

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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.

Second Sunday of Lent

March 16, 2025



Transfiguration of Christ, Luca Giordano, 1685
Uffizi Galleries, Florence



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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welcome



SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
DAILY MASS	Mon.–Fri., 7 & 9am (live-streaming); Sat., 8am (live-streaming) Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
LIVE-STREAMING	Monday–Friday, 9am; Saturday, 8am; Vigil Sat., 5pm and Sundays 9 & 11am
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Fridays, 7-8pm (church) Rosary after 9am weekdays/8am Saturday Masses in church Taizé Prayer Service, 3 rd Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
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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

march

- 16 Sunday, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Forty Hours begins**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
 - **FORTY HOURS' ADORATION** begins following the 5pm evening Mass.
Please sign up in the vestibule to ensure two people are present at all time.
 - Our Forty Hours first **Mission Talk with Fr. Bill Quigley, CICM** begins ~ 6:15pm
- 17 Monday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Patrick, Bishop]**
- Office of Readings/Morning Prayer at 8:30am; Evening Prayer/Vespers 6pm
 - **Forty Hours Mass, 6:30pm** followed by **Mission Talk with Fr. Quigley, 7:30pm**
- 18 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor]**
- Office of Readings/Morning Prayer at 8:30am; Evening Prayer/Vespers 6pm
 - **Forty Hours Mass, 6:30pm** followed by **Mission Talk with Fr. Quigley, 7:30pm**
 - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude Forty Hours following talk.
- 19 Wednesday, Solemnity of SAINT JOSEPH**
- "The Light is On" confessions, 6:30 - 8pm, church
- 20 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
- 21 Friday, Lenten Weekday**
- **Soup Supper**, 6pm in the cafeteria
 - **Stations of the Cross**, 7pm in the church
 - **Estaciones de la Cruz**, 8pm in the church
- 22 Saturday, Lenten Weekday**
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 23 Sunday, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 24 Monday, Lenten Weekday**
- 25 Tuesday, The ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**
- 26 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**
- "The Light is On" confessions, 6:30 - 8pm, church
- 27 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
- 28 Friday, Lenten Weekday**
- **Soup Supper**, 6pm in the cafeteria
 - **Stations of the Cross**, 7pm in the church
 - **Estaciones de la Cruz**, 8pm in the church
- 29 Saturday, Lenten Weekday**
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 30 Sunday, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 31 Monday, Lenten Weekday**
- april**
- 1 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**
- 2 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit]**
- "The Light is On" confessions, 6:30 - 8pm, church
- 3 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
- 4 Friday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor]**
- **Soup Supper**, 6pm in the cafeteria

announcements

54%
of goal

Bishop's Lenten Appeal

We're at 54% *before* including gifts/pledges from last weekend! Just drop your pledge envelopes in the basket at Mass or at the office, or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA. Please indicate you are a parishioner here and it will count toward our parish goal of \$560,000.

Now accepting applications for PRE-Kinderergarten in our school. Interested in joining our school community? We focus on faith formation, academic excellence, and community service. Visit our website: www.stbernschool.org/admissions-process/

All women are invited to a Lenten Night of Reflection with a special talk given by Fr. Don, Saturday, March 29 from 7-9pm in the Saint Bernadette School Gym. Please join us for refreshments and for small group discussion.

Lenten Observances

Fasting: Food equivalent to one regular meal, one small meal – Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Abstinence: No meat – ALL Fridays

Parish Soup Suppers: Fridays in Lent, 6pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, 7pm in English, 8pm in Spanish, in the church

Lent Confessions: Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, Saturdays, 3:30-4:30pm (as usual). *Please plan confessions early in the season to avoid running out of time.*

Parish Penance Service: Tuesday, April 8, 6:30pm

40 Hours and Parish Lenten Mission: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sunday–Tuesday, March 16-18.

Begins with 5pm Mass Sunday followed by adoration and mission talk by Fr. Bill Quigley, CICM, director of Missionhurst's Mount Tabor Retreat House in Arlington, at 6:15pm.

- Additional Masses on Monday and Tuesday evening at 6:30pm followed by Lenten Mission talks at 7:30pm.
- Monday and Tuesday Morning Prayer, 8:30am, and Evening Prayer, 6pm.
- Close of 40 Hours with Benediction, Tuesday night after the talk.

from the pastor

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

You may have noticed a new addition to our worship space last weekend. Half a year ago I designed and contracted the finish carpenter, John Matson who made all our sanctuary furnishings in the style of the altar, to make us a baptismal font.

For nearly nine years I have celebrated baptisms in the vestibule and it has never seemed right. Although it is beautiful, its utility is limited. It is a tight space with an uneasy step up/down to the font, and people have fallen. If you have more than two families it is uncomfortable, gathering in what seems such a transitional space with no seating. This does sometimes become a problem because grandparents and great grandparents often need to sit, and they can't. Conscious of this, I have been aware of rushing baptisms because the space is simply uncomfortable.

The new font in the center of the church will allow us to truly celebrate the Rite of Baptism with standing and sitting as the Rite is written. People, seated in the back center sections of pews will be able to see and participate in the Rite without distractions.

Brides: don't get nervous. The font is moveable and the aisle is still yours!

I don't know if you have ever attended the Easter Vigil, probably the most ancient and beautiful Rite of our Church – the blessing

of fire, the lighting of the candle, the blessing of Easter water, the celebration of the sacraments of initiation, the renewal of our baptismal promises – if you have, you will see immediately how beautiful this is going to be, baptizing new members in the heart of the assembly. The font we have used for the past eight years in the sanctuary (actually a landscaping water feature) has become too heavy to lift as we get older.

(By the way, the Easter Vigil this year is on Saturday evening, April 19 at 8:30pm, until probably about 11pm. Try to join us and celebrate with all the new members of the Church and their families. You will be glad you did.)

As we have had a lot of new members join the parish, I find that many people do not know the story of our altar, a great treasure. If you look to the left just inside the front doors of the church around the corner, you will see a photo of Saint Pope John Paul II celebrating Mass in 1979 on the Mall in front of the Smithsonian Castle. That is our altar, the biggest relic I've ever seen. In its first years it was smooth and square... Made from green wood, over time it has dried, shrunk, twisted in a most interesting way, and provides a great reflection for us for Lent. We often hear of the cross as Jesus' altar of sacrifice, but few people can meditate on an altar that literally looks like the wood of the cross!

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*



Celebrating Lent in our school

The season of Lent is a special time for all of us at our school. It gives us the opportunity to come together as a community and grow in faith through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, all while reflecting on Jesus' sacrifice and preparing for the joy of his resurrection at Easter.

We began this meaningful season by attending Mass together on Ash



community by attending the Parish Soup Suppers every Friday during Lent.

In addition to prayer and fasting, we emphasize the importance of almsgiving to our students. As part of this, we participate in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program each year, and this year is no exception. Each student received a cardboard "rice bowl" at the beginning of Lent to fill with spare change. Our teachers encourage each child to get creative in finding ways to raise money – whether it's by completing a chore, helping a neighbor, or collecting loose change around the house. These efforts support those affected by hunger and poverty, both globally and in our own diocese.

As we journey through this Lenten season, we will work to strengthen our faith, support one another, and continue to grow in love and service to those in need, preparing our hearts for the joy of Easter.

cardinal corner



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HEARTS
& MINDS
= CHRIST**

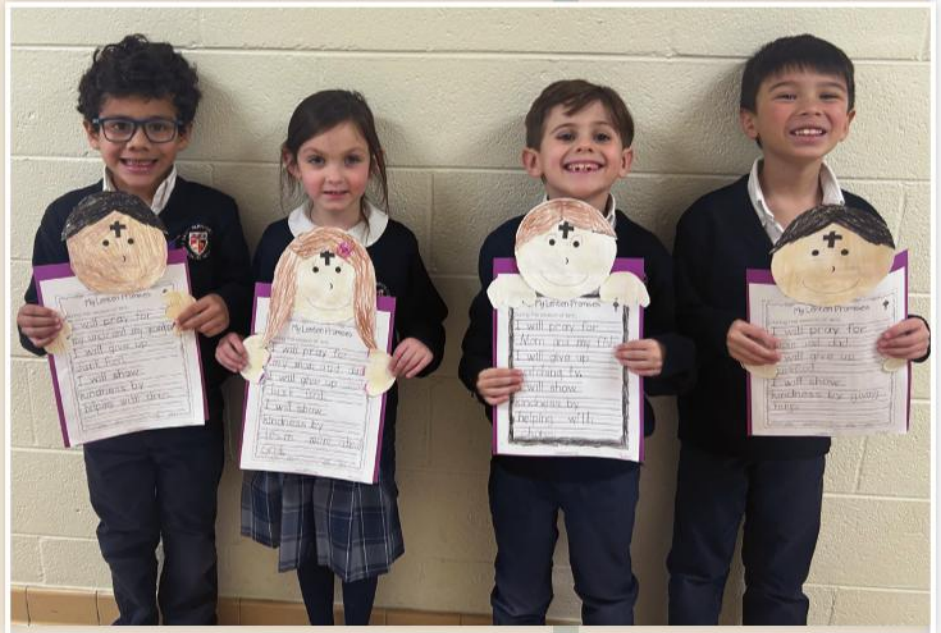
Now enrolling PRE-Kindergarten

Interested in joining our school community? We focus on faith formation, academic excellence, and community service.

We are now accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year. Visit our website: www.stbernschool.org/admissions-process/

Wednesday, where we received ashes as a symbol of our repentance. Throughout Lent, our students and staff will wear purple felt crosses, made by our National Junior Honor Society, as a visual reminder of Jesus' great sacrifice. As a school, we will also recite the "Act of Contrition" daily, strengthening our ability to repent from sin and make wise decisions, even when no one is watching us.

Every week we come together as a school to reflect during the Stations of the Cross. Our second graders will celebrate their First Confession on March 19, and students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity for confession in several weeks. On Fridays, our school chef will prepare delicious meatless meals to help us observe this season, including veggie quesadillas, cheese pizza, and salads. We also invite all of our school families to join our extended Saint Bernadette parish



religious education

Weekly update

Please contact Lynn Jones, Director of Religious Education, at 703-451-8576, ext 136; Arlyn Agasen, ext 132, or Victor Mendez, Administrative Assistant, at ext 138.

RE regular schedule:

Tuesday Session
5:30-6:45pm
Wednesday Session
6-7:15pm

youth ministry

Stay in touch:

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

Follow us on Instagram @stbernyouth

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

RE Program upcoming schedule

Regular classes: Mar. 18-19, 25-26, and Apr. 2 (Wed.). No class on Tuesday Apr. 1 due to FCPS student holiday
Sunday Family Faith Formation Class: Apr. 6
Saturday SPRED class, Mar. 22, Apr. 5.

CRS Rice Bowls

Our students received Rice Bowls which raise funds for the good works of Catholic Relief Services at classes last week. Please take this on as a family Lenten activity. Plan to return the rice bowl on April 8 and 9.

Trinity House Family Donut Social

Mark your calendars! Join us on March 23 in the school cafeteria for fellowship,

hospitality, and kids' activities after the 9am Mass! Come visit with other parish families while you enjoy coffee, juice, and donuts while your children do some fun activities with volunteers!

Living the liturgical year

On March 19 we observe the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, foster father of Jesus and protector of the Holy Family. Introduce your family to Sleeping Saint Joseph, an important posture for him since God communicated to him through dreams to keep the Holy Family safe. Visit Look to Him and Be Radiant to find more information: <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2017/03/sleeping-st-joseph.html>



Middle School Youth Ministry Next gathering March 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!

High School Dinner - April 5

All High Schoolers are invited to join us for food, friends, and fellowship on Saturday, April 5th from 6-8pm in the Bradican Room. Contact Grace Mee with any questions.

WorkCamp adult volunteers still needed

-- 1 woman to serve as an Adult Crew Leader for the week June 21-27
-- 1 contractor to supervise the repairs performed at the resident's home June 22-26. Please contact Matthew Frey with any questions: matthew_c_frey@yahoo.com or 571-265-5258.

Bishop Ireton Theater presents Guys and Dolls!

The show will run on April 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 7pm; April 6 at 2pm in Garwood Whaley Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA 22314. Event page with details: <https://www.bishopireton.org/fine-arts/theater-arts>
Direct Ticket Link: <https://bihs.booktix.com/>

Lent 2025



Fasting, Abstinence, and Prayer, Soup Suppers & Stations of the Cross



Lent is a special time of quiet and personal reflection as well as a time in which the parish comes together to observe special devotions and gatherings.

Remember, Fridays are days of abstinence from meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting and abstinence**, which means no meat *and* we eat only one full meal and two small meals not equalling one full meal, with no snacks in between.

Join us for our parish Lenten Soup Suppers on Fridays at 6pm!

We celebrate the Way of the Cross, or Stations of the Cross, on Fridays at 7pm in English, and 8pm in Spanish in the church.

Confessions



Our special **Parish Penance Service** with 16 priests will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30pm in the church. Please plan to join us.

Confessions will be available also on Wednesday nights, 6:30-8pm and the normal time, 3:30pm on Saturdays. *Please plan to come earlier in the season so as not to encounter limited opportunities later.*

Cuaresma 2025



Ayuno, Abstinencia, y oración, Cenas de Sopa y Estaciones de la Cruz



La Cuaresma es un tiempo especial de reflexión personal y tranquila, así como un tiempo en el que la parroquia se reúne para observar devociones y reuniones especiales.

Recuerda, los viernes son días de abstinencia de carne. El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de **ayuno y abstinencia**, lo que significa no comer carne y solo comemos una comida completa y dos comidas pequeñas que no equivalen a una comida completa, sin refrigerios entre medias.

¡Únase a nosotros para nuestras cenas de sopa los viernes a las 6pm! Celebramos el Vía Crucis, o Estaciones de la Cruz, los viernes a las 7pm en inglés y a las 8pm en español en la iglesia.

Confessions



Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia especial con 16 sacerdotes se llevará a cabo el martes 8 de abril a las 6:30pm en la iglesia. Por favor planee unirse a nosotros. Las confesiones estarán disponibles también los miércoles por la noche, de 6:30 a 8pm y, en horario normal, a las 3:30pm los sábados. *Planee venir más temprano en la temporada para no encontrar oportunidades limitadas más adelante.*

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Parish Offertory

March 9:
Offertory \$40,219

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.

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A Beloved Tradition: 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration



OPENING of FORTY HOURS
*all-night adoration Sunday night through
Tuesday night.*

Sunday, March 16

5pm SUNDAY MASS
6pm ADORATION BEGINS
6:15pm MISSION TALK

Monday, March 17

FIRST DAY of ADORATION
7 and 9am MASS
8:30am OFFICE/MORNING PRAYER
6pm EVENING PRAYER/VESPERS
6:30pm MASS
7:30pm MISSION TALK

Tuesday, March 18

SECOND DAY of ADORATION
7 and 9am MASS
8:30am OFFICE/MORNING PRAYER
6pm EVENING PRAYER/VESPERS
6:30pm MASS
7:30pm MISSION TALK
BENEDICTION and
CLOSE of FORTY HOURS

2025 Mission Talks during 40 Hours



This year our parish mission speaker is Fr. Bill Quigley, CICM, a Missionhurst priest who currently serves as director of their Mount Tabor Retreat House in Arlington. He will speak on a variety of Lenten themes to inspire lay faithful to fully grow in to the life of the Church.

An enlivening journey to the heart of Jesus

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

Topics for this prayerful, 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.)

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, March 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, March 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.

Knitting/crochet ministry

Join our Friday Nights virtual and in person meetings - Knitting/Crochet Ministry at St. Bernadette Church in the Bradican Room, Friday evenings from 5 to 6:30pm. and in-person meetings on the 3rd Friday of the month, same time. The main objective of the knitting group is to be able, as a community, to help the very poor by donating our products to the less fortunate through charity organizations, and at the same time have fun while meeting other knitters, making good friends, and sharing our favorite knitting skills. You don't need to know how to knit or crochet to join the club, other knitters will teach you.

Yarn donations: Our Ministry is now concentrating in making baby blankets, as it is the demand at the moment. Therefore, we welcome yarn donations, provided it is suitable for baby blankets, e.g., soft and right thickness. Contact: Lerick Kebeck: 703-477-1725; or Lsotelo0712@yahoo.com





Live Jesus! 2025 at St. John Neumann Saturday, Mar. 29

Live Jesus! is a Catholic Lenten gathering that includes a morning of reflection, fellowship and prayer based on the humble and gentle spirituality of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal. Registration is free (although the event is wholly supported by freewill donations), and encouraged for anyone high school age and above!



St. John Neumann Catholic Church (11900 Lawyers Rd., Reston VA) on Saturday, March 29 beginning with breakfast at 8am and speakers at 9am. The keynote speaker is Fr. James Greenfield, OSFS and two secondary speakers are Olivia Wills Kane and Carol Swiger, founder of Live Jesus! For more details and registration, visit oblates.org/events-feed/live-jesus-2025 or scan the QR code.

Walking with Purpose night of reflection

All women are invited to a Lenten Night of Reflection with a special talk given by Fr. Don Rooney. Saturday, March 29th from 7:00-9:00 pm in the St. Bernadette School Gym. Invite a friend to join us for hot chocolate, tea, and light hors d'oeuvres along with a chance for small group discussion!

Support Catholic Relief Services International with Rice Bowls of the change you bring in Lent

Ana Belén and her husband, José, have four children and a baby on the way. They live in a small house in Santa María Chiquimula, Guatemala. Francisco, their 9-year-old son, says his neighborhood is, "a very happy place to live, but sometimes it's also very hard to live here." He is not wrong. In their community, malnutrition affects over half of the population mainly because people can't afford to put food on the table. Now the family participates in a Catholic Relief Services project that helps fight hunger in places where people don't have enough food. Through the project, Ana Belén goes every other week to her children's school to receive food such as corn, beans, rice, vegetable oil and eggs. "It made me happy when they started giving me eggs," she says. Having enough nutritious food is very important to help children grow healthy and gives them the energy they need to learn and play, just like Francisco, who loves playing ball with his cousins and at school.



To Donate please visit <https://tinyurl.com/34sdsxz4> or take and return a Rice Bowl from the church vestibule. Please return no later than April 11, 2025. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Relief Services.

Calling all softball players

The Parish fields a softball team in the Fairfax County Adult Softball League, Church Division, sponsored by our Knights of Columbus council. We are seeking men and women over the age of 18 who may wish to participate. Games are played in the Centerville area on weeknights from April through June, usually one night per week. If you have experience and a desire to compete, please reach out to Mark Price at 703-894-8300 or email at mnpprice@verizon.net. We are especially in need of younger players to remain competitive. You do not need to be a member of the Knights to play.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

March

17 MONDAY

7am † Liane Kilikauskas
9am* † Timothy Kirk
6:30p Suzanne Peters
Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

18 TUESDAY

7am Ebelin Reyes
9am* The Porter Family
6:30p Jenni Taylor
Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

19 WEDNESDAY

7am Derrick Vallejos
9am* † Liane Kilikauskas
2 Sm 7:4-16/Rom 4:13-22/Mt 1:16-24a

20 THURSDAY

7am Andrew Araoz Mercado
9am* Luke Morris
Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

21 FRIDAY

7am Marel Navarro
9am* † Corazon Dominguez
10am** † John Honzel
Gn 37:3-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

22 SATURDAY

8am* † Judith Buskey
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
5pm* † Bill Hedling

23 SUNDAY

7am † Pat Hahndorf
9am* † Ken Schoonover
11am* † Tim Kirk
1pm † Cecilia & Alfredo Canton
5pm For the parish
Ex 3:1-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
* live-streamed Masses
** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

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

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 Gribshaw, Pierre DesLauriers, Frank Caponegro, Krista Buskey, Helena Larsen, Cristy Perez Ayala, Amy Greenlee, Larry Lawrence, Thomas Fitzgerald, Adrian Vincente, Evan Robish.

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.

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. ASJB will be awarding up to \$40,000 to up to five 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 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 be self-sufficient. For more information, contact Larry Gordon (703) 237-8479.

Mary's Comfort welcomes a second, healthy baby!

It is with great appreciation to our benefactors that we announce the birth of a second, healthy baby born to a guest who lives in our Mary's Comfort home. Without your generous support, we would not have been able to support this mother and help her deliver a beautiful new life. Join us in a prayer of thanksgiving! Our dedicated volunteers are working hard to support the two mothers and their babies and are extraordinarily grateful for your continued support.

Mass intentions available

It is unusual, but requests are very slow right now for Mass intentions. Of course, a Mass is the best thing you can do for loved ones who have died, but also an important way to show someone how much you care for them by having a Mass celebrated for their intentions. There is no fee -- but a freewill offering to the church is customary, usually \$10. Also, you don't have to be present for Masses you request. Our most unrequested Masses are 7am weekdays.



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