

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heaven wisdom grant us admittance to his company. 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024



John the Baptist (detail), El Greco (Doménikos Theotokópoulos), 1603
Legion of Honor Museum, San Francisco



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Second Sunday of Advent

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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

december

- 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**
• NO Taizé this month, Resumes January 20, 2025
- 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
- 23 Monday, Advent Weekday**
- 24 Tuesday, Advent Weekday**
- 24 Christmas Eve Vigil, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**
• 4:30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass preceded with carols/concert at 4pm
• 8:30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass preceded with carols/concert at 8pm
• (Mass at Midnight)
• Live-streaming Mass for Christmas begins with the 4:30pm Vigil Mass
- 25 Wednesday, Advent Weekday [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor]**
• Christmas Day Masses at Midnight, 7, 9, and 11am, and 1:30pm (Spanish)
Please note, there is not 5pm Mass on Christmas Day
- 26 Thursday, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**
- 27 Friday, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**
• Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 28 Saturday, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 29 Sunday, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**
• 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 16 - **NO Taizé this month**

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,

Last week we celebrated the Rite of Entrance at the 11am Mass, literally formally welcoming all those who are in our OCIA (formerly RCIA) program, who are discerning being received into full communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of initiation. At this point, those who are to be baptized are no longer *inquirers*, but *catechumens* who enter into a time of more intense formation by the Word of God, prayer, and communal life of the Church.

Those who are already baptized are already "in the family," so to speak, because we claim "one Lord, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is in all and above all..." These are called *candidates* for full communion. People who are already baptized should never be called *converts* when they enter the Church: they are already followers of Jesus Christ and, in him, we are brothers and sisters.

On Monday night I led the OCIA group in our weekly meeting. These last several weeks have been (or, at least, have seemed) frenetic and I have been anxious because there is more to do in a day than a day will hold. So I overlooked the fact that I was teaching -- I had just taught also the week before -- and when I remembered on Monday afternoon that I was to teach that night I quickly went to see what the topic was and if I had notes from teaching it before. I had not, and topic was salvation. Wow. A big subject.

I discovered something that was startling. What is salvation, exactly? Is it heaven? Simple but foundational questions.

It is something that only God does, we can't buy it or earn it. It is freely given. No matter how saintly our lives might be, God doesn't have to reward us for it. At the end of the day, we have to admit that we are but servants, and have only done what we were supposed to do, anyway. Salvation is not an entitlement.

Or is it something that God *does*? Isn't salvation a restoration of a relationship that existed in our created original innocence? It is our sins that cause the rupture in the relationship, a rejection of God's will, division where there once was unity. So,

surely, salvation must be *being forgiven*, something only God can do. But, as I say to people who come to confession and may be troubled by unremembered sins, Jesus already knows every sin we commit. We really don't need to tell him. But the one thing we must do ourselves is to say "I'm sorry." That is the one thing that Jesus can't say on our behalf to himself! I am sorry.

Salvation, then, is the forgiveness of sins and the restoration of the original friendship with God which can be done only by God, the unity that is God's original plan for us. Baptism is the way by which we are no longer defined by original sin, forgiven-ness.

God could do this work any way he wants. So his choice of delivering his only-begotten Son into the hands of sin, becoming sin itself on the cross was the process of salvation. We call it redemption. This, for that. His obedience, for our disobedience. His innocence for our guilt. "For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him" 2 Cor 5:21. The path home is becoming him.

I'm sure sometime you have been asked by someone, "Are you saved?" The Catholic answer is, "I surely hope so. But I know for certain I am redeemed." The gift of baptism transforms us into a rebirth that we spend the rest of our life embracing and growing into. The rest is up to me, by uniting my will with God's will in love.

Remember: unity is not something that God does; it is *who God is*. We never stop being his, he never stops loving us perfectly. We are the ones who introduce distance away from him and from each other. Unity is oneness, it is salvation. Heaven isn't a place, it is being in the being of God. When the priest adds the wine and water in the chalice every Mass, he prays a prayer in secret: "*By the mystery of this water and wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.*"

Salvation is that chalice, a synergy of wills of God and us, united, and offered to the Father, then returned to us as food. We are now what we receive. We are filled with gratitude: that is our thanks, our *eucharist*.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

Special projects at our school

Instruction is both a science and an art. The science of teaching involves following curriculum guidelines, assigning appropriate work, and managing an ever-changing classroom environment. The art of instruction concerns *HOW* a concept is taught. Our teachers are artful in their ability to make objectives exciting and worthwhile.

In our computer lab, middle school classes (grades 6-8) have a learning standard that states, "Standard 3.0 – Knowledge Constructor: Students critically curate a variety of resources using digital tools to construct knowledge, produce creative artifacts, and make meaningful learning experiences for themselves and others." Our technology teacher, Mrs. Sawyer, is teaching this standard using a unique competition: Google Suite Olympics, beginning in December. For each application in the Google Suite, students will complete different tasks. Students start with Google Docs. All students will complete a Qualifier level before competing for gold, silver, or bronze. Eighth graders will be completing the gold level, seventh graders will be completing the silver level, and sixth graders will be completing the Bronze level. Students will apply previously learned skills as well as newly learned skills. Let the games begin!

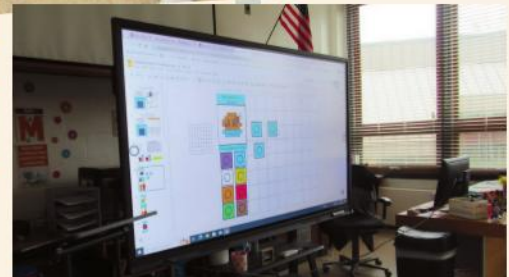
Downstairs, third-grade students study assigned states, supporting the social studies curriculum's emphasis on developing map skills and studying the five regions of the United States. Each student is assigned a unique state and then examines this state in a series of projects. A state animal and its habitat are studied, and a diorama is created. State cathedrals are examined virtually, and facts are summarized in a report. Students dress up as an important person from the state and give an oral presentation about their person. In the spring, students present their final project: a tri-board summarizing all the facts they learned. As a whole, these assignments address objectives in social studies, science, writing, and public speaking, but are done in an interesting and meaningful manner.

Combining the art and science of teaching ensures our cardinals meet diocesan objectives, master essential skills, and are prepared to be leaders in our rapidly changing world.

cardinal corner



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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. 24: **Family Faith Formation** monthly class

Dec. 10-11, 17-18: Regular classes

Dec. 14: Saturday **SPRED** Class

ECHO Holiday food basket collection at all classes Dec. 17-18

On Christmas break until classes resume on Jan. 7-8

Email vmendez@stbernapar.org or Lynn Jones, 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. Please return all The Body Matters books this week! 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

Upcoming Confirmation 2026 Event

In mid-December we will be asking our Religious Education and Saint Bernadette Families to donate canned goods to support our partnership with ECHO to provide 40 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.

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

Tomorrow we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a Holy Day of Obligation -- see this bulletin for Mass times! To learn more about this important solemnity, read about it here <https://www.simplycatholic.com/immaculate-conception/> and then print a cute coloring sheet to share this knowledge with your children: <https://www.catholicicing.com/explain-immaculate-conception-to-kids/>

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.

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!

Middle School Youth Ministry Next Wednesday, December 18

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

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.

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.

Monday, December 16 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.

KofC Christmas Tree Sale!

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.

Parish penance service

It is hard to believe, Advent is well underway. 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.



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>

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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



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 17.



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.



Christmas flower donations

Remember someone you love, either living or deceased, with a memorial donation for our beautiful Christmas Flowers. Envelopes are available in your envelope packets, in the Church and in the Parish Office. We will publish the list of those in whose memory made our Christmas beautiful the weekend after Christmas. Please make sure to have your envelopes in by Dec. 18.

THANKS from St. Lucy Food Project for our Thanksgiving collection

The St. Lucy Food Project of CCDA extends thanks to all the St. Bernadette parishioners who chose to give during the Thanksgiving holiday. We donated 985 pounds (over 200 more pounds than last year!), with \$370.01 in cash and gift cards.

December Taize canceled

The December calendar is so full that we will look forward to our next Taize prayer service in January! No Mondays are available. We hold a prayer service in the tradition of the Taize Community in France, an ecumenical order of priests and brothers, every third Monday of the month (normally). Consider joining us for the perfect, peaceful, prayerful, and beautiful close of the day.

Saint John the Baptist: *"He must increase; I must decrease."*

Throughout Scripture, John the Baptist is referred to as the one who "prepares the way of the Lord." Isaiah 40:3 prophesies the coming of John saying, "A voice proclaims: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!" Later, Matthew makes clear that John was the man foretold in the prophecy.



25th annual Simbang Gabi diocesan celebration

All are welcome to join the Filipino Catholic Community celebrate 25 years of Simbang Gabi, a 400 year-old Advent tradition symbolizing the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. It begins with the opening Mass **Sunday, Dec. 15, 5:30pm at Christ the Redeemer Church** in Sterling (46833 Leesburg Pike). Vicar General Fr. Jamie Workman will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

At the **Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington Sunday, December 22 at 5:30pm** Bishop Burbidge will celebrate the Mass (3901 Cathedral Lane).

We will also host a Simbang Gabi Mass here at **Saint Bernadette on Saturday, Dec. 21 at 7pm.**

Masses will be celebrated throughout the diocese December 15 - 24 at 5am and evenings, usually at 7pm. You can find the full list by scanning the QR code above at right.

coming up



Parish Offertory

Offertory 12/1	\$30,794
Parish special needs	3,807

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.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

December

9 MONDAY

7am † Richard Maurice Strong
9am* Patricia Norton
Noon For the parish
7:30p † Sr. Susan Louise Eder, OSFS
Gn 3:9-20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

10 TUESDAY

7am Antonio Conde
9am* † Dannie Tesalona
Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

11 WEDNESDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory
9am* † John Cykoski
Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

12 THURSDAY

7am Frank Spicer
9am* † Bernie Agustin
7:30p † Rev. Francis Russo, OFM
Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-47

13 FRIDAY

7am † Melissa Villaluz Carino
9am* † Jessie Tesalona
10am** † Floyd Sorensen
Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19

14 SATURDAY

8am* † George E. Murphy
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
5pm* For the parish

15 SUNDAY

7am † Harvey W. Martin
9am* † William McShea
11am* † Jose Willijardo Clanor
1pm † Americo Real
5pm † Aurelio Narcisa Tiro
Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Dec 14	5pm	Fr. James
Dec 15	7am	Fr. Jeb
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. Jeb
	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, 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.

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 at Greenspring Village (Dec. 17); 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. 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.



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

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