

*Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts,  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024



Visitation (detail), Mariotto Albertinelli, 1503  
The Uffizi, Florence



**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
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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

- 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**  
Parish Offices Closed through 1January, 2025
- 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**  
• **Holyday 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
- 6 Monday, Christmas Weekday [Saint André Bessette, Religious]**
- 7 Tuesday, Christmas Weekday [Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest]**
- 8 Wednesday, Christmas Weekday**
- 9 Thursday, Christmas Weekday**
- 10 Friday, Christmas Weekday**  
• Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 11 Saturday, Christmas Weekday**  
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 12 Sunday, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

## announcements

### Celebrating the Christmas Season

**Dec 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES**  
**4:30pm,**  
**8:30pm** (preceded by Choir Carol 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

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.

## from the pastor

*It so happens the deadline for this bulletin was the 12th, so I'm writing this on the 11th. Part II of this article will be found in the Christmas Day bulletin, and Part III in the bulletin for December 29. All are available on the parish website.*

*While there, check out our new website!*

Is 40:25-31

*To whom can you liken me as an equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these things: He leads out their army and numbers them, calling them all by name. By his great might and the strength of his power not one of them is missing!*

*Why, O Jacob, do you say, and declare, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?*

*Do you not know or have you not heard? The LORD is the eternal God, creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint nor grow weary, and his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.*

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Now, in the middle of the Christmas Mystery, we need to stop for a moment and consider: "What is actually happening here?" Most people are not looking for some kind of theological presentation, although a little knowledge can change your life. Book knowledge is good (and we should be reading what we can), but we can only begin to imagine the immensity of God and his love. Saint Thomas Aquinas, after a life of writing many volumes of theology, realized that all he wrote is "just grass" when compared to the reality, the truth of God. God is ultimately inscrutable, unfathomable, totally other than we are. We are made by him simply in his "likeness" which means we get a glimpse of him in ourselves. What is most important is to look inside our lives, our hearts, and ask what is *really happening* with me in my life with God and this community?

Most people have an elementary school understanding of God, at best. No wonder the average age of people who have left the Church is 12 years of age...but how can that be, that such a profound decision can be made (or allowed to be made by their parents) without any real reflection or understanding. We can understand God, by the way, by what he has revealed to us in our own existence from him, his Word, and his powerful deeds in human history. These are real and reliable. The problem is that for many, "behold" means we must also explain, but human beings simply don't have the words sufficient to describe God's self-revelation or the eyes to endure the infinite horizon of God.

I'm writing this on December 11 due to bulletin printing deadlines, and I want to print (at left) this morning's first daily Mass reading, from the prophet Isaiah. God has no equal has created the ends of the earth, his knowledge is beyond scrutiny.

So why, then, do we tend to think of him as an equal, or even an adversary, as if we could begin to compare to him in even the smallest sense?

Yet, it is the same prophet Isaiah who is the one who speaks most about the divine redeemer, the Messiah, the suffering servant who will come from God to save us. How do we reconcile these two revelations? Or are we even supposed to? You see, we are

trying to apply science, which is merely the human attempt to explain and make sense of that which simply can't be explained. For this reason we have faith.

We want so badly to think that we are all we need and we can have God all figured out, but we aren't, and we can't. And that is okay because that is who God is and who we are, but it doesn't mean *give up*. It means *go to work* on that relationship and try to find the reason why all this is happening.

We are frustrated in our failure to learn *how*, when we should be focusing on *why*. Not *how* Christmas, but *why* Christmas? And, by extension, not *how* Eucharist, but *why*?

Not *how* God is a friend, a companion, a savior, but *why*: God is Love Itself. And how unlikely and relatively impossible that would seem from our human perspective!

God is not a being. God is Being Itself.

If God stopped thinking of us we would cease to be.

But God chose to do everything for us because God is Love. Because of his giving us life and of his love, we must *go to work* rather than give up. (Did you know that in the Greek of Jesus' time the word for work was "liturgy?")

So, to become us he became who we are, not who we would like to be. He became a human baby, completely humble, helpless, and absolutely, irresistibly loveable. He reveals to us how he regards us and who we are in the way in which he becomes us in Jesus Christ.

When you look at Jesus in complete poverty in a trough for feeding animals who do you see? Hopefully, I see myself. Also I realize there is a plan because the One whose plan is unfolding is a lot of unknowns, but the one thing certain is that he is Love.

For that reason we must seek humility, we must recognize our helpless and complete dependence on him, our origin in the Holy Spirit and children of our Mother, Mary. We must admit our poverty and our absolute need for God who alone can be our help, and our hope for eternal life, where all will be known, all will be understood, all will be explained. On that day, not now.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

## Let the holiday begin!

Christmas vacation began on December 19, 2024, for our students and faculty. The days prior were filled with the merriment and joy that is often reserved for this special season.

Before heading home for the Christmas holidays, our students took part in many fun festivities. Students participated in our annual Christmas pageant, singing and playing a variety of instruments, as they performed classic Christmas carols. Our Student Council Association sponsored an "Ugly Sweater" dress down day for students and faculty. Everyone dressed in Christmas attire and accessorized with headwear, jewelry, and socks to showcase their holiday spirit. This year, we began a new tradition by having the students assemble in the gym and having a Christmas sing along. What a treat it was to have this special time together singing some of our favorite Christmas songs! Of course, our Christmas celebrations would not have been complete without our class

parties. Our dedicated and wonderful room parents planned and organized food, games, and activities for all of our classes.

While we enjoyed celebrating with our teachers, staff, families, and students, we also took time to remember all members of our community this Christmas season. A food drive was organized to support ECHO, Ecumenical Community Helping Others, which is located just down the street from Saint Bernadette. Classes throughout the school were asked to bring in different items to be donated to the food pantry. Students throughout our building also handmade Christmas cards for the residents of Greenspring, which will be delivered next week. This is always a favorite activity among our students and staff.

We hope that all of our Saint Bernadette parish families have a wonderful Christmas holiday, celebrating with your friends and loved ones. We look forward to seeing you as you return to school in the new year.

**cardinal  
corner**



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HEARTS  
& MINDS  
= CHRIST**



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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

Regular classes resume on Jan. 7-8  
Monthly Family Faith Formation meets on Jan. 5

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

## THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD DONATIONS!

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to pack and deliver 40 holiday food baskets to deserving families in our community. Our Confirmation 2026 Teams, along with their leaders and parents, deserve special thanks for spending yesterday morning packing and delivering the food baskets

## 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@stbernpa.org](mailto:Ljones@stbernpa.org)

## 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

Jesus is almost here! Make your own nativity scene with this free printable: <https://activity-mom.com/2022/10/nativity-craft-for-kids/>. If you have a few minutes, watch this cute, lighthearted retelling of the Story of Christmas from Saddleback Kids: <https://youtu.be/bxuObnjeUP4?feature=shared>

# youth ministry

## Stay in touch:

Text/Email Updates: Sign-up at [flocknote.com/stbernyouth](http://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@stbernpa.org](mailto:grihl@stbernpa.org) with any questions you may have.

## WorkCamp 2025

All 9th – 12th graders are invited to Diocesan Workcamp June 21-27, 2025. Workcamp is an annual event where hundreds of teens and adults work together to help make local homes warmer, dryer, and safer for those in need. This is a transformative experience for all involved, and you won't want to miss it! Please mark your calendars for a Workcamp Interest Meeting on Sunday, January 26th at 6:15pm in the Bradican Room. Teens who are interested in attending, or parishioners who are interested in helping in some capacity can email Grace Mee at [grihl@stbernpa.org](mailto:grihl@stbernpa.org)

## Middle School Youth Ministry Next gathering January 15

All 6th-8th graders are invited to Middle School Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd

Wednesday of the month! Join us in the New Year on Wednesday, January 15th 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.

# Here is a quick guide to getting involved at Saint Bernadette. You're welcome.

	MINISTRY	MINISTRY LEADER	CONTACT INFORMATION
<b>Education</b>	Adult Faith Formation Faith Formation K-12 Confirmation Team Leaders ESOL Teachers Middle School Youth Program RCIA Team (Eng.) RCIA Team (Esp.) Saint Bernadette School Youth Ministry Program	Lynn Jones Lynn Jones Grace Rihl Diana Round Grace Rihl Tony Weilbacher Fr. Jeb Donelan Dr. Kathleen Burgess Grace Rihl	Ljones@stbernapar.org Ljones@stbernapar.org grihl@stbernapar.org diana.round@ccda.net grihl@stbernapar.org tonyweilbacher@gmail.com frjebdonelan@stbernapar.org kburgess@stbernschool.org grihl@stbernapar.org
<b>Liturgy</b>	Altar Servers Altar Society Armatheans Eucharistic Ministry (Eng.) Eucharistic Ministry (Esp.) Greeters Lectors (Eng.) Lectors (Esp.) Music Ministry / Choirs Seasonal Decorators Ushers (Eng.) Ushers (Esp.)	Fr. Don Rooney Lilian Hidalgo Trish Pirowski Suyapa Shine Alicia Ramos Kathy Marchetti Nancy Allard Carmen Sanchez David Mathers Fr. Don Rooney Cedric D'Cruze Santos Reyes	frdonrooney@stbernapar.org lilces58@yahoo.com al_trish@verizon.net suyashine@gmail.com alicia@ramosfamily.me kathmarc@yahoo.com pn.allard@gmail.com 1222sanchcar@gmail.com dmathers@stbernapar.org frdonrooney@stbernapar.org cedric.ellistravel@verizon.net santosf.reyes2003@gmail.com
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## CELEBRATING *the* CHRISTMAS SEASON

**T U E S D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 4**

### 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)

**W E D N E S D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 5**

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

(Midnight Mass)

**7, 9, 11am & 1pm** (en español)

*Note: There is NO 5pm Mass on Christmas Day*

**S U N D A Y , D E C E M B E R 2 9**

### FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

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

**W E D N E S D A Y , J A N U A R Y 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)*

**S U N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 5**

### SOLEMNITY of the EPIPHANY of the LORD

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

**S U N D A Y , J A N U A R Y 1 2**

### *The* BAPTISM of the LORD

*The Christmas season ends today with our regular  
Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass schedule.*

## 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!

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

Monday, Jan 6, 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.

## 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.





## Still, a new parish hall...

As we have mentioned lately, we have a green light and are moving forward on design drawings with our architect based on the budget that has been approved. We have learned, however, 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 12/15	\$27,855
Tuition Angels	3,239
Catholic Charities (1st)	\$22,524

**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.

## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

### December

#### 23 MONDAY

7am † John Monteith, Jr.  
9am\* † Mary Ann Caguiat  
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

#### 24 TUESDAY

7am † Robert Crisol  
9am\* † Mario Cantu  
4:30\* † Manuel Pablo  
8:30\* † David Gomes  
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

#### 25 WEDNESDAY

12am † Robert Crisol  
7am † Robert Crisol  
9am\* For the parish  
11am\* † Reginal Brandveen  
1pm Allen Mayo  
Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

#### 26 THURSDAY

7am † Robert Crisol  
9am\* † Alba Torres Torres  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

#### 27 FRIDAY

7am † Robert Crisol  
9am\* † Jhonny Ho  
10am\*\* † Mary Palenski  
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

#### 28 SATURDAY

8am\* † Rich Errico  
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18  
5pm\* † Donald Gomes

#### 29 SUNDAY

7am Betty Parks  
9am\* † George Murphy  
11am\* For the parish  
1pm † Walter Izquierdo  
5pm † Peggy Koppens  
1 Sm 1:20-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

\* live-streamed Masses

\*\* Mass at Greenspring Chapel

### Masses next weekend

Dec 28	5pm	Fr. Cedric
Dec 29	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Jeb
	11am	Fr. Don
	1pm	Fr. James
	5pm	Fr. Don

## 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](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: 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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### 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@stbernpar.org](mailto:rcaporali@stbernpar.org) or call the office.



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