

Grant us, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 2024



Traditional iconography of the Second Coming of Christ.



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 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

november

- 17 Sunday, THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
 - Keep Christ in Christmas Cards Sales after all Masses, Church Vestibule
- 18 Monday, Weekday [Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin]**
- **Taize prayer for unity**, 8pm
 - Family Advent Wreath Project, after the 9am and 11am Masses, Bradican Rm
- 19 Tuesday, Weekday**
- 20 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 21 Thursday, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- 22 Friday, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**
- Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 23 Saturday, Weekday [Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr]**
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
 - Trinity House Gathering, check us out, after the 5pm Mass, Cafeteria. Join us!
 - Keep Christ in Christmas Cards Sales after all Masses, Church Vestibule
- 24 Sunday, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
- Keep Christ in Christmas Cards Sales after all Masses, Church Vestibule
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 25 Monday, Weekday [Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr]**
- 26 Tuesday, Weekday**
- **Burke/Springfield Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service**, 7:30pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
- 27 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 28 Thursday, Thanksgiving Day**
- **ONLY ONE Mass**, 10am. Please bring donations of non-perishable food to bring to the altar at the offertory during Mass.
- 29 Friday, Weekday**
- Adoration, 7pm in the chapel
- 30 Saturday, Saint Andrew, Apostle**
- Christmas Tree sales begin, lower parking lot, 9am - 9pm
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 1 Sunday, FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 2 Monday, Advent Weekday**
- 3 Tuesday, Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**
- 4 Wednesday, Advent Weekday [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor]**
- 5 Thursday, Advent Weekday**
- 6 Friday, Advent Weekday [Saint Nicholas, Bishop]**
- Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 7 Saturday, Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor**
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
 - Festival of Trees, Breakfast with Santa and Holiday Shop, 7:30am, Gym/Cafeteria
- 8 Sunday, SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
- **Catholic Charities Christmas Collection**, all Masses
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

announcements

Join us for our monthly (third Monday) **Taize Prayer Service** on **Monday night, November 18, 8 - 8:45pm**. Come for a peaceful moment of simple song and silence and pray for unity.

You are invited to our Burke/Springfield **Thanksgiving Interfaith Prayer Service** on **Tuesday, November 26, at 7:30pm** at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Please join us.

There will be only one Mass at **10am on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 28**. As a way of giving thanks to God for the many blessings in our lives, please bring non-perishable food items to Mass on Thanksgiving day and help those experiencing food insecurity. You will be invited to bring your contribution to the altar during the offertory. A basket will be available for donations of cash, checks, or gift cards. All donations will benefit Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Food Project.

The Springfield Council of the **Knights of Columbus** will be **selling Christmas trees** in the lower parking lot from **November 30 through December 20**. Please support the charitable work of the Council by purchasing your tree from the Knights. The lot is open from 5pm to 9pm on weekdays and 9am to 9pm on weekends.

Please keep in your giving plans for the holidays the **annual Catholic Charities' Christmas Collection December 7 - 8** which provides a large portion of the annual budget for diocesan charitable works.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in our **Parish Bake Sale December 14 - 15** by **contributing baked goods**, helping with setup and cleanup, or shopping during the sale. All proceeds support our Capital Campaign.

Keep Christ in Christmas! The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards in the vestibule after all Masses the weekends of **November 16 - 17 and 23 - 24**. You may contact Mike Candalar at mcandalor@cox.net to get information or arrange another opportunity to view/purchase cards.

from the pastor

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

This week I had the luxury of most of a day spent with three retired Lutheran pastor friends, and we talked about the 20 years we worked together as ecumenists in the work of Christian Unity. All three of them were pastors in the northern Virginia area, and all were involved in our several local and state dialogues as we were able with our own parish duties. At times we recalled some of the really funny moments of our work together, but the truth is it has always been a struggle to keep the movement alive. Now it seems we are hitting an all-time low.

Not just the Catholics, ecumenism isn't really a priority for leadership in any of the Christian churches. Many reasons have been given for this: tightening budgets, concern over diminishing congregation sizes, maybe even a sense that we have gone about as far as we can go with this work.

I said that, after my 20+ years in this work, I am realizing that the movement has been more outcome-oriented. What is measurable that we are to get out of a dialogue that we can publish? What new discoveries might we make about each other that could change the context of a conversation that might have taken place (or not) 25 years ago. Have we learned anything in the meantime?

These kinds of outcomes don't come out easily -- sometimes not at all, but it is the process of dialogue that keeps the relationship alive. As long as we are talking with and listening to each other, and open to the idea of discovering something new, there is hope. Where hope is not, there is just silence.

My pastors and I admitted that it is getting quieter and quieter.

One of the reasons could be that bishops have so many worries today that Ecumenism doesn't land high enough on the priority list to get attention or promotion. We have always gathered around our bishops in solidarity and optimism because of their encouragement. That doesn't happen any more, generally speaking, in any Christian church. Also, there are a few of us who have kept this alive for a number of years, appearing to be vibrant, where that may not have been the honest truth. And we are not getting younger!

Two initiatives which we had celebrated annually with great success had been the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the State LARCUM (Lutheran Anglican Catholic United Methodist) Committee's annual conference when we would invite a speaker and gather for prayer and formation in Christian unity. We were struggling with numbers and bringing our leaders together before the pandemic, but it seems that we have lost most of our steam post-pandemic.

I asked my friends: do you think these could become more grassroots efforts, something springing up from the community itself, reestablishing these relationships and planning prayer services and conferences? We decided yes, this might just be the way to win the bishops' attention once again when they see what is possible. As I wrote to a friend of mine working on initiatives in Palestine, sometimes it is easier to get people to join a movement rather than create it.

This week I would like to place a challenge before you, and I am going to forward it to the members of our diocesan ecumenical commission and every Christian pastor I know. I challenge us to *become the context* of open dialogue and friendship with our Christian neighbors and start that groundswell of a grassroots movement that seeks unity where all we can see right now is division. It would do our own Church some good, too, if we focused more on our agreements.

A good place to start is our Burke/Springfield Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. It won't be only a Christian gathering, we have friends coming from Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism and many other religions as well. But perhaps over the course of the evening you might meet a pastor or a member of another church and ask the question: Is this something we can do together? Does unity begin with us? Then you can begin to dream what that might look like not only in spiritual relationship but also shared responsibilities in caring for our poor and people without homes, the neighbors in need we share. One neighborhood, one voice. And we will find that that voice is the voice of Jesus himself as we listen to each other.

Congratulations to our Confirmation kids this week, let us pray for them.

The Lord be with you.

Fr. Dom

Honoring our veterans and military families

November is a time for reflection and gratitude, a moment when we pause to recognize the many blessings in our lives.

At Saint Bernadette Catholic School, we dedicate the start of the month to honoring our military veterans and their families. With a strong military community at our school, we are deeply grateful and truly honored to have them as part of our family. In early November, we organized a variety of activities to show our appreciation for the brave men and women, many of whom are parents of our Saint Bernadette students, who have served in the armed forces. These families play an essential role in supporting their veterans, and we wanted to ensure they felt our gratitude and recognition.

It's also important to us to help our entire school community understand what it means to be a military service member, a veteran, and a military-connected child. At Saint Bernadette, we are fortunate to have the support, resources, and strong involvement from both military and

nonmilitary parents and volunteers. Their engagement helps us broaden our students' perspectives and deepen their understanding of the sacrifices made by those who serve, as well as the unique experiences of their fellow students who walk alongside their military parents. Our Veterans Day celebrations culminated in a special ceremony, where we were privileged to welcome Colonel Mary Ortiz, one of our very own Saint Bernadette parents, as our guest speaker. Our school's Veterans Day chorus filled the air with patriotic songs, and a few of our students had the opportunity to read heartfelt poems in honor of our veterans. It was a special moment for our entire community to come together and celebrate the courage, dedication, and resilience of those who have sacrificed so much to protect our freedoms.

Following the ceremony, we hosted a donut reception in the school cafeteria for our military parents and their children. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to connect with one another and enjoy some special time together before starting their day. It was heartwarming to see so many of our military families gathered in celebration.



cardinal corner



**FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
= CHRIST**



honoring our veterans & military families

continued

In the weeks leading up to the ceremony, we held our first-ever Veterans Day poetry contest. Students from all grade levels were invited to express their gratitude through creative writing. The response was outstanding, and we were amazed by the thoughtfulness and talent in every submission. After careful review, we selected winners from both the primary and intermediate grades, and middle school ended in a tie. Congratulations to all the winners, we can't wait to read even more inspiring entries next year!

In addition to the poetry contest, our National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) sponsored a card drive, where each class made thank-you cards for veterans at Greenspring Senior Living Community and the USO at Fort Belvoir. The NJHS also organized a "dress in red, white, and blue" day, with all funds raised supporting a local organization, Semper K9. This nonprofit rescues dogs from shelters and trains them to become service dogs for disabled veterans at no cost to the veterans. Representatives

from Semper K9 visited our students during an assembly to talk about their important work, and they even brought along a couple of adorable service dogs for the students to meet.

These past few weeks have been both heartwarming and educational as our entire school came together to honor our veterans. It was truly inspiring to see everyone unite for this meaningful project. Teachers taught lessons, read stories, and rehearsed patriotic songs, while students wrote essays, created artwork, and worked together to make posters that decorated the school, cafeteria, and hallways. It was a collective effort that made the celebration even more special.

At Saint Bernadette Catholic School, we are deeply grateful for the military veterans in our school and church communities. Your sacrifices, your service, and your unwavering commitment to our country mean the world to us. You are always in our hearts and prayers.





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

Nov. 19-20: **No classes**
Nov. 23: Saturday **SPRED class**
Nov. 23: Saturday **Trinity House Gathering**, 6-8pm, cafeteria (see p. 7)
Nov. 26-27: **No classes**

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

Trinity House Gatherings

What are Trinity House Gatherings? A way to turn your family life into a taste of heaven! Watch the Trinity House trailer here: <https://youtu.be/m1BWdHRPP4w>. Plan to join us on Saturday, November 23 from 6-8pm (right after the 5pm Mass) in the School Cafeteria for the Trinity House Community Gathering. We'll have a free dinner, a short conversation starter and small groups for parents, while kids do activities with Virtus-trained volunteers in the classrooms. Please bring a drink or dessert to share. See p. 7 in this bulletin for more details, and sign up with the QR code or at this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FAFA623A1FDCE9-52134203-stbernadette?useFullSite=true>

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 these guidelines:

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 lane 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.

Living the liturgical year

This time of year brings the wonder of God's creation in full color with leaves falling and flying. Why not make some leaf suncatchers to bring some of that wonder inside? Take a walk with your kids and collect some of God's masterpieces, then go to Catholic Icing for some great ways to celebrate the season of fall: <https://www.catholicicing.com/leaf-suncatchers/>.

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@stbernapar.org with any questions you may have.

Middle School Youth Ministry - THIS Wednesday, November 20

All 6th-8th graders are invited to Middle School Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Join next 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!

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

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. 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@stbernpar.org.

Monday, November 18 is our next Dinner with Friends at 5pm, at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual meal on the 1st and the 3rd Monday of every month.

Tuesday, November 26 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.

Family Advent Wreath making

Please come on Sunday, November 24 to make a family Advent Wreath, sponsored by the Women's Group. We will be meeting in the Bradican Room following the 9am and 11am Masses. Supplies will be provided. This is a wonderful way to start the Christmas season!

High School Theater productions

Bishop Ireton High School's Theater Arts Department presents A Man for All Seasons, November 17 and 22 at 7pm, and November 23 at 2pm in Garwood Whaley Auditorium at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314. Tickets and further information available at <https://www.bishopireton.org/fine-arts/theater-arts>.

St. John Paul the Great High School Drama Program also presents A Man for All Seasons as their 2024 fall play 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>

St. Paul VI Catholic High School presents Pride and Prejudice. Show times are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 21, 22, and 23 at 7pm and Sunday, November 24 at 1pm. 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152. Purchase your tickets today! <https://cur8.com/40072/project/127306>

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Parish Offertory

Offertory 11/10	\$35,951
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 5,868

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 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.

highlights



Greenspring leadership installed last week

New leadership for the Catholic Community at Greenspring received a special blessing at the weekly Mass in their chapel last week. From left to right: Dan Tobin, Mark Schnabel, Anne Stroh, Mary Walker, Fran Tancreti, Eleanor Daly, and Pam Blankenship. Thanks for your generosity of time and talent in making our Greenspring community so vibrant.

Get Ready for the Parish Christmas Bake Sale!

December 14/15 after all Masses in the church vestibule. Everyone is invited to participate – Share your ethnic, traditional, or favorite Christmas baked goods, especially loaf breads, chocolate chip cookies, brownies, ethnic breads, and cake pops! Great gifts for neighbors, family, and friends. We also need volunteers to help setup, work a shift, or cleanup. Ready, set, BAKE! Proceeds benefit our Capital Campaign. Questions? Contact Kathy Marchetti: kathmarc@yahoo.com or 703-644-1689. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/KrzPzSu>

Women's Advent Night of Reflection Dec. 7

All women are invited to attend an Advent Night of Reflection with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." Join Walking with Purpose women's Bible study for a night of finger food, fellowship, and prayer with a special reflection by Fr. Andrew Clark. Saturday, December 7 from 7 -9pm in the school gym. All women are welcome, so please invite a friend and email StBWWP@gmail.com to register.



Announcing Saint Bernadette's 2024 Giving Tree

Welcome to our Giving Tree Program.

We welcome you to select an organization from the tree and use the URL or QR code on the tag. We encourage everyone to take this opportunity to help those less fortunate and bring some Christmas joy into others' lives. Some items will be accepted here at the Church. **Plan to make your donation/gift available to the organization by noon on December 6**, to ensure delivery by Christmas. Remember, the most fulfilling way to enjoy Christmas is to give!

Gift Cards can be dropped off @ Parish Office - Sleeping Bags Church

CATHOLIC CHARITIES of the Diocese of Arlington receives hundreds of calls from seniors, the disabled or working poor, families and the unemployed seeking food, toiletries, clothing, and financial assistance for prescriptions, utilities, and rent. Gift cards in \$25 increments to any of the following: Aldi, Wegman's, Walmart, Target, Sheetz or Shell Gas Cards. 50 Sleeping bags with a 32 ° rating.

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

CHRIST HOUSE This is a men's transitional shelter, and emergency aid office in Old Town Alexandria run by Catholic Charities. It provides food and clothing and helps people in crisis situations to avoid eviction or termination of essential utilities. We are in need of weather-rated sleeping bags.

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

ECHO Ecumenical Community Helping Others is a local service which provides for those in the Springfield area who have difficulty providing for themselves. Please do not buy gift cards for ECHO recipients. ECHO will be collecting their gifts earlier than the other charities.

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

PROJECT GABRIEL / PROJECT RACHEL This organization provides aid for people suffering from the pain of abortion and provides aid for pregnant women in desperate situations.

ALEXANDRIA FOOD PANTRY

Formerly the Catholic Charities food pantry provides perishable and non-perishable food, including fresh produce, dairy, and meat, and basic items such as cereal, canned vegetables, rice, and beans. Amazon, Aldi and Giant Gift Card in increments of \$25 or \$50 can be mailed directly to the organization or dropped by the parish office. **See the gift tag for more information.**

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

ST. ANN'S CENTER FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES is a Catholic Care Center that provides for teen mothers and their children in great need within the Washington area. Your gift can provide support to mothers and Christmas joy to babies and children who have begun life in very difficult circumstances.

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

BETHANY HOUSE provides crisis intervention, safe housing, food, clothing and emotional support and guidance to spouses who have been abused, and to their children. Your gift will be one of the few bright spots in a family which has been torn apart by the tragedy of domestic violence.

Visit the QR Code on the Gift Tag

MIGRATION and REFUGEE SERVICES Your donation supports individuals or families who are coming to our country from very difficult situations through the Diocesan Resettlement Office with only with the clothes they are wearing.

These tags / Gift Cards can be dropped off in the Parish Office

MARY'S COMFORT is a program which provides housing for women facing a crisis pregnancy, along with supportive help and guidance for mother and baby in all stages of care. \$25-\$50 Walmart or Amazon gift cards. Gift cards can be dropped off in the parish office.

**May God bless
you for your
generosity!**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support

SAINT BERNADETTE'S WINTER WONDERLAND

DECEMBER 7, 2024
7:30 AM - 12 PM

JOIN US IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND GYM
FOR A MORNING PACKED WITH FESTIVE FUN!



FESTIVAL OF TREES

Visit the Christmas trees decorated by Saint Bernadette classes and enter the raffle to win one!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join the Knights of Columbus for a pancake breakfast and photo op with Santa!



CHRISTMAS SHOP

Let your child shop for friends and family at the Christmas shop. Free gift wrapping included!



Novena to Christ the King

The US Conference of Bishops has offered a novena for the churches to pray for religious freedom in the world, November 15-23, the nine days preceding the Solemnity. Each day has a specific intention:

Nov 15: May all people of faith be free to gather in houses of worship without fear.

Nov 16: May God give hope and courage to people who live in fear of persecution under unjust blasphemy laws.

Nov 17: May the Holy Spirit give us the courage to bear witness to the truth of the gospel, even in the face of social and legal pressure.

Nov 18: May the Lord protect all migrants and refugees, and may those who work with people on the move be free to serve.

Nov 19: May the Lord protect our Christian brothers and sisters in India, who face harassment and violent attacks.

Nov 20: May business leaders be free to promote a culture of life in their workplaces.

Nov 21: May God give us the grace to remember the dignity of all and invite others to do the same.

Nov 22: May governments respect the consciences of all individuals and institutions that care for the sick and vulnerable.

Nov 23: May all Christians serve Christ the King and bear witness to his reign.

PRAYER TO CHRIST THE KING

Lord, Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King,
the beginning and end of all things,
you have made your Church to be a people that bears witness to the goodness and beauty of your kingdom.

By your Holy Spirit, you have united us as one body, called to live as one family of God.

Fill our hearts with your grace, that we would be close to you by being close to the vulnerable and marginalized.

Give us the patience to share one another's burdens, and give us the courage to always be friends of the truth.

May we remain with you always.
Amen.

This prayer is followed each day by one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Parish penance service

It is hard to believe, Advent is a couple of weeks away! We will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation as a parish with 16 priests present on Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us.

Mass and healing service

A Mass and healing prayer service is scheduled Tuesday, November 28 at 7pm at the Basilica of St. Mary, 310 S. Royal Street, Alexandria. Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

Fair trade sales event at Nativity

Coming Soon! Fair Trade sales event in the Nativity Catholic Church Cafeteria on Saturday November 30 - Sunday December 1.

The Nativity Creation Care Ministry is pleased to announce the annual Fair Trade sales event during Thanksgiving weekend. Fair Trade embodies the principles of Catholic Social Teaching including care for God's creation, the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Fair trade promotes the use of reused, reclaimed and recycled materials, helping conserve, preserve and cultivate the environment.

Fair Trade organizations are invested in the people they work with, helping them meet nutritional needs, get access to health care, receive financial training and more, depending on the needs of the community. In addition, Fair trade products celebrate the cultural diversity of communities around the world, protecting their cultural heritage and allowing us to enjoy the skill and beauty of their craft.

This event will offer beautifully crafted items ranging from jewelry and accessories to home goods, toys, clothing, food, and holiday items--each has a story to tell. Consider meaningful holiday gifts this year and support fair trade! For information, contact George & Kim Young, 703-932-6986.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

November

18 MONDAY

7am Ben Caro
9am* Thaddeus Musialkiewicz
Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

19 TUESDAY

7am Angelique Khong
9am* † Fung Family
Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

20 WEDNESDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory
9am* † John Magyar
Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

21 THURSDAY

7am † Gregorio Cabacar
9am † John Lynch
Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

22 FRIDAY

7am † Larry Wong
9am* † The Lyn Family
10am** † Joan Kelly
Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

23 SATURDAY

8am* † Valentine DaDamio
Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
5pm* † Inez Amond

24 SUNDAY

7am † Socorro & Francisco Masakayan
9am* † Phyllis Zinicola
11am* For the parish
1pm † Oscar Chavez
5pm Frank and Jeanette Devoti
Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Nov 16	5pm	Fr. Cedric
Nov 17	7am	Fr. Don
	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.

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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.

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. [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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