O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honor. 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.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025



The Good Samaritan, Vasily Surikov, 1874 Krasnoyarsk Art Museum, Siberia, Russia



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15th	SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
15th Sunday in Ordinary	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
Time	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)
July 13, 2025	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 required somewhere; 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> .

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- 13 Sunday, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- Monday, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin 14
- Tuesday, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor 15
- Wednesday, Weekday 16
- 17 Thursday, Weekday
- Friday, Weekday [Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest] 18 Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 19 Saturday, Weekday
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
 - Summer Theatre Tickets On Sale after all Masses
- 20 Sunday, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 - · Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
 - Summer Theatre Tickets On Sale after all Masses
- 21 Monday, Weekday [Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor] • TAIZE Prayer Service, 8pm in the church
- 22 Tuesday, Saint Mary Magdalene
- 23 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Bridget, Religious]
- Thursday, Weekday [Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest] 24
- Friday, Saint James, Apostle 25 • Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 26 Saturday, Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
 - Summer Theatre Tickets On Sale after all Masses
- 27 Sunday, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish Summer Theatre Tickets On Sale after all Masses
- 28 Monday, Weekday
- Tuesday, Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus 29
- Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor] 30
- Thursday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 31 • Summer Theatre Program's "Anything Goes," 7pm, Bishop Ireton High School

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- Friday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor
 - Summer Theatre Program's "Anything Goes," 7pm, Bishop Ireton High School Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- Saturday, Weekday [Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop] 2
 - Summer Theatre Program's "Anything Goes," 1pm, Bishop Ireton High School Summer Theatre Program's "Anything Goes," 7pm, Bishop Ireton High School

 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- Sunday, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 3 Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

announcements

Summer is here!

Please note: due to summer schedules, there will be NO 7AM Mass on Wednesday-Friday July 23-25 and Monday-Tuesday July 28-29.

Registration for Religious Education classes for the 2025-2026 school year have begun. Please visit our link on the parish website.

Thank you to all who have responded to our request to reduce our parish envelope costs. 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. Remember Second and Special Collections can be done electronically through Faith Direct.



Set sail on the S.S. American for a hilarious romp on the high seas with Anything Goes! Featuring unforgettable tunes, this classic Golden Age musical guarantees a night of delightful entertainment. Get ready for laughter, romance, and fantastic tap-dancing sailors!

Performances are Thursday, July 31 thru Saturday, August 2 with performances each evening at 7pm. There is also a matinee performance on Saturday, August 2 at 1pm. Tickets go on sale July 15 (online) and will be available after all Masses on July 16-17 and 23-24 at a discounted price. All performances are at Bishop Ireton High School. Tickets are valid for any one performance.

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from the pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Recently I was talking with a baptized Christian who is considering joining the Catholic Church through the OCIA Process. (Yes, not a typo - see p. 7.) He had many questions and found aspects of the Church confusing. I said, "I know, right?"

It was interesting how most of his questions weren't about doctrinal matters, even the stereotypical ones that you might presume divide Catholics and other Christians. For example, he was raised with, and has always had, a very strong faith in the real presence of Jesus in Holy Communion. You might be surprised how many non-Catholics truly do believe. He was very thoughtful, considering that marriage really should be considered a sacrament by everyone and not just Catholics. Maybe we would be better at it.

I find often, rather, most questions are about practice. Why we do what we do and how we don't agree sometimes. His last congregation never sang more than two verses of the songs. That is a choice that a pastor or community makes. Here at Saint Bernadette we sing all the verses. I explained that the songs are important prayers that the people actually get to own and it wouldn't be right to take the words out of their mouths at Mass.

He had noted that music styles vary radically between parishes in the Catholic Church, as much as they do among different denominations. I explained that here, we try to provide a wide repertoire of music that is reverent and able to touch peoples' hearts, is singable and beautiful, and appropriate for the feasts or seasons. Music can be our Amen!, our praise, our confession of faith in different ways. Our music director, David, puts a lot of time into planning liturgy.

He had questions about how people receive Holy Communion. He did some looking in the internet for explanations and found a lot of ugliness: truly, a house divided over Communion. I told him that there are official teachings of the Church that we follow here. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated that the proper posture for receiving Holy Communion is standing, although individuals may kneel if they desire. It is

the general sense of the Church that we be united, not divided, by our postures and practices, one Body of Christ coming forward united by singing a Communion song. When I was a kid we were always taught that you stand when an adult enters the room out of respect. I think this is thing of the past, though.

It is also customary to bow or make some reverence to Jesus before receiving. This is a good practice. He asked me why everyone doesn't do this. Certainly, I explained, we must always remind the assembly of the need for total reverence when encountering the Lord in this way, but it is okay if you don't make an outward gesture. When the reform of the Mass was promulgated by the Second Vatican Council (we learned in the seminary), the bishops in the United States declared that we would kneel before Communion when the priest says, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world..." You may have noticed when you travel to other countries that this is only the case in the United States, who introduced this reverence as part of the Mass so that all make it.

He also had read much about receiving the Host at Holy Communion and found this maybe the most confusing thing. Again, divided by Communion... He said some claim Communion in the hand to be evil and that for centuries the Church received on the tongue. Well, there is more to this than can be covered here. From earliest times people received Communion in the hand. Then, for centuries it was rare that people received it at all and it became more of a pious practice, which risked losing the understanding that we receive not merely for the sake of receiving, but to become Christ's Body actively in the world.

When you look for things on the internet, first of all I go to the official Church teachings themselves, not some crazy opinion page. There are plenty of those! You can't know the intention of the writer. The USCCB website is a good resource, as is the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Either way of receiving Communion is considered perfectly acceptable. Any irreverence that might come from either would be due to a lack of catechesis or misimformation by others.

The Lord be with you, Tr. Dm

Gearing up for the 2025-2026 school year: Career opportunities

We are blessed to have talented and caring faculty and staff, who are called to guide children and accompany families on their faith journey. These individuals are dedicated to our mission: "the community of Saint Bernadette Catholic School and Parish works together to form hearts and minds in Christ. By fostering a love for lifelong learning, we develop the whole child through faith formation, service to others, and academic excellence to be leaders in our ever-changing world."

Currently, we are seeking dynamic individuals to join our team. Ideal candidates enjoy working with children, are devoted to our Faith, and are passionate about education. Career openings for the 2025-2026 school year are as follows:

Living the liturgical year

On July 16, we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel who St. Simon the brown scapular. Our Lady promised him that "whosoever dies in this garment shall not suffer eternal fire." One fun thing to do is making treats that contain "carmel" (caramels). You can also find other activities and videos on Catholic Icing's site. <u>https:// www.catholicicing.com/celebrating-ourlady-of-mt-carmel-feast-day-with-kids/</u>

Registration for 2025-2026

Registration is now open. 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 (SPRED) and our Family Faith Formation classes once a month on Sunday afternoons (for grades

High School Summer Drop-ins!

All rising 9th - graduated 12th graders are invited to join us July 16 and 30 for fun, games, friends, and of course, ice cream! We will meet from 6:45-8pm in the gym.

High school trip to King's Dominion - July 23 All rising 9th - graduated 12th graders are invited to join us for the Diocesan King's Full-time openings: Grade 4 teacher Instructional assistant (grades PreK-2) Part-time openings: Extended care staff (after school program) (3 p.m. - 6 p.m., as needed) Substitute teacher (as needed)

Cafeteria monitor (11 a.m. -1:30 p.m.)

A detailed description of each opening is available on the diocesan website: <u>https://arlingtondiocese.tedk12.com/hire/</u> <u>index.aspx</u> Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Dr. Kathleen Burgess, principal via: <u>office@</u> <u>stbernschool.org</u>

We are now enrolling students for a few spots remaining in various grades. For additional information about our school and applying, contact Mrs. Heidi Thomes, registrar: registrar@stbernschool.org

K-5) where parents take a larger role in their child's faith formation. Registration information can be found in the Religious Education page of the parish website <u>https://stbernpar.org/religious-educationcopy/</u> or the QR Code in the bulletin boards.

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

We are still in need of Lead Catechists and aides. If interested, please contact the Religious Education Office or fill out the Volunteer Form on the website <u>https://stbernpar.org/religious-educationyolunteers/</u> or you will also find the QR Code at the bulletin board.

Dominion Day! Tickets are \$39. Contact Grace for more information and registration details - <u>gmee@stbernpar.org</u>.

High School End of Summer Social - August 5

All rising 9th-graduated 12th graders are invited for a bonfire, S'mores, and games on the rectory patio from 7-8:30pm. Contact Grace for more information.

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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

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee, at <u>gmee@stbernpar.org</u> with any questions you may have.

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Diocesan Week of Service ~ November 9–16, 2025

Love in Action - Service in Community

The Diocese of Arlington invites all to take part in a powerful witness of our faith this November during the first Diocesan Week of Service—a time to put Love in Action through Service in Community.

Rooted in the Gospel and inspired by the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, this week is an opportunity for each of us to respond to Christ's call by serving those in need—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. Together, our parishes and ministries are working to build a culture of compassion and solidarity across our diocese.

Saint Bernadette Parish and School is proud to support this diocesan initiative by hosting our first **Rise Against Hunger** event on **November 13–15, 2025**. This parish-wide effort is a tangible way to "feed the hungry" and live out the mission of the Church in action.

Please Join Us!

You are warmly invited to an **informational meeting** on **Sunday**, **July 27 after the 9am and 11am Masses in the Bradican Room**. Come learn more about the Rise Against Hunger program, the service process, and how you and your family can get involved. **Contact:** Rick Caporali – <u>rcapo-</u> <u>rali@stbernpar.org</u>. Let's serve with love, grow in faith, and be the hands and heart of Christ in our community!

Relief for Texas flood victims

Catholic Charities USA is accepting individual donations to support and assist in humanitarian relief efforts in response to the devastation by flooding. Anyone who wishes may prepare a donation and drop it, clearly marked, into the basket at Mass, and we will make sure it gets there.

Checks should be made payable to Catholic Diocese of Arlington, identifying it as "Texas Flooding Relief" in the memo field. Also, you may mail it directly to: Catholic Diocese of Arlington P.O. Box 1960, Merrifield, VA 22116

First "Pilgrimage of Hope" Mass at of Saint Mary (Alexandria) July 19, 8:30am

This Mass is part of BishopBurbidge's effort to reach out to those who are suffering, as an outreach from the Diocesan Mental Health Council which he established last year. The "Pilgrimage of Hope" began in June with his Mass at the Cathedral; it continued at the end of June at St. Paul, Hague.

The third Mass is in our Deanery, and all parishes in the deanery are encouraged to attend. See full schedule, p. 10.



Don't miss the Mass for Multi-cultural Communities Friday, July 18

Join the diocesan celebration of the Mass at 6:30pm preceded by musical preludes and a Marian procession at 6pm. After Mass, please join us for a reception featuring cultural food and performances. At the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington.

Sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Ministries. Find us online at <u>www.arling-</u> tondiocese.org/multicultural.



We invite YOU and all who seek a deeper life in Jesus Christ to consider becoming members of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office to register. You are welcome. Begins Sept. 9.



Invitamos todos que buscan a una vida mejor en Jesucristo para considerar ser miembros de la iglesia católica por los sacramentos del bautismo, confirmación, y eucaristía. Llamen la oficina para registrarse. Bienvenidos, el 11 de septiembre.



Unbound will be visiting us weekend of July 26-27

In 1981, five ordinary Catholics offered the Catholic faithful and other people of good will a new way to walk with the poor and those living on the margins of the economically developing world.

They founded an organization that took a different approach to eradicating poverty, one that honors human dignity, where people don't have solutions imposed on them but choose their own path to a better life.

Today, the Unbound community of sponsors helps more than 300,000 individuals and their families in 19 countries. They offer an effective and trustworthy way for the Catholic faithful to put their faith into action and participate in the social mission of the Church. You are invited to join them, to walk in solidarity with those working to lift themselves out of poverty. You can find more at <u>www.unbound.org</u>.

Fr. Cyrus Gallagher will be joining us for the last weekend in July, and speaking at Masses. He is a Capuchin Franciscan friar living in Colorado, and has served as a high school teacher, diocesan director of marriage and family life, retreat master, vocation director and the director of religious formation for his Capuchin community. Spending time in the Capuchin mission in Papua, New Guinea, Fr. Gallagher taught English as a second language.



UNBOUND

Parish Offertory

July 6:

Offertory \$ 37,133

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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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happenings

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, July 21, is our next Dinner with Friends at 5pm, at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual meal in addition to our normal dinner on the 1st and the 3rd Monday of every month.

ECHO news for July/August

School Backpack Program is underway

Each year ECHO provides new backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies for more than 1000 local students whose families are struggling financially. It takes loads of donated supplies and hours of volunteer time to accomplish this meaningful program. Volunteers wish they could share with donors all the smiles and excitement of the children who come to choose their new backpacks. Want to donate? At <u>echo-inc.org</u>, click on "Donate Goods," and choose the School Supplies page where you will find a list of needed items to purchase and bring to ECHO, or a link to an Amazon wishlist where you can choose supplies that Amazon will deliver directly. Please note that we now have plenty of white glue and wide-rule notebooks. We use only new items in our backpacks to give every child the fresh start that they deserve.

We need backpack- packing volunteers who are 13 years old or older to sign up in advance through SignUp Genius. There are a few openings in August. Find the link at <u>echo-inc.org</u> under the Volunteer tab. Any questions should be emailed to <u>echobackpacks@gmail.com</u>.

Volunteer opportunities

ECHO currently has some interesting volunteer opportunities! We are looking for people to lead teams in the areas of Client Engagement, Volunteering, and Donation Management. We would also like to find one or two volunteers who would be willing to photograph and/or video special events to help build a photographic record for ECHO. Our IT team could use a few more members, and if we found someone who could repair watches, we could make use of many donated timepieces. Anyone interested in finding out more about the expectations and job descriptions should contact <u>volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.</u> <u>org</u> by email.

Mark your calendar

The 33rd annual Burke/Fairfax CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, November 2, 2025. Join ECHO's team or walk on your own. Find out more and register at the website, <u>burkecropwalk.org</u>. Local businesses are supporting the walk with special promotions. Find them on the website.

ECHO's top needs this month

ECHO's Clothing Department is already preparing for Back To School and the onset of cooler weather! They need children's sneakers, children's tops and pants in sizes 10 through 20, children's winter coats in sizes 10 through 20, new athletic socks in children's and adult sizes. They would also appreciate donations of men's shirts, pants, winter coats and sneakers. The Housewares Department needs clean, gently used sheets and comforters in king and queen sizes as well as bath towels, hand towels and wash cloths. On August 18, Clothing Department volunteers will begin to change the clothing offered to clients from spring and summer styles to fall and winter attire.

ECHO's Food Pantry needs dried beans, rice, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats and fish, spaghetti sauce, pasta, detergent, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes. Keeping our Food Pantry stocked during the summer when there are few food drives is especially challenging. Even if you have only one small bag of food to contribute, it will be gratefully accepted support.

Please bring donations to ECHO's Donation Door, 7205 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, on weekdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm, or from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. ECHO is open to accept donations one Saturday morning each month. To find the date each month, go to <u>echo-inc.org</u>,

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

Preparing a Place for Unity and Peace

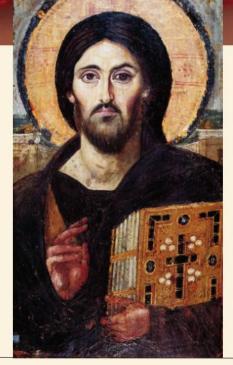


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Join us each month, usually on the 3rd Monday, 8 – 8:45pm.

We warmly invite all Christians to this joyful and contemplative service of simple participatory song, scripture and silence in a welcoming, peacefilled, candlelit environment.



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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.

July

14 MONDAY

7am † Iosefo Joe Toilolo 9am* † Melvin Engbert *Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34—11:1*

15 TUESDAY 7am † Molly McGovern 9am* † Lap Nguyen Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24

16 WEDNESDAY

7am † Sorera Bernabe Santiago 9am* † Cresencio Hernandez *Ex* 3:1-6, 9-12/*Mt* 11:25-27

17 THURSDAY

7am † Darlene Freeman 9am* † Chi Nguyen *Ex* 3:13-20/*Mt* 11:28-30

18 FRIDAY

7am † Joseph Arnott 9am* † Janet Chavez-Espana 10am** Special Intention *Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8*

19 SATURDAY

8am Nga Duong *Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21* 5pm* For the parish

20 SUNDAY

7am Jerson & Silvia Cerros Mejia 9am* The Schreibmaier Family 11am* † Librado & Femmy Santos 1pm † Jose Taboada 5pm † Phuong Nguyen *Gn* 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

July 19	5pm	Fr. James
July 20	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Jeb
	11am	Fr. Don
	1pm	Fr. Jeb
	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, Alan Curtis.

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

Mary's Comfort update

Please continue to pray for Mary's Comfort's volunteers, for strength and perseverance, and to experience the love of Jesus as we strive to help our guests also feel His love.

If you feel called to join our team, please provide a brief summary of your interests to <u>maryscomfortva@gmail.com</u>, or visit: <u>www.MarysComfortVA.org</u>.

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 15 - Holy Trinity (Gainesville) July 22 - Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria) July 29 - St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Fredericksburg)

Rising college freshmen network with other Catholics heading to college, with the tools to keep their faith strong. Pizza dinner included.Registration is FREE! For dates, locations, and more information, please visit: <u>www.asjb.org/student-registration</u>. Space is limited: register early!

-PILGRIMAGE -

Masses offered for those who are suffering. All are welcome to join in prayer for those in need.

Basilica of St. Mary, Alexandria 310 S. Royal St., Alexandria VA 22314 Saturday, July 19 • 8:30am

The Cathedral of Saint Thomas More Arlington, VA

> St. Paul Mission, Hague Hague VA

Our Lady of Hope, Potomac Falls Sat. August 16 | 8:30am

St. John Bosco, Woodstock Mon. August 25 | 6:00pm ĩ,

Corpus Christi, Aldie Sat. September 27 | 8:30am

St. John Evangelist, Warrenton Sat. October 18 | 8:30am

St. Patrick, Fredericksburg Tues. October 28 | 9:00am

Reception to follow/fellowship and refreshments following Mass



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