

*O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true,
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.
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.*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025



Jesus Teaches the People by the Sea, James Tissot, 1890.
Brooklyn Museum



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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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

february

- 16 Sunday, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 17 Monday, Weekday [The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order]**
• Taizé prayer for unity in the church, 8pm. All are Welcome!
• Parish Offices are closed in observance of the Federal Holiday
- 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 Players, 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**
• “Anxiety and the Spiritual Roadmap Forward”, an Ecumenical prayer, 7pm, Church.
- 25 Tuesday, Weekday**
- 26 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 27 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor]**
- 28 Friday, Weekday**
• Adoration, 7pm in the church

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- 1 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
- 2 Sunday, EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
• **BLA Commitment/Pledge Weekend** at all Masses
- 3 Monday, Weekday [Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin]**
- 4 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Casimir]**
- 5 Wednesday, Ash Wednesday**
• Masses at 7 & 9am, Noon, 6pm (Liturgy of the Word ONLY), 7:30pm (bilingual Mass)
- 6 Thursday, Thursday after Ash Wednesday**
- 7 Friday, Friday after Ash Wednesday [Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs]**
• **Soup Supper**, 6pm in the cafeteria
• **Stations of the Cross**, 7pm in the church
• **Estaciones de la Cruz**, 8pm in the church
- 8 Saturday, Saturday after Ash Wednesday [Saint John of God, Religious]**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 9 Sunday, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

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.

Please join us on Monday evening 24 February at 7pm. for an **evening of prayer for healing and hope**. Fr. Cedric Wilson, Osa will present “Anxiety and the Spiritual Roadmap Forward”.

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.

Inclement Weather Delays and Closures
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from the pastor

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

We have a few topics to consider this week.

1) First of all, I want to express my profound gratitude not only to the many volunteers who continue to serve our parish ministries where our parish finds its mission and purpose. Education, both in the school and religious education programs, provides a foundation for the future of our children. Our youth programs, our adult formation programs, outreach to the poor -- all are necessary for our parish family to live into the Gospel which is so fulfilling not only for those we serve, but for ourselves, too.

All those who volunteer to enhance the quality and authenticity of our worship: musicians, choirs, altar servers, ministers of Holy Communion and lectors who deliver the Word of God whenever we gather. Just imagine what it would be like without you!

All those who serve on committees and councils -- you help us in our pastoral ministries to make the right decisions in seeking the will of God in our service.

Last weekend we had a wonderful celebration for you, but I also must express my gratitude to those who made it happen. Parish Staff all turned out to thank you for supporting our vocations and careers. Dr. Burgess and some teachers from the school came to serve our volunteers, reversing the roles at least in this hope that we can bring you joy with our Night of Gratitude celebration. We can't do our jobs without your help. A few photos from our Night of Gratitude can be found on pp. 10-11.

2) I have the happy role of reporting in on the success of our Parish Center. We have met with the architects and our schematic drawings are underway. Design drawings will follow that will need to be finalized before they are given to engineers who will figure out how to make the building happen, that careful balance between watching the budget and ensuring we receive what we need. Once that step is done and, with the next okay from the Diocese, we begin to secure our GC, the bid process, construction drawings

followed by applying for permits. This is one of those steps that you can never guess how long the process will take. The construction drawings scope can run over 100 pages which detail every wall, doorknob, technology and fixture. But with drawings we know will work, we can look forward to determining an estimated start of construction. There are probably steps I've left out, but you have the idea. The great news is we have begun!

3) Our country has joined the rest of the world's problems in earnest now, and there is a great deal of uncertainty many of you have about employment, economy, security and our republic. I have spoken with many of you who speak about you or your friends experiencing a downward spiral of anxiety and stress.

We have decided to have a prayer service a week from this Monday, February 24, an **Evening Prayer for Healing and Hope**. It is an evening prayer, so families with members observing different Christian traditions can come together and truly pray together. It will include Scripture and prayers based on the Liturgy of the Hours, but will include additional reflections, as well as a talk by our own Fr. Cedric Wilson who has a PhD in psychology and has practiced as a therapist, "Anxiety: a Spiritual Roadmap Forward." Many don't know about Fr. Cedric's professional life which he has served as an Augustinian priest.

This prayer service is intended for everyone, especially our many members who are employed by the federal government and its many agencies as well as those in the military who are facing uncertainty at this time. Please pass the word about this prayer service as you are able, it is intended to provide pastoral help to all of us who are wondering what is coming next. Please see p. 9 for details.

No matter what, know that you are loved and your first vocation as a follower of Jesus is, as Saint John of the Cross said, "Where there is no love, let me put love. Then, there I will find love."

The Lord be with you.

Fr. Don

Teaching Character, Love, and Virtue

At Saint Bernadette Catholic School, we believe that cultivating strong character is just as important as academic achievement. Our mission is to help students develop positive values that shape them into compassionate, well-rounded individuals. We integrate academic learning with the development of moral and spiritual virtues, creating a shared vision within our school community to follow in God's footsteps by fostering a love for one another just as God loves us.

By embodying the love of Christ, we aim to instill respect, kindness, empathy, and compassion in our students. We teach the importance of honesty and integrity to build trusting relationships, as well as forgiveness and patience. Gratitude, commitment, and loyalty are emphasized to encourage dedication to others. We also help students develop self-love and self-respect, allowing them to build a strong sense of self-worth and emotional wellness, which empowers them to give and receive love.

In our community, we foster love and respect for one another, believing that everyone is deserving of God's love. Teachers guide students to pull from their faith when making choices about their personal life. At Saint Bernadette, we believe it helps to ingrain these virtues through our actions by providing activities that encourage virtuous growth. As a school community, we pray daily, attend

weekly Mass, participate in retreats, and come together in fellowship assemblies.

Through the teaching of Catholic virtues, we help our students build personal strengths, respect for themselves and others, and a commitment to the common good. Our goal is to prepare them to grow into virtuous adults, rooted in Christ's teachings, and to develop strong character that guides them throughout life. We believe everyone has a God-given purpose, and by instilling these virtues, we equip our students to form loving relationships, positively impact the world, and remain grounded in their faith as they carry these lessons into adulthood.

"Follow the ways of God, and have respect for one another; let no one judge his neighbor as the world does, but love one another always in Jesus Christ." – *St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr (35-98 A.D.)*



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FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST

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

Congratulations to Troop 995's newest Eagle Scout, Oliver Swanson, pictured with his parents Jim and Joan, and sisters Lillian and Charlotte. Oliver's project was a 2-step process for improving the stormwater runoff system at George Mason University.

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 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 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

On February 18 the Church recognizes Blessed John of Fiesole, better known as Fra Angelico because of all the angels he included in his art! An Italian painter of the early Renaissance, he was beatified by St. Pope John Paul II. Spend some time getting to know his beautiful work: start here for academic info https://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/fang/hd_fang.htm. Find his work on Wikimedia Commons here https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Fra_Angelico#Annunciation.



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.

Dinner and Escape Room - February 22

9th - 12th graders are invited for a taco potluck dinner followed by an escape room at Saint Bernadette. Join us in the Bradican Room from 6-9pm on Saturday, February 22. Contact Grace Mee to RSVP and to sign up to bring something to the potluck.

Middle School Youth Ministry Next gathering February 19

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!



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 (gme@stbernapar.org)

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, peter@petersway.com.

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.

upcoming



Parish Offertory

February 9:	
Offertory	35,530
Facilities/Maint.	4,028

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.

CONCERTS at Saint Bernadette

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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, present 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 x 112

here and there



Thank you to all who donated food or money or volunteered to serve meals to the homeless in the Hypothermia Project last week. The 50 men and women we served were very grateful for the assistance.

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2025 Teacher Job Fair

The Office of Catholic Schools is holding the 2025 Teacher Job Fair here at Saint Bernadette School on Saturday, March 8, 2025 from 9 - 11am. Principals from over 30 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Arlington will be available to meet with teaching candidates for the 2025-2026 school year. To register in Advance, please go to this link and complete the online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/5VEiXMSmAG> or scan the QR code. For questions, please email catholicschools@arlingtondiocese.org.

An enlivening journey to the heart of Jesus

This Lent, join the diocese for an enlivening journey to the heart of Jesus! "A Holy People: Living the Scriptural and Social Teaching of our Faith."

How can we faithfully follow Jesus Christ, loving the Lord with all our heart, soul & mind and our neighbor as ourselves? This adult faith formation series shows the way through prayer, scripture, the Beatitudes, and the rich social teaching of the Catholic Church.

Topics for this prayerful, guided interactive in-person faith program formation series includes: • Holiness: The Heart of Catholic Social Teaching • The Great Commandment and Human Dignity • What is Social Sin and how should we respond? When: 5 Tuesdays in Lent starting March 11 - ending April 8 at 7:30pm Where: Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Burke Hall, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203. We are excited to see you as we walk this journey together. As the Lord said, "Come and See!"



EVENING PRAYER FOR HEALING & HOPE

LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED OR AFRAID. I AM WITH YOU.

for all who are experiencing difficult times:

let us transform
loss
anxiety
confusion
uncertainty
division
into
unity
faith
solidarity
community
& hope

FEATURED SPEAKER REV, CEDRIC WILSON, OSA
“ANXIETY AND THE SPIRITUAL ROADMAP FORWARD”



Father Wilson was ordained to the Priesthood 9/16/1978 for the Order of Saint Augustine, Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova in PA. He received his doctorate at Howard University, and as a psychologist, worked at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore and at Northern Virginia Community College. He is currently in residence at Good Shepherd Parish.

LET US PRAY TOGETHER
IN CHRIST:



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 24
MONDAY, 7PM

7600 OLD KEENE MILL RD.
SPRINGFIELD, VA 22152

ECUMENICAL PRAYER

Volunteer appreciation: Night of Gratitude

Volunteer of the Year awards were given this year to:

Lisa Gulbranson
SPRED: Special Religious Development Coordinator

Mike Harrison
44-year member of the 9am choir, trumpet, long-time volunteer at Virginia Training Center, Lorton prison ministry

Catherine Luby
Past service on PTO Board, all-around volunteer and Co-Chair of the parish CYO Sports program

Kathryn Melton
Coordinator of Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9am Mass

Mary Straub
All around parish volunteer, catechist, member of the OCIA Team

Paolo Umayam
Longest serving Youth Ministry volunteer

Tony Weilbacher
Lector, Director of parish OCIA Program





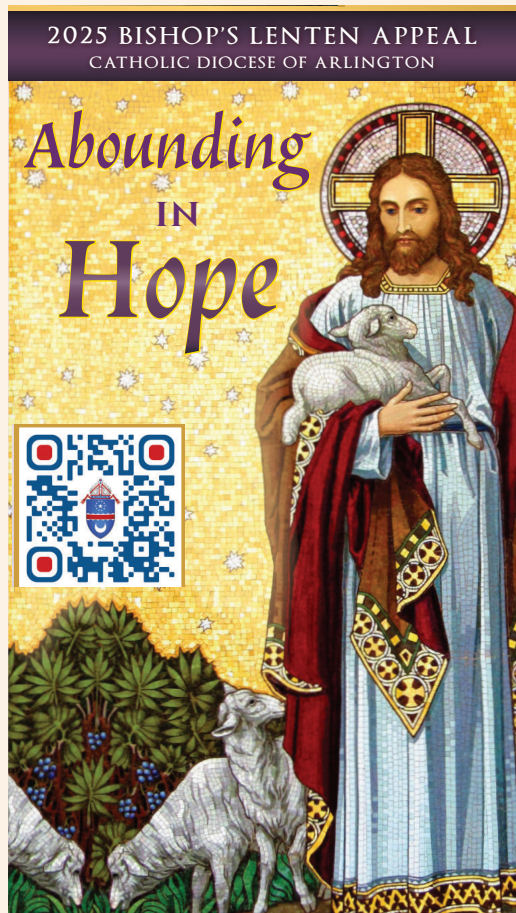
We threw a big party in honor of and thanks to all the volunteers who make parish ministry possible. Without all you generous folks who work so faithfully, our parish mission would not be possible. We celebrated to the music of the Andrew Thelen Big Band from North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, who performed a wide variety of great music.



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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



Catholic Women's Group Upcoming events

Come and enjoy warm fellowship and great food. No need to RSVP. For more information, please email us at women@stbernpar.org.

Monday, 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.

Tuesday, February 25, 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.

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 1986Sailboat@gmail.com or visit the arlingtoncursillo.org.

2025 Men's Conference Saturday, March 8

Anchored in Hope. Join Bishop Burbidge at the Diocesan Men's Conference! Our guest presenter will be Michael Warsaw, President, and CEO of EWTN and John Cuddleback, professor at Christendom College. Saturday, March 2 from 8:30am until 2:30pm. Cost for the retreat is \$85, and will be held at St. Joseph, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon, VA 20170. Register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/men. For inquiries email familylife@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703-841-3892.

2025 Women's Conference Saturday, March 15

Journey of Hope. Join us for a day of spiritual enrichment & fellowship with Laura Phelps, speaker, and author from "Walking with Purpose" and Sr. Mary Albers, SOLT, vocations servant for the SOLT sisters. Cost for the retreat is \$85, and will be held at St. Joseph, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon, VA 20170. Register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/women. For inquiries, please email familylife@arlingtondiocese.org.



This week: Black and Indian Missions collection

This week's second collection is for Black and Indian Missions. Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection.

and more

Taizé at Saint Bernadette Monthly Ecumenical Prayer in the tradition of the Community of Taizé, France



Join us Monday, 17 February 2025 and every 3rd Monday, 8 – 8:45pm.

We warmly invite all Christians to this joyful and contemplative candlelight service of simple song, scripture, prayer and silence.

Saint Bernadette Catholic Church
7600 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, VA 22152
www.stbernpar.org

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

February

17 MONDAY

7am Blanco Family
9am* † Emile Pelletier
Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13

18 TUESDAY

7am † Hal B. Henry
9am* † Timothy Kirk
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21

19 WEDNESDAY

7am † Ramon Vega
9am* † Timothy Kirk
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26

20 THURSDAY

7am † Amelia Yadao
9am* Jeffrey Murray
Gn 9:1-13/Mk 8:27-33

21 FRIDAY

7am † Jerry Jasinowski
9am* † Sonny Nguyen
10am** † Bob Conaway
Gn 11:1-9/Mk 8:34—9:1

22 SATURDAY

8am* † Arturo Gonzalez
1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
5pm* † Anna Martin

23 SUNDAY

7am For the parish
9am* † John Killian
11am* † Robert & Nicole Burton
1pm † Maria Elena Guerra
5pm † Machael Heise
1 Sm 26:2-9, 12-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Feb 22	5pm	Fr. Don
Feb 23	7am	Fr. Don
	9am	Fr. James
	11am	Fr. Cedric
	1pm	Fr. Jeb
	5pm	Fr. James

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.

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 parish hall Capital 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.

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. 18, 24); Thursday lunches (Feb. 27); 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.

Associates of Saint John Bosco scholarships

The Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit in the diocese founded by Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, has opened its scholarship application for all current and rising college students. This year, ASJB has more than doubled their scholarship offerings! ASJB will be awarding up to \$40,000 to up to five worthy recipients who seek to serve the Church in some way after they graduate from college. Applicants must be residents of the Diocese of Arlington. Students may apply by May 19, 2025, by visiting: www.asjb.org/scholarship-program.

The Car Ministry

If you have a used car to donate, please consider The Car Ministry, a charitable agency that processes and repairs donated vehicles, which are given at no cost to needy families and individuals, who can support a car, and who have been referred by pastors and social workers. These vehicles transform people's lives because transportation allows them to obtain employment in places that were previously inaccessible, and it makes them self-sufficient because they now have a means -to get to work. For more information, contact Larry Gordon (703) 237-8479.



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.