

*Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.
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.*

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024



The Communion of Saints (4 of 25 tapestries), John Nava, 2002
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Los Angeles, CA



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 27, 2024

welcome



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| 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 |
| PARISH OFFICE | 703-451-8576, fax 703-269-1121 office@stbermpar.org Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm |
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| YOUTH MINISTRY | 703-451-8576 Director, Grace Rihl grihl@stbermpar.org |
| 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

october

- 27 Sunday, THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
 - Box of Joy Distribution after all Masses this weekend, vestibule

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

4 Monday, Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

5 Tuesday, Weekday

6 Wednesday, Weekday

7 Thursday, Weekday

8 Friday, Weekday

- **CONCERT at SAINT BERNADETTE:** Vania Pimentel, free, 7:30pm
- Adoration, 7pm in the chapel

9 Saturday, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- Box of Joy Collection after all Masses this weekend, vestibule
- Holy Land Carving Group olive wood carvings for sale after Masses

10 Sunday, THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- Box of Joy Collection after all Masses this weekend, vestibule
- Holy Land Carving Group olive wood carvings for sale after Masses

11 Monday, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

12 Tuesday, Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

13 Wednesday, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

14 Thursday, Weekday

15 Friday, Weekday [Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor]

- Adoration, 7pm in the church

16 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin]

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

17 Sunday, THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

announcements

ALL SAINTS' DAY, Friday, November 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will follow our usual Holy Day schedule: Vigil Mass Thursday evening, Oct. 31 at 7:30pm, and Masses on November 1 at 7 and 9am, Noon, and 7:30pm (bilingual)

The **All Souls' Day (Saturday, November 2) Masses** will be offered at 8am and 10am 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.

Concerts at Saint Bernadette. Free concert: pianist Vania Pimentel, "Sounds of Brazil." Pieces by renowned Brazilian composers, highlighting iconic Brazilian styles from folk tunes to tangos and dances. Friday, November 8 at 7:30pm. dmathers@stbernapar.org or 703-451-8576 x 112.

On the weekend of Nov. 9/10 there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships at this moment because of the volatile situation in their home country. Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than 37% of the population. They are less than 1% now. We must support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org. Thank you in advance for all your help and support!

from the pastor

Pilgrimage 2024

October 22 – Lourdes –
Our Lady of Lourdes

October 23 – Lourdes -
Saint Bernadette

October 24 – Lisieux –
Saint Therese

October 25 – Normandy –
We will be at Omaha
Beach, cemetery, Mass
for those fallen in
Normandy/WW2

October 26 - Paris –
Saint Catherine Labouré
(Miraculous Medal)

October 27 – Paris –
Saint Vincent de Paul

October 28 – Paris –
Saint Louis of France

October 29 – Ars –
Saint John Vianney

October 30 – Paray la
Monial – Saint Margaret
Mary Alacoque (Sacred
Heart)

October 31 – Annecy –
Saint Francis de Sales

November 1 – Annecy
– Saint Jane Frances de
Chantal

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

It was my intention this week to prepare a bulletin article on Tuesday night about our first experience at the shrine of our lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette. As often is the case lately, travel arrangements go haywire, and we found ourselves before departure, knowing that we would not make our connecting flight in Paris to go to Lourdes, and we were already rescheduled for a flight to on Wednesday morning, essentially losing a full day of our pilgrimage.

Our travel agent was very proactive, and after speaking with him, we were able to reassign all of our Pilgrims to two evening flights on Tuesday, tonight. So on the 23rd 28 our pilgrims were able to go on a 4:40pm flight to Lourdes, and 10 of us were left to take a 9pm flight to Lourdes arriving after midnight to the hotel. I was one of the 10 in the second group, and so I was unable to go to the candle procession and rosary, to be with people, to take pictures, and to give you an impression of what our experience might be. Ultimately, my group of 10 arrived at the hotel after midnight, and we have nothing to report to you. For this I am sorry. As I write this it is after 2pm.

Of course, this is the kind of thing that always happens on pilgrimage, and I always tell our participants on pilgrimage that this is not a vacation, that this is a pilgrimage, and we are constantly asked to offer things up to God when things aren't perfect.

Unfortunately, I don't have anything to report you tonight about Lourdes, but will do so in future bulletins.

We will go to the shrine tomorrow morning, and will celebrate a Mass with the entire English community who are present. It won't be a Mass just for ourselves, but we will find ourselves celebrating Mass with whoever is here speaking English. Then we will tour the town and learn all about Saint Bernadette.

But this experience has left me with a common reflection as I travel lately. Traveling is rarely a pleasure these days, and I think of how we know we have somewhere we must be, regardless of the personal cost. I think of migrants and refugees, the millions of people who are desperate to find what they need for a good life for themselves and their families. This is truly pro-life. Travel conditions are abysmal, but we must power on. And we have an obligation as ourselves an immigrant people, ourselves, not to demonize them but to treat them as human persons like our own families who were - and are - looking for something — better.

Pilgrimage is such a powerful opportunity to put ourselves into the shoes of the poor and forgotten who are just searching for a place where they have dignity. Is this not a powerful gospel message, as poignant as we know from the time of the exiles of the Hebrew people up to today?

When my ancestors were exiled from Northern Ireland because they were Catholic, they became known as “the travelers,” or “tinkers,” because they were made homeless by those who took their homes. Look at Palestine today and see the same reality. Should we not listen to the desperate pleas of those who have given up home and livelihood and often, for a time, even family to provide for them?

The Lord be with you,

Fr. Dom

The Class of 2025 Prepares for High School

It's hard to believe our Class of 2025 is already getting ready to move on and leave Saint Bernadette Catholic School. Last month, parents of our 7th and 8th graders attended a high school information session hosted by our administration to discuss the transition from middle school to high school. During this presentation, parents were encouraged to adopt a holistic approach when exploring high school options, considering factors like the

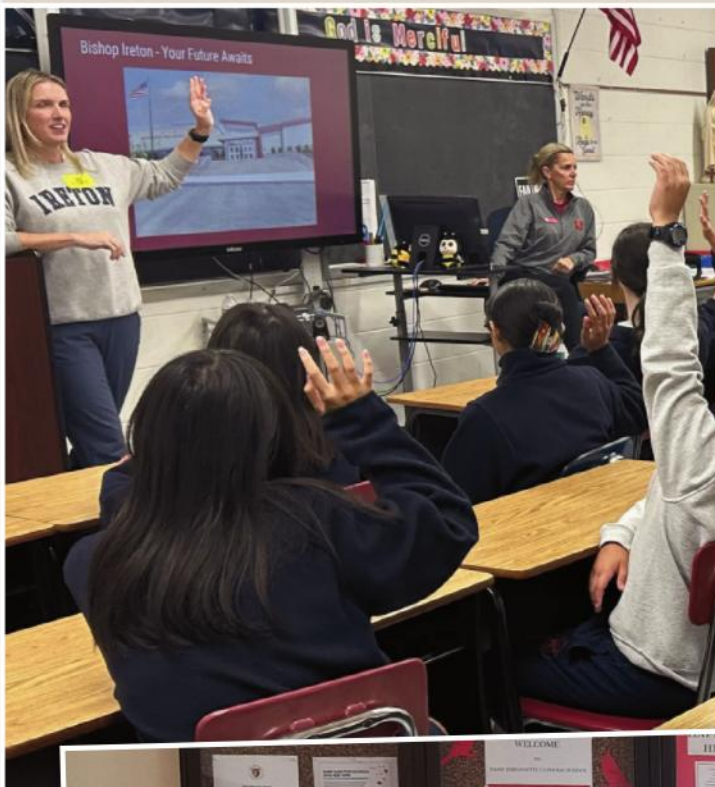
schools' values, academic programs, size, and community.

Staff and Saint Bernadette alumni students from our diocesan high schools—Bishop Ireton, Bishop O'Connell, St. Paul VI, and John Paul the Great—visited to provide insights about their programs and opportunities. As our 8th graders prepare to leave our flock with their graduation from middle school in May, they have many important decisions ahead. We're here to support them and their families every step of the way. This is an exciting time for our students as they embark on this new chapter in their lives.

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corner**



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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 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@stbermpar.org with any questions you may have.

RE Program upcoming schedule

Family Faith Formation (monthly): Oct. 27
Regular classes: Tues./Wed., Oct. 29/30.

Continue TOBET *The Body Matters* unit.
Regular classes: NO CLASS Tuesday, November 5 due to Election Day and FCPS Holiday. Wednesday, November 6: Classes will be held as usual from 6-7:15pm.

Email vmendez@stbermpar.org or Lynn Jones, Ljones@stbermpar.org for more information.

RE Class Safety Notice

With the fall season and early evening darkness, as well as other parish activities such as CYO sports in the gymnasium, we need to be extra cautious for the safety of all our students. Please follow the guidelines below:

1. For drop off, please either park your car and walk your child to school door #1, or pull up along the curb and drop them off.

NOTE: After dropping off at the curb, continue to the back of the gym and drive around the circle to turn around towards Old Keene Mill. DO NOT turn around in the narrow driveway next to the gym!

2. For pick-up, you MUST park your car in a legal parking spot and walk to door #1 to pick up your child. DO NOT park along the curb, in the handicapped spots in back of the church (unless you have a DMV

placard), or along the narrow driveway and have your child come to you. We need to see all parents/guardians/pick-up adults at or near door #1 to release your child to you.

3. Arrive on time, pick up on time! Late arrivals are disruptive to the classroom, and late pickups are worrying to your child and to us! Please make every effort to be here on time for arrival and for dismissal. We cannot release your child until we see you, and we wait with them inside door #1 if you are late. Their safety is our primary consideration.

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.

Living the liturgical year

All Saints' Day is this Friday, but what is All Saints' Day? Watch this short video from The Religion Teacher to learn about this Holy Day of Obligation: <https://youtu.be/yHpVztBMHUI>.

Want to learn about more saints with your kids? Go over to Real Life at Home for some ideas and free printables for All Saints Day: <https://www.reallifeathome.com/all-saints-day-coloring-page/>.

Middle School Youth Ministry - THIS Wednesday, November 6 and Wednesday, November 20

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

CYO Sports for 3rd-8th Graders

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).

Trinity House Community Gathering

You're invited -- kids, too! Meet up with other families for food, fellowship and support in building a faith-filled home!

Topic: Person & Relationships



Saturday, November 23, in the school cafeteria.

6pm: Dinner & Fellowship

6:30-7:15pm: Parent Presentation & Small Groups Discussion while Virtus-trained volunteers supervise kids

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7:15-8:00pm: Fellowship & Dessert – Please bring a dessert to share!

Learn more:

trinityhousecommunity.org.

Please scan here to visit the Sign-Up Genius for this event!



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.

Monday, November 4 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.

Our next monthly meeting will be Wednesday, November 12 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. We will have a viewing of the Fr Mike Schmitz video on the Eucharist. We will also assemble labels for the annual Giving Tree.

Send Boxes of Joy to poor children this Christmas!

Our Council 6153 of the Knights of Columbus is partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach again this fall to bring its Box of Joy ministry project to our parish!

Last year parishioners responded, providing hundreds of children with boxes. This year we are reminding people to include small items such as soap, toothbrushes, and Bible stories, as well as toys, crayons, and school supplies.

Members of the Knights will be distributing shoebox-size cartons to parishioners following all Masses THIS weekend, October 26/27. Parishioners will be invited to take home a box and fill it with items for boys and girls ranging from ages 2 to 15. They also are encouraged to mail separately a \$9 check for each box to cover international shipping costs. The boxes will be collected by the Knights before all Masses on the weekend of November 9/10.

Packing a Box of Joy is always a wonderful work of mercy for families. Blessing a child with this gift is a special experience for everyone involved!

For more information, please contact PGK Franklin Mendoza at 703-282-2163 or at franklinmendoza@yahoo.com Thank you for your generosity!

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Parish Offertory

Offertory 10/20 \$ 40,614
World Mission Sunday 3,662

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.

picnic photos 2024





■ We could not have asked for a more perfect day to be together with our parish family. Weather, food and so much kindness -- thanks for coming and making it such a great celebration!



picnic photos 2024





Thanks to all our volunteers, parish groups and leaders who worked toward the success of our 2024 Parish Picnic. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus, the school PTO, the Parish Women's Group, grade room parents and all of you who brought the side dishes, desserts and snacks that provided the perfect complement to burgers and dogs.



uscgb: forming consciences for faithful citizenship



“The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.”

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1 Pope Francis, Meeting for Religious Liberty with Hispanic Community and Other Immigrants, September 26, 2015.

2 *Gaudium et Spes* (The Church in the Modern World), no. 16. See also, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1785.

3 *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2239-40.

The Role of the Church in American Political Life

The Church is the body of Christ, who reigns as king over all Creation. Everything, including political life, belongs to Jesus Christ, and so participation in political life belongs to the mission of the Church. Our mandate is to ‘go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation’ (Mk 16:15). . . . Here, ‘the creation’ refers to every aspect of human life. . . . ‘Nothing human can be alien to it.’

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 181, quoting *Aparecida Document*, no. 380

Our national tradition of religious freedom permits and encourages all people of faith to bring the insights of their religious traditions to bear on political matters. As Pope Francis affirmed during his visit to the U.S., “Religious liberty, by its nature, transcends places of worship and the private sphere of individuals and families. . . . Religion itself, the religious dimension, is not a subculture; it is part of the culture of every people and every nation.”¹

“If society is to have a future, it must respect the truth of our human dignity and submit to that truth. . . . A society is noble and decent not least for its support of the pursuit of truth and its adherence to the most basic of truths” (*Fratelli Tutti*, no. 207). The truths that guide public life can be known by natural reason. The sanctity of human life, the equal dignity of all individuals, the obligation to protect the vulnerable, the nature and purposes of sex, marriage, and family—these are not exclusively “religious” truths, but truths that all people of goodwill can come to know without the aid of revelation. Our Catholic faith sheds light on these truths, and so we have a duty to bring that light to our nation.

Many Parts, All One Body

The bishops and their pastoral collaborators each have distinct roles in the

Church’s mission. The bishops have the responsibility to govern the society of the Church, hand on doctrine and tradition, and administer the sacraments. The laity are called to bring the gospel to bear on the world. While many laity are involved in roles of leadership and service within the Church, it remains primarily the role of the laity to advocate for justice, to serve in public office, and to inform daily life with the gospel. “The direct duty to work for a just ordering of society is proper to the lay faithful” (*Deus Caritas Est*, no. 29).

Participation in political life requires judgments about concrete circumstances. While bishops together with their coworkers help form the laity in accordance with basic principles, they do not tell the laity to vote for particular candidates. On these often complex matters, it is the laity’s responsibility to form their consciences and grow in the virtue of prudence to approach the many and varied issues of the day with the mind of Christ.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

Conscience is “a judgment of reason” by which one determines whether an action is right or wrong (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1778). It does not allow us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling.” Conscience—properly formed according to God’s revelation and the teaching of the Church—is a means by which one listens to God and discerns how to act in accordance with the truth.² The truth is something we receive, not something we make. We can only judge using the conscience we have, but our judgments do not make things true.

It is our responsibility to learn more of Catholic teaching and tradition, to participate in Church life, to learn from trustworthy sources about the issues facing our communities, and to do our best to make wise judgments about candidates and government actions. These decisions should take into account a candidate’s commitments, character, integrity, and ability to influence a given issue. Thus equipped, and further impelled by our sense of patriotism, we exercise our right



and duty to vote and otherwise to participate actively in public life.³ By forming our consciences for faithful citizenship, we can better pursue the common good and thus obey the command of our Lord to love our neighbors.

Solidarity

In their statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, the Catholic bishops of the United States identify the four main principles of the Church's social teaching and apply them to some concrete issues. This is not to tell the faithful for whom or against whom to vote, but instead to help them form their consciences in accordance with God's truth as they approach this often-challenging decision. The four main principles are the Dignity of the Human Person, the Common Good, Solidarity, and Subsidiarity. They are all interrelated. This bulletin focuses on Solidarity and Subsidiarity; The Common Good and The Dignity of Human Life may be found in last week's bulletin.

Solidarity is “a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to . . . the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.”¹ We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. The person is social in nature; we develop and flourish within a community. As baptized members of the community of the Church, we are part of one body in Christ and we are also part of one global human family.²

In *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship) Pope Francis places solidarity at the center of what it means to cultivate social friendship as one family:

Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land, and housing, the denial of social and labor rights.³

Thus, solidarity affects not only the goals we pursue in public life, but also the way we pursue them—ever mindful that we

are all brothers and sisters, all children of God.

Solidarity requires that in our prayer and in our political engagement, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need receive preferential concern.

In imitation of the Good Samaritan, we seek to be neighbor to all.⁴ We are called to practice “radical solidarity” by accompanying pregnant women to choose life and by offering support to new mothers and their children.⁵ As neighbors to all, we also advocate for families affected by poverty, unemployment, or illness, individuals struggling with mental illness or addiction, the elderly and those with disabilities, and all whose livelihoods and homes are endangered by climate change.⁶

In countries ravaged by war, such as Ukraine, West Africa, and the Middle East, we must “touch the wounded flesh of the victims” and support efforts for relief and peace,⁷ while also working collaboratively to reduce and eliminate nuclear weapons.⁸

We seek policies that “welcome, protect, promote, and integrate” migrants and refugees who arrive at our borders, and which aid development in countries of origin.⁹

Racism is an obstacle to solidarity, and we strive to root it out not only by examining our hearts individually, but also by looking critically at our policies and institutions.¹⁰

In a culture that overemphasizes the accumulation of wealth, we must not forget our “obligation to ensure that every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development.”¹¹

As we seek to foster solidarity in hearts and policies, let us pray with Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti*:

Lord, Father of our human family . . . Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. Amen.¹²



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1 *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 193, quoting St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* (On Social Concerns), 38.

2 Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love), 25b.

3 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), 116, quoting *Address to Participants in the Meeting of Popular Movements* (October 28, 2014).

4 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 80.

5 USCCB Chairmen, “Letter and Policy Recommendations Supporting Women and Children,” October 26, 2022.

6 Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* (On Care for Our Common Home), 25, 48-49. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), 48-52, and Pope Francis, *Laudate Deum*, 31.

7 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 261.

8 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 262. See also: St. John Paul II, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, 23-24.

9 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 129 and 132.

10 United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, a Pastoral Letter Against Racism*, 2018.

11 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 118.

12 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, 287.

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Prayer Before the Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our state and country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Subsidiarity

This bulletin focuses on Subsidiarity, and the other three principles are covered in three other bulletins in this series.

The principle of Subsidiarity reminds us that larger institutions in society (such as the state or federal government) should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local institutions (such as the family, local schools, or the Church community). Yet larger institutions have essential responsibilities when local institutions cannot adequately protect human dignity, meet human needs, or advance the common good.¹ Subsidiarity reflects the essential freedom and innate human dignity of each person while also recognizing the role higher authorities, such as government, can play to ensure that all people are able to thrive.

Respecting this principle promotes the flourishing of each individual person and the realization of the common good. As Pope Francis has explained, the principle of Subsidiarity “allows everyone to assume his or her own role in the healing and destiny of society.”² By participating in public life locally, each person and the voluntary associations of civil society to which they belong can be “leaven,” bringing “enrichment” to neighbors, to communities, and to society as a whole.³

As we assist the faithful to take up the call to be “leaven” in society, we seek policies that allow individuals and communities to flourish.

- As the bishops teach in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, “Family—based on marriage between a man and a woman—is the first and most fundamental unit of society: a sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children. It should be defended and strengthened, not redefined, undermined, or further distorted.”⁴

- It is important to uphold parents’ rights and responsibilities to care for their children, including the right to direct their children’s education in accordance with their convictions, with support rather than interference from the state.⁵ These include the rights of parents to send their child to the school of their choice, and to protect their child from “gender ideology” at school.

- Moreover, laws, programs, and initiatives should strengthen the social safety net and improve family stability. For example, parents should receive support through work, training, assistance with childcare, healthcare, housing and transportation.⁶ The Earned Income Tax Credit and child tax credits continue to be important vehicles to help low-income families out of poverty.

- The Church’s special concern for the poor requires the pursuit of social and economic policies which foster jobs with decent working conditions and just wages, and which support the rights of workers, including the ability to organize and bargain collectively without reprisal.⁷ As we pursue the principle of Subsidiarity in our public policies, we pray for all families and for those in poverty, and we support their efforts to exercise their rights and responsibilities in society.

This bulletin insert along with five others was approved by the body of U.S. bishops in November 2023.

Find this and more complementary resources at www.faithfulcitizenship.org.

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1 USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 47-48. See also: *Centesimus Annus* (The Hundredth Year), 48; *Dignitatis Humanae* (Declaration on Religious Freedom), 4-6, and *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 185.

2 Pope Francis, General Audience, “Catechesis ‘Healing the World’: 8. Subsidiarity and the Virtue of Hope,” Sept. 23, 2020. See also: Pope Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate* (Charity in Truth), 57.

3 Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship), 142.

4 USCCB, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 46.

5 Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), 84.

6 See Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 25, 44, on the need for family support through dignified employment, education, healthcare and housing.

7 St. John Paul II, *Centesimus Annus*, 7-8, 35. See also: *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 301-309.





Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching*

The central and enduring themes of Catholic social teaching are organized under four principles that provide a moral framework for decisions in public life.

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The Dignity of the Human Person

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks



on innocent persons are never morally acceptable. In our society, the gravest example is abortion. Euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization

and the destruction of embryos for research are others. Protecting the dignity of life also includes overcoming poverty, ending use of the death penalty, and opposing racism, torture, unjust war, human trafficking and all activities that contribute to the “throwaway culture” identified by Pope Francis.

The Common Good

The common good is achieved when social conditions allow people to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily. It



upholds the fundamental right to life, which makes all other rights possible. It asserts the right to food, shelter, education, employment, health care, housing, freedom

of religion and conscience, and family life. It requires an economy that serves people, not the other way around. It calls on employers to uphold the dignity and rights of workers by offering productive work, decent and just wages, adequate security in their old age, the choice of whether to organize and join unions and the opportunity for legal status for immigrant workers. Workers should contribute a fair day’s work for a fair day’s pay, treat employers and co-workers with respect and contribute to the common good. This principle requires we protect and care for all of God’s creation, especially the most vulnerable among us, and the earth, our common home.

Subsidiarity

The human person is social. The family is the fundamental building block of society, based on marriage between a man



and a woman, a sanctuary for creation and nurturing of children. Policies and programs should defend, strengthen and respect this foundational unit and uphold parents’

rights and responsibilities to care for and educate their children. Further, every person and association has a right and duty to actively shape society and promote the well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Subsidiarity means that society’s larger institutions should not overwhelm or interfere with smaller or local ones. These larger institutions are obliged, however, to protect human dignity and meet human needs when smaller institutions cannot adequately do so.

Solidarity

We are one human family, despite our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences, called to love our neighbor as ourselves. We must work to



eradicate poverty, disease and racism; and welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers who are seeking employment, safety, education and

a better life for their families. Solidarity requires preferential concern for the poor. A basic moral test of any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor and vulnerable includes all who are marginalized – unborn children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and terminally ill, victims of injustice and oppression and immigrants.

**Adapted from Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Nos. 44-56, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2015.*

Porto Charities Special Kids/ Special Needs Campaign October 26-27



This weekend, October 26-27, we'll have a second collection for Special Kids/Special Needs that will benefit Porto Charities, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing access to diocesan Catholic schools for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. All proceeds will go directly to establish and advance inclusive education programs in Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese of Arlington for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Please consider donating to this important collection at Mass or online at: <https://www.portocharities.org/2ndcollection>

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. Learn more at 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 for more information.

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. Visit our website www.paulvi.net/admissions to learn more.



Ignatian Volunteer Corps – Serving the Least Among Us

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit-sponsored organization that provides retired men and women, age 50 and older with substantive opportunities to serve others and transform lives. IVC matches the skills, talents, and life experiences of these volunteers with nonprofit organizations that assist the materially poor or address issues related to poverty. A unique feature of IVC is a spiritual reflection component that helps volunteers discover the deeper meaning in their service, and their lives. To learn more about IVC contact Mike Goggin, Senior Director, IVC of the National Capital Area: 202-277-4447; mgoggin@ivcusa.org; <http://www.ivcusa.org/NCA>.

On **Sunday, November 3, 12-4pm**, IVC along with over 20 other community organizations will gather at the Springfield Town Center for the Expo to Venture into Volunteering. We'll be there showcasing our work and IVC service corps member opportunities. Come meet us there. It's the perfect time to get involved!

CUA student referral program



Discover all that The Catholic University of America has to offer! We are seeking students who are intellectually curious, committed to their faith, and dedicated to serving others. If you know any high school students, engaged parishioners, or young adults who would thrive in such an environment, we encourage you to recommend them to us. Learn more about how you can refer a student and help them take the next step in their educational journey with us. Visit [this link](#) for more details.

A Man for All Seasons

St. John Paul the Great Catholic High School Drama Program presents their 2024 fall play, A Man for All Seasons, December 6 at 2pm, December 7 at 2pm & 7pm, and December 8 at 2pm. JP Theater - 17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA. Tickets and more information: <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/drama>



ECHO News for November/ December 2024

Making Thanksgiving truly festive.

Once again ECHO is working to connect clients who would welcome the gift of a Thanksgiving feast with people in our community who would like to donate groceries for a festive meal to a family having a hard time this season. A donor may ask for a specific size of family to assist, and ECHO will match the donor with a local household in need. ECHO will offer a list of foods for the donor to deliver or suggest an amount of grocery store gift cards that can be delivered or mailed. Cards should be mailed to arrive at the recipient's home by November 24. If you would like to help one or more families have a happy Thanksgiving, contact Fran Eck at franalanek@msn.com.

ECHO holiday gifts for children.

The ECHO elves are working to stock the Holiday Gift Shop! ECHO needs donations of new toys (not gift-wrapped, please) for children ages 0-15 for this much-anticipated program. Donations should be made no later than December 6. Donations can be chosen from our Amazon wish list and delivered directly to ECHO. Find the list at www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/31K8OEMXDB55X/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1, but it may be most easily accessed through our website, www.echo-inc.org/wishlist-on-amazon. Or donors may deliver gift items directly to our donation door. See a complete list of suggestions at ECHO's website under the "Donate Goods" tab. ECHO, located at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, is open on weekday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9pm

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>.

On May 9, 2024, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, Pope Francis officially announced the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025 with the Bull of Indiction *Spes non confundit* ("Hope does not disappoint"). Learn more about the Jubilee Year and for various resources including a calendar of events, plenary indulgence information, the official Jubilee Hymn and Prayer, and more!

Vatican Site

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

Calendar of Events

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/pel-legrinaggio/calendario-giubileo.html>

USCCB

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>

Official Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7uXO8IUcEZI&t=105s>

Official Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

*- Pope Francis,
February 2022*

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

October

28 MONDAY

7am † Ferdinand Esquioja
9am* † Henry Doherty
Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

29 TUESDAY

7am † Muriel Carty
9am* † Stan Haas
Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21

30 WEDNESDAY

7am † George Murphy
9am* † Vivian Spendley
Eph 6:1-9/Lk 13:22-30

31 THURSDAY

7am † Ted & Flo Musialkiewicz
9am* † Rodolpho Santos
7:30p Galea-Chavez Family
Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35

1 FRIDAY

7am † Vivian Spendley
9am* † Rudy & Marie Diamond
10am** † Peter Swanson
Noon † Margarita Fuentes
7:30p † Vivian Spendley
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

2 SATURDAY

8am* † All Souls' Novena
10am † All Souls' Novena
5pm* For the parish

3 SUNDAY

7am † All Souls' Novena
9am* † All Souls' Novena
11am* † All Souls' Novena
1pm † All Souls' Novena
5pm † All Souls' Novena
Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

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| Nov 2 | 5pm | Fr. Jeb |
| Nov 3 | 7am | Fr. Jeb |
| | 9am | Fr. James |
| | 11am | Fr. Don |
| | 1pm | Fr. Cedric |
| | 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); 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@stbernapar.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@stbernapar.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. [Retekeess PR13 Portable FM Radio, Pocket FM Radio Receiver, AAA Battery Powered Personal Mini Stereo Radio with Earphone and Lock Key](#)



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