Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025



The Miraculous Draught of Fishes, Jacopo Bassano, 1545. National Gallery of Art (Gallery 22), Washington, DC



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2025

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, 3rd 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, 1st and 2nd Saturdays in English; 3rd 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.stbernpar.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@stbernpar.org.



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calendar

february

Sunday, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

Monday, Saint Scholastica, Virgin

- English as a Second Language, Registration Opens, Bradican Rm, 7-9pm, Rm 101 & 103
- Citizenship Classes, Registration Opens, Bradican Rm, 7-9pm, Rm 101 & 103

11 Tuesday, Our Lady of Lourdes

- 12 Wednesday, Weekday
- 13 Thursday, Weekday
 - English as a Second Language, Registration Opens, Bradican Rm, 7-9pm, Rm 101 & 103
 - Citizenship Classes, Registration Opens, Bradican Rm, 7-9pm, Rm 101 & 103

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 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

Monday, Weekday [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order]

- Taizé prayer for unity in the church, 8pm. All are Welcome!
- 18 Tuesday, Weekday
- 19 Wednesday, Weekday
- 20 Thursday, Weekday

21 Friday, Weekday [Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor]

- Adoration, 7pm in the Chapel
- Saint Bernadette Concert Series, US Navy Band Chamber Ensemble, 7:30pm Church

22 Saturday, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

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

23 Sunday, SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 24 Monday, Weekday
- 25 Tuesday, Weekday
- 26 Wednesday, Weekday
- 27 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor]
- 28 Friday, Weekday
 - · Adoration, 7pm in the church

march

- Saturday, Weekday
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
 - Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner/Trivia Night, 6pm in the cafeteria
 - BLA Commitment/Pledge Weekend at all Masses

Sunday, EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- BLA Commitment/Pledge Weekend at all Masses

announcements

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. The in-pew pledge weekend is March 1 - 2, or 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.

2024 year-end Contribution Statements were mailed last week. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

Concerts at Saint Bernadette presents the first concert of the 2025 season, welcoming the US Navy Band Chamber Ensemble on Friday, February 21 at 7:30pm, in the church.

Knights of Columbus Springfield Council 6153 will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Trivia Contest Saturday, March 1 in the school cafeteria. Dinner is from 6-7:30pm followed by trivia until 9pm. Please join us, more details on page 9.

Congratulations on a successful St. Lucy Food Drive last weekend. Through your generosity Saint Bernadette parish collected 4 tons! (8,055lbs) of food and an additional \$ 850 in cash donations. It a huge help to the start of their month! The team at St. Lucy extends their sincere appreciation for the support from our parishioners.

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. Please take this policy into account when scheduling use of Parish facilities during winter months.

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Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

WASHINGTON - In response to last week's Executive Orders signed by President Trump, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offered the following statement:

"Many of the issues President Trump addresses in his recent Executive Orders, along with what may be issued in the coming days, are matters on which the Church has much to offer. Some provisions contained in the Executive Orders, such as those focused on the treatment of immigrants and refugees, foreign aid, expansion of the death penalty, and the environment, are deeply troubling and will have negative consequences, many of which will harm the most vulnerable among us. Other provisions in the Executive Orders can be seen in a more positive light, such as recognizing the truth about each human person as male or female.

"I wish to reiterate that the Catholic Church is not aligned with any political party, and neither is the bishops' conference. No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church's teachings remain unchanged. It is our hope that the leadership of our Country will reconsider those actions which disregard not only the human dignity of a few, but of us all.

"Following the ancient tradition, Pope Francis has declared 2025 as a Jubilee Year of Hope. As Christians, our hope is always in Jesus Christ, who guides us through storm and calm weather. He is the source of all truth. Our prayer is one of hope that, as a Nation blessed with many gifts, our actions demonstrate a genuine care for our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, including the unborn, the poor, the elderly and infirm, and migrants and refugees. The just Judge expects nothing less."

Thanks, Archbishop Broglio, for your voice. These are confusing times and the diocese has provided materials with regard to immigration and the constitutional rights of undocumented immigrants. I was so glad to receive a policy with

corresponding instructions, and everyone should know the procedures. I didn't know them...

For this reason I have put "Know Your Rights" as well as Bishop's letter in English and Spanish in the bulletin this week (pages 10-17), and on the church bulletin boards. If you know people who are at risk, please share this information with them.

Whatever we do, we must not answer hate with hate, or the cycle will only worsen. Jesus must have seen similar challenges in the context of his own day, and this is what he preached to his disciples:

"To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

"To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

The Lord be with you. Fr. Dom

Looking back on Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration held annually at the end of January. This is a special time set aside to come together and recognize the gift of Catholic education. In the Catholic school environment, we live each day prioritizing our relationship with Christ. We ensure that our faith is incorporated into all aspects of curriculum and daily life.

The faculty, students, and families of Saint Bernadette Catholic School kicked off the Catholic Schools Week celebration with a special Mass on Sunday, January 26. The Mass was led by students who serve as members of our Student Council Association. After Mass families, parishioners, and visitors were invited to join faculty and staff for an Open House. Student representatives from Student Council Association and National Junior Honor Society volunteered to line our halls and speak with visitors.

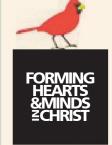
A group of Saint Bernadette teachers formed our Catholic Schools Week committee and planned many fun and exciting activities for students and staff to take part in throughout the school week. On Monday, we came together in the gym to begin the week in prayer with a decade of the rosary. Later that afternoon, parents shared information about their careers with middle school students. Parents also visited primary and intermediate classrooms to read to students. Teachers and students alike hurried out of the

school building on Monday afternoon so that they could attend Barnes and Noble night sponsored by our PTO.

On Tuesday, we celebrated our priests, Fr. Don, Fr. James, and Fr. Jeb. Our students crafted beautiful spiritual bouquets for each of them, and our faculty members filled baskets with some of their favorite things. Our students were excited to see their reactions as they received the gifts. Wednesday was a day to celebrate our faculty and staff. Our PTO sponsored a delicious breakfast for them, they enjoyed a dress down day, and a few lucky individuals won prizes such as "extra long lunch" and "cover a cafeteria or carpool duty".

Teacher-Turn-Around Day took place on Thursday. We began this new tradition last year and students looked forward to taking part in it again. On this day, our eighth graders took over teachers' responsibilities and lessons for the day. Our school week ended with Grandparents' Day on Friday. Grandparents and special guests visited classrooms for special activities in the morning before gathering for our school Mass. Our Catholic Schools Week celebration culminated on Saturday, February 1, 2025. On this day, we asked that our Saint Bernadette families spend time praying the rosary together, dedicating their prayers for hope for our nation. We thank all of those of you that helped us to make this week so memorable for our Saint Bernadette community.















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, 11–12, and 18-19.

Sunday Family Faith Formation Group: February 2.

Saturday SPRED class, February 8 and 22.

Email <u>wmendez@stbernpar.org</u> or Lynn Jones, <u>Ljones@stbernpar.org</u> for more information.

Welcome, Ms. Arlyn Agasen!



We have hired a Coordinator of Religious Education to join Lynn Jones and Victor Mendez in our Religious Education team! Ms. Agasen comes to us with experience as a catechist and as a Coordinator in

the Archdiocese for the Military Services. We are excited to have her join our team!

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 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.

Spring Reconciliations

Our students will be receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation on February 18 & 19 (for first time students) and February 26 & 27 for the rest of the students. Please make an extra effort to be on time for class on those days!

Living the liturgical year

We honor the saints year-round as we follow their model of love and worship of God. Go over to Real Life at Home and print your own little coloring book of the saints for February: https://www.reallifeathome.com/printable-saints-coloring-book-for-february/.

youth ministry

Stay in touch:

Text/Email Updates: Sign-up at <u>flocknote.com/stbernyouth</u> or text "stbernyouth" to 84576.

Follow us on Instagram @stbernyouth

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee, at gmee@stbernpar.org with any questions you may have.

WorkCamp 2025 - Registration Deadline 2/14!



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! Teens who are interested in attending, or parishioners who are interested in helping in some capacity can email Matthew Frey at matthew c frey@yahoo.com.

Middle School Youth Ministry Next gathering February 5

All 6th-8th graders are invited to Middle School Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Join us 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 communty of faith, prayer, and fellowship. New attendees are always welcome, every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:15pm in the youth room.

February High School Girls' Gatherings

All 8th - 12th grader girls are invited to join us for a movie night on Monday, February 10 from 7-9pm, and a craft night on Wednesday, February 26 from 7-8:30pm. Both events are in the youth room in the parish office. Contact Grace Mee for more information (gmee@stbernpar.org)

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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?

We'll travel from Athens to Istanbul, and by a Celebrity Infinity cruise stop in Corinth, Volos, Crete, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Ephesus, and throw in Mykonos and Santorini since we are in the area. 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 Upgrades for staterooms/ balconies

For more information contact tour director Peter's Way Tours, 516-605-1551, <u>peter@petersway.com</u>.

WorkCamp 2025: Adult volunteers needed

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.

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Parish Offertory

February 2:

Offertory \$ 31,853 Arlington Catholic Herald 3,140

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Concerts at Saint Bernadette

present

U.S. Navy Band Chamber Players

Friday, February 21 at 7:30pm

Members of the U.S. Navy Band, the premier musical ensemble of the U.S. Navy, presents presents a concert of classics for small wind ensemble: flutes, oboes, clarinets, bassoons and horns.

Overture to *Don Giovanni* – W. A. Mozart Suite for Ten Winds – Arthur Bird Serenade No 12 in C minor, K 388 – Mozart

Many of our region's finest musicians are members of our Military Service Bands. This concert will be particularly enjoyable to young people learning to play an instrument!

The concert is free and open to all.

No tickets are required.
A free-will offering will be accepted.
A dessert reception will follow the performance.



For more information: dmathers@stbernpar.org $703-451-8576 \times 112$

2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON Abounding

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.

Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, February 11 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. It's time to get focused on a healthy outlook for 2025. Barbara Dalmut will speak about ways to cope with the tumult of our times. Regardless of your political opinions, everyone needs a boost with coping strategies for handling stress. We will follow that with another Chair Yoga lesson with Joanne Schoonover. And, of course, we will have refreshments and time for fellowship.

Monday, February 17, 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.

Mass and healing prayer service February 25

Tuesday, February 25, Mass and Healing Prayer Service is scheduled for 7:30pm at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Blenheim Blvd., Fairfax. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

Women's 159th Arlington Diocese Cursillo Retreat

In God we live and move and have our being. The Women's 159th Arlington Cursillo Retreat is March 6 - 9 at the Missionhurst Retreat Center, Arlington VA. The Cursillo Weekend is a retreat, but also so much more. It is an opportunity to examine and celebrate yourself, deepen your relationship with Christ, and continue – or begin - your faith journey with the love and support of the Christian community. Grow spiritually, make new friends, and experience Christ's unlimited love. For more information, or to register, contact communications@arlingtoncursillo.org or parishioner Trish Pirowski at <u>1986Sailboat@</u> gmail.com or visit the arlingtoncursillo.org.

Knights of Columbus aghetti Dinnez FAMILY FRIENDLY TRIVIA 6 PERSON TEAMS ST BERNADETTE SCHOOL CAFETERIA MARCH 1, 2025 Scan the QR Code to RSVP

and more

Springfield Council 6153 of the Knights of Columbus will be hosting its annual spaghetti dinner and trivia night on Saturday, March 1 in the school cafeteria. This family friendly event begins at 6pm. Trivia should start around 7:30pm. Team size is limited to six people. Soft drinks and water provided. Beer and wine will be for sale. Come join the Knights for a delicious spaghetti dinner and test your trivia skills. Please sign up using the QR code. See any Knight for questions or contact Don Howell at dhowell788@ aol.com

Una declaración pastoral sobre la ley de inmigración estadounidense y el imperativo católico de defender la dignidad humana y el bien común

Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Mientras el gobierno de los Estados Unidos revisa sus políticas de inmigración, y tras un discernimiento y una consulta en oración, ofrezco mi exhortación pastoral al Presidente Donald Trump y al Vicepresidente JD Vance, a los líderes del Congreso, a los funcionarios electos y a todos los católicos y personas de buena voluntad para que consideren el bien común de nuestro país con la luz de la fe. La Iglesia enseña, al igual que nuestra Constitución, que la comunidad política existe para proteger a la familia y la dignidad humana. Siempre defendemos y protegemos a los más vulnerables, al igual que defendemos los derechos y deberes de las naciones de gobernarse a sí mismas y de salvaguardar el bien común.

El Arzobispo Timothy P. Broglio, presidente de la Conferencia Episcopal de Estados Unidos (USCCB), ha afirmado con razón que "nuestra nación ha sido bendecida con muchos dones", y nuestra gran generosidad conlleva el deber de cuidar de "nuestras hermanas y hermanos más vulnerables, incluidos los no nacidos, los pobres, los ancianos y los enfermos, y los inmigrantes y refugiados". Del mismo modo, el Obispo Mark J. Seitz, presidente del Comité de Migración de la USCCB, ha subrayado que debemos insistir en la dignidad de cada inmigrante, independientemente de su estatus. Me uno a él al sostener la enseñanza de la Iglesia de que cada país tiene el derecho y la responsabilidad de "promover el orden público, la seguridad y la protección mediante fronteras bien reguladas y límites justos a la inmigración". Todos mis hermanos obispos están de acuerdo con esto, y junto con el Papa Francisco, afirmamos que cada inmigrante es "un hijo de Dios".

Este sabio consejo de mis hermanos obispos se basa en un doble compromiso: defender la dignidad humana y el bien común. Como principios de la doctrina social católica, la dignidad humana y el bien común no deben entrar en conflicto. Como católicos, entendemos que el bien común incluye el bien individual de todos y cada uno de los miembros de la sociedad. También entendemos que el estado de derecho debe defender y

promover el bien común. Por esta razón, confío en que una reforma integral de la inmigración no tiene por qué dañar la dignidad de ninguna persona. Incluso cuando la reforma de la inmigración incluye la repatriación de las personas que han cometido delitos violentos, o que violan de otro modo los términos de un derecho de permanencia, se puede respetar la dignidad humana. No debemos suponer un conflicto entre la dignidad humana y el estado de derecho.

Como obispo y pastor, ofrezco mi gratitud a todos los inmigrantes de la Diócesis de Arlington que, con su bondad y fidelidad, contribuyen tanto a nuestra Iglesia y a nuestro país. Durante la última generación, se han asentado en la Diócesis de Arlington inmigrantes procedentes de hasta 20 naciones, como Afganistán, Camerún, El Salvador, Etiopía, México, Gambia, Guatemala, Honduras, Perú, Sudán, Siria, Turquía, Ucrania, Vietnam y Venezuela. Los católicos inmigrantes han enriquecido nuestra diócesis con su gran fe, su devoción al Señor, sus familias y su servicio a la Iglesia de Cristo. Su presencia es un don para todos nosotros, y estamos agradecidos a Dios por ellos. Oramos por su fidelidad, fortaleza y perseverancia ante la incertidumbre.

Espiritualmente, todos somos migrantes en una santa peregrinación hacia nuestro hogar celestial. La Iglesia nos lleva a través de todas las inundaciones de la vida, hacia la seguridad eterna en la Ciudad de Dios. Al abordar el tema de la migración, la Iglesia ha hecho hincapié históricamente en dos puntos cruciales. En primer lugar, el derecho de las personas a la integridad y a la unidad de sus familias, independientemente del lugar donde se establezcan. En segundo lugar, el derecho de todos a la atención espiritual que proporcionan los sacramentos. También estamos obligados, como creyentes en Jesucristo, a servir a quienes acudan a nosotros en busca de ayuda, sean quienes sean. Ningún ministerio de la Iglesia debe dudar en prestar esa asistencia vital que nuestra fe nos obliga a ofrecer: celebrar la Misa y ofrecer los sacramentos, dar de comer al hambriento, vestir al desnudo, curar al enfermo y acoger al forastero. Por estas razones,

ruego a los responsables de hacer cumplir la ley que se abstengan de entrar en nuestros espacios sagrados a menos que sea absoluta e inequívocamente necesario para garantizar la seguridad de todas las personas.

Junto con nuestro mayor respeto por la dignidad humana, y como consecuencia de nuestro respeto por el bien común, la Iglesia siempre ha mostrado la mayor preocupación por todo lo que es correcto y justo. Imploramos a todos los líderes que se esfuercen por mantener nuestra nación segura por el bien de las familias prósperas y sanas, incluidas las familias migrantes. Lamentablemente, algunos de los que han entrado en nuestro país, legal o ilegalmente, han cometido delitos graves. Debe haber consecuencias para tal comportamiento, ya que no hay lugar para la violencia, el tráfico o la actividad de las bandas en nuestra sociedad. Nuestras leyes existen para salvaguardar el bien de todos, y deben respetarse. Por ello, reconocemos también a todos los oficiales encargados de garantizar el cumplimiento de la ley, entre los que se encuentran muchos inmigrantes e hijos de inmigrantes, que trabajan diligentemente para hacer cumplir nuestras leyes y proteger a nuestras comunidades, a menudo con gran riesgo para ellos mismos. Merecen y reciben nuestras oraciones. Como subraya el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, la enseñanza católica no apoya una política de fronteras abiertas, sino que hace hincapié en un enfoque de sentido común en el que el deber de cuidar del extranjero se practique en armonía con el deber de cuidar de la nación.

Por tanto, animo al Presidente Trump y a los líderes del Congreso a desarrollar una política nacional de inmigración que refleje el compromiso católico con la dignidad humana y el bien común. Los estadounidenses esperan fervientemente de nuestros funcionarios electos una política de inmigración humana y pacífica que sea justa, compasiva y que restablezca la confianza en el estado de derecho. La ley estadounidense debe incluir siempre vías para la entrada legal y, como ciudadanos, debemos celebrar siempre las aportaciones de los inmigrantes, garantizar la protección de los

vulnerables y defender el bien común, que es la condición para la libertad ordenada y la seguridad pública.

Rezamos para que nuestros dirigentes tengan valor y sabiduría para promulgar reformas que reflejen tanto el corazón del Evangelio como el espíritu de nuestras leyes. Que Dios les conceda sabiduría, misericordia y caridad al emprender esta tarea. Somos una Iglesia que defiende la justicia, no contra la aplicación de la ley, sino a favor de su aplicación con misericordia y comprensión por el bien de todas las personas y de nuestro país.

Mons. Michael F. Burbidge Obispo de Arlington

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- · Quiero contactar a un representante legal.
- No firmaré documentos antes de que mi representante legal los revise.
- No le doy permiso para entrar a mi propiedad O registrar mis pertenencias.
- Si estoy arrestado, quiero hacer una llamada telefónica.

I CHOOSE TO REMAIN SILENT

- I want to contact a legal representative.
- I will not sign documents before my legal representative reviews them.
- I do not give you permission to enter my property OR to search my belongings.
- If I am under arrest, I want to make a phone call.

ESTOU OPTANDO POR FICAR EM SILENCIO

- Quero entrar em contato com um representante legal.
- Não assinarei documentos antes que meu representante legal os revise.
- · Eu não lhe dou permissão para entrar em minha propriedade OU para revistar meus pertences.
- Quero fazer uma chamada, se eu estiver preso.

A Pastoral
Statement
on American
Immigration
Law and
the Catholic
Imperative of
Upholding
Human
Dignity and the
Common Good

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the United States government revises its immigration policies, and after prayerful discernment and consultation, I offer pastoral encouragement to President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance, Congressional leaders, elected officials, and all Catholics and people of goodwill to consider the common good of our country with the light of faith. The Church teaches, as does our Constitution, that a political community exists to protect the family and human dignity. We always defend and protect the most vulnerable, even as we defend the rights and duties of nations to govern themselves and to safeguard the common good.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has rightly stated that "our Nation is blessed with many gifts," and our great bounty comes with a duty to care for "our most vulnerable sisters and brothers, including the unborn, the poor, the elderly and infirm, and migrants and refugees." Similarly, Bishop Mark J. Seitz, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Migration, has emphasized that we must insist on the dignity of every immigrant, regardless of his or her status. I join him in holding up the Church's teaching that every country has the right and the responsibility "to promote public order, safety, and security through well-regulated borders and just limits on immigration." All my brother bishops agree with this, and together with Pope Francis, we affirm that every migrant is "a child of God."

This wise counsel from my brother bishops rests on a two-fold commitment: to uphold human dignity and the common good. As principles of Catholic social teaching, human dignity and the common good must not be brought into conflict. As Catholics, we understand the common good as inclusive of the individual good of each and every member of society. We also understand that the rule of law is to defend and promote the common good. For this reason, I have confidence that comprehensive immigration reform need not harm the dignity of any person. Even when immigration reform includes repatriation of those

persons who have committed violent crimes, or who otherwise violate the terms of a right to remain, human dignity can be respected. We must not presume a conflict between human dignity and the rule of law.

As a bishop and pastor, I offer my gratitude for all those immigrants in the Diocese of Arlington who, through their goodness and faithfulness, contribute so much to our Church and to our country. Over the past generation, immigrants have settled within the Diocese of Arlington from as many as 20 nations including Afghanistan, Cameroon, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Mexico, Gambia, Guatemala, Honduras, Peru, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, Ukraine, Vietnam, and Venezuela. Immigrant Catholics have enriched our diocese with their great faith, their devotion to our Lord, their families, and their service to Christ's Church. Their presence is a gift to all of us, and we are grateful to God for them. We pray for their faithfulness, fortitude, and perseverance in the face of uncertainty.

Spiritually, we are all migrants on a holy pilgrimage to our heavenly home. The Church carries us through every flood of life, towards the eternal safety of the City of God. When addressing the topic of migration, the Church has historically emphasized two crucial points. First, the rights of persons to the integrity and unity of their families irrespective of where they settle. Second, the right of all to the spiritual care afforded by the sacraments. We are also obligated, as believers in Jesus Christ, to serve those who come to us for assistance—no matter who they are. No Church ministry should hesitate to provide that vital assistance our faith compels us to offer: celebrate the Mass and offer the sacraments, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, and welcome the stranger. For these reasons, I plead with those responsible for law enforcement to refrain from entering our sacred spaces unless absolutely and unequivocally necessary to ensure the safety of all persons.

Along with our greatest respect for human dignity, and as a consequence of our respect for the common good, the

Church has always shown the greatest concern for all that is right and just. We implore all leaders to strive to keep our nation safe for the sake of thriving and healthy families, including migrant families. Sadly, some of those who have entered our country, legally or illegally, have committed serious crimes. There must be consequences for such behavior, as there is no place for violence, trafficking, or gang activity in our society. Our laws exist to safeguard the good of all, and they must be respected. We therefore also recognize all those law enforcement officers, including many immigrants and children of immigrants, who work diligently to uphold our laws and protect our communities, often at great risk to themselves. They deserve and receive our prayers. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church emphasizes, Catholic teaching does not support an open border policy, but rather emphasizes a common sense approach where the duty to care for the stranger is practiced in harmony with the duty to care for the nation.

Therefore, I encourage President Trump and Congressional leaders to develop a national immigration policy that reflects the Catholic commitment to human dignity and the common good. Americans earnestly look to our elected officials for a humane and peaceful immigration policy that is just, compassionate, and restores confidence in the rule of law. American law must always include pathways for legal entry and as citizens we should always celebrate the contributions of immigrants, ensure the protection of the vulnerable, and uphold the common good which is the condition for ordered liberty and public safety.

We pray for courage and wisdom among our leaders to enact reforms that reflect both the heart of the Gospel and the spirit of our laws. May God grant them wisdom, mercy, and charity as they undertake this task. We are a Church that stands for justice, not against the enforcement of law, but for its application with mercy and understanding for the good of all persons and our country.

Bishop Michael F. Burbidge Diocese of Arlington





Car Raffle is here again

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.



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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN YOUR HOME

All people in the United States, *including undocumented immigrants*, have Constitutional rights and protections. Neither immigration nor the police will assume you want to exercise your rights. You are in charge of asserting them by showing your Know Your Rights card or by telling the officer

you are exercising your rights.

If you are home and ICE (immigration officers) knocks on your door, you have rights that protect you.



You do not have to open the door.

If ICE comes to your door, generally there are only two ways in which they can lawfully enter your home:

- With your permission or the permission of someone in your home: or
- With a search warrant issued by a judge.



You should not invite the officer into your home.

If ICE tells you they are there to arrest someone or search the home, do **not** open the door or invite them into your home. Opening the door may give them permission to enter. It is important to also tell this to others in your home, including children. If your child opens the door, that may give ICE permission to enter the home.

If the ICE officer says they have a warrant, ask for their identification and review the warrant. It must be issued by a judge and not just the agency.

ICE cannot enter your home without a valid search warrant. Talk with the officers through the door and ask them to show you their identification and the warrant. Review the warrant to determine if it is valid:



The warrant must be a search warrant.

There are search warrants and arrest warrants. ICE cannot enter your home with an arrest warrant. They must have a search warrant.



The warrant must have the correct address.

If the address on the warrant is incorrect, ICE cannot search your home, unless you grant them permission.



The warrant must have a judge's signature.

To be valid, search warrants must be signed by a judge. If an immigration officer signs the warrant, it is not a valid search warrant. Without a warrant signed by a judge, ICE cannot search your home, unless you grant them permission.



You have the right to remain silent.

If ICE has a valid warrant and enters your home, you can choose to remain silent. If you must speak, tell the agent that you would like to speak to a lawyer before answering questions.

- Only provide your identification when the law requires you to do so.*
- Do not tell the officer your country of nationality.
- Do not answer questions.
- Do not sign paperwork.
- Do not carry false documents.
- Do not physically interfere with the search.

*Talk to a local advocate about whether and when you must produce identification. For example, in most states, you must show a driver's license if you have one and you are pulled over; you also must show your immigration identification to an immigration officer who requests it if you have lawful status and are not a U.S. citizen.





Todas las personas en los Estados Unidos, *incluidos los inmigrantes indocumentados*, tienen derechos y protecciones constitucionales. Ni la inmigración ni la policía asumirán que deseas ejercer tus derechos. Tú eres el encargado de afirmarlos mostrando tu tarjeta de Conozca Sus Derechos o

diciéndole al oficial que estás ejerciendo tus derechos.

Si estás en casa y ICE (oficial de inmigración) llama a tu puerta, tienes derechos que te protegen.

To tienes que abrir la puerta.

Si ICE viene a tu puerta, generalmente solo hay dos maneras en que pueden entrar legalmente a tu hogar:

- 1. 1. Con tu permiso o el permiso de alguien en tu hogar; o
- 1. 2. Con una orden de registro emitida por un juez.

No debes invitar al oficial a entrar a tu hogar.

Si ICE te dice que están allí para arrestar a alguien o registrar el hogar, no abras la puerta ni los invites a entrar. Abrir la puerta puede darles permiso para entrar. Es importante también decir esto a otros en tu hogar, incluidos los niños. Si tu hijo abre la puerta, eso puede dar permiso a ICE para entrar al hogar.

La orden debe ser una orden de registro.

Existen órdenes de registro y órdenes de arresto. ICE no puede entrar a tu hogar con una orden de arresto. Deben tener una orden de registro.

La orden debe tener la dirección correcta.

Si la dirección en la orden es incorrecta, ICE no puede registrar tu hogar, a menos que les des permiso.

La orden debe tener la firma de un juez.

Para ser válida, las órdenes de registro deben estar firmadas por un juez. Si un oficial de inmigración firma la

orden, no es una orden de registro válida. Sin una orden firmada por un juez, ICE no puede registrar tu hogar, a menos que les des permiso.

Tienes el derecho a guardar silencio.

Si ICE tiene una orden válida y entra a tu hogar, puedes elegir guardar silencio. Si debes hablar, dile al agente que te gustaría hablar con un abogado antes de responder preguntas.

Si el oficial de ICE dice que tiene una orden, pide su identificación y revisa la orden. Debe ser emitida por un juez y no solo por la agencia.

ICE no puede entrar a tu hogar sin una orden de registro válida. Habla con los oficiales a través de la puerta y pídeles que te muestren su identificación y la orden. Revisa la orden para determinar si es válida:

- Proporciona tu identificación solo cuando la ley lo requiera.*
- No le digas al oficial tu país de nacionalidad.
- No respondas preguntas.
- No firmes documentos.
- No lleves documentos falsos.
- No interfieras físicamente con el registro.

*Habla con un defensor local sobre si y cuándo debes presentar identificación. Por ejemplo, en la mayoría de los estados, debes mostrar una licencia de conducir si tienes una y te detienen; también debes mostrar tu identificación de inmigración a un oficial de inmigración que lo solicite si tienes estatus legal y no eres ciudadano estadounidense.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AT WORK



All people in the United States, including undocumented immigrants, have Constitutional rights and protections. Neither immigration nor the police will assume you want to exercise your rights. You are in charge of asserting them by showing your Know Your Rights card or by telling the officer you are exercising your rights.

If ICE (immigration officers) come to your work, they generally must have a search warrant or the consent of your employer to search non-public areas. If ICE approaches you, you have rights that protect you.

You should ask if you are free to leave.

If ICE approaches you in public, you may ask if you are free to leave. If the answer is "yes," calmly, slowly, and quietly walk away. Do not run or speak. If they say "no," do not walk or run away. Stay where you are.



You have the right to refuse a search.

You do not have to consent to a search of yourself or your belongings or provide proof of employment authorization. State clearly that you do not consent. Refusing consent may not stop the officer. If the officer proceeds to search your person or your belongings, stay calm, do not resist the inspection, and keep your hands where the officer can see them. Stating your objection preserves your rights.



You have the right to refuse to form a line.

If officers tell you to form a line based on immigration status, you have the right to stay where you are or move to a place that is not designated for a particular group of employees. You can tell officers that you are invoking your right to remain silent. If you are forced to move, do not resist.



You have the right to remain silent.

You do not have to answer any questions without the presence of your legal representative. (In some states, you may be required to state your name if an officer asks you to identify yourself and an officer may arrest you for refusing to do so.) You can show the officer your Know Your Rights card or tell the officer you are exercising your right to remain silent. If you must speak, only say that you would like to speak to your legal representative before answering questions.

- Only provide your identification when the law requires you to do so.*
- Do not tell the officer your country of nationality.
- Do not answer questions.
- Do not sign paperwork.
- Do not carry false documents.
- Do not physically interfere with the search.



You have the right to speak to a lawyer.

If the officer tells you that you cannot walk away, you have been detained. You should ask to speak to a lawyer and then remain silent. You have the right to speak to a legal representative. It is okay if you have not hired a legal representative; you still have the right to consult with one.

*Talk to a local advocate about whether and when you must produce identification. For example, in most states, you must show a driver's license if you have one and you are pulled over; you also must show your immigration identification to an immigration officer who requests it if you have lawful status and are not a U.S. citizen.



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Derechos o diciendo al oficial que está

ejerciendo sus derechos.

Si ICE (oficiales de inmigración) llegan a su lugar de trabajo, generalmente deben tener una orden de registro o el consentimiento de su empleador para registrar áreas no públicas. Si ICE se le acerca, tiene derechos que lo protegen.

Debe preguntar si es libre de irse.

Si ICE se le acerca en público, puede preguntar si es libre de irse. Si la respuesta es "sí", aléjese calmada, lenta y silenciosamente. No corra ni hable. Si dicen "no", no camine ni corra. Quédese donde está.

Tiene derecho a negarse a un registro.

No tiene que consentir un registro de usted mismo o de sus pertenencias ni proporcionar prueba de autorización de empleo. Declare claramente que no da su consentimiento. Negarse a dar el consentimiento puede que no detenga al oficial. Si el oficial procede a registrar su persona o sus pertenencias, mantenga la calma, no resista la inspección y mantenga las manos donde el oficial pueda verlas. Expresar su objeción preserva sus derechos.



Tiene derecho a negarse a formar una fila.

Si los oficiales le piden que forme una fila según su estado migratorio, tiene derecho a quedarse donde está o moverse a un lugar que no esté designado para un grupo particular de empleados. Puede decir a los oficiales que está invocando su derecho a permanecer en silencio. Si lo obligan a moverse, no resista.



Tiene derecho a permanecer en silencio.

No tiene que responder ninguna pregunta sin la presencia de su representante legal. (En algunos estados, se le puede requerir que diga su nombre si un oficial le pide que se identifique y un oficial puede arrestarlo por negarse a hacerlo.) Puede mostrar al oficial su tarjeta de Conozca Sus Derechos o decir al oficial que está ejerciendo su derecho a permanecer en silencio. Si debe hablar, solo diga que le gustaría hablar con su representante legal antes de responder preguntas.

- Solo proporcione su identificación cuando la ley lo requiera.*
- No diga al oficial su país de nacionalidad.
- No responda preguntas.
- No firme documentos.
- No lleve documentos falsos.
- No interfiera físicamente con la búsqueda.



Tiene derecho a hablar con un abogado.

Si el oficial le dice que no puede irse, usted ha sido detenido. Debe pedir hablar con un abogado y luego permanecer en silencio. Tiene derecho a hablar con un representante legal. Está bien si no ha contratado un representante legal; aún tiene derecho a consultar con uno.

*Hable con un defensor local sobre si y cuándo debe mostrar identificación. Por ejemplo, en la mayoría de los estados, debe mostrar una licencia de conducir si tiene una y es detenido; también debe mostrar su identificación de inmigración a un oficial de inmigración que lo solicite si tiene estatus legal y no es ciudadano de los EE. UU.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

February

10 MONDAY

7am † Margaret King 9am* † Doug Smith Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56

11 TUESDAY

7am † Christopher Petruccelli 9am* † Virginia Cabatingan Gn 1:20—2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

12 WEDNESDAY

7am Elvira Santayana 9am* † Leonilo Escolar Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23

13 THURSDAY

7am † Thomas Lynch 9am* † Jan Usinger Sanchez *Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30*

14 FRIDAY

7am † Gil Peralta 9am* Sonny Nguyen 10am** † Diane Bayne Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37

15 SATURDAY

8am* † Xuan Nguyen Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10

5pm* For the parish

16 SUNDAY

7am † Martina Geri Anderson 9am* † Flonnie Louise Godwin 11am* Robert & Nicole Burton 1pm Hilda Leon de Vargas 5pm † Mary Hammer Jer 17:5-8/1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Masses next weekend

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Feb 15	5pm	Fr. James
Feb 16	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Jeb
	11am	Fr. Don
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	5nm	Fr.leh

Parish Prayer List

Frank Palumbo, Trevor Stezak, Jessica Curtis, Sean Duffy, Paul Flapper, Mark Fortin, Shamsun Nahur, Kamden Harriet, Alisa Squatrito, Jerome Furlow, Joanne DeAngelis, Jim Gribschaw, 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.

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Remember us in your will or trust

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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: square dancing (Feb. 11, 18, 24); 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 ptsc-vectors

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