

*May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

# Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025



The Miraculous Catch of Fish, ChatGPT after Picasso, 2025



**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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturdays in English; 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.stbermpar.org">www.stbermpar.org</a> .  Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. <a href="mailto:bulletin@stbermpar.org">bulletin@stbermpar.org</a> .

# calendar

## may

- 4 **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**, [Visit stbernschool.org](http://Visit.stbernschool.org) for details
- 6 **Tuesday, Easter Weekday**
- 7 **Wednesday, Easter Weekday**
- 8 **Thursday, Easter Weekday**
- 9 **Friday, Easter Weekday**
  - Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 10 **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
- 12 **Monday, Easter Weekday** **[Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs]**
- 13 **Tuesday, Easter Weekday** **[Our Lady of Fatima]**
- 14 **Wednesday, Saint Matthias, Apostle**
- 15 **Thursday** **[Saint Isidore]**
- 16 **Friday, Easter Weekday**
  - Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 17 **Saturday, Easter Weekday**
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 18 **Sunday, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 19 **Monday, Easter Weekday**
  - Taizé prayer for unity in the church, 8pm
- 20 **Tuesday, Easter Weekday** **[Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest]**
  - **SBSBNAs: Let's Talk** with Fr. Don, 7-8:30pm in Bradican Room
- 21 **Wednesday, Easter Weekday** **[Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs]**
- 22 **Thursday, Easter Weekday** **[Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious]**
- 23 **Friday, Easter Weekday**
  - Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 24 **Saturday, Easter Weekday**
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 25 **Sunday, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 26 **Monday, Saint Philip Neri, Priest**
  - Parish Offices closed in observance of Memorial Day
  - No 7am Mass today
- 27 **Tuesday, Easter Weekday** **[Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop]**
  - **SBSBNAs: Let's Talk** with Fr. Don, 7-8:30pm in Bradican Room

## announcements

**BLA@93%.** We still need to reach our goal! If you haven't already, please complete your commitment to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. As of April 24, we are at 93% of our goal with 18% (753) 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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA)

Please join Fr. Don for three gatherings here at Saint Bernadette called **SBSNRs Let's Talk - "Spiritual But Not Religious"**, Tuesday nights in the Bradican Room, 7-8:30pm, on May 20, 27 and June 3. More information can be found in Fr. Don's letter this weekend.

**Concerts at Saint Bernadette** presents Maritza Mascarenhas Sadowsky and David Mathers, our Director of Liturgy, as they perform masterworks for "piano four-hands", two pianists, one piano! Our concert program will include Charles Callahan's *"Fantasy on Amazing Grace"* for piano and organ. Please plan to join us, **Friday, 9 May at 7:30pm**. A free-will donation will be accepted and a light reception will follow the performance. For more info: [dmathers@stbermpar.org](mailto:dmathers@stbermpar.org) or 703-451-8576, ext 112.



## from the pastor

### SBSNRs: Let's Talk

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

My participation in the national Vaishnava Hindu—Christian Dialogue last week got me thinking. You may have heard me speak of it at Masses I presided over last weekend.

The topic was about spirituality and religious practice, in particular, what the Hindus referred to as “SBNRs,” those who self-identify as Spiritual But Not Religious. It is, of course, something that cuts across all religions and groups of society, but the Hindus seem particularly worried.

There was a time when you would hear Jewish people often refer to themselves as “culturally Jewish” but not practicing, and it would always seem somewhat shocking to me. Today, we have a growing culture of “cultural Catholics” (and, apparently, cultural Hindus) who identify as Catholics without the commitment to practice the faith. Maybe that explains how it is possible that, of about *registered* 4,100 families at Saint Bernadette, we have only about 1,300 who have given anything to the offertory at all during the past year. Registered, but not present.

Discussion in the dialogue was rich and fruitful. There can be, really, only two reasons why people can feel absolved of practicing their religion. Either they don't believe it is really real, or they feel that others (usually clergy) are the ones to whom the practice of religion falls.

This could be for a number of reasons. First, the clericalism of the Church which gives an over-emphasis on the role of the priest and discounts the value and importance of lay people is growing in the Church. Pope Francis talked about this a lot. Lay people are too often talked down to, or made to feel unworthy to even be sinners in the Church. I have written so often: the reason we have a church is because we ARE sinners. Together we get better, helping each other with the crosses we carry. You can't do it alone.

If you feel you have to do it alone, it is too easy to throw your hands up in the air and give up.

Another reason we considered was the group that might be called “Religious But Not Spiritual.” Having never received the

proper formation in the faith, people just don't know what they don't know and it is too easy, then, to let go of something that might be your key to salvation. If the poll taken ten years ago is true where people said they decided to leave the Church at the *average* age of 12, it is probably likely true that those who don't have greater knowledge of Church teachings—or even who God is—could make an uninformed decision to abandon a gift that they have never opened.

Another reason is because the Church can seem hypocritical, demanding burdens that they, themselves, are unwilling to carry or assist other in carrying, especially where abuse has been a part of peoples' stories.

When people tell me they don't believe in God, I ask them to describe this God they don't believe in. Reality: literally every time I ask this question I affirm them in their lack of faith, because I wouldn't believe in that god, either.

The best thing I gathered from the Hindu dialogue was offered by a Hindu priest: he said that, in the attempt to preserve and repeat a profound spiritual experience, the leader of the community of believers (*maybe* the person who had the experience) tries to create a context so that all believers might have that experience. What results is ritual, and ritual becomes systematized as religion. Spirituality and religion are not either/or. They are a part of the same mystery and seek the beauty of the spiritual life.

SO. I have decided to schedule some gatherings at Saint Bernadette called **SBSNRs: Let's Talk**. I have scheduled three Tuesday nights in the Bradican Room, 7–8:30pm, on May 20, 27 and June 3. If you know any SBNRs please contact them and let them know that they should be here. There will be NO judgment. SBNRs should not be treated as outsiders! They are our brothers and sisters and probably just need to be heard. We should talk about how the Church has failed in the work of youth/adult formation in the past and set a course based on the days to come, not the days behind us. Come with your stories to share, and your optimism of what we might be able to accomplish together as the many and varied members of the one Body of Christ.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

## A year of field trips for our students

This school year has been packed with exciting and enriching field trips—and there are still more to come before summer break arrives in June. From STEM exploration to financial literacy and outdoor adventures, our students have been learning in some truly memorable ways.

The fun began early in the year with our Kindergarteners heading out on their very first field trip. On October 3, 2024 they visited the Children's Science Center, where it was all about hands-on learning. Our young scientists explored structure and stability by building tall towers with strong foundations, learned about chemical reactions by making their own slime, and experimented with recycled materials to see which designs could float or fly in a wind tunnel. It was a day full of curiosity, creativity, and STEM-filled fun.

Next up, on March 13, 2025, our 6th graders took part in Operation Safe Passage at the Experiential Learning Center at the National Museum of the United States Army. This immersive experience allowed students to role-play in a simulated Army mission while exploring key concepts in Geography, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (GSTEM). Before jumping into the simulation, students learned how to engineer bridges strong enough for supply trucks and how geographic knowledge is essential when planning rescue operations in unfamiliar terrain. They then put their skills to the test by working together in a mission to deliver aid to a community impacted by an earthquake.

Just a couple of weeks later, on March 28, 2025, our 1st graders had their turn to explore with a trip to Hidden Pond Nature Center, which included a close-up

look at reptiles like turtles and snakes, hands-on digging in the decomposition center, and a guided hike through local Virginia habitats. It was a wonderful day of outdoor science learning, and we were thankful to have many parents join us as chaperones.

Most recently, on Tuesday, April 15, 2025—fittingly, Tax Day—our 8th graders got a crash course in adulting during their visit to Junior Achievement's Finance Park. As part of their economics and financial literacy lessons, students stepped into the shoes of grown-ups with jobs, families, and monthly bills to juggle. Armed with fictional life scenarios, they had to budget their income, make smart shopping choices, save for the future, and keep up with their bills. It was a real-world wake-up call (in the best way!) that showed just how important financial planning is—and gave them a new appreciation for all the behind-the-scenes math adults do every day.

From strong towers and slime to reptiles, rescue missions, and real-world budgeting, our students have been soaking up all kinds of hands-on learning this year. It's been a year full of growth, discovery, and unforgettable experiences. We cannot wait to see what is next.

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HEARTS  
& MINDS  
IN 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/](http://www.stbernschool.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.

# youth ministry

## Stay in touch:

Text/Email Updates: Sign-up at [flocknote.com/stbernyouth](https://flocknote.com/stbernyouth) or text "stbernyouth" to 84576.

Follow us on Instagram @stbernyouth

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee, at [gme@stbermpar.org](mailto:gme@stbermpar.org) with any questions you may have.

## RE Program upcoming schedule

Regular classes: May 6-7 (final class)

SPRED classes: May 3, May 10

Sunday Family Faith Formation Class: May 4.

## Living the liturgical year

Happy May! May is the month of Mary. One of my favorite things to celebrate is the May Crowning. You will see a statue of Mary adorned with flowers on her head in the church. It is traditional to pray the Rosary with your family to show your love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Other Marian crafts you can do with your children to celebrate the month can be found at <https://catholicsprouts.com/31-crafts-for-mary/>.

Blessed Carlo Acutis' canonization will be scheduled once a new pope is elected. He is the first millennial saint. His story is one in which a young person, 15 years old, who was devoted to the Eucharist lead him to create an online exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles and more. You can learn more

about him and visit the online exhibitions at <https://www.carloacutis.com/>.

## 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 the Religious Education Office or contact us via email.

## 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!

## Middle School BASH - Saturday, May 10

All middle schoolers are invited to join us for the Diocese of Arlington BASH at Bishop O'Connell High School! This is an exciting day for more than a thousand middle school students to gather with Bishop

Burbidge to celebrate our Catholic Faith! The day includes inflatable games, carnival rides, pizza and ice cream, a message from a nationally known-speaker, entertainment, a Vigil Mass with the Bishop and much more! Contact Grace Mee ([gme@stbermpar.org](mailto:gme@stbermpar.org)) for more information and how to register!

## 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!



## Prayers during the conclave

The diocese has encouraged everyone to pray daily an *Our Father* | *Hail Mary* | *Glory be* for the success of the conclave beginning this Wednesday, May 7. Here is another good option:

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O God who, by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and mercy and show us watchful care. Through your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.*

## 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](mailto:women@stbernpar.org).

Monday, May 5 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.

**Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, May 13** at 7pm in the Bradican Room. We will wrap gifts for our guests and their children at Mary's Comfort. Be sure to check Sign Up Genius for gift suggestions.

## Men's Bible study

Join the men of Saint Bernadette every Thursday night from 7-8pm to pray together and discuss next week's Gospel. We meet on the patio behind the rectory.

## this week

### CONCERTS at Saint Bernadette

## Maritza Mascarenhas Sadowsky & David Mathers

### Keyboard Duo

Friday, May 9 at 7:30pm

Keyboard artists David Mathers and Maritza Mascarenhas Sadowsky perform masterworks for "piano four-hands" (two pianists on one piano!)

*Two English Idylls: No. 1 – G. Butterworth*

*Danse Macabre – C. Saint-Saëns*

*Hungarian Dances, nos. 4 & 5 – J. Brahms*

The program will include Charles Callahan's moving *Fantasy on "Amazing Grace"* for piano and organ.

David Mathers will also play organ works based on hymns we sing and explain how these pieces are composed and how they show off how our pipe organ works.

**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](mailto:dmathers@stbernpar.org)  
703-451-8576 x112

open your  
hearts



JOIN OUR CATHOLIC community this month in prayerful thanksgiving for all those who have opened their hearts to provide temporary homes for vulnerable children in need. May is National Foster Care Month. Locally, Fairfax County Department of Family Services, now more than ever, needs YOUR help.

*"WHOEVER WELCOMES one of these little children in my name welcomes me." Mark 9:37*

Children of all ages enter foster care through no fault of their own – due to neglect or abuse, often related to their caregiver's inability to keep their children safe. Foster families care for these children and provide the time and space needed for the child's parents to engage in supportive services and improve their capacity to meet their children's needs before family reunification.

#### What is the need today?

Today in Fairfax County, there is an acute and specific need for foster families to care for medical-ly fragile newborns, two or more siblings, and teens and there are not enough certified foster homes to meet this need.

Lovingly caring for children and allowing healing to begin, while working as a community to re-build broken families is the goal. When family reunification is not possible, loving, forever families are needed to provide permanency through the adoption process.

#### Who can Foster and Adopt?

- Must be 18 or older
- Married, single or divorced
- May work outside the home
- Must be able to provide a safe, loving home (rent or own)

#### What is it like to be a Foster Parent?

It is not always easy, but it is always rewarding. St. Bernadette parishioners, Scott and Marie K., have been fostering children in our community since 2016 and would be happy to share their experiences with you. They welcome your inquiries at [Kokotajlo.home@verizon.net](mailto:Kokotajlo.home@verizon.net). There are also a lot of great videos and testimonials from families and singles who have fostered and adopted on the Department of Family Services website: [Foster Care and Adoption | Family Services](#)

#### What's the next step if I'm interested?

You would fill out a [Fairfax County Foster Parent Interest Form](#) online about yourself and family. A County specialist will review your information and contact you within two business days.

You can email [BeAFosterParent@Fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:BeAFosterParent@Fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-7639 with any questions.

*"It is not enough to love the young; they must know that they are loved."*  
St. John Bosco





## ECHO for May and June

ECHO's Food Pantry is now having to purchase as much food as they receive from donors each month to meet the need for food assistance in our community. ECHO is not alone; food banks and feeding programs are feeling the same pressure. Unfortunately, there doesn't seem to be any downward trend on the cost and availability of food in the near future. Your generosity is always vital and ECHO is thankful for your assistance.

### **Letter Carriers Food Drive will help fill urgent need**

The annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive is critical to ECHO's effort to stave off hunger in our community. Recent disruptions of the federal work force seem to be having an impact on requests for food. Also, a number of people who qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program had their EBT cards hacked in April, so they lost access to food stamps. Instead of having this vital assistance restored, they were told to rely on local food banks until the new cards come out in May. This has put enormous pressure on groups such as ECHO.

The **Stamp Out Hunger** drive is a major boost for ECHO's food pantry. All members of our community can help on Saturday, May 10, by leaving a bag with any amount of non-perishable food by their mailboxes before their letter carrier delivers mail. Food received from the West Springfield, Burke, Central Springfield, and North Springfield post offices will be given to ECHO.

### **What and who ECHO needs now**

ECHO has some volunteer openings that require special skills. We are looking for someone who has the interest and ability

to use photo and/or video equipment to capture special events for our Communications Team. We are also looking for a few people to join the Grant Writing Team that searches for funding sources and completes applications. Work on the Grant Writing Team can be done remotely on the volunteer's schedule. ECHO is looking for a person to become a Client Engagement Chair to work with our counseling volunteers in determining client eligibility. There are also volunteer openings for people who want to manage donations or work with clients on a regular weekly schedule. Those interested in finding out more should email [volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org).

Our clothing department needs baby clothes in sizes 0-18 months, sneakers in child and adult sizes, spring jackets for children and adults, and new athletic socks in all sizes. Our housewares department would like to have gently used shower curtains, shower curtain rings, and hand towels. Please bring donations to our Donation Door at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road on weekdays between 9:30am and 12:30pm, or between 7 and 9pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Receipts are happily provided.

When giving other items, please be sure that they are not worn or in disrepair. As a general rule, if it is not something you would loan to a friend for use, it is not something we would give to these neighbors in our community. Please help us by assessing your donations carefully. Under the "Donate Goods" tab on our homepage at [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org), find guidelines for what we can and can't accept.

*On Holy Thursday morning before early dismissal for the Easter holiday, our fifth grade classes presented the story of the Last Supper, and the eighth graders gave to the school living Stations of the Cross, a very moving and solemn reflection as we entered into the Sacred Triduum.*

### **Parish Offertory**

April 27:  
Offertory \$29,861  
Catholic Home Missions 4,128

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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.

### May

#### 5 MONDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory  
9am\* † Jan Usinger Sanchez  
Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

#### 6 TUESDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory  
9am\* † Fidela Lombos  
Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

#### 7 WEDNESDAY

7am Matt Wickwar  
9am\* † Jose Jesus Gutierrez  
Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

#### 8 THURSDAY

7am Matt Wickwar  
9am\* † Marie Rooney  
Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

#### 9 FRIDAY

7am † Helen Ginnetti  
9am\* Fr. Edward Burba  
10am\*\* Raymond Staffieri, Sr.

Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

#### 10 SATURDAY

8am † Primitiva Caparachin  
Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69  
5pm\* For the parish

#### 11 SUNDAY

7am Mothers' Day Novena  
9am\* Mothers' Day Novena  
11am\* Mothers' Day Novena  
1pm Mothers' Day Novena  
5pm Mothers' Day Novena  
Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9-17/Jn 10:27-30

\* live-streamed Masses

\*\* Mass at Greenspring Chapel

### Masses next weekend

May 10	5pm	Fr. Jeb
May 11	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. James
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	5pm	Fr. Jeb

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:rcaporali@stbernapar.org) or call the office.

### Remember us in your will or trust

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## Mary's Comfort update

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## High school summer camps

John Paul the Great and Saint Paul VI High Schools announce their summer camps: 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 including field sports, band, theater and more. Registration and more details, for John Paul HS, please visit <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/summeractivities>; for Paul VI HS, visit [www.paulvi.net/summercamps](http://www.paulvi.net/summercamps).

## College night dates & locations announced

The Associates of St. John Bosco will be hosting five free College Nights this summer for graduated seniors heading to college this fall.

July 1 - St. Mark (Vienna)  
July 10 - St. Theresa (Ashburn)  
July 15 - Holy Trinity (Gainesville)  
July 22 - Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria)  
July 29 - St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Fredericksburg)

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