

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025



Κωϊνδικτομεορταζει λιτου θυβιληλοισια απο τα αρχαιωμ
παραμυουσα. διατορομ ζεθα αρχη κωϊνδικτου χρονου

Jesus in the synagogue: illumination from the *Menologion of Basil II*, a Greek illuminated manuscript designed as an Eastern Orthodox Church church calendar, compiled c. 1000 AD for the Byzantine Emperor Basil II (r. 976–1025). It contains a *synaxarion*, a short collection of saints' lives, compiled at Constantinople for liturgical use and around 430 miniature paintings. It was unusual from that era to be so richly painted. Vatican Library



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

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

january

- 26 Sunday, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- **School OPEN HOUSE**, 12 - 1:30pm. Make reservations for a tour!
 - Pick up your blue donation bags for the **Saint Lucy Food Drive, Feb. 2-3**
 - **WorkCamp Interest Meeting**, 6:30pm in the Bradican Room
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 27 Monday, Weekday [Saint Angela Merici, Virgin]**
- 28 Tuesday, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor**
- 29 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 30 Thursday, Weekday**
- 31 Friday, Saint John Bosco, Priest**
- Deadline to RSVP for volunteer appreciation "Night of Gratitude," Feb. 8
 - Adoration, 7pm in the church

february

- 1 Saturday, Weekday**
- Bring food donations for the **Saint Lucy Food Drive this weekend**, all Masses
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 2 Sunday, THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**
- Bring food donations for the **Saint Lucy Food Drive this weekend**, all Masses
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 3 Monday, Weekday (Fourth Week) [Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr]**
- 4 Tuesday, Weekday**
- 5 Wednesday, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**
- Please note, there is not 5pm Mass on Christmas Day
- 6 Thursday, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**
- 7 Friday, Weekday**
- Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 8 Saturday, Weekday [St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin]**
- **"Night of Gratitude" volunteer appreciation celebration**, 7:30pm, gym
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 9 Sunday, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am
- 10 Monday, Saint Scholastica, Virgin**
- 11 Tuesday, Our Lady of Lourdes**
- 12 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 13 Thursday, Weekday**
- 14 Friday, Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop**
- Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 15 Saturday, Weekday**
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 16 Sunday, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 11am

announcements

Volunteers are needed to help prepare meals and visit with those in our community that are homeless, January 26 through 28 at Saint Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield. Food and monetary donations will be accepted on Sunday, January 26 between 1–4pm in the Bradican Room. A signup has been created listing specific requests; the link is included on page 9 of this bulletin and the announcements page on our website.

Saint Bernadette School will celebrate the start of Catholic Schools Week with an Open House being held THIS WEEKEND on Sunday January 26, from 12–1:30pm. Please call for a reservation.

Our next St. Lucy Project food drive is NEXT WEEKEND, February 1–2 after all Masses. Be sure to pick up your blue Saint Lucy food bags at Masses this weekend and bring them back filled next weekend.

All adult parishioners who have volunteered in the past several years are invited to come to our **Night of Gratitude - Saturday, February 8, 7-11pm**. Join us for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, drinks and dancing to the music of the Andrew Thielen Big Band of North Myrtle Beach. This is an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the work of parish volunteers. RSVP to Evelyn in the parish office by January 31. Details on page 8.

Please join us for a WorkCamp Interest Meeting January 26, for all teens, Adult Volunteer Contractors, and Crew Leaders. Please join us in the Bradican Room at 6:15pm

The **2025 Bishop's Lenten Appeal** mailing was recently sent to parishioners. The 2025 theme is "Abounding in Hope," which reminds us of this great theological virtue that is rooted in Jesus Christ and the victory he won for us. You can make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA. Please indicate you are a parishioner here and it will count toward our parish goal of \$560,000.

from the pastor

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

This week we will be sending out our end-of-the-year financial statements to all registered parishioners so that we make sure that our records match your records of your charitable giving. It is also an opportunity for me to offer to you our gratitude, my gratitude, for your support of the mission of the parish, as well as to ask the parish for wider support in trying to keep our weekly offertory at least in line with rising expenses, which we all know too well.

The thing “they” don’t tell you in seminary is that you are going to be responsible for a business with a \$6+ million annual budget. Fortunately, I had a little business experience prior to going to the seminary, but a parish doesn’t follow a usual business model with countable products or service hours to sell: it relies entirely on the goodwill and generosity of you, the people who belong.

It is an integral part of living our faith, supporting the church which shapes our lives. No matter how large or small the gift, it is a responsibility shared by every member.

We have about 4,100 families registered at Saint Bernadette, and a little less than half having no record of financial giving this year. Of course, we give in many other ways, too, by giving time to volunteering and service, by using your talents to give back to God in ways that can build up the kingdom. For that we are grateful.

In doing our ten-year projection for the new building we have discovered that, at its current rate of growth, our Sunday offertory for the parish may not keep up with the cost of living in the years ahead, whether we were building a Parish Hall or not. So I am asking you to give, if you are not, and consider helping us meet the annual 3% rise in expenses – and be ready for the additional maintenance costs of the new building. Anything you can do will be appreciated.

In a spirit of transparency, we need to enhance our weekly collections to illustrate our strong ability to move forward with

construction. We are exactly where we need to be with regard to the building campaign.

When I was a kid at Christ the King elementary school in Kansas City, we weren’t rich but my dad would always take the first \$20 bill and set it aside for Sunday. When we were kids my dad worked for the newspaper and went to night school to get his college degree. My mom worked hard at home.

That \$20 was in their budget. Back in those days, that was a generous amount (It is considered a good amount today!). Then, if you had a regular contribution to the parish collection, Monsignor Kearney would provide discounts on school tuition for families.

I don’t know how much tuition was then, my guess would be it was about 5% of the cost today, probably \$400. Today, as a primary mission of our parish to provide a Catholic education for our children, we close the \$1,200 gap for all our Catholic students between the tuition parents pay and the cost of educating each child. That \$1,200 comes from your donations, the monthly Tuition Assistance second collection, and the operating budgets of the church and school.

I realize that a lot is coming up, and it seems like everyone is asking for money too often, but this is not a big ask. I ask only that you let your commitment to faith and the church be an active, visible expression of stewardship, supporting what is good, and holy, and true, the place where you can always be at home and find God, peace and calm in the middle of so many storms.

While I’m thinking of it, thanks and congratulations to our wonderful teachers and staff, Dr. Burgess, Mrs. Reid and their admin team, and our priests for a great year as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week this week. We have fun events and activities throughout the week as our school family grows together and we shape the future not only of our church, but of our society.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

Celebrating our Catholic Schools

The mission of Catholic schools was clearly delineated in 1972 at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. They defined the three-fold mission of Catholic schools: 1) to teach church doctrine; 2) to build community; and 3) to serve others (National Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1973/2019, p. 22). Since 1974, Catholic Schools Week (CSW) has been held annually to celebrate the rich tradition of Catholic education. This year the theme for CSW is "United in Faith and Community" and the celebration will be from 26 January–1 February. During this time, we reflect on the history of our school and celebrate our community and traditions.

Saint Bernadette Catholic School was founded in 1959 and classes were held at a rented space at St. Leo the Great. Led by principal Mother Mary Daniel, the Daughters of Wisdom staffed our school and began the tradition of excellence in spiritual and intellectual formation. Today, our mission statement and philosophy of education anchor us as we continue the tradition of providing spiritual and academic excellence in education.

Mission Statement: "The community of Saint Bernadette Catholic School and Parish works together to form hearts and minds in Christ. By fostering a love for lifelong learning, we develop the whole child through faith formation, service to others, and academic excellence to be leaders in our ever-changing world."

Philosophy of Education: "Saint Bernadette Catholic School believes a strong relationship with God is crucial to forming hearts and minds in Christ. We believe in cultivating a love for learning. We recognize the dignity of all students by fostering their ability to grow in faith and knowledge. We believe that teaching is a vocation. As Catholic educators, we are called by Christ to be witnesses to the Gospel through our words and actions. We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children. Students, families, and the school community work

collaboratively to ensure that each student has an opportunity to excel. We believe that school leaders uphold the mission of the school by being approachable and accessible to all stakeholders. By adhering to Diocesan standards, educational principles, and Church teachings, Saint Bernadette Catholic School develops successful lifelong learners."

The Daughters of Wisdom lived with a vision to seek God's wisdom daily. In this spirit we seek his wisdom daily. As we seek God's wisdom, we are committed to making Jesus visible to all. To accomplish this, signs and symbols that reflect our Catholic identity are displayed throughout the hallways and in classrooms; our Catholic beliefs and values are infused in all areas of the curriculum and activities.



cardinal corner



FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST



By making Jesus visible, we recognize that all persons deserve to be treated with respect and dignity. We recognize that God gives each person unique gifts and talents. To make Jesus visible we help students discover their God-given talents and develop them to their fullest potential. We do so in a nurturing, joy-filled environment. To make Jesus visible we support one another and build one another up. It is through modeling his love that we make Jesus visible.

We begin the CSW celebration with a student-led Mass at 11am on Sunday, January 26. After Mass, all are welcome to explore our faith-filled community by attending our Open House from noon – 1pm. We hope you will join us. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.



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

RE Program upcoming schedule

Regular classes: Jan. 28, Feb 4–5 and 11–12. NO CLASSES on January 29 (Wednesday) due to FCPS student holiday.
Sunday Family Faith Formation Group: February 2.
Saturday SPRED class, February 8

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

Volunteers needed

We are in need of more volunteers who can commit to classes on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:45pm or on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:15pm. In particular we need a fourth-grade catechist on Wednesdays and an aide for a multi-grade fourth-sixth grade class on Wednesdays, in addition to classroom

aides on Tuesday and Wednesdays. We also would love a few more volunteers to help us with inside and outside security, patrolling hallways and helping with traffic control. Contact Lynn Jones for more information.

Living the liturgical year

How do you get started “living the liturgical year”? By paying attention to what we are hearing at Mass, the church calendar, and the saints and holy people around us! Go to Catholic Icing to get some ideas (and see how you are probably already doing some great things!) to help you live 2025 in a liturgical way! Here is the link: <https://www.catholicicing.com/living-the-liturgical-year-for-families-organizing-your-resources/>.



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 Mee, at gme@stbernapar.org with any questions you may have.

WorkCamp 2025 - WorkCamp interest meeting this Sunday January 26



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 26 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 gme@stbernapar.org More information can be found on the next page.

Middle School Youth Ministry Next gathering February 5th

All 6th-8th graders are invited to Middle School Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, February 5 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.



Car Raffle is coming again this year

All Saints Church (Manassas) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2025 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck(Hybrid) and Bronco Sport). One \$5 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes.

You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling or purchasing the tickets mailed to you. You will notice that the ticket returns are being processed at All Saints again this year. This is required by the Department of Charitable Gaming.

We use proceeds from the raffle to help families in need pay school tuition. Last year we received back about \$40,000.

We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please ask people to make checks payable to All Saints. Also, many volunteers are needed to help make this a success. If you would like to help, call the parish office.



WorkCamp Interest Meeting January 26: Contractors and Crew Leaders, 6:15pm

Questions: Email WorkCamp Stakeholder at matthew_c_frey@yahoo.com

Contractors

We are looking for women and men with skills in basic home repair and maintenance able to join us for the week of WorkCamp to make homes **warmer, safer, and drier**. You do not need to be a licensed contractor.

Contractors are responsible for instructing a team of teens how to complete the project. Each contractor is given a detailed job instruction. Their role is to guide and assist while the work itself is completed by the WorkCampers.

Crew Leaders

We are looking for women and men with a heart for teen ministry to join the WorkCamp community and form relationships in preparation for the week of service this summer.

Crew Leaders are responsible for supervising the safety of their crew on the job site, guiding them through discussion and checking in with the teens daily. Their role is to facilitate the week of service and be present alongside the teens, encouraging them to grow in faith.

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 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 Baby Supplies Drive - January 11 - 26

We are hosting a baby supplies drive for Catholic Charities Migrant and Refugee Services, and Mary's Comfort. We are in great need of baby supplies. Scan the QR code to see our online wishlist. We can accept new and like-new items only, not items with any signs of wear. Items can be dropped off in the vestibule of the church or sent directly to the parish office beginning on January 12. Thank you for your generosity!

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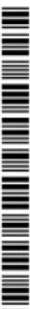
night of gratitude 2025



ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS AND EDUCATORS ARE INVITED
TO OUR "NIGHT OF GRATITUDE,"
CELEBRATING the BEGINNING of the NEW YEAR,
IN THANKS of YOUR SERVICE to SAINT BERNADETTE CHURCH and SCHOOL.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 at 7 O'CLOCK, in the SCHOOL GYMNASIUM.
HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES and DANCING
to the ANDREW THIELEN ORCHESTRA.

RSVP to EVELYN BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, evargas@stbernapar.org



Saint Lucy Winter Food Drive for Catholic Charities February 1 - 2

St. Lucy Food Drive: Pick up your St. Lucy bag today after Mass and return it next weekend. Donations will be collected prior to the Vigil and Sunday Masses (February 1-2). The truck will leave the church parking lot at 5:15pm on Sunday.

Monetary donations and grocery gift cards are welcome. Checks should be written to CCDA (Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington) with St. Lucy on the memo line and mailed in the envelope attached to the bag or handed to one of the St. Bernadette food drive team members. You may also contribute online at <https://secure.cdda.net/Give/Give/Donate/Giving.aspx> choosing St. Lucy Project as the specific project.

2025 parish pilgrimage in the footsteps of Saint Paul September 24 - October 8

Have you ever wondered about those New Testament letters of Saint Paul and the cities surrounding the Aegean Sea?

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

Base Cash Package Price: \$5,795
 Base Credit Card Price: \$5,995
 Single room supplement: \$2,795
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For more information contact tour director Peter's Way Tours, 516-605-1551, peter@petersway.com.

Volunteers needed to feed the homeless in the FACETS Hypothermia Project



FACETS is a non-profit that serves the homeless in Fairfax County. During the winter months, they partner with local churches that open their doors to provide

a hot dinner, a warm place to sleep overnight, an indoor breakfast, and a bag lunch to take with them as they head out for the day.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield will be housing the homeless the week of January 26, and Saint Bernadette parish will help by providing the food and volunteers for the first three nights of that week. Sign up at: <https://signup.com/go/kiosAwQ> to donate food or money, volunteer to serve a meal, or visit with the guests in the evening. We also need someone to spend the night (or two people to work in shifts) to walk around the inside premises every two hours to make sure there is no smoke or fire—a requirement of the Fairfax County fire marshal since the church lacks an automatic sprinkler system. No experience is needed. Trained FACETS staff will be on site to assist. Questions? Email Kathy Mueller at kathydon@verizon.net.

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@stbermpar.org.

Tuesday, January 28, is our next Lunch with Friends at noon, at Milano's Family Restaurant, 6230 Rolling Road. We will meet for this casual lunch on the first Tuesday of each month.

Monday, February 3, 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.

and more

Parish Offertory

January 26:	
Offertory	\$ 39,072
Tuition Assistance	3,029

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.

January

27 MONDAY

7am The Mussomele Family
9am* † Trudy Ogilvie
Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30

28 TUESDAY

7am † Rhodora MagPantay
9am* † Stephen Halvorson
Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35

29 WEDNESDAY

7am † Robert Blaschke, Jr.
9am* † Matthew Summers
Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20

30 THURSDAY

7am † Flonnie Godwin
9am* † Marie Sung
Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

31 FRIDAY

7am † Mary Fahey
9am* † Flonnie Godwin
10am** † Rosemary Graniewski
Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

1 SATURDAY

8am* Oscar Vargas
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Mk 4:35-41
5pm* † Nancy Vaughan

2 SUNDAY

7am Haley Heynderickx
9am* † Eula Pilette
11am* Robert & Nicole Burton
1pm For the parish
5pm † Sookram Graham
Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Feb 1	5pm	Fr. Jeb
Feb 2	7am	Fr. Jeb
	9am	Fr. James
	11am	Fr. Don
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	5pm	Fr. James

Parish Prayer List

Frank Palumbo, Trevor Stezak, Jessica Curtis, Sean Duffy, Chase Briggs, Paul Flapper, Mark Fortin, Shamsun Nahur, Kamden Harriet, Alisa Squatrito, Jerome Furlow, Joanne DeAngelis, Jim Gribshaw, Pierre DesLauriers, Frank Caponegro, Krista Buskey, Helena Larsen, Cristy Perez Ayala, Amy Greenlee, Larry Lawrence.

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.

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.

Inclement weather delays and closures

Saint Bernadette Parish and School follows the Fairfax County School System regarding closings for snow and other inclement weather. If public schools are closed, our school is closed and all activities on the campus for that day and evening are canceled. You may also call the Parish Office for a recorded message. Please take this policy into account when scheduling use of Parish facilities during winter months.

Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Come on out with us to: a comedy play at Jefferson Community Theatre (Feb. 2); square dancing (Feb. 4, 11, 18, 24); walk at Brenman Park (Feb. 6); dining-out in Shirlington (Feb. 9); Thursday lunches (Feb. 13, 27); Valentine's Day dance (Feb. 14); guided tour of George Washington's Alexandria (Feb. 16); movie/dinner in Fairfax (Feb. 19); visit to St. Thomas More Cathedral/lunch (Feb. 21); preparing/serving meal at Christ House (Feb. 22). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



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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