

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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.

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



Saint John the Baptist Bearing Witness (detail), Annibale Carracci, 1600
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

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

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

30 Monday, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

31 Tuesday, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

january

1 Wednesday, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

- Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 7 and 9am, Noon, 7:30pm (bilingual)

2 Thursday, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

3 Friday, Christmas Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Jesus]

- Adoration, 7pm in the church

4 Saturday, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

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

5 Sunday, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

announcements

Mark your calendars for events in December in the parish:

Dec 14 & 15 - Parish Bake Sale

Dec 16 - NO Taizé this month

Dec 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 or as long as they last. Please support the charitable work of the Council by purchasing your tree from the Knights. The lot is open from 5 to 9pm on weekdays and 9am to 9pm on weekends.

Celebrating the Christmas Season

Dec 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES

4:30pm,

8:30pm (preceded by Choir Prelude at 8pm)

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

Dec 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Midnight Mass

7, 9, 11am & 1pm (en español)

Note: There is NO 5pm Mass

Dec 29 - FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

Regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule

Jan 1 - MARY, MOTHER of GOD

(IS a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Regular Holy Day schedule:

Tuesday Vigil 7:30pm

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

Jan 5 - EPIPHANY of the LORD

Regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule

Jan 12 -The BAPTISM of the LORD

The Christmas season ends today with our regular Saturday Vigil / Sunday schedule

from the pastor

gaudete!

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

It has been a crazy season, crazier than ever. And I don't know if you noticed, parish life has become non-stop. I included a photo of last week's breakfast with Santa/classroom Christmas tree raffle/Christmas shop below because I have never seen so many people packed in our cafeteria/gym for such a successful and joyful parish family event. People just came coming all morning! I underlined how badly we need a parish hall (*page 9*)! Thanks to all our PTO leaders, teachers, parents, and staff who brought so much Christmas joy to our parish. I am definitely a proud Father of my amazing family!

As things are busy and our spaces are pretty much completely booked, I wanted to give some reminders about time limits and security. Last year we invested much in programmable keys for many of the doors on the property to allow access to various buildings and zones of buildings as well as to limit access so people aren't in the building when they are not scheduled. This is for liability as well as to make sure the wrong people aren't gaining access to the buildings. We ask -- whatever the meeting might be, Women's Group or CYO, please do not leave doors propped open.

Also, you may notice during the week (at least during school hours) that only one door is unlocked at either end of the church vestibule. This added security is

not intended to frustrate anyone. Coming up the steps for daily Mass you will find the right-hand door open. On rare occasions the church also may be locked temporarily for special school use

Another big item in our security plan was installed this fall, the security gate on the road alongside the rectory leading to the school. The gates are closed during the school day (after morning carpool and open before afternoon carpool), and then close at 9pm. Use of buildings is to end at 9pm regardless of who is using them. This has always been the rule. If, for some reason, you need to go to the school after 9pm, you will need to park in the lower lots and walk up. If you are leaving after hours, drive up to the gate slowly; when you are near it will open so you can exit. If you need special access during the school day when the gate is closed, there is a video callbox on the left which will connect you with staff on call who will provide entry.

It is a shame that in today's world we must be so aware of security issues, but it is all about the safety of the children.

You are our eyes and ears as people who help with security. As always, if you see something strange don't overlook it, and inquire of a stranger if there is something you can do to help them, or contact parish staff who will be standing by.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*



Celebrating the Spirit of Christmas

With the holiday season upon us, we eagerly await the birth of Jesus. At Saint Bernadette Catholic School, we are taking time to celebrate the season while staying focused on the true spirit of Christmas and the upcoming birth of Jesus.

December is turning out to be a month full of festive joy and purposeful interactions. We kicked off our Advent season on Monday, December 2, 2024, with a special gathering hosted by our Student Council.

The first Advent prayer service of the season, a new tradition in recent years, brought students from PreK to 8th grade together in a circle to light the first Advent candle, symbolizing hope for the coming of Jesus' birth.

In preparation for Jesus' birth and in the spirit of Christmas giving, we held a fundraiser on December 3, 2024 to support Catholic Charities. Students, staff, and faculty participated in a "dress-up" day, coming together as a community to help those in need. While the students enjoyed a day out of uniform, decked out in their

Sunday best, they kept the purpose of the event in mind by reflecting on the giving nature of the season and showing Jesus' love through their actions.

December 6, 2024 brought some extra fun to the halls with a surprise visit from Saint Nicholas and a special cultural assembly sponsored by our wonderful P.T.O. Hoping for a special treat, students placed their shoes outside their classroom doors, eager for a visit from the beloved saint. As St. Nicholas made his rounds, students were excited to find small treats waiting for them. The P.T.O. brought another treat to our students by organizing a cultural arts assembly featuring a performance of *Stone Soup* and *Other Heartwarming Tales*. The performance reminded everyone that the holiday season is not just about traditions and merriment, but about the spirit of giving with an open heart.

These festive events perfectly represent the heart of the season by giving from the heart as Jesus did, with kindness at the forefront. We look forward to continuing the celebrations and sharing in the holiday spirit throughout December, spreading joy and reinforcing the generosity that defines Christmas.

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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

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.

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/>

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.

Calling altar servers

All boys and girls 4th grade to 12th grade are welcome to serve at the altar at Mass! In the interest of trying to be most accommodating to your schedules, we have put training for servers on Mondays 5-6pm on January 20, 27, and February 3. In the school, please sign up with Mrs. Bacon. Otherwise, please contact the parish office.

Calling Eucharistic Ministers

Consider serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion at Masses and for the homebound! The diocese will be announcing their training dates soon, and we would like to hear from you. We have about one-third the number of EMs pre-COVID, and we need to renew our roster as well as consider making Communion under both forms a possibility again. The first step is to talk with Fr. Don. Thank you!

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.

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, 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.

December Taize canceled

The December calendar is so full that our next Taize prayer service will be in January! 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.



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.

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.

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.

The National March for Life

Join fellow parishioners at this prayerful, peaceful event on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 24. Saint Bernadette will provide a bus if there are enough reservations. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/42tnedb4> by January 5. There won't be any cost to ride the bus, but we would like to ask you to bring items for the Baby Supply Drive (flyer coming soon). Questions? Call the office.

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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 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

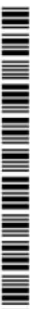
SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of the LORD

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.



Still, a new parish hall...

As we have mentioned lately, we have a green light to move forward on design development with our architect based on the budget that has been approved. We have hit another snag, that is, that materials costs may be as much as 10% higher than our pre-COVID estimate.

Would you consider an end-of-year donation to our Capital Campaign? Especially all our new families and those who have not yet participated in gifts or pledges? Your contribution is needed.

If you recall, Bishop asked all parishes to end campaigns last January because he was going to start a campaign for the

diocese. In August, he announced that he would not be having a diocesan campaign, which gave us the opportunity to continue to appeal for the remaining \$300,000 in pledges we were short of goal in Phase II.

We understand how tight money is, and how much more expensive this time of year can be with extra expenses, but it is also a great time to make gifts from the perspective of taxes. For any questions, or if you are new and would like an introduction to the project, please contact Jean Corday in the office, or Fr. Don.

We are grateful for your generosity in so many different drives and collections. You are an amazing parish and your attention is a blessing to everyone here.



capital campaign continues

Parish Offertory

Offertory 12/8	\$37,704
Parish special needs	8,968

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

16 MONDAY

7am † Teofilo Aguilar
9am* † James Gilroy, Jr.
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

17 TUESDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory
9am* † George Murphy
Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

18 WEDNESDAY

7am Patricia O'Brien
9am* Annie Morrison Freidt
Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

19 THURSDAY

7am † Caroling Godinez Pausai
9am* † Patricia Reynolds
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

20 FRIDAY

7am † Maria del Carmen Martinez
9am* Joy Karaan
10am** † Mary Bridget Walker
Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

21 SATURDAY

8am* † Johnny Ho
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
5pm* † Donald Bisgrove

22 SUNDAY

7am For the parish
9am* † Nella Zinicola
11am* † Jack & Kay Lee
1pm Familia Jaldin
5pm † Aurelio Tiro, Jr.
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Dec 21	5pm	Fr. Don
Dec 22	7am	Fr. Cedric
	9am	Fr. James
	11am	Fr. Don
	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.

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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