

*May your grace, O Lord, at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined to carry out good works.  
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- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 13, 2024



Christ and the Rich Young Man (detail), Heinrich Hofmann, 1889  
Riverside Church, New York



**SAINT BERNADETTE**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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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 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
PARISH OFFICE	703-451-8576, fax 703-269-1121 office@stbermpar.org Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
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BAPTISMS	Saturday, 10am. 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturdays in English; 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.stbermpar.org">www.stbermpar.org</a> .  Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. <a href="mailto:bulletin@stbermpar.org">bulletin@stbermpar.org</a> .

# calendar

## october

- 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]**  
• **Parish Offices Closed in Observance of the Federal Holiday**  
• **PARISH FEAST OF CHURCH DEDICATION:** special Mass at 7:30pm
- 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**  
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 21 Monday, Weekday**  
• Parish pilgrimage to France begins, until November 2  
• Taize prayer for unity in the church, 8pm
- 22 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint John Paul II, Pope]**
- 23 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint John of Capistrano, Priest]**
- 24 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop]**
- 25 Friday, Weekday**  
• Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 26 Saturday, Weekday**  
• **ECHO YARD SALE** starting at 8am in the gym  
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 27 Sunday, THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 28 Monday, Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**
- 29 Tuesday, Weekday**
- 30 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 31 Thursday, Weekday**  
• **ALL SAINTS' DAY** Vigil Mass 7:30pm, Holy Day of Obligation

## november

- 1 Friday, ALL SAINTS' DAY - Holy Day of Obligation**  
• Masses at 7 and 9am, Noon, and 7:30pm (bilingual)
- 2 Saturday, ALL SOULS' DAY**  
• Masses for All Souls' at 8 and 10am  
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 3 Sunday, THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

## announcements

Parish Offices will be Closed on Monday 14 October in observance of the Federal Holiday.

Please join us for our **Anniversary Mass for the Dedication of our Church on Monday, October 14 at 7:30pm in the Church.**

All are invited to our **Saint Bernadette Parish Picnic on Saturday, October 19th**, from 1-5 p.m. There will be great music, food, and games for the whole family. Please check the bulletin to see what food you should bring. Volunteers are also needed!

Join us for our monthly (third Monday) **Taize Prayer Service** on Monday night, October 21, 8 - 8:45pm. Come for a peaceful moment of simple song and silence and pray for Christian Unity.

**All Saints' Day Masses (a holy day of obligation):** October 31 Vigil Mass, 7:30pm, November 1 Masses at 7 and 9am, Noon, and a 7:30pm (bilingual).

The **All Souls' Day Mass schedule** includes 8am and 10am Mass for all our deceased.

Remember loved ones in the **All Souls' Day Novena of Masses**. All Masses November 2-10 will be offered for those included in the novena. Remembrance envelopes in which you may include the names of your deceased family or friends are in the vestibule of the church and parish office. To participate please fill out one of the envelopes with your donation and return them to the parish office before Nov. 2.

**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](http://stbermpar.org/praying/music-ministry) or contact David Mathers at 703-451-8575 x112 or [dmathers@stbermpar.org](mailto:dmathers@stbermpar.org)

## from the pastor

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

*I've had a number of requests for a homily I gave a couple weeks ago. Of course, you can always hear the audio of my homilies on our website at <https://www.stbernpar.org/welcome/homilies>, but I will print as much of it as I am able here.*

Sitting the other evening, I imagined the scene in the first reading. First of all, concealed by a cloud, the Lord comes down and talks with Moses. Taking some of the spirit that was "on Moses" he bestowed it on the 70 elders. Moses' spirit rested on them, and they began to prophesy. Remarkable.

I asked myself if this is some revelation of hierarchy? Did the 70 have the spirit only because it came through Moses? Next comes the answer: No. Eldad and Medad, two of the 72, were absent, still at the camp, and were not there to witness God-in-the-cloud speaking with Moses. But the spirit, obviously not limited by distance, rested on them, too, and they began to prophesy. God's work was accomplished in them, anyway.

Somebody reports it and Joshua demands that Moses make Eldad and Medad stop. Hear his very interesting response: *"Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets! Would that the LORD would bestow his spirit on them all!"*

Exclusivity. We are all guilty of it. For centuries we have not wanted to give the benefit of the doubt even to Christians of other camps – let alone people of non-Christian faiths – that their prayers were authentic and that they might be on the same path as we, just at a different humna mile marker on the way.

Again, Pope Francis was misquoted by the media this week: His statement was not that all religions are the same, but that God has provided many paths for people to come to him.

And who would God be, if he only wanted to bestow his spirit on a few? He wouldn't be God for most.

Can the power of the Spirit be confined to an institution?

He is God of all creation, all peoples, and our human nature is wired to seek him. The same hunger for the mystery of the divine has unfolded in many cultures and contexts. The beliefs might be different, maybe even seemingly contradictory or unsupported by our experience of revelation, but the seeking of the peoples is the same, authentic desire of the

human heart for the transcendent God. God does not refuse his spirit to anyone who sincerely seeks him.

This was one of the revelations of Vatican II. Most of Vatican II is a reworking of always-existing Church teaching and Tradition so that it makes more sense in the context of this modern age, rather than medieval times. But this is a new area of theological reflection based in Scripture and Tradition. Listen to Saint Pope Paul VI in his address opening the second convening of Vatican II in September of 1963:

*"The Catholic Church looks into the distance, beyond the confines of the Christian horizon; how could she place limits on her love, if this very love is to be that of God the Father who showers his favors upon everyone (cf. Mt 5:45), and who so loved the world that for it he gave his only Son (cf. Jn 3:16)? The world; not me. Look therefore beyond your own sphere and observe those other religions that uphold the meaning and the concept of God as one, Creator, provident, most high and transcendent, that worship God with acts of sincere piety and upon whose beliefs and practices the principles of moral and social life are founded.*

*"The Catholic Church unquestionably, and to its regret, perceives gaps, insufficiencies and errors in many religious expressions as those indicated, yet she cannot fail to turn her thoughts to them as well, to remind them that the Catholic religion upholds in just regard all that which in them is true, good and human. Moreover, in order to preserve religious sentiment and the worship of God in modern culture – the duty and need of a true civilization – she is in the forefront as the most valid supporter of the rights of God over humanity."*

From the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen gentium*, 1964:

*"Those who, through no fault of their own, do not know the Gospel of Christ or his Church, but who nevertheless seek God with a sincere heart, and moved by grace, try in their actions to do his will as they know it through the dictates of their conscience – those too may achieve eternal salvation. Nor shall divine providence deny the assistance necessary for salvation to those who, without any fault of theirs have not yet arrived at an explicit knowledge of God, and who, not without grace, strive to lead a good life. Whatever good or truth is found among them is considered by the church to be a preparation for the Gospel and given by him who enlightens all that they may at length have life."*

The Lord be with you.

*Fr. Dm*



## Days to be Grateful

What a blast! The 22nd Annual 5K Fun Run and Walk on October 5, 2024, was a huge hit. It was wonderful to see so many walkers and runners from our community come together. Watching students and teachers enjoy the day side by side was truly a joy.

This family-friendly event took place at Burke Lake Park and welcomed participants of all ages, with our youngest athletes happily zooming by in strollers pushed by their parents. We wrapped up the day with awards for our top runners, exciting door prizes, and a delicious barbecue lunch for everyone. Our own 3rd grade teacher, Claire Garster, won the event overall.

Best of all, the proceeds from this event

support both Saint Bernadette Catholic School and KOVAR, a Knights of Columbus charity that helps individuals with intellectual disabilities. We can't wait to do it all over again next year.

On October 7, 2024, following a fabulous weekend with the Knights of Columbus, we came together as a school family to pray the rosary. October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, and to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, our National Junior Honor Society members led this special prayer. It was a beautiful opportunity to honor Mary and cherish this beloved tradition.

Gratitude filled our hearts as we reflected on the blessings of community, faith, and support for one another. Here's to many more moments of joy and unity in the year ahead.

## cardinal corner



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& 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

# youth ministry

## Stay in touch:

Text/Email Updates: Sign-up at [flocknote.com/stbernyouth](https://flocknote.com/stbernyouth) or text "stbernyouth" to 84576.

Follow us on Instagram  
[@stbernyouth](https://www.instagram.com/stbernyouth)

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Rihl, at [grihl@stbernapar.org](mailto:grihl@stbernapar.org) with any questions you may have.

## RE Program upcoming schedule

**Regular classes:** Tues./Wed., Oct. 15/16.  
Continue TOBET *The Body Matters* unit.  
Confessions for students during class time (NOT First Confessions)

**Regular classes:** Tues./Wed., Oct. 22/23.  
Continue TOBET *The Body Matters* unit.

**SPRED Class:** Sat., Oct. 26

**Family Faith Formation (monthly):** Oct. 27

**Regular classes:** Tues./Wed., Oct. 29/30.

Continue TOBET *The Body Matters* unit.

Email [vmendez@stbernapar.org](mailto:vmendez@stbernapar.org) or Lynn Jones, [Ljones@stbernapar.org](mailto:Ljones@stbernapar.org) for more information.

## Religious Education 2024-2025

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 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.stbernapar.org/learning>. For arrival, 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. For pickup, a parent or responsible adult must be present-- if you are running late

## High School Girls' Movie night - THIS Wednesday, Oct. 16

Join other High School girls for a popcorn, candy, and a movie! Wear your comfy clothes and meet in the youth room this Wednesday, October 16 from 7:30-9:30pm. Contact Grace Rihl ([grihl@stbernapar.org](mailto:grihl@stbernapar.org)) for more information!

## Middle School Youth Ministry - THIS Wednesday, Oct. 16

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.

we stay with your child until you arrive as we are not allowed to just let them go. Please do NOT park along the curb at dismissal-- park your car and pick up your child from Door #1.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Sunday 9am Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word program is very popular! *All children must be pre-registered to participate.* 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](mailto:yanezka@gmail.com).

## TOBET The Body Matters unit in progress

Our students in kindergarten through high school, except Family Faith Formation, SPRED, and Confirmation 2024, are studying The Body Matters curriculum this month. The student books are to be returned at the end of the month or you will be charged a \$15 fee for replacement. For more information about this program, 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

## Living the liturgical year

All Saints' Day is a Holy Day of Obligation on November 1 when we remember all the holy people who have modeled the faith for us. For your children, what better way to learn about the saints than to pick one as their costume for Halloween! Go over to Catholic Icing and be inspired by the great ideas in the All Saints' Day Costume Directory at <https://www.catholicicing.com/all-saints-day-resources-for-kids/>

All middle schoolers are welcome, bring a friend!

## 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.



## 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](mailto:gvsoriano@gmail.com)) or Catherine Luby ([catherineeluby@gmail.com](mailto:catherineeluby@gmail.com)).

## Catholic Women's Group Upcoming events

Come and enjoy warm fellowship and great food. No need to RSVP. For more information, please email us at [women@stbernapar.org](mailto:women@stbernapar.org).

**Monday, October 21 is our next Dinner with Friends** at 5pm at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual lunch on the 1st and the 3rd Monday of every month.

**Tuesday, October 22 is our next Lunch with Friends** at noon, at Milano's Family Restaurant, 6230 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual lunch on the 4th Tuesday of each month.

## 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)

## Parish 5K finish

The Springfield VA Council of the Knights of Columbus thanks you! With the assistance of our Boy Scouts, Confirmation Students, and teachers from Saint Bernadette Parish School, over 260 members of the community participated in the 22nd Annual 5K Fun Run and Walk on a beautiful Saturday morning at Burke Lake Park. Claire Garster led all finishers (men and women) while Stephen Cucciarra finished first for the men. Based on the generosity of parishioners, sponsors, and participants, the Knights will be making a substantial donation to the Saint Bernadette Parish School and to KOVAR (a Virginia Charity for the intellectually disabled). See you next year.



*If you are new to the parish or never had an opportunity to make a pledge or gift to our new Parish Life Center, the campaign continues. Please contact Fr. Don or Jean Corday in the parish office. Thanks for your support.*

## in the community



### Parish Offertory

Offertory 10/6 \$ 34,890  
**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](http://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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## 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 treasure 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](http://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.

## 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.redbird.love/behold](http://www.redbird.love/behold) Sponsored by the Diocesan chapter of Red Bird Ministries. Contact [elizabeth@redbird.love](mailto:elizabeth@redbird.love) with questions.

## 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. 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.

## Mary's Comfort zoning approved

Mary's Comfort, a ministry sheltering pregnant women in crisis, has had our third bedroom approved for use by the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals! The Board was very complimentary of our mission. This home is made possible by the generosity of the Saint Bernadette parishioners! Please visit our website ([www.maryscomfortva.org](http://www.maryscomfortva.org)) to help with funding or future homes. Or, send an email to: [FacMgrMC@gmail.com](mailto:FacMgrMC@gmail.com) or to [maryscomfortva@gmail.com](mailto:maryscomfortva@gmail.com).





## 43rd anniversary of the dedication of our church

Please join us for our Anniversary Mass for the Dedication of our Church on Monday, October 14 at 7:30pm. All are welcome!

### Prayer of Dedication

O God, sanctifier and ruler of your Church, it is right for us to celebrate your name in joyful proclamation; for today your faithful people desire to dedicate to you, solemnly and for all time, this house of prayer, where they worship you devoutly, are instructed by the word, and are nourished by the Sacraments.

This house brings to light the mystery of the Church, which Christ made holy by the shedding of his blood, so that he might present her to himself as a glorious Bride, a Virgin resplendent with the integrity of faith, a Mother made fruitful by the power of the Spirit.

Holy is the Church, the chosen vine of the Lord, whose branches fill the whole world, and whose tendrils, borne on the wood of the Cross, reach upward to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed is the Church, God's dwelling-place with the human race, a holy temple built of living stones, standing upon the foundation of the Apostles with Christ Jesus its chief cornerstone.

Exalted is the Church, a City set high on a mountain for all to see, resplendent to every eye with the unfading light of the Lamb and resounding with the sweet hymn of the Saints.

Therefore, O Lord, we beseech you: graciously pour forth from heaven your sanctifying power upon this church and upon this altar, to make this forever a holy place with a table always prepared for the Sacrifice of Christ.

Here may the flood of divine grace overwhelm human offenses, so that your children, Father, being dead to sin, may be reborn to heavenly life.

Here may your faithful, gathered around the table of the altar, celebrate the memorial of the Paschal Mystery and be re-

freshed by the banquet of Christ's Word and his Body.

Here may the joyful offering of praise resound, with human voices joined to the song of Angels, and unceasing prayer rise up to you for the salvation of the world.

Here may the poor find mercy, the oppressed attain true freedom, and all people be clothed with the dignity of your children, until they come exultant to the Jerusalem which is above.

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.

# parish feast day Oct 14



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# ministry possibility, high schools



## Support Hurricane Relief

Hurricane Helene made landfall as a devastating Category 4 storm, leaving widespread destruction across the Southeast. Local Catholic Charities Agencies are on the ground providing life-sustaining assistance. Catholic Charities USA is accepting donations to support and assist in humanitarian relief efforts in response to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Helene. Donations to Catholic Charities USA can be made by visiting link: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=helene>.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Seven Sisters Apostolate

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call for women to strengthen the Church by ensuring a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our parish priests. This apostolate is relatively new, having started in 2010 in Minnesota by Janette Howe. During a walk one day, it occurred to her that the very least she might do in gratitude for her priests' ever-

generous pastoral care would be to offer a Holy Hour once a week for him. Learn more at [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org).

Last year, this Apostolate came to Saint Bernadette, and we have a Seven Sisters Apostolate team pray for Fr Don every day of the week! We also have a list of substitutes who are willing to offer a Holy Hour when called upon.

We are seeking seven sisters each for Fr James and Fr Jeb. It is one hour a week, anytime during your day, an hour to spend with our Lord in front of the Tabernacle or in Adoration at any Catholic Church. Please contact Trish Pirowski at [1986sailboat@gmail.com](mailto:1986sailboat@gmail.com) for more info. She will also be available after all Masses on October 12 and 13.

## Bishop Ireton HS open house

Arrive any time **Sunday, October 20 1-3pm** to explore Bishop Ireton and learn more more about the school from faculty, admin-istrators, students and coaches. Visit [www.bishopireton.org](http://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 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](mailto:admissions@bishopireton.org) with any questions.

## Saint Paul VI HS open house

St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA invites families to learn more about our caring, Catholic community where we inspire the extraordinary in one another. Register for our fall Open House on Sunday, October 27, 2024, from 1-3pm at [www.paulvi.net/openhouse](http://www.paulvi.net/openhouse). Visit our website [www.paulvi.net/admissions](http://www.paulvi.net/admissions) to learn more.





# parish financial report FY24

## Balance Sheet

	Church	School	Parish
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Operating Accounts	337,646	261,060	598,706
DIAL Savings	7,356,534	864,640	8,221,174
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Endowment Investments	-	26,528	26,528
Other Assets	10,244	1,948	12,192
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,704,424</b>	<b>\$ 1,154,175</b>	<b>\$ 8,858,600</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	-	-	-
Loans Payable	-	-	-
Deferred Revenue	6,781	18,735	25,516
Other Liabilities	87,666	189,415	277,081
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 94,447</b>	<b>\$ 208,150</b>	<b>\$ 302,597</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>Without donor restrictions</b>			
Unrestricted	2,615,898	731,701	3,347,599
<b>With donor restrictions</b>			
Temporarily Restricted	4,994,079	214,324	5,208,403
Permanently Restricted	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,609,977</b>	<b>\$ 946,025</b>	<b>\$ 8,556,002</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 7,704,424</b>	<b>\$ 1,154,175</b>	<b>\$ 8,858,599</b>

## Income Statement

	Church	School	Parish
<b>REVENUE SOURCES</b>			
Offertory/Tuition Related Income	1,990,413	3,692,864	5,683,277
Ministry	184,928	-	184,928
School	-	730,041	730,041
Other Sources	515,583	213,071	728,654
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 2,690,924</b>	<b>\$ 4,635,976</b>	<b>\$ 7,326,900</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Clergy	197,146	-	197,146
Staffing	1,138,521	3,292,143	4,430,664
Ministry	388,065	-	388,065
School	60,472	326,785	387,256
Buildings	326,425	424,429	750,854
Admin	416,081	145,864	561,945
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 2,526,710</b>	<b>\$ 4,189,221</b>	<b>\$ 6,715,931</b>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 164,213</b>	<b>\$ 446,756</b>	<b>\$ 610,969</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE</b>			
Campaign/Extraordinary Income	879,971	2,808	882,779
Capital Expendures/Renovations	211,751	108,838	320,589
<b>NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>	<b>\$ 668,220</b>	<b>\$ (106,031)</b>	<b>\$ 562,189</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 832,433</b>	<b>\$ 340,725</b>	<b>\$ 1,173,158</b>

## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

### October

#### 14 MONDAY

7am Derek Tripp  
9am\* Lionel Gaudin  
7:30p † Stan Haas  
Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32

#### 15 TUESDAY

7am † Gil Ascunce  
9am\* † Victor Cruz  
Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41

#### 16 WEDNESDAY

7am † Israel Ivan Pabon Torres  
9am\* † Ron Quasebarth  
Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46

#### 17 THURSDAY

7am † Louis Rafaj  
9am\* † Betty Boland  
Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54

#### 18 FRIDAY

7am † Gordon Wilson  
9am\* Patricia Reynolds  
10am\*\* † Betty Parks  
2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

#### 19 SATURDAY

8am\* † Dario & Adda Castedo  
Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12  
5pm\* † Patricia McTague

#### 20 SUNDAY

7am Dolores & William Masakayan  
9am\* † W. Donald Rooney  
11am\* † Menh Tran  
1pm For the parish  
5pm † Wyatt Crossin  
Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

\* live-streamed Masses

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

### Masses next weekend

Oct 19	5pm	Fr. Cedric
Oct 20	7am	Fr. Don
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. Jeb
	1pm	Fr. Jeb
	5pm	Fr. Don

## 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](mailto: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); Thursday lunch (Oct. 24); 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](http://bit.ly/ptsc). With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rcaporali@stbernpar.org) or call the office.

## Assisted hearing devices at Mass

Our new sound system will function as before. We apologize the transmitter was not working last weekend. You can purchase your own device at Amazon for about \$15. Program the FM frequency to 72.3mh. The link and model are provided here for your convenience. [Reteless PR13 Portable FM Radio, Pocket FM Radio Receiver, AAA Battery Powered Personal Mini Stereo Radio with Earphone and Lock Key](#)





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