of each community, and when they work together, neighborhoods thrive. At the heart of this initiative is the reinforcement of connections between law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve through the reach of houses of worship. There is no resource that can match the depth of the faith community in facilitating productive engagement with law enforcement, which is needed now more than ever. The national organizers represent every major national law enforcement membership and professional organization in the United States and every faith tradition. This year our school will observe Faith & Blue Weekend by sponsoring an essay contest.

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Parish Offertory

Offertory 9/22 \$ 26,256
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.

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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Mary's Comfort baby bottle drive

On October 5 - 6 we will be handing out baby bottles as a fundraiser. Please help us by filling them with bills of any denomination or a check made payable to Mary's Comfort. Your donation is tax-deductible. Please remember to return the bottles the following weekend, (October 12 - 13). Please scan the QR code or visit MarysComfortVA.org to learn more!



Thank you for all your support to help us open our first home for pregnant women in crisis right here in Springfield! Mary's Comfort is an independent nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization committed to providing shelter, support and new beginnings. By the end of the year we expect to have three moms in our home.

Bishop's annual Mass for persons with disabilities

Join Bishop Burbidge and families across the Diocese of Arlington for the Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities, as we celebrate and give thanks to God for the blessings that our brothers, sisters and children with disabilities bring to our lives. The Mass is **October 13 at 9am at Saint Mark Catholic Church**, 9970 Vale Rd, Vienna. Porto Charities will host a light breakfast after the Mass where you can enjoy fellowship. No RSVP required.

ECHO News for October/November 2024

ECHO Fall Yard Sale ECHO's annual Fall Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, October 26, here at the gym, from 8am to noon. Bargain shoppers and treasurer hunters will find a gymnasium full of housewares, toys, fashion accessories, jewelry, electronic equipment, picture frames, wall art, and more! The two yard sale events each year are primary sources of funds for ECHO to carry out its mission of helping people in need in our community.

Jingle bells so soon? The ECHO elves must go to work now to prepare the Holiday Gift Shop. ECHO needs donations of new toys (not gift-wrapped,

please) for children ages 0-15 for this festive program. Donations should be made no later than December 6 and may be chosen from our Amazon wish list and delivered directly to ECHO or delivered to our donations door. The wish list is most easily accessed through our website, www.echo-inc.org/wishlist-on-amazon which will be made available by Oct 15. Popular items are baby dolls, scooters with helmets, soccer balls (sizes 3,4,5), riding toys, and family board games. See a complete list of suggestions at ECHO's website under the "Donate Goods" tab.

Cleaning out your kitchen shelves?

ECHO's Housewares Department needs glass drinking glasses, white coffee mugs, white hand towels, bath towels, medium sized pots and frying pans.

The Clothing Department needs new or clean, gently used, warm clothing for boys or girls in sizes 4 - 20, children's sneakers, and adult coats and jackets in all sizes.

The Food Pantry needs personal hygiene items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, and toilet paper as well as all kinds of non-perishable foods.

ECHO, located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, is open on weekday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm and Tues., Wed. and Thurs. evenings from 7 to 9pm.

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.

Fall coat drive

Knights of Columbus 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.



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 - restau-
rant "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.

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.



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.



Bicycle parking and storage coming

In the next several weeks, we will be installing bicycle racks and a long-term storage unit on the west side of the parking lot along Old Keene Mill Rd. As part of our agreed upon Proffer from our renovations completed in 2018 and part of our initial work for new site development related to our new hall. These 4 inverted "U" racks and two bicycle unit storage pod will meet our requirement for Fairfax County.



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/ behold 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

30 MONDAY

7am Christy McCann
9am* Stellan, John & Shourds Family
Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50

1 TUESDAY

7am Mary Rephlo
9am* † Albina Tabo
Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56

2 WEDNESDAY

7am † Marciano Paredes
9am* † The Saquilayan Family
Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Mt 18:1-5, 10

3 THURSDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory
9am* † Patricia Reynolds
Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12

4 FRIDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory
9am* † Frank & Jeanette Devoti
10am** † Dorothy Wheeler
Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16

5 SATURDAY

8am* † Teresa Moran
Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24
5pm* † Ben Garrido

6 SUNDAY

7am † Albina Tabo
9am* For the parish
11am* † Harrison Crim
1pm † Adda Castedo
5pm Anne Mundell
Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16

* live-streamed Masses

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

Masses next weekend

Oct 5	5pm	Fr. Jeb
Oct 6	7am	Fr. Cedric
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. James
	1pm	Fr. Jeb
	5pm	Fr. James

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, Javier Blandon, Marvin Boord, Krista Buskey, 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

Planned giving: make a gift of appreciated assets

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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