

*Grant your faithful, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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.*

# First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



**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
	Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney <a href="mailto:frdonrooney@stbermpar.org">frdonrooney@stbermpar.org</a> Fr. Jeb Donelan <a href="mailto:frjebdonelan@stbermpar.org">frjebdonelan@stbermpar.org</a> Fr. James Waalkes <a href="mailto:frjameswaalkes@stbermpar.org">frjameswaalkes@stbermpar.org</a> Deacon Orlando Caicedo
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	703-451-8576 Director, Lynn Jones <a href="mailto:Ljones@stbermpar.org">Ljones@stbermpar.org</a> Admin. Asst., Victor Mendez <a href="mailto:vmendez@stbermpar.org">vmendez@stbermpar.org</a>
YOUTH MINISTRY	703-451-8576 Director, Grace Rihl <a href="mailto:grihl@stbermpar.org">grihl@stbermpar.org</a>
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

## december

- 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
  - **Catholic Charities Christmas Collection**, all Masses
  - 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
- 9 **Monday, The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
  - **Holy Day of Obligation Masses: 7 & 9am, Noon, 7:30pm (bilingual)**
- 10 **Tuesday, Advent Weekday [Our Lady of Loreto]**
- 11 **Wednesday, Advent Weekday [Saint Damasus I, Pope]**
- 12 **Thursday, Our Lady of Guadalupe**
  - 7pm Procession, bilingual Mass at 7:30pm, followed by light reception
- 13 **Friday, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**
  - Adoration, 7pm in the church
  - Advent Lessons and Carols, Church, 7:30pm
- 14 **Saturday, Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor**
  - Parish BAKE SALE at the 5pm Mass
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 15 **Sunday, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
  - Parish BAKE SALE at all Masses, as supply lasts!
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 16 **Monday, Advent Weekday**
- 17 **Tuesday, Advent Weekday**
  - **ADVENT PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**, Church, 6:30pm
- 18 **Wednesday, Advent Weekday**
- 19 **Thursday, Advent Weekday**
- 20 **Friday, Advent Weekday**
  - Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 21 **Saturday, Advent Weekday [Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor]**
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 22 **Sunday, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

## announcements

Mark your calendars for events in December in the parish:

December 7-8 - **Catholic Charities Christmas Collection**

December 7 - **Women's Night of Reflection**  
7-9pm

December 9 - **Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation**

December 12 - **Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
procession/Mass/reception starting at 7pm

December 13 - **Advent Lessons and Carols**,  
7:30pm

December 14-15 - **Parish Bake Sale**

December 17 - **Parish Penance Service**  
6:30pm

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.

## from the pastor

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette, Congratulations, newly-confirmed and fully-initiated members of the parish! Celebration last week was beautiful, one of the nicest confirmation liturgies I can remember, and I was in meetings with Bishop Burbidge the two days following and he kept telling everyone that Saint Bernadette's confirmation class wins the award for the best singing students in the diocese! That made me feel good, especially as he said it in front of all pastors with schools and priests of our Deanery!

I wanted to feature all of you 8th graders, both in our school and area public schools, because you are now the youngest leaders in our church community. I challenge you to take your rightful place, and become active in the life of the Church as you have begun already in your confirmation teams. Feed the poor, care for each other. I ask you, please, to remind all of us how beautiful is the Holy Spirit that dwells within us and what it means to be Christians who look forward to a bright future filled with grace and possibility.

And what a great time for new beginnings is the start of the new liturgical year of grace, 2025! It is a time we really need to take an inventory of what has been, what is now, and what will be. The gifts of the Holy Spirit which correspond to words and events of the past would be knowledge and understanding and form the foundation for our work of taking inventory. How faithful have I been to what I know to be true? How thoughtful am I in working toward understandings

that would form my conscience more truly according to my faith?

Working more deeply into how I have intentionally lived into the gifts of the Holy Spirit, have I grown in wisdom in applying my understanding to the challenges and confrontations of life? Have I applied the gift of counsel in sharing the wisdom I have been given? Have I shared this gift with the new generation of Catholics? Have I strengthened the community in this way?

The next gift we use in our inventory at the new year is fortitude. The gift of the Holy Spirit, fortitude, is different from the Cardinal Virtue fortitude which is a part of our human nature and meant as an individual attribute. It is carrying through with your good intentions, it is finishing the job despite hardship or struggle. The fortitude of the Holy Spirit is the glue of the community, to work toward bringing about the Kingdom of God. Have I made an offering of myself, like Jesus, for the salvation of the world?

The remaining two gifts, piety and fear of the Lord, pertain to our consideration of each other and of God. Piety has been described as the ability to recognize what is holy. Not just church stuff, but everyone as well. Do I recognize holiness in person in need, the friendless, the stranger? You are holy. And holy is the Lord, in a way beyond our understanding. We don't fear him, but we recognize that he is totally other, and loves us no matter what.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

*More confirmation photos may be found on page 10*



# Thanksgiving

During the month of November, we focus on the virtue of gratitude. As the month comes to a close and the Thanksgiving holiday draws near, we take pause to give thanks for the many gifts that God has bestowed upon us.

Our students spent time in the classroom talking about the origins of the Thanksgiving holiday, crafting festive decorations, and most importantly, reflecting on all that they have as they prepared to celebrate. They completed writing pieces describing things they are most thankful for, artwork to decorate the Thanksgiving table, and headbands where each feather lists an item

they grateful to have. Many of our students expressed that they were thankful for families, teachers, pets, and even favorite foods. Our Kindergarteners joined together in the cafeteria to celebrate by having their traditional Thanksgiving feast and a fun time was had by all.

As we celebrate the season of Thanksgiving, we wish to express heartfelt gratitude to those that make up our beautiful Saint Bernadette School and Parish community. We are blessed to have its vibrant, caring, and talented community members involved in supporting our mission, to form hearts and minds in Christ. We wish everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving holiday.

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corner**



**FORMING  
HEARTS  
& MINDS  
IN CHRIST**



# religious education

## Weekly update

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

### 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

Nov. 24: **Family Faith Formation** monthly class  
Dec. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18: Regular classes  
Dec. 7 and 14: Saturday **SPRED** Class

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

## TOBET Lessons Completed

All our classes have completed the lessons in our special Theology of the Body Curriculum, *The Body Matters*. Parents, if you have questions about this program, or would like to learn more about Saint Pope John Paul's Theology of the Body, go to <https://tobet.org/the-body-matters/> or contact Lynn Jones at [Ljones@stbernapar.org](mailto:Ljones@stbernapar.org)

## Upcoming Confirmation Event

In mid-December we ask our Religious Education and Saint Bernadette Families to donate canned goods to support our partnership with ECHO to provide forty holiday food baskets to local families. We will collect the items on December 17 and 18 during class time and our Confirmation 2026 Teams will pack and deliver the baskets on December 21.

## Dinner and Advent Holy Hour Saturday, December 14, 6-9pm

All High Schoolers are invited to join us for dinner and fellowship followed by an Advent holy hour. We will have confessions, a guided reflection, praise and worship music, and the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Meet in the Bradican Room on Saturday, December 14 at 6pm.

## Girl's Christmas Craft Night Monday, December 16 from 7-8:30pm

All high school and newly confirmed 8th grade girls are invited to join us for a Christmas Craft Night! We will make luminaria and enjoy cocoa, tea, and treats in the Youth Room. Meet at the parish office at 7pm!

## RE Class Safety Notice

With the 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 do not drop your child off and have them walk through traffic lanes to the curb. If you do not use the drop off lane, you must park your car and walk with your child to door 1. For pick-up, park your car in a legal parking spot and then walk to door 1 to meet your child. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all our children safe.

## Living the liturgical year

**Today we begin Advent!** While we often focus on Christmas gifts and Santa Claus every December, this is a time of preparation for us as we await the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Here is a good, short (less than three minutes!) video on the meaning of Advent from the Religion Teacher: <https://www.thereligionteacher.com/videos/advent/advent-meaning/>. Also, Catholic Icing has a list of ten family Advent traditions-- <https://www.catholicicing.com/10-meaningful-advent-traditions-for-catholic-families-with-little-to-no-prep-work/>— take a look and start preparing for the Nativity of Jesus today!

## Middle School Youth Ministry THIS Wednesday, December 4th

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!

## 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.

## 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](mailto:women@stbernpar.org).

Monday, December 2 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.

Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, December 10 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. We have two activities this month. First is the white elephant gift exchange. Bring something inexpensive and fun. We will also have a cookie exchange. Bring a dozen cookies to share and go home with a different assortment of a dozen cookies. Come join our fun and fellowship.

## High School Theater production

St. John Paul the Great High School 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. 17700 Dominican Drive, Potomac Shores, VA. Tickets and more information: <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/drama>

## 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.

## Christmas Tree Sale!

Our Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas trees again this year! Find a beautiful tree and know the proceeds go to good causes! Until they sell out or December 21, 5-9pm on weekdays, 9am - 9pm on weekends.

## Mary's Comfort: Thanks.

Thank you! Your generosity inspires all of the Mary's Comfort volunteers. Our recent baby bottle drive raised more than \$13,000 and put us on the road to opening a second shelter for pregnant moms in need. We're grateful to you!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:StBWWP@gmail.com) to register.

## Young adults "EXALT"

Young adults are invited to EXALT, an adoration worship celebration sponsored by the Diocese's Young Adult Ministry. Come for worship, rest, prayer, adoration, music, confession. Friday, December 6, 7 - 8:30pm at Nativity Catholic Church in Burke. You can scan the QR code at right for more information.

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## ADVENT: THE YEAR OF GRACE 2024

### Daily Mass

Monday—Friday • 7 & 9am, Saturday • 8am  
Adoration, Fridays • 7pm

### December 7, 14, 21: Regular Confession Schedule

Saturdays • 3:30pm, or by appointment.  
All are kindly asked to arrive as near as possible to the beginning of scheduled times, and to be patient.  
Confessions end once Mass begins.

### Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation, December 9

No Vigil Mass due to it being Sunday  
Monday, December 9 • 7 & 9am, Noon, 7:30pm  
The 7:30pm Mass is bilingual, English and Spanish.

### Advent Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 13 • 7:30pm  
Join us for scripture and seasonal music.

### Parish Advent Penance Service

Tuesday, December 17 • 6:30pm  
a special evening service of reconciliation will be offered with 16 priests. Please be sure to come.

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Please note: opportunities probably will be limited for confessions, although we will have three priests on Sundays of Advent this year. Please plan to attend the parish penance service on December 19.



## CELEBRATING *the* CHRISTMAS SEASON

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

#### CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

4:30pm, 8:30pm (preceded by Contemporary Choir Carol Prelude at 8pm)

Midnight Mass • 12am (preceded by Saint Bernadette Choir Prelude of Carols at 11:30pm)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

#### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

(Midnight Mass)

7, 9, 11am & 1pm (en español)

Note: There is NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

#### FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass schedule for the parish

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

#### SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD

*A Holy Day of Obligation*

Regular Holy Day schedule: Vigil Tuesday, 7:30pm

Wednesday: 7 & 9am, Noon, 7:30pm (bilingual)

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

#### SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of the LORD

We will follow the regular Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass schedule for the parish

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

#### The BAPTISM of the LORD

The Christmas season ends today with our regular daily Mass schedule.



# 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

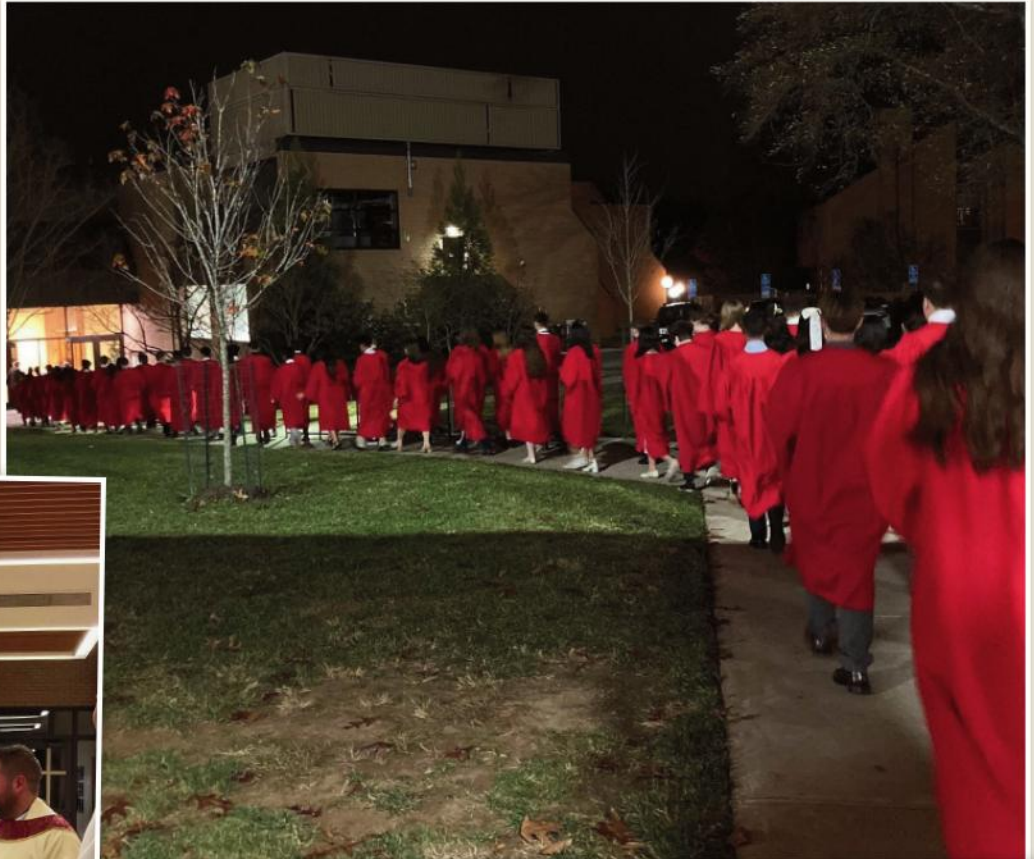
is a program which provides housing for women facing a crisis pregnancy, along with supportive help and guidance for mother and baby in all stages of care. \$25-\$50 Walmart or Amazon gift cards. Gift cards can be dropped off in the parish office.

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

*Thank you for your continued generosity and support*

# confirmed class of 2024

*Bishop Burbidge visited our parish on November 19 to confirm 110 students from our school and religious education program.*



CONCERTS *at* Saint Bernadette  
presents  
**Advent Lessons and Carols**  
Friday, December 13 at 7:30pm

Saint Bernadette Music Ministry and Lector Ministry present carols, hymns, choral music and scripture readings from the rich treasury of the Advent Season.



**The event is free and open to all.**  
For more information:  
dmathers@stbernapar.org  
703-451-8576 x 112

**Future free concert events**  
*U.S. Navy Band Chamber Ensemble*  
Friday, February 21, 2025 - 7:30pm  
*Capital Wind Symphony*  
Friday, June 6, 2025 - 7:30pm

**coming up**

SAINT BERNADETTE'S  
**WINTER WONDERLAND**

DECEMBER 7, 2024  
7:30 AM - 12 PM



**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!

**Parish Offertory**

Offertory 11/24 \$26,600  
Catholic Campaign for Human Development 4,267

**Thank you for your faithful support!**



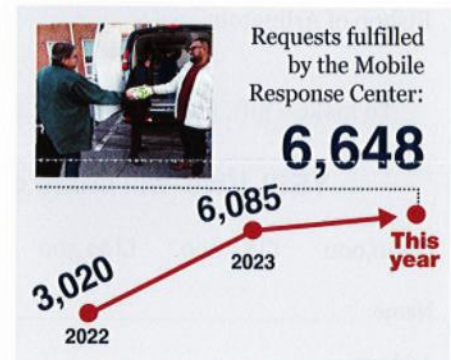
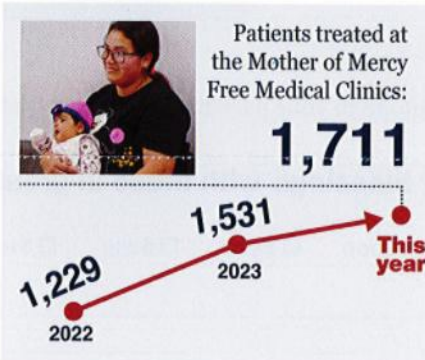
Consider using Faith Direct to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards, the same way you make car or tuition payments. Faith Direct also offers personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may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



**Parish Christmas Collection | December 7-8, 2024**

Your support of Catholic Charities helps serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer – serving our neighbors **right here in our diocese.**

*The need continues to grow:*



Source: Catholic Charities tracking systems, fiscal years 2022-2024

Catholic Charities serves all those in need regardless of their faith.

To make your gift today, scan the QR code or give online at [ccda.net/Christmas](https://ccda.net/Christmas)



MAKE A GIFT





**Parish Christmas Collection**  
December 7-8, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Catholics, one way we communicate Christ's love to our neighbors in need is by generously sharing with them our time and gifts of charity and of our very selves.

When vulnerable people come to Catholic Charities, they encounter Christ's love and the hope that springs from love. And, in a beautiful way, our own faith is strengthened when we join *Together in Hope* with those needing a helping hand.

As we enter this season of giving, I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting men, women, and families who are in true need throughout our diocese by making a sacrificial gift to the Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection on December 7 and 8.

Be assured of my gratitude and prayers for you and your family. May God fill you with abundant graces during this Holy Season of Advent, as together we look forward in joyful hope to the celebration of the birth of Jesus our Savior.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington

**Your gift helps**  
men, women, and children in need

People helped with  
**emergency assistance**  
(rent, utilities, car repair)  
**2,729**

Adults and teens  
provided with mental  
health counseling   
**829**

People served at the  
**senior center**  
(food, activities, exercise)  
**193**

Individuals served by  
pregnancy and adoption  
services   
**298**

Refugees  
resettled or  
served   
**3,211**

Prison inmates  
who received  
spiritual care   
**1,067**

Adults enrolled in  
education & workforce  
development  
(job skills, English classes,  
citizenship classes)   
**1,613**

Number of  
minors re-united  
with their families   
**290**

*Source: Catholic Charities tracking systems, fiscal year 2024*

To make a gift, please place this envelope in your parish collection basket or mail directly to Catholic Charities.

**YES! I/We will share our blessings with those in greatest need in our diocese.**

\$10,000    \$5,000    \$2,500    \$1,000    \$500    \$250    \$100    \$50    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

### December

#### 2 MONDAY

7am † John Slahetka  
9am\* † Corazon Dominguez  
Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

#### 3 TUESDAY

7am Alejandro Aparcana  
9am\* Patricia McShea  
Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

#### 4 WEDNESDAY

7am † Rosita Peralta  
9am\* † Maria Luisa Llorente  
Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

#### 5 THURSDAY

7am † Rosita Peralta  
9am\* Evelyn Hernandez  
Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

#### 6 FRIDAY

7am † Ivy Lyn  
9am\* † Jan Usinger Sanchez  
10am\*\* † Matthew Santangelo  
Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

#### 7 SATURDAY

8am\* Mark Philip Mijares  
Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8  
5pm\* † Theresa Moral

#### 8 SUNDAY

7am Brian Arriola  
9am\* † Nieves Santos  
11am\* † Mario Fortin  
1pm † Fr. Mike Murphy  
5pm For the parish  
Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

\* live-streamed Masses

\*\* Mass at Greenspring Chapel

### Masses next weekend

Dec 7	5pm	Fr. Jeb
Dec 8	7am	Fr. Don
	9am	Fr. Cedric
	11am	Fr. James
	1pm	Fr. Don
	5pm	Fr. Jeb

## Parish Prayer List

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

Christopher Ayala, Christy Perez Ayala, Barbara Baxter, Lorenzo Beitia, Benedi Family, Javier Blandon, Marvin Boord, Krista Buskey, Eleanor Butler, Josue Cabrera, Frank Caponegro, 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 Gribschaw, 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, Karen Mitchell, 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, Apolonia Rye, Sagum Family, John Sandidge, B. Schulz, Smith Family, Glendora Spinelli, Ailsa Squatrito, Laura Sutherland, Ellie Urmston, Holger Vargas, Mary Vago, Silvio Villena, Adrienne Vincent, James Washburn, 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: Ice & Lights Show--Tailgate Party at Cameron Run Park (Dec. 1); Square Dancing at Greenspring Village (Dec. 3, 17); Christmas Party (Dec. 7); Lunch (Dec. 12); Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church (Dec. 15); Walk at Frying Pan Park (Dec. 18); Christmas Concert at Constitution Hall (Dec. 22); Christmas Dinner (Dec. 25); Christ House meal (Dec. 28); New Year's Eve daytime celebration (Dec. 31); New Year's Day lunch (Jan. 1). 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).

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

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