

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.

The Feast of the Holy Family

December 29, 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 rd 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 grihl@stbermpar.org
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

- 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**
• **Holyday of Obligation**, Vigil Mass at 7:30pm (bilingual)

january

- 1 **Wednesday, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
• **Holyday of Obligation**, Masses at 7 and 9am, Noon, 7:30pm (bilingual)
• **Parish Offices Reopen, 8:30am**
- 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
- 13 **Monday, Weekday [Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church]**
- 14 **Tuesday, Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Christmas begins with the 4:30pm Vigil Mass
- 15 **Wednesday, Weekday**
Please note, there is not 5pm Mass on Christmas Day
- 16 **Thursday, Weekday**
- 17 **Friday, Saint Anthony, Abbot**
• Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 18 **Saturday, Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 19 **Sunday, SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

announcements

Celebrating the Christmas Season

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

Parish Office are closed for the Christmas holiday through January 1. We will reopen Thursday, 2 January.

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.

Saint Bernadette School will celebrate the start of Catholic Schools with an open house being held on Sunday January 26. More details to come. See what Saint Bernadette School has to offer your family.

All volunteers involved in parish ministry and their spouses are invited to our annual celebration. The Night of Stars will be held on February 8, 2025. Please contact the parish office to RSVP. Details on page 12.

from the pastor

This is Part III of a letter, the first two parts are found in the December 22 and Christmas Day bulletins. All are available on the parish website.

While there, check out our new website!

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Creator *and* creature, divine and human... look and see that already in Jesus creation is being restored, to be completed on the Cross and empty tomb, but well underway. *Why?* because God is Love, and Jesus is love incarnate, completely humble, helpless, and absolutely, irresistibly loveable. We study more about the *how* as time unfolds. Time is the invention of human science, which seeks to explain the unexplainable.

The world needs to see anew this unfolding story of salvation, not as some kind of problem to be solved, but as an act of love from God, who is Love Itself.

Let's reflect on what we have seen. Theologians often refer to Jesus as the second Adam and Mary as the second Eve. Like a reboot of the system. Part of this includes the understanding of the early century Fathers of the Church that we are all intimately interconnected: God created us as one unity not as humans, but as humanity. In language that is now misunderstood as non-inclusive, it is easier to use men, and Man (capital M meaning mankind). God made us one and everything we do, good or evil, somehow touches every person in humanity, past, present, future. Think of the saints and how we still benefit from their virtue and holiness. We pray for our ancestors and have the power to alter the course of their final disposition. Also consider the generational damage that our social, corporate, and environmental sins have on all. The sin of one touches all, as did the original sin of the first Adam.

If we fast forward to the exsultet, the ancient blessing of the Easter candle at the Easter vigil, we hear chanted:

*"O wonder of your humble care for us!
O love, O charity beyond all telling,
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!
O truly necessary sin of Adam,
destroyed completely by the Death of Christ!
O happy fault
that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!"*

The only thing that can undo the original sinfulness of Man is the absolute sinlessness of God become Man. Similarly, the *yes* of Mary, the second Eve, reboots the *no* of Eve. In the manger lies a new being completely, truly God, truly Man.

In our desire to relate to what is happening, we often like to imagine ourselves in that circumstance. In our meditation at this moment, however, we can't imagine ourselves infants, and certainly not as God. We can only imagine what it must have been like to behold this miracle Child as Mary who certainly couldn't explain any of this, or as Joseph, who was holding onto the lifeline of faith with what he was told by an angel.

So what we have seen in Bethlehem started literally with creation. Did God know all of this was going to unfold like this?

This is where many people fall into the misunderstanding about predestination. If God had all this planned out -- original sin, incarnation, redemption -- what does it matter? Do my choices matter?

There are a few pillars of thought that need to come together at once. Of course, God's will was totally free to share himself and create. God made Man with a totally free will to choose him, and therefore imperfect. Otherwise, love would be meaningless. Many would say that despite the fact that God foreknew what happens, he didn't tamper with the free will of Adam and Eve, or of Mary the Mother of God, or the free will of his own Son in offering himself on our behalf, for us and for our salvation.

You must remember that for God, there is no time. This is a hard one to wrap your mind around. God sees all of it all at once. Can you try to imagine what it looks like if creation and redemption and salvation are all in one infinitely small moment? It unfolds for us because we have invented time to chart seasons and cause and effect. We record things as history. One thing necessarily must follow the other. But not with God.

And it is perfectly okay not to be able to explain it. An old friend long ago liked to say it isn't true because the Church says it's true. The Church says it is true because it is. Some things permeate and endure through it all, through all time: what is good, or true, or beautiful. The point is not not to get stuck on *how* it happens, but *why*? And the only answer can be Love.

And so this infinite, perfect Love which keeps us all in being is now seen in the beautiful face of a human child.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

Welcoming 2025: Start the New Year with Saint Bernadette Catholic School

Saint Bernadette Catholic School extends a blessed and happy new year to our school family and parish community as we welcome 2025! We are excited to begin the new year and invite you to join us for our **Open House on Sunday, January 26**, as we celebrate the start of National Catholic Schools Week. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our school and see why a Catholic education at Saint Bernadette is truly special.

At Saint Bernadette Catholic School, we work in partnership with our families to nurture both the hearts and minds of our students. As a PreK-8th grade parochial school, we are committed to fostering a lifelong love of learning. Centered in Christ, our holistic approach emphasizes faith formation, service, and rigorous academics to develop the whole child. We are a close-knit yet diverse and supportive community, blessed with dedicated faculty, staff, administration, and parents, all working together to ensure the spiritual and academic growth of every student. At Saint Bernadette, we don't just teach Christ; we live his teachings, providing students

with numerous opportunities for service and community involvement—promoting compassion, kindness and care for each other and the broader community.

If your New Year's resolution includes joining our school family, we would love to have you! To get started, please submit an online application for the 2025-2026 school year through our website at www.stbernschool.org/admissions. Once we receive your application, we will contact you to schedule a student interview.

Applications are reviewed in the following order of priority:

1. Siblings of current students
2. Saint Bernadette parish families
3. Catholic families without an attached school and military families
4. Catholic families with an attached school
5. Children of other faiths

If you would like to visit our school before submitting your application, we would be happy to give you a tour. Please call us at 703-451-8696 to schedule your visit.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school community and wish you all the best in the coming New Year.

Sincerely,
Kathleen A. Burgess, Ph.D.
Principal

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FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST



More photos of the school Christmas pageant are on page 7

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

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Rihl, at grihl@stbernpa.org with any questions you may have.

RE Program upcoming schedule

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

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word will not meet today.

We will see you next week when we hear about the Feast of the Three Kings, Epiphany!

Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday, Jan. 1

(yes, you are obliged to go to Mass!)
On this day we observe the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. See this bulletin for Mass times. But... Have you ever wondered WHY we have Holy Days of Obligation? Read this informative article from Hallow.com to learn more: <https://hallow.com/blog/holy-days-of-obligation/>

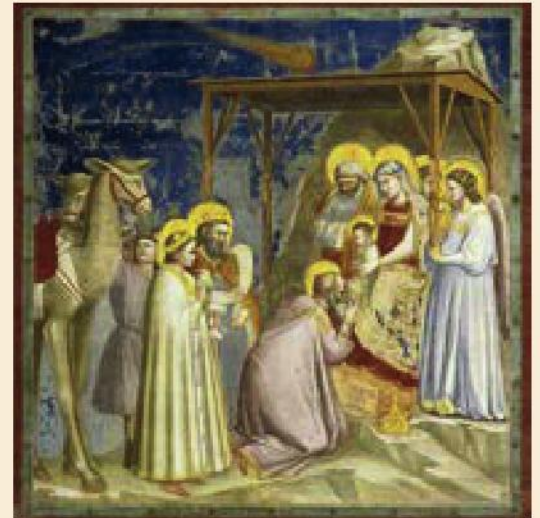
Trinity House Gatherings

Did you miss our family-friendly Trinity House Gathering before Thanksgiving? Plan to join us for our next meeting on

Saturday, January 25! This year instead of monthly parent religious education classes we are hosting Trinity House Gatherings designed to show you how to find Heaven in Your Home! Our next gathering (free dinner, parent video and discussions, kids crafts and activities, and dessert!) is on Saturday, January 25, from 6 - 8pm in the School Cafeteria. Watch the Trinity House trailer to see what it's all about: <https://youtu.be/m1BWdHRPP4w>. We will collect RSVPs by Sign Up Genius in January.

Living the liturgical year

It's the traditional time of year for new year's resolutions-- how about some family resolutions to learn the faith together! Start the year out right by trying these fun family activities from Real Life at Home: <https://www.reallifeathome.com/10-activities-for-catholic-families-in-january-printable/>



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.

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

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



school Christmas pageant

Families packed the church for our school-wide beautiful Christmas pageant on December 16.



offered for loved ones

For a private intention:

Robert Alexander
Mr. Javier Amaya
& Mrs. Glenda Nolasco
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Banegas
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Benavides
Julie
Benjamin Bishop
Michiko Bohlin
Leanne Bryan
Mr. & Mrs. Van Qui Bui
Mrs. Betty Bumgardner
Brenda E. Callahan
Ann Maria Carrillo
Jason Casey
Francisca Castro
Kasidi Chalaopak
Henry Champagne
Robert & Hanalivia Chevalier
Mr. David Claros
& Mrs. Carmen Guzman
Ms. Lucia Condori
Mr. Roberdth Cordova-Lazarte
& Mrs. Claudia Moya-Claros
Mr. & Mrs. Raul Cruz Reyes
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cruz
Beth Deaton
Christopher Diamante
Miss Virginia Durr
Mr. & Mrs. Rene Escobar
Kathleen Ferraris
Joseph Grealish
Mr. Jose Guevara & Mrs. Keny Vasquez
Emmeline Ha
Paul Helt
Mr. Giang Hoang & Mrs. Ann Giang
Mr. & Mrs. Donald W. Howell
Mr. Howell
Ed Jankowski
Raymond Jechorek Jr.
Robert Kaiser
Frank Kiley
Stphano & Clara Kim
Ms. Diane Lawler
John Licud
Donald Loren
Madalena Lutz

Robert & Joanne Madison
Angel Manguala
Philip Marzec
Lauren Mauceri
Richard & Sharon McCreight
John McDevitt
Maria & Robert McGill
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Menjivar
Scott and Karen Meyer
Ms. Emerita Muñoz
Maria Navarro
Annie Ngo
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence O'Dea+
Mr. Hector Olmedo
Mr. & Mrs. Orihuela
Mr. Mrs. Alfredo Ortiz
Steven Paben
Palenski
Thomas Palumbo
Mrs. Rocio Pennington
Vidal Pineda & Dolores Escalante
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Pineda
Santos & Rosa Reyes
Ms. Adela Rodriguez
Mr. & Mrs. Mauricio Rodriguez
Mrs. Maria Romero
Joseph Ryan
Anne Sampson
Martin Schaller
Scott & Suyapa
David Siegmund
Mr. & Mrs. Steven Starnier
Mr. & Mrs. John Staten Jr.
Vic Tambone
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Taylor
Ms. Teresa de Jesus Tejada
Thanh & Hoan Tran
Phong Tran
Edward Tynan
Mr. & Mrs. Armando Usi
Mr. & Mrs. Santos Velasquez
Lisa Vu
Matthew Welch
Paul Witt
James Womack
Mrs. Maria Zurita

For these intentions:

Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Bankard, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. John Kwiatkowski+, Anoelangel Angeles+, Mr. & Mrs. Teofilo Angeles+, Mr. & Mrs. Julian Apud+
by Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Bankard

Maria Weiss+, Richard Weiss+, Hagel Barnes+, Johnnie Barnes+, Robert Scales+
by Mrs. Jean E. Barnes

Frank F. Conte+, Mary Ann Conte+, Frank A. Conte+
by Gerald Bartnett

Denigri Family+, Merino Family+, Bernard & Edith Becker+, Luis M. Novoa+, Judith Novoa+
by Ms. Maria Becker

Mr. & Mrs. William Caracciolo+, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Biery+
by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Biery

Henry Blicharz+, Gertrude Blicharz+
by Mr. Mark Blicharz

John & Amelia Dzurinko+, Cynthia Dzurinko+, Mary Dzurinko+
by Laura Boulter

Clara Kirchner+, Ray Barger+, Lois Barrett+, Hilda Barger+, Henry Brown+
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Brown

Virgen Maria
by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cano

Claire Carpenter+, Henry Maroni+
by Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Carpenter

Joseph Carreta+, Eric Maskalenko+
by Mrs. Carretta

Deceased and living family members of Julius Celani and Santa Nardelli
by Mrs. Eileen T. Celani

Sam & Mary Cerami+, Charles & Leona Skehon+
by Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Cerami

Mariana y Pedro Mejia, Darvin Mejia, Jerson Silva, Felicita Gomez+
by Mr. & Mrs. Jerson Cerros

Leonard & Pauline Zboray+, Richard & Helen Cheslock+
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Cheslock

Leslie Ann Conners+, Jay Conners, Jr., John & Eunice Conners+, Orland & Phyllis Kreitlow+, Sandra Cone+
by Mr. & Mrs. John E Conners

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Strange Family+, Cusano Family+, Pangelinan Family+, Sheridan Family+, Hennelly Family+, Joyce Kersh+, Foster Family+, Saily Gerity+, Robi Sarmiento+, Catherine Gillespie+

by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Cusano

John Cykoski+, Larry Foley+, Ralph L Canton+, James Law, Carl Spring

by Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cyroski

Donna Fuhs+, Robert Fuhs+, James B. Fiori+, Rebecca Fiori+, Debbie Hubbard+

by Jeffrey & Dakota Davis

Emma De Pace+, John De Pacet+, Anthony De Pace+

by Ann De Pace

Frank & Jeanette Devoti+, James & Esther Buzzard+

by Mr. & Mrs. David Devoti

+Frances & Eugene Epstine, +Johannah & William Diefenbach, +Francis Gresham OP, +Jimmie Caldwell, Pamela Hayes RSCJ

by Brent & Patricia Diefenbach

Matthew & Helen Dudzinski+, Edward & Martha Schumann+, David Mumpert+, Jane Vlaun Burkhart+

by Mr. & Mrs. Matthew J. Dudzinski

Mr. & Mrs. William F. McIntosh+, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond A. Egan+, Emily Egan+, John Kutsko+, William M. Egan+

by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Egan

Patricia Eisenhardt+

by Ken Eisenhardt

Mr. & Mrs. R. Embree Jr., Mr. & Mrs. M. Embree & Family, Mr. & Mrs. M. Schmidt, Mr. & Mrs. T. Downey, Mr. & Mrs. R. Embree Sr.

by Julia Embree

Robert Flournoy+, Robert Mountel+, Mary Mountel+, Edward Mountel+, Brigid Hofmand +

by Mrs. Robert Flournoy

Flynn Family+, Duggan Family+

by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Flynn

Autri Family+, Lawrence Thurston Family, Joseph Lee Thurston Family, Furlow Family+, Deceased Legionnaires+

by Chechena Furlow

Sandra B May+, Barbara & Edwin Gallahan+

by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Gallahan

Cesaria & Terancio Garcia+, Digma Velasquez & Martin Galo+, Encarnacion Garcia+, Balvino

Teodoro Garcia+, Hortencia Carcamo+, Narciso Rubio+, Blas+, Santos+, Francisco Rubio+, Linda Garcia+

by Mr. and Mrs. Mario Galo

Virginia & Julian Manalansan+, Josefina & Teodorico Garcia+, Joselito Manalansan+, Francia Salas+, Tessie Manolo+

Jean M Garcia

Ramon+, Rosi+, Ato+, Ata+, Nana+, Gus+, Alice+, Dad+, Grandma+, Julian+, Buck+, Adita+, Garcia Family

by Mr. & Mrs. Efen Garcia

Raymond J. Williams+, James W. Garvin+, Iva L. Williams+, Raquel Garvin+, Romeo N. Williams+,

by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Garvin

Stan & Blanche Soltys

by Ms. Mary Ann Gebhard

The Gurruchaga Family

by Monica Gurruchaga

Annette Scheid+, Clarence Scheid+

by Nancy Hoskins

Carl Hudson+, Carl & Christina Hudson, Thomas & Esther Merrit, Uncle Ed & Aunt Becky

by Mrs. Loan Hudson

Stan Haas & Family+, John & Merle Bakerian+, John F. Bakerian+, James B. Wilson+, Frederick V. Laurin+

by Deborah A Hutton

John & Dolores Ittner+, Roger & Audrey Jensen+, William Jensen Family, Patrick Jensen Family, John Jensen

by Mr. & Mrs. William Jensen

PanBong Matthew Seo+, EunSoon Maria Seo+, Ethel+ and John Fleishert+, Myung Seok Seo+

by Theresa Khim

Gladys Killoran

by Mr. W. J. Killoran

Mr. Thomas J. Klacik+

by Kandy, Paula, Adam, Bryan & Cameron Klacik

Helen & Nick Loren+, Betty & Phil Lynch+, Josey Carrado+, Jack Milburn+, Steve Chadwick+

by Don & Maureen Loren

Mary Rose+, Mr. & Mrs. WM De Cost+, James Lucier+, Robert Lucier+

by Mr. & Mrs. Gary S. Lucier

Deceased members of Masakayan, Hernandez and Barcoma families, and Parish Staff

by Miss Myrna Masakayan

Frederick Meyer+, Edward Reilly+

by Scott & Karen Meyer

Maryke Meyers+, Bill Meyers, Bob Rutt+, Brenda Rutt, Shirley Adams+

by Mr. & Mrs. Jason Meyers

Chief BIP Mofunanya+, Mrs. Stella Mofunanya+

by Mr. & Mrs. Leo Mofunanya

Daniel & Rita Ryan+, James & Beverly Mundell+

by Anne & Mike Mundell

Nancy Vaughan+, Lorraine Evans+, Robert Evans+

by Larry & Kathleen Murray

Barbara J. Lippa+, Deceased members of the Musialkiewicz and Scanlon Families+, Susan Akroyd+, Lynne Strobel

by Ms. Myra Musialkiewicz

Robert & Joanne Nolin+, Faith Racine+, Clarence & Domina Nolin+

by Laura Nolin

+Betty Parks

by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Oblinger

Priscilla S. Pangilinan+, Ramona Beltran+

by Mr. & Mrs. Dios Pangilinan

John A. Kostyak+

by Mr. & Mrs. James Patterson

Deceased and living members of the Pelletier, Asselen, Cuttes and Marquis Families

by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pelletier

Julia Arnott+, Julia Ashby+, Art Sturm+, Mary Sturm+, Dinah Fernandez+

by Mr. & Mrs. Lee Pierce

Victor & Elizabeth Pirowski+, Jack & Kay Lee+, Bud & May Menzie+, Gloria & Martin Stewart+, Sophie & Bill Hencken+

by Mr. & Mrs. Albert Pirowski

Fr. Jim Galvin+, Maria D. Rivera+, Miguel Rivas+, Pablo Diaz+, Rafaela Quiñones+

by Mariela Rivas-Orti

John T. Roberts+, Huynh V. Ty+, Huong Chi Roberts+, Huynh V. Tuan+, Huynh V. Ton+, Mary Mongha Faulkuer+, Robert Faulkuer+, Le Thi Mhi+, Nguyen Viet Tien, Ly Thi Cuat+, Tran V. Bay+

by Mr. Joseph Thuan Roberts

Frank P. & Dorothy Petrusic+, Col. William C. & Jane Robinson+

by Judith Robinson

Guy DeRossi+, Deceased members of the Salino and Nowak Families+

by Ms. Teresa Salino

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by Mr. & Mrs. Javier Sanchez

Ray & Pauline Sass+, Norman & Marilyn Pringnitz+, Bob & Becky Moneta+, Russ Sass+
by Mr. & Mrs. James Sass

Loretta Smith+
by Ms. Alyssa Smith

Billy Speed+
by Mr. Samuel Speed & Mrs. Meili Niu

Lin Son Tan+, Atanacio Tan+, Lydia Lim+, Ana Tan+, Rosita Yu+
by Mr. & Mrs. Mark Tan-Cohen

Maria Pham T. Men, Joseph Pham N. Thanh
by Maria Theresa Thanh Tran

Philip Taormina, Jr.+, Joyce Taormina+, Rose Taormina+, Philip Taormina, Sr.
by Mr. Augustine Taormina

Lynn Bennett McNamara+, Patrick McNamara+, Lois McNamara+, Brooks Wisdom, Jill Koneval, Andy G. Thomas+, Any J. Thomas+, Donald L. McCabe+, Joan B. McCabe+, Roberta McCabe+
by Christine Thomas

Nghin Dao+, Catanena Pham+, Vincente To Truong+, Nhan Dao+, Kim Dao+
by Chinh & Hoa Truong

Mr. & Mrs. Fortunato Tabo+, Mr. & Mrs. Federico Umayam+, Severa Reloban+, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Umayam+, Carlo, Paolo, Dominic Umayam
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Umayam



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.

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 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 24. We 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, but we ask that you to bring items for the Baby Supply Drive. Questions? Call the office.

Thank you!

Thank you to all the bakers, helpers, and buyers who made this year's Bake Sale a great success with over \$4000 donated to our Capital Campaign! We couldn't have done it without your contributions! Special thanks to Kathy Marchetti, Jenn Garver, Pat Creswick, and Diane Jenc who organized and championed this project.



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 totals for 12/22 and Christmas are not available by the printing deadline for this bulletin.

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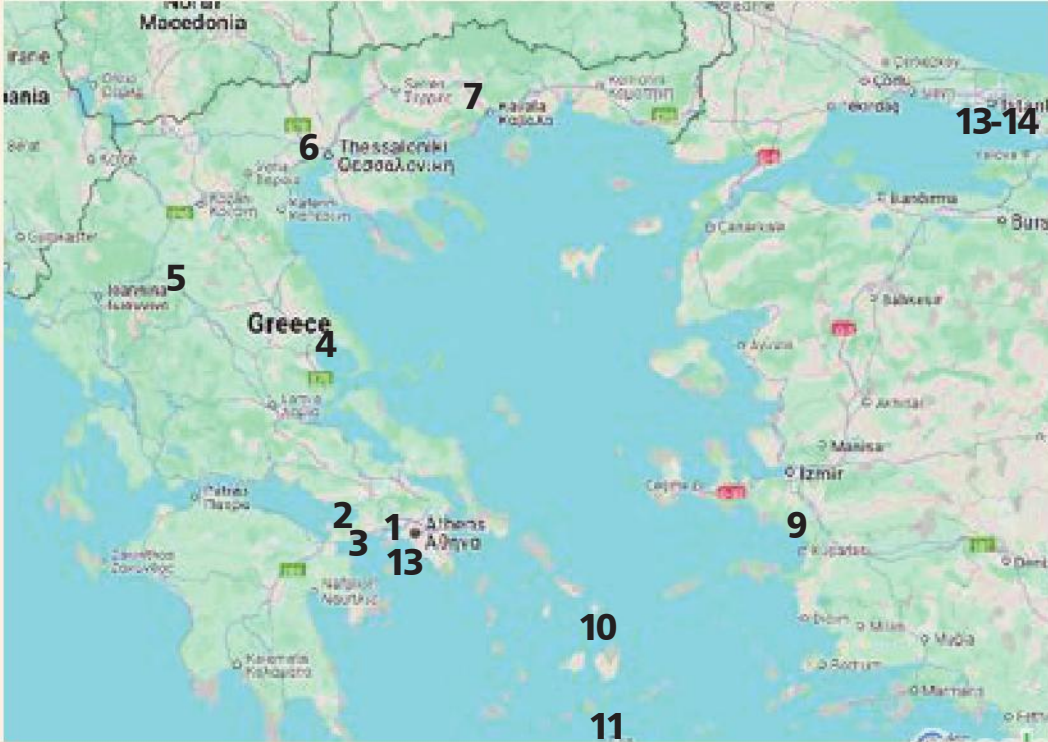


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the parish pilgrimage, 2025: the footsteps of st. paul

each day

1. Athens
2. Corinth
3. Cenchrea/Mycenae
4. depart Piraeus to Volos
5. Meteora Monasteries
6. Berea/Thessaloniki
7. Philippi/Kavala
8. at sea
9. Ephesus
10. Mykonos
11. Santorini
12. at sea
13. Piraeus/Athens airport/ Istanbul
14. Istanbul
15. return flight/Dulles

As always we find the most interesting places for daily Mass and opportunities for spiritual growth.

We will explore the letters of Paul where he walked as well as consider the relationship with the Christian east and west.

Announcing the 2025 parish pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul

Have you ever wondered about those New Testament letters of Saint Paul? Most have little awareness of how Saint Paul tirelessly visited and wrote to many of the cities surrounding the Aegean Sea.

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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

30 MONDAY

7am † The Kong Family
9am* † Jhonny Ho
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

31 TUESDAY

7am The People of Ukraine
9am* † David Gomes
7:30p † Legion of Mary
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

1 WEDNESDAY

7am Royal Connell
9am* † Marilyn Carroll
Noon † Thomas Switzer
7:30p † Maryann Mercer
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

2 THURSDAY

7am † Leslie Conners
9am* † Guy DeRossi
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

3 FRIDAY

7am † Daniel Panganiban
9am* † Judith Imler
10am** † Jack Finnerty
1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34

4 SATURDAY

8am* † Jerome O'Brien
1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
5pm* For the parish

5 SUNDAY

7am Special intention
9am* † Loretta Ellis
11am* † Stanley Dereska
1pm Victoria Castro Guerra
5pm † Mohammad Rafiz Azimi
Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Jan 4	5pm	Fr. Jeb
Jan 5	7am	Fr. Don
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. James
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	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.

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. 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@stbernpar.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@stbernpar.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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