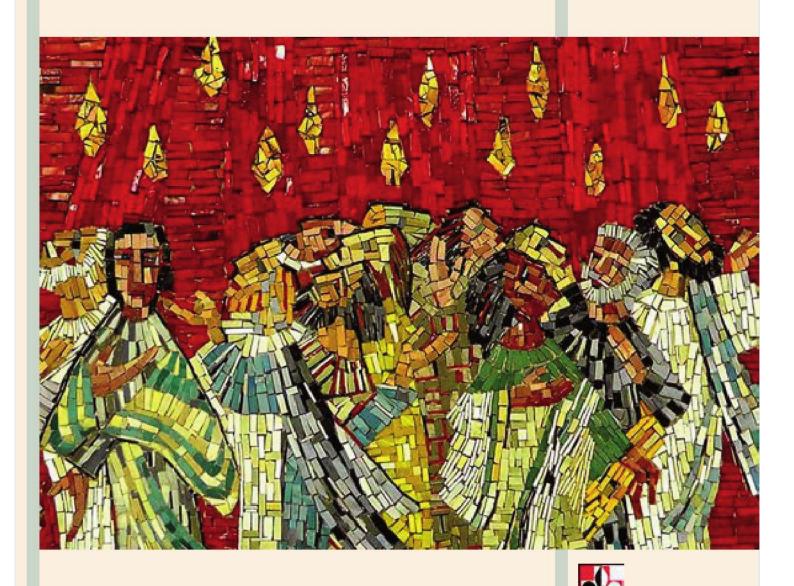
Almighty ever-living God, who willed the Paschal Mystery to be encompassed as a sign in fifty days, grant that from out of the scattered nations the confusion of many tongues may be gathered by heavenly grace into one great confession of your name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

# **Pentecost**

June 8, 2025





# **Pentecost**

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

June 8, 2025

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

PARISH 703-451-8576, fax 703-269-1121

OFFICE office@stbernpar.org

Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

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BAPTISMS Saturday, 10am, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays in English; 3<sup>nd</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 **www.stbernpar.org**.

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. bulletin@stbernpar.org.



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#### june

- 8 Sunday, PENTECOST SUNDAY
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
  - The **St. Lucy Food Drive** at Masses this weekend (until 5pm).
  - Solemn Vespers for Pentecost, 6:15pm in the church
- 9 Monday, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (10th Week O.T.)
- 10 Tuesday, Weekday
- 11 Wednesday, Saint Barnabas, Apostle
- 12 Thursday, Weekday
- 13 Friday, Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor
  - Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 14 Saturday, Weekday
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 15 Sunday, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 16 Monday, Weekday (Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time)
  - TAIZE Prayer Service, 8pm in the church
- 17 Tuesday, Weekday
- 18 Wednesday, Weekday
- 19 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Romuald, Abbot]
- 20 Friday, Easter Weekday
  - Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 21 Saturday, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 22 Sunday, THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
  - · Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
  - Corpus Christi procession and benediction, following the 5pm Mass
- 23 Monday, Weekday (Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time)
- 24 Tuesday, The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
- 25 Wednesday, Weekday
- 26 Thursday, Weekday
- 27 Friday, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
  - Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 28 Saturday, Weekday [The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary]
  - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 29 Sunday, SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
  - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

# announcements

The **St. Lucy Food Drive** for the summer Hungry Kids collection. is this weekend, thank you for your generosity.

Registration for Religious Education classes for the 2025-2026 school year have begun.

oin us for our monthly (third Monday) Taizé Prayer Service Monday night, June 16, 8– 8:45pm. Come for a peaceful moment of simple song, silence and prayer for unity.

Join us this weekend for **Solemn Vespers on Pentecost Sunday**, June 8, following the 5pm Mass at 6:15pm, a most beautiful way to close the Easter Season celebrating the birthday of the Church.

Plan to stay a little after the 5pm Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 22, for a eucharistic procession, devotions, and benediction...

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

One sad effect of moving Ascension Thursday to Sunday is that we don't hear the Gospel from the Seventh Sunday of Easter, when Jesus' last prayer to the Father before his arrest is that we be one as they are one. Pope Leo gave a beautiful homily about it last weekend:

"The Gospel we have just heard shows us Jesus, at the Last Supper, praying on our behalf (cf. Jn 17:20). The Word of God, made man, as he nears the end of his earthly life, thinks of us, his brothers and sisters, and becomes a blessing, a prayer of petition and praise to the Father, in the power of the Holy Spirit. As we ourselves, full of wonder and trust, enter into Jesus' prayer, we become, thanks to his love, part of a great plan that concerns all of humanity.

"Christ prays that we may 'all be one' (v. 21). This is the greatest good that we can desire, for this universal union brings about among his creatures the eternal communion of love that is God himself: the Father who gives life, the Son who receives it and the Spirit who shares it.

"The Lord does not want us, in this unity, to be a nameless and faceless crowd. He wants us to be one: 'As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us' (v. 21). The unity for which Jesus prays is thus a communion grounded in the same love with which God loves, which brings life and salvation into the world. As such, it is firstly a gift that Jesus comes to bring. From his human heart, the Son of God prays to the Father in these words: 'I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me' (v. 23).

"Let us listen with amazement to these words. Jesus is telling us that God loves us as he loves himself. The Father does not love us any less than he loves his only-begotten Son. In other words, with an infinite love. God does not love less, because he loves first, from the very beginning! Christ himself bears witness to this when he says to the Father: 'You loved me before the foundation of the world' (v. 24). And so it is: in his mercy,

God has always desired to draw all people to himself. It is his life, bestowed upon us in Christ, that makes us one, uniting us with one another."

We celebrate today the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost when the Apostles (and us, by inheritance through them and their successors, the bishops) receive the Holy Spirit in his fullness. Notice, it is an event separate from their baptism. In many traditions this is equated with baptism in the Holy Spirit, when you must be born again. For this reason, for centuries Christian churches were divided over the issue of rebaptizing "converts." A little less than 20 years ago this was still sometimes the practice.

The idea that you must be born again is complicated by the practice of infant baptism, because an infant clearly cannot make this commitment to embrace the faith and the way of life that comes with it. With the Reformation Protestants no longer considered Confirmation a sacrament as such. This later, formal renewal of our baptismal promises witnessed by the assembly disappeared, when the profession of faith no longer is made for us, but by us.

This was complicated in the Roman Church when the continuous celebration of all three sacraments of initiation no longer happened all at once (as still is practiced in Eastern Rite and Orthodox churches) due not to theological reasons, but practical: in the west, only bishops can confirm (priests can in the east) and as the Church grew there just weren't enough bishops to do it all every week.

The charismatic movement emerged from the holiness movement within Protestant and Pentecostal churches, which emphasized a second experience of spiritual transformation after conversion. Infant baptism grew to be seen as defective.

This Pentecost, intentionally embrace your Confirmation. Renew your baptismal promises in your heart and be strong in the knowledge that by these sacraments the Holy Spirit truly, fully dwells within you. It is easy, as days get busy, to forget the absolute love of God that the gift represents.

The Lord be with you. Fr. Dm

### Cardinals about to fly

The end of the year culminates in several important events for our Cardinals who participate in our academic and fine arts offerings.

Spanish Language Program

At Saint Bernadette, we are thrilled to offer middle school students a unique opportunity to complete their first year of high school Spanish. After three years, students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades learn the equivalent of the Spanish 1 high school course. Under the guidance of Mr. Villavicencio, our eighth-grade students prepared diligently for the World Language Exam, which all diocesan middle school students took on May 13. Those who achieve qualifying scores will advance to Spanish 2 in high school.

**Algebra and Geometry Exemption Exams** As the school year wraps up, our seventh and eighth graders are gearing up for the Algebra and Geometry Exemption Exams. Scheduled for May 31 at local diocesan high schools, these exams provide an opportunity for students to earn high school credit for algebra or geometry. Achieving qualifying scores enables them to begin their high school experience in advanced math classes, laying the groundwork for academic excellence.

**Award-Winning Band Program** Every Thursday, our gym comes alive with the vibrant sounds of trumpets,

flutes, and drums (among other musical instruments) as part of our award-winning band program. Led by the talented Mr. Barry Ward, students in grades four through eight choose their instruments and hone their skills. Weekly practices prepare them for two concerts held in December and May, where many Cardinals shine with solo performances. It has been truly inspiring to witness their growth. To cap off the year, the advanced band participated in the Tournament of Bands at Hershey Park on May 30. In previous years, our bands have consistently ranked among the top three in the middle school category. Congratulations to our talented musicians for their hard work and dedication!

At Saint Bernadette Catholic School, we take pride in offering programs that enrich our Cardinals beyond their time with us. We celebrate all the students who participated in these wonderful opportunities!





# cardinal



### **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/

# 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.

#### Living the liturgical year

Happy Pentecost Sunday! It is the last day of the Easter Season. Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit came down and filled the Apostles with the gifts they needed to lead the Church. It is also the birthday of the Church. You can celebrate Pentecost Sunday by making or decorating a "birthday cake." You can find directions and suggestions on how to decorate the cake at this link. <a href="https://www.catholicicing.com/pentecost-day-celebration-with-strawberry-cake-happy-birthday-to-the-church/">https://www.catholicicing.com/pentecost-day-celebration-with-strawberry-cake-happy-birthday-to-the-church/</a>.

#### Registration for 2025-2026

Registration is now open 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 the staff via email..

#### Volunteers for 2025-2026

As we prepare to plan for the upcoming Religious Education school year, please discern if you would like to help. We are in need of Lead Catechists and aides. If interested, please contact the Religious Education Office or fill out the Volunteer Form on the website. You will also find the QR Code at the bulletin board.

# 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 <a href="mailto:gmee@stbernpar.org">gmee@stbernpar.org</a> with any questions you may have.

Our athletes and leaders gathered last week for their first end -of-the-year CYO Sports Banquet.

#### High School Summer Events!

All rising 9th - graduated 12th graders are invited to join us!

- July 8 Game Night Ice cream sundaes and fun in the youth room 7-8:30pm
- July 23 King's Dominion Day \$39/ ticket, volunteers and drivers needed!
- August 5 End of Summer Social -

bonfire, s'mores, and games on the rectory patio - 7-8:30pm

#### Middle School Summer Drop-Ins

All rising 6th through 8th graders are invited to our Summer Drop-Ins! Join us July 2, 16, and 30 for fun, games, friends, and of course, ice cream! We will meet from 6:45-8pm in the gym.



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# St. Lucy Food Drive for Hungry Kids

Bring your filled St. Lucy bags today. The truck will leave the church parking lot at 5:15pm on Sunday.

Monetary donations and grocery gift cards are welcome. Checks should be written to CCDA (Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington) with St. Lucy on the memo line and mailed in the envelope attached to the bag or handed to one of the St. Bernadette food drive team members. You may also contribute online at <a href="https://secure.ccda.net/Give/Give/Donate/Giving.aspx">https://secure.ccda.net/Give/Donate/Giving.aspx</a> choosing St. Lucy Project as the specific project.

# 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 <a href="www.women@stbernpar.org">women@stbernpar.org</a>.

Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, June 10 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. Chair yoga is back! Join us to work out the kinks and enjoy some healthy snacks.

Monday, June 16 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.

#### Ancient Order of Hibernians

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, Monsignor Bradican Division, invites all Catholic men of Irish descent to join the oldest and largest Irish Organization in America. We welcome new members to celebrate our Irish heritage and live our motto of Friendship, Unity and Christian Charity. For more information, please contact Pete Popeck at peterpopeck@gmail.com.

# Bilingual Jubilee pilgrimage to Italy

October 14 - 23, 2025 \$3390 land-only

You, your family and friends are invited on the trip of a lifetime this year. Not only will you see the new Pope and receive his blessing, but you also will walk in the footsteps of countless saints and martyrs, as well as the holy doors at Saint Peter's Basilica.

Itinerary: two nights in Assisi, two nights in San Giovanni Rotondo and four nights in Rome, with day-trips to Orvieto and Monte Cassino built in as well. Daily Mass – the cornerstone of each day – will be complemented by a rich Catholic touring program designed to bring the pilgrims face to face with the great saints, martyrs, Eucharistic Miracles and cultural heritage of Roman Catholicism. Some highlights include St. Peter's Basilica, the Papal Basilicas, the Catacombs, the Pantheon, the Sanctuary of St. Michael and many incredible saints, churches, basilicas and holy sites throughout Italy.

Roundtrip airfare and beautiful fourstar hotels will be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the trip, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast and either daily lunch or dinner are included in the price.

The cost is \$3,390 per person land-only or \$4,664 per person with roundtrip airfare included (from Dulles Airport).

Register now as the trip is filling quickly! For more information or to register please visit <a href="https://prorometours.com/cursillodecristiandad/">https://prorometours.com/cursillodecristiandad/</a> or call ProRome Tours directly at 434-953-1112.

# ECHO needs help with school backpacks

ECHO is looking for volunteers 13 years old or older to help stuff 1300 backpacks with school supplies. These will be distributed before school starts in the fall to families in need of assistance. We will welcome youth and adult volunteers on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 5pm from July 1 through August 21. We can accommodate only 10 helpers per session, so volunteers must sign up in advance through SignupGenius. The link will be on the ECHO website, echo-inc. org, under the Volunteer tab beginning in mid-June.

Volunteers may sign up for up to 6 work sessions, but must commit to stay for the full three hours. Volunteers under 18 must have a permission form signed by a parent or guardian.

# coming up

#### Parish Offertory

June 1:
Offertory \$ 30,046
Catholic Communications
Campaign 3,869

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# increased offertory program to come in the fall

The message from the Parish Finance Council given at all Masses last week Good morning Saint Bernadette Church. I'm speaking on behalf of the Saint Bernadette Finance Council about our parish Increased Offertory Program. First and foremost, we want to say how very grateful we are for you, our parishioners, who have given so generously since the founding of the parish in 1959. Many of you have a generational connection with Saint Bernadete that has ensured that we have this sacred space to celebrate Mass today.

#### Our Parish value

The parish has been providing immeasurable value to the Springfield community for over sixty-five years. Formed by Word and Sacrament, we have labored to be a community to serve each other and others in Jesus' name. As many of you know, our facilities are in constant use, and lack of space results in competition for that space to accomplish our work. Saint Bernadette is a very active community.

## Scope of the issue

What many of you may not realize is that the operation of our parish requires over \$2 million per year, of which 75% is covered by the **first collection**. It is increasingly challenging to maintain and operate the parish at large because the first collection has not increased significantly in the last six years.

No different than your household, your spiritual home here at Saint Bernadette in the last three years has experienced increased expenses as well, for example, to name a few:

- our Maintenance costs have increased by 56%;
- our Catechesis/Faith Formation Program expenses have increased by 44%;
- our administrative expenses have increased by 54%.

We have all experienced inflation over the last few years and the difficulties it presents meeting our financial needs. Saint Bernadette is no different, our facilities and their operation are a necessary part of providing spiritual growth and development of our parish ministries.

You are so very generous to our Capital Campaign, the Bishop's Lenten Appeal, Catholic Charities and second collections, and we thank you. But it is our Sunday Offertory **first collection** that sustains and grows us as a parish. Our First Collection has been relatively flat increasing only by 1% since 2019, while our parish population, after transfers and those moving out of the area has grown by less than 0.5%. Although we are very intentional about being good stewards of your faithful generosity utilizing your monetary gifts prudently and efficiently, we need to grow our first collection offertory to maintain our facilities and grow our ministries.

# How can you help?

If you are already contributing to the parish first collection, again thank you, we ask that you consider increasing your weekly gift by 3% this year.

If you are not currently contributing to the parish, we ask that you begin. It could be as little as \$10 or more if you are able. Only 32% of our registered parishioners contribute to our first collection. Many small increases in giving will make a dramatic impact over time.

There are several ways you can contribute to Saint Bernadette Parish. Sign up online with Faith Direct (use our parish code VA70) or use the QR code in the pews. This is the easiest and most efficient way to contribute to the parish. You can also use your weekly offertory envelopes if you receive them, a visitor envelope, or place a check or cash in the collection basket. We have also



recently added a text-to-give option that you may utilize while you are here with us – that information is in the pews as well. In that way contributions can be a one-time gift through your electronic device at any time, for those who find that method easier.

One last request, if you wouldn't mind, if you are receiving offertory envelopes but don't use them or no longer wish to receive them, please contact our parish office so that we can remove that service from your registration file and help reduce our costs. Remember second and special collections can be done electronically through Faith Direct.

#### What to expect for us as we move forward.

Please watch for a letter from Fr. Don with more details about our Increased Offertory Program. In addition, we will periodically provide updates in the parish bulletin on our progress. A more formal roll out is planned for the fall of this year but in the meanwhile, we encourage you to do what you can and, as always, please keep our Saint Bernadette parish family in your prayers.

As faithful stewards of our parish, we must remember that giving is a spiritual practice and a demonstration of faith, rooted in the belief that all blessings come from God. We give because we live in the image and likeness of God. This is not just our invitation to increase your giving; it's about sharing those gifts and resources we have received in gratitude for God's love, and a commitment to us and our ability to extend that love in serving others. Thank you for your time and have an awesome day.

### "The Madonna of the Veil" unveiled this weekend following Pentecost vespers



Some years ago, long-time parishioner Mike Harrison gave Saint Bernadette a painting that he remembers hanging in his grandmother's house in Northwest Washington, which came to him through his mother. We finally have had it restored and will unveil it for the parish on Pentecost (this weekend!) after Solemn Vespers in the church. Please join us. A light reception will follow.

It is likely a 19th century copy (artist unknown) of the famous original Baroque work by Carlo Dolci (May 25, 1616 - Jan. 17, 1686) of Florence. The original is in the Galleria Corsini in Rome.

Numerous copies were made by qualified artists and copyists during the 18th, 19th, and probably early 20th centuries. There are many copies in churches and small museums throughout the country; examples are in the museums at University of Notre Dame, Boston College, Marquette University, and even Castle Coole, Northern Ireland, U.K.

We are most grateful to Mike for sharing this beautiful painting which the parish will enjoy for the years to come. Mike, as well as the restorer of the painting, Peter Nelson, will also attend.

# Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

#### June

#### 9 MONDAY

7am † Lucy Villanueva 9am\* Deacon Bob Rooney Gn 3:9-15, 20/Jn 19:25-34

#### 10 TUESDAY

7am Laura Waalkes 9am\* In thanksgiving 9:45

Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

#### 11 WEDNESDAY

7am Liliane Faust 9am\* † Patrick McCabe Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

#### 12 THURSDAY

7am Walter Zdon 9am\* † Consolacion Albano Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

#### 13 FRIDAY

7am Christina Ciola 9am\* Kathy & Gino Marchetti 10am\*\* † Ed Reinsel Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

#### 14 SATURDAY

8am † Mike Nolen Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 5pm\* For the parish

#### 15 SUNDAY

7am Fathers' Day Novena 9am\* Fathers' Day Novena 11am\* Fathers' Day Novena 1pm Fathers' Day Novena 5pm Fathers' Day Novena Acts 2:1-11/Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23

#### Masses next weekend

June 14 5pm Fr. Don
June 15 7am Fr. Don
9am Fr. Jeb
11am Fr. James
1pm Fr. Cedric
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, Heather Lynch, Ron and Karen Dietz, Ted Musialkiewicz, Kathleen Maxwell.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:reappreciation-reapprecia

#### 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 <a href="mailto:rcaporali@stbernpar.org">rcaporali@stbernpar.org</a> or call the office.

## Mary's Comfort update

Mary's Comfort requests prayers for a new guest moving into our home. Please pray that she adjusts well to her new living situation and to give her strength as she begins the hard work of self-sufficiency. We continue to have volunteer opportunities available for an accountant or bookkeeper and Shelter Director; the commitments can be flexible. Please provide a brief summary of your interests or experience to <a href="maryscomfortva@gmail.com">maryscomfortva@gmail.com</a>, or visit: <a href="https://www.MarysComfortVA.org">www.MarysComfortVA.org</a>.

# Grief Healing Retreat: Revival

Announcing a retreat for all grieving mothers of child loss, from pregnancy loss through adulthood. Move beyond shallow survival into the healing our Lord desires for you, even in grief. Connect with other mothers who also carry an extraordinary cross. Led by a team of grieving mothers from Red Bird Ministries, Revival will be held August 15–17 at The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, MD. Registration is \$250 and does not include off-site lodging. To learn more, visit <a href="https://www.redbird.love/revival-shrine">www.redbird.love/revival-shrine</a>.

## Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associatemembership group.) Join us for: Thursday lunches (June 12 & 26); square dancing (Tuesdays); Father's Day breakfast at Arlington KofC (June 15); musical play (June 15); walk at Claude Moore Park (June 18); Annual Picnic (June 22); serving meal at Christ House (June 28). For details, visit our website: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/ptsc">bit.ly/ptsc</a>. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at <a href="mailto:ptsc">ptsc. With questions</a> or to RSVP, email Tom at <a href="mailto:ptsc">ptsc. With questions</a> or to RSVP, email Tom at <a href="mailto:ptsc">ptsc. With questions</a> or to RSVP, email Tom at <a href="mailto:ptsc">ptsc. With questions</a> or to RSVP, email Tom at <a href="mailto:ptsc">ptsc. With questions</a> or to RSVP, email Tom at <a href="mailto:ptsc">ptsc. With questions</a> or to RSVP, email Tom at <a href="mailto:ptsc">ptsc. With questions</a> or to RSVP, email Tom at <a href="mailto:ptsc">ptsc. With questions</a> or to RSVP, email Tom at <a href="mailto:ptsc">ptsc. With questions</a> or to RSVP.

# College night dates & locations announced

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