O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Resurrection of the Lord

April 20, 2025

Liturgy Worship Aid for Easter Sunday Masses begins on page 7.



The Resurrection, Sebastiano Ricci, 1715 Dulwich Picture Gallery, London



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The	SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
Resurrection	DAILY MASS	MonFri., 7 & 9am (live-streaming); Sat., 8am (live-streaming) Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
of the Lord	LIVE-STREAMING	Monday-Friday, 9am; Saturday, 8am; Vigil Sat., 5pm and Sundays 9 & 11am
April 20, 2025	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.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. <u>bulletin@stbernpar.org</u> .

calendar

april

- 20 Sunday, EASTER SUNDAY See p. 7 for full schedule
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
 - There is NO 5pm Mass today.
- 21 Monday, Monday within the Octave of Easter
 - Parish Offices will be closed.
 - Taizé prayer for unity in the church, 8pm
- 22 Tuesday, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- 23 Wednesday, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- 24 Thursday, Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- 25 Friday, Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday, Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 ECHO YARD SALE starting at 8am in the gym
 Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 27 Sunday, SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER (Divine Mercy) • Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 28 Monday, Easter Weekday [Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr] • Additional Feast of Saint Bernadette Mass (bilingual) in the Church, 7pm
- 29 Tuesday, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor
- 30 Wednesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Pius V, Pope]

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- 1 Thursday, Easter Weekday [Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor]
- 2 Friday, Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday, Saints Philip and James, Apostles
 Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 5 Monday, Easter Weekday • Saint Bernadette Race for Education, <u>Visit stbernschool.org for details</u>
- 6 Tuesday, Easter Weekday
- 7 Wednesday, Easter Weekday
- 8 Thursday, Easter Weekday
- 9 Friday, Easter Weekday
- Saturday, Easter Weekday [Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor]
 Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 11 Sunday, FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

announcements

BLA@87%. We still eed to reach our goal! If you haven't already, please complete your commitment to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. As of April 13, we are still at 87% of our goal with 13% (600) of households participating. Return your pledge envelope or go online to make a gift or pledge. We need the funds from the BLA to provide a way for leaders of all ministries, volunteers, and people from all walks of life to grow as a community, enrich parish life, teach the faith, and help those in need. You may make a gift/pledge at: www. arlingtondiocese.org/BLA

Adults who, for whatever reason, are catechized but have never received the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to contact the office. Fr. Don will be planning a series of classes during the Easter Season in preparation for Confirmation with Bishop Burbidge on Pentecost Sunday.

All Saints Church Multi-Car Raffle is still in full swing. Four vehicles will be raffled along with a \$20,000 cash drawing, plus other cash drawings. The final deadline for ticket returns is April 29. The drawings begin at 1pm Saturday, May 3, at All Saints Parish in Manassas. Please return all tickets by mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided.

We will celebrate our parish, **Saint Bernadette**, **Feast Day on Monday**, **April 28**, with a bilingual Mass at 7pm.



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from the pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

He claimed he is the Son of God. They crucified him. He knew it was coming.

The Friday Gospel before Palm Sunday has stayed with me as I write this letter. They picked up rocks to stone Jesus. They were going to take care of this business themselves; Pilate was a last resort.

Jesus asks them what good works from his Father earned him this judgment? They replied that it wasn't for good works that he deserved to die, but for blasphemy. "You, a man, are making yourself God."

"Is it not written in your law, 'I said, 'You are gods"'? If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and Scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?

"If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

The Apostles, on this day of resurrection, today, come to realize that what Jesus was saying was literally true. Is it possible that, knowing Jesus so well, that they wanted to believe this holy man but never really accepted the fact that he is the Son of God? I would imagine that came with a lot of hand wrenching and soul searching. It probably wasn't just their persecutors whom they were hiding from in that upper room, it was from themselves.

Is this not the point to which we are confronted today? Do you really believe? Do we just take our parents' word for it? Remember, God has no grandchildren. Or does it just seem to make more sense than all the other nonsense in the world, so we go with our best bet?

Do you really, deeply believe that Jesus is the Son of God and rose from the dead? He had raised others back to life, Jairus' daughter, the widow of Nain's son, Lazarus... these works might have been enough to bring people to faith. It would certainly be something no one had seen before. The Gospels and Epistles are filled with things that had never been seen or done before by men and women. Consider his transfiguration, for example.

Now we know his tomb is empty and he is again walking with us, appearing before us, eating meals with us. What part of this do we not believe?

It may seem I am belaboring this point, but if we truly, actually believed that Jesus is the Son of God, and that out of his unconditional love he has become one of us, and then offered himself in our place to the Father for the atonement of our sins – even if only we were partly able to grasp that this were true – would we not orient our every word, act, thought with Jesus at the center? Our study, activities, entertainments, occupations – wouldn't they be led by this gratitude and joy because God has worked these wonders for us and for our salvation?

Jesus calls us to live faith authentically, with integrity. He is our life.

But, if I didn't believe Jesus is the Son of God and I owe my life to him, it would make sense that the celebration of his resurrection on Sundays would be optional for me. I could choose the moments when I wanted to acknowledge him or not. I could lack generosity with my time, my talent and my treasure. I could live life some days as if he didn't really matter to me, because maybe he doesn't.

It was, after all, Jesus who said, "I came, not to be served, but to serve." Imagine the difference Christianity could make in the world if it were used authentically, with integrity. To the people of Philippi Saint Paul writes:

Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Happy Easter! The Lord be with you.

Fr. Dom

Easter Greetings

Dear Families and Friends,

In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis directs us to focus on hope. We are to keep our eyes on Heaven and live our lives as a witness to Christ's love. We live with the hope of eternal salvation, to one day be united with God in Heaven. It is through Jesus' death and resurrection that we are saved. His love for us fills us with hope.

This Lent we prepared for Easter through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our second graders made their first Confession and our third through eighth graders participated in the sacrament of reconciliation. Daily we ended school by reciting the "Act of Contrition," asking God to forgive our sins and resolving to live a life of virtue. Each week, we attended Stations of the Cross. On Holy Thursday, our fifth graders re-enacted



the Last Supper and our eighth graders led Living Stations. During Lent, in order to focus on growing closer to God, we fasted from activities such as social media or complaining. Each day, our National Junior Honor Society members posted a suggested activity (e.g., pray for the souls in purgatory, read a chapter in the Bible, compliment someone) to help us grow in God's love. Further, we participated in almsgiving through the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program. The money collected will be used to combat poverty both within our diocese and abroad. Through our words and actions, our students, faculty, and staff make Jesus visible.

May you and your family be filled with hope in God and enjoy a blessed Easter.

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





cardinal corner





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: <u>www.stbernschool.</u> org/admissions-process/

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 Program upcoming schedule** Regular classes: Apr. 22-23, 29-30 Sunday Family Faith Formation Class: May 4.

Trinity House Family Donut Social

Mark your calendars! Plan to join us on Sunday, April 27, 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

Happy Easter! The Lord is Risen! Did you know we get a new Paschal Candle for the church each Easter, and then it is used throughout the year at baptisms and funerals? Learn about the Paschal Candle here and help your children make their own paper version! <u>https://www. looktohimandberadiant.com/2018/03/</u> paschal-candle-craft-for-kids.html.

Registration for 2025-2026

Registration will open in June for next year. Continue your child's growth in the faith by signing them up for classes in 2025-26! Our class sessions will be on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and we will again offer our Special Religious Development class on Saturday mornings for students with special learning needs and our Family Faith Formation classes once a month on Sunday afternoons (for grades K-5) where parents take a larger role in their child's faith formation. Registration information will be in the parish bulletin, on the website, and will be sent via Flocknote to all currently registered children in the first week of June. Who should register? All currently registered students, including all Confirmation 2025, Confirmation 2026, and students preparing to receive First Eucharist next school year. Questions *about your child's registration?* Call or email the Religious Education Office

CYO TRACK & FIELD REGISTRATION GRADES: 3RD - 8TH

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 <u>gmee@stbernpar.org</u> with any questions you may have.

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REGISTER HERE: HTTPS://REG.SPORTSPILOT.COM/106541

Middle School Youth Ministry Next gathering May 7

All 6th-8th graders are invited to Middle School Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Join us for games, snacks & 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!

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: <u>matthew_c_frey@yahoo.com</u> or 571-265-5258.

SPRING MEET DETAILS MAY 17TH @ BISHOP O'CONNELL

COMPETE IN 1600M, 200M, TURBO JAVELIN, LONG JUMP, ETC. NO PRACTICES REQUIRED COST = \$18

REGISTER BY 4/25

Summer Theatre Program 2025: it's *Anything Goes!*

Director of our Summer Theatre Program, Bill Molino, has announced that the musical for this summer will be *Anything Goes*, the 1934 Broadway classic with music and lyrics by Cole Porter which became pop and jazz standards including "Anything Goes," "You're the Top," "All through the Night," and "I Get a Kick out of You." Dates for auditions are soon to be finalized. Stay tuned!



EASTER SUNDAY

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

20 APRIL 2025

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Mass at 9:00

This Is the Day

Words: Psalm 118; music: Leon C. Roberts. St. Bernadette Contemporary Choir

Mass at 11:00

Easter Alleluias!

Words and music: John A. Behnke St. Bernadette Adult & Youth Choirs All sing This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it! This is the day the Lord has made; «Let us be glad, be glad, be glad, be glad and rejoice in it!» «Alleluia! Glory, glory! Alleluia, let us be glad!»

Alleluia!

He is arisen from the grave. Alleluia! Where have they taken my Jesus? Where have they taken my Lord? He is arisen from the grave. Alleluia! Death is swallowed up in death. See the tomb is empty now. Alleluia!

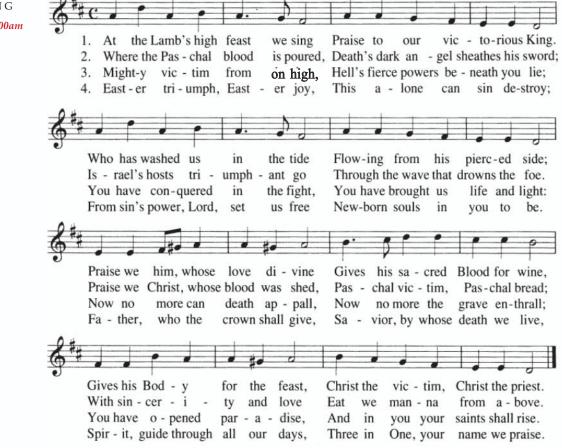
Order of Mass

The complete Order of Mass begins on page 106 of United in Christ/Unidos en Cristo (missalette) or at no. 199 in Gather (hymnal). Prayers and responses of the Mass can also be found inside the front cover of Gather.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE SONG

Mass at 7:00am and 11:00am At the Lamb's High Feast

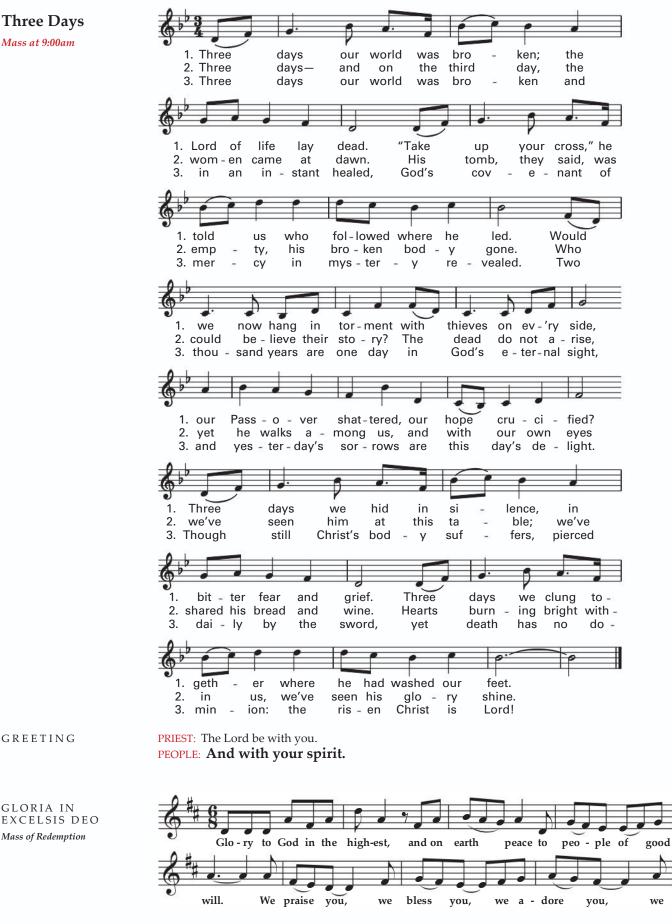


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Three Days

Mass at 9:00am





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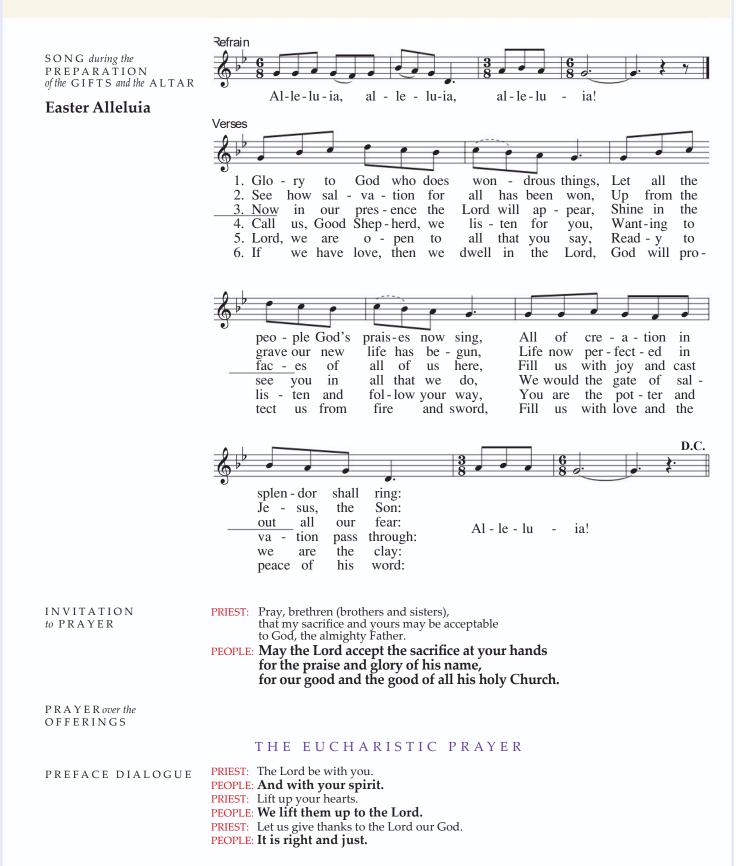
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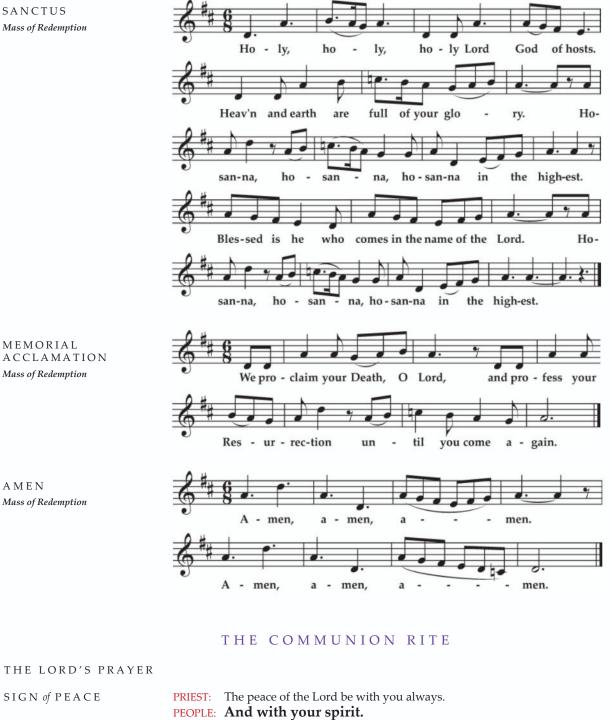


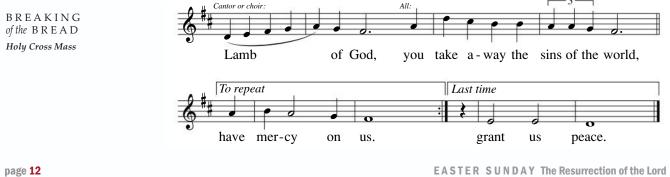
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LITURGY of the EUCHARIST







INVITATION to HOLY COMMUNION

PRIEST:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Lord, I am not worthy PEOPLE: that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast

with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Mass at 9:00 & 11:00, choir COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Festival Canticle:

Worthy Is Christ

COMMUNION SONG This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-To verses Last time O 0 ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia. lu lu ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose 1. 2. Pow er, rich - es. wis dom, and strength, and 3. Sing with all the peo ple of God. and 4. Bless ing, hon - or, glo ry, and might be to 5. For the Lamb who slain be was has D.C. Ο free set be of God. blood us to peo ple bless his. hon or, ing, and glo ry are join in the hymn of aĨÌ cre а tion. God and the Lamb for ev er. А men. _ gun his reign. Al le lu ia. O risen Lord, O glorious Son,

Mass at 9:00, choir

O Risen Lord Words: John Mason Neale Music: K. Lee Scott

Mass at 9:00, choir

now is the mighty battle won: Songs of praising we are raising: alleluia, alleluia!

On the third morning he arose, shining in vict'ry o'er his foes; Earth is singing, heaven is ringing: alleluia, alleluia!

After the death that him befell, Christ our Lord, has harrowed hell Sing with gladness, gone is sadness: alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of all things lives anew, And all his saints are rising, too: May our living be thanksgiving: alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, Our Passover Words: 1 Corinthians 5:7, 8 Music: Healey Willan

Alleluia. Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. Alleluia.

Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

PRAYER after COMMUNION

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

SONG at the SENDING FORTH Jesus Christ Is

Risen Today

PRIEST or DEACON: Using one of the following formulas:



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Did you miss Confirmation?

Are you an adult Catholic who would like to be confirmed this spring? If you are baptized, have received the Eucharist, and consider yourself well-catechized in the faith, contact the parish office to sign up for our Adult Confirmation class. This class will consist of four classes to prepare you to be confirmed. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred by Bishop Burbidge at the diocesan adult Confirmation Mass Pentecost Sunday on June 8, 2025. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Jones, DRE, at Ljones@ stbernpar.org.

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 <u>women@</u> <u>stbernpar.org</u>.

Monday, April 21 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.

ECHO Yard Sale is April 26

The ECHO Yard Sale offers a gymnasium full of items on dozens of tables organized by category. Doors open at 8am on Saturday, April 26, in our gym! From home decorations to electronics to jewelry to kitchenware, we have loads of nice things to choose from at wonderful prices. Proceeds support ECHO, Ecumenical Community Helping Others.

We could use some helping hands to set up, take down, assist cashiers during the sale and more. Set up is from 9am to noon on Friday, April 25, and take down begins at noon on April 26. If you have a few hours to contribute to our good cause, please call ECHO at the "I can give help" number, 703-569-7972. Please note that, if you are looking for assistance from ECHO, always use the "In need of help" number, 703-569-9160.

The Clothing Room at ECHO is changing all the clothing from fall and winter wear to spring and summer items. It's a big job. We need donations of adult and children's sized sneakers, shorts and short-sleeved tops, as well as men's jeans in waist sizes from 28 to 38. Donations of new socks and underwear, packages of sanitary pads, and packs of baby diapers allow ECHO to help people live with dignity.

Additional needs include comforters of all sizes, bathmats and flatware. Please bring donations to our Donation Door at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road on weekdays 9:30am –12:30pm, or 7–9pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays. Receipts are happily provided.

Interested in volunteering? Please check our website and click on "Volunteer" in the blue band on the homepage, or email volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org.

Men's Bible study

Join the men of Saint Bernadette every Thursday night from 7-8pm to pray together and discuss the upcoming Sunday Gospel. We meet by the bonfire on the patio behind the rectory.





monday, apr 21 - 8pm Generally, the third Monday of each month. Please invite all your friends to join us in this prayer for Christian unity.



etc.

Parish Offertory

April 13: Offertory \$38,122 Facilities/Maintenance 4,669

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Office of the Bishop DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 914 • Arlington, Virginia 22203 • Office (703) 841-2511 • Fax (703) 524-5028 Pascua 2025 Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, ¡Aleluya! Jesucristo verdaderamente ha resucitado. El cristiano se regocija y se alegra en Pascua por el maravilloso signo del amor y la misericordia de Dios: la crucifixión, muerte y resurrección de nuestro Salvador y todas El Papa Francisco, al inaugurar este Año Jubilar para la Iglesia Universal, animó a todos las promesas de nuestro Señor. a ver este año santo, con su enfoque en la virtud de la esperanza, como una "oportunidad para apreciar de nuevo, y con inmensa gratitud, el don de la nueva vida que hemos recibido en el Bautismo, una vida capaz de transfigurar el drama de la muerte." La victoria de nuestro Señor sobre el pecado y sus consecuencias hace posible nuestra esperanza. Por la gracia de Dios, cuando vemos a través de la luz de la fe, nuestra visión se extiende más allá del horizonte limitado de este mundo hacia la gloria y el esplendor En el tiempo de Pascua, la Sagrada Escritura nos dice que Pedro "corrió al sepulcro, se de la vida eterna. inclinó y vio solo los lienzos; luego regresó a casa admirado por lo sucedido" (Lucas 24:1-12). En esta temporada de Pascua, seguimos los pasos de Pedro, maravillándonos con el mismo asombro ante el triunfo de nuestro Salvador. Que nos comprometamos a llevar la alegría de esta temporada en nuestros corazones durante todo el año, para que podamos disfrutar de la verdadera libertad que Dios ofrece. Que Nuestro Señor Jesucristo los bendiga con su paz y aumente en ustedes la fe, la esperanza y el amor durante la temporada de Pascua, el Año Jubilar y siempre. Sinceramente en Cristo, Michael 7. Bushidge Mons. Michael F. Burbidge Obispo de Arlington



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Easter 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! Jesus Christ is truly risen. The Christian rejoices and is glad at Easter for the marvelous sign of God's love and mercy: the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of our

Pope Francis, in opening this Jubilee Year for the Universal Church, encouraged all to see this holy year, with its focus on the virtue of hope, as an "opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama." Our Lord's victory over sin and its consequences makes possible our hope. By God's grace, when we see by the light of faith our vision extends beyond the limited horizon of this world and into the glory and

At Eastertime, Sacred Scripture tells us that Peter "ran to the tomb, bent down, and saw the burial cloths alone; then he went home amazed at what had happened" (Luke 24:1-12). We follow in the footsteps of Peter in the Easter season, marveling at our Savior's triumph with the same amazement. May we resolve to carry the joy of this season in our hearts throughout the rest of the year so that we may enjoy the true freedom that God

May Our Lord Jesus bless you with his peace and increased faith, hope, and love throughout the Easter season, the Jubilee Year, and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael 7. Burlidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge Bishop of Arlington

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Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

April

21 MONDAY

7am Clare Mugno 9am* The Saucedo Family Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

22 TUESDAY 7am Parish prayer list 9am* Fr. Andrew Gonzalo Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

23 WEDNESDAY

7am † Helen Kostyak 9am* † Dorothy Rocca *Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35*

24 THURSDAY

7am Terri & Terry Breyman 9am* † Jane Serio Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

25 FRIDAY

7am Al Scheid 9am* † Laurette Nassetta 10am** † Theresa Palenski Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

26 SATURDAY

8am Eduardo Elinan Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 5am* † Brian Pereira

27 SUNDAY

7amJohn's Special Intention9am*Joseph Rooney11am*† James Jones1pmFor the parish5pm† Susan GuenzelActs 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-19/Jn 20:19-31

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

April 26	5pm	Fr. Cedric
April 27	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. Jeb
	1pm	Fr. James
	5pm	Fr. Don

Parish Prayer List

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, Thomas Fitzgerald, Adrian Vincente, Evan Robish, Kathryn Yeager, Scott Kendrick.

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 <u>rcaporali@</u> <u>stbernpar.org</u> 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 <u>rcaporali@</u> <u>stbernpar.org</u> or call the office.

2025 Bishop's Lenten Appeal *Abounding in Hope*

Thank you to those who have pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a commitment. The BLA unites as a diocesan family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. Every donation, large or small, is essential. You may mail a pledge, go online to <u>arlingtondiocese.org/</u> <u>BLA</u> to make a gift.

Mary's Comfort update

Please continue to pray for our new moms as they go back to work and start additional training to further their careers. They have also asked us to express their sincere gratitude for all the many ways St. Bernadette has supported them. If you would like to be part of this mission please email <u>maryscomfortva@gmail.com</u> with a brief summary of your interest and your contact information. Visit our website for more details about our program: <u>https://</u> www.maryscomfortva.

High school summer camps

John Paul the Great HS, June-August 2025: registration is now open! Sign your elementary and middle school-age children up for a variety of athletic and enrichment camps during the summer months. For registration and more details, please visit: https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/ summeractivities

Mass for Healing April 22 Join the diocesan Healing Ministry at

Join the diocesan Healing Ministry at 7:30pm at Nativity Catholic Church, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.



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. page 18 | Saint Bernadette Church



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