

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025



Christ in the House of Martha and Mary (detail), Johannes (Jan) Vermeer, 1655
Scottish National Gallery, Edinburgh



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 20, 2025

welcome



SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri., 7 & 9am (live-streaming); Sat., 8am (live-streaming) Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
LIVE-STREAMING	Monday-Friday, 9am; Saturday, 8am; Vigil Sat., 5pm and Sundays 9 & 11am
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Fridays, 7-8pm (church) Rosary after 9am weekdays/8am Saturday Masses in church Taizé Prayer Service, 3 rd Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
PARISH OFFICE	703-451-8576, fax 703-269-1121 office@stbernpar.org Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney frdonrooney@stbernpar.org Fr. Jeb Donelan frjebdonelan@stbernpar.org Fr. James Waalkes frjameswaalkes@stbernpar.org Deacon Orlando Caicedo Pastoral Associate, Rick Caporali rcaporali@stbernpar.org Business Manager, Linda Patterson lpatterson@stbernpar.org Music Director, David Mathers dmathers@stbernpar.org Executive Assistant, Jean Corday jcorday@stbernpar.org Executive Assistant, Evelyn Vargas, evargas@stbernpar.org Secretary, Janet Chávez-España
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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. bulletin@stbernpar.org .

calendar

july

- 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]**
- 24 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest]**
- 25 Friday, Saint James, Apostle**
 • 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
 • Week of Service Planning, Rise Against Hunger, after the 9am Mass, Bradican Rm
- 28 Monday, Weekday**
- 29 Tuesday, Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**
- 30 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor]**
- 31 Thursday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
 • **Summer Theatre Program's "Anything Goes,"** 7pm, Bishop Ireton High School

august

- 1 Friday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor**
 • **Summer Theatre Program's "Anything Goes,"** 7pm, Bishop Ireton High School
 • Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 2 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop]**
 • **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
- 3 Sunday, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 • Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- 4 Monday, Saint John Vianney, Priest**
- 5 Tuesday, Weekday [The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major]**
- 6 Wednesday, The Transfiguration of the Lord**
- 7 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs]**
- 8 Friday, Saint Dominic, Priest**
 • Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 9 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr]**
 • Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 10 Sunday, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 • 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 19-20 and 26-27 at a discounted price. All performances are at Bishop Ireton High School. Tickets are valid for any one performance.

from the pastor

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Some clergy of the Burke-Springfield area meet monthly just to check in and learn what is going on the community. We met this week to plan our upcoming interfaith Thanksgiving prayer service (which we will host here Tuesday, November 25!) and another program in which our congregations hopefully will participate called Faith250, coming together to discuss secular texts ("The New Colossus," the Declaration of Independence, "America the Beautiful," "What to a Slave is the Fourth of July?") to rediscover and nourish core values that make us America. It starts with the clergy group, then expands to our respective congregations, finishing with a large gathering/potluck of area churches, synagogues, mosques and temples to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation. Watch for details as they come.

With this planning came a rich discussion and I thought I might float some of these ideas for your reflection about where we are as a people today.

The framers of the Constitution never intended the Constitution to take place in a vacuum, something just to be litigated. It happened alongside the human and moral formation (granted, largely Christian) that happened in houses of faith.

Today with each successive generation becoming more and more "unchurched" across the wide range of houses of worship and faiths, "community" has changed. Society is red or blue, divided right down the middle, and the divide sadly has also entered religion, in many ways that are either "red" or "blue."

Surveys have shown across the board that people simply are less and less likely to trust anyone or anything – churches, leadership, or institutions. I think this is because the human and moral formation which had been rooted in faith communities is no longer central. The Constitution is not a religious document, but it has become the focus of bitter fighting, as if over words of a contract.

We might even claim to be tethered to faith by some particular religious affiliation, but

how many of us actually know why? To have a rule is good, and it is good to follow a rule, but faith in my own life didn't come to life until I began studies in the seminary. There I found out it was actually okay to question everything – healthy, even. I found that the remarkable thing about Catholicism is that there *is a reason why* we believe and do everything we believe and do. If you don't search, you won't find; if you don't ask, you won't learn. Who I am is so much more than simply words on a page that I recite. It is the Spirit behind our limited human attempts to express the Good, the True and the Beautiful which we need to touch, and to touch us. Of course, in faith language, this is God.

Confronted with the question *who am I?* or *who are you?*, it is easier to deflect the question by engaging judgment on another. Who really is an American? a Catholic? We have introduced division.

Do you believe it is possible to live in a community which follows a rule of life revealed by God and suspends judgment on each other, rather focusing on how I can grow in goodness, and how we can grow together in goodness? A community where there is no exclusion, no minority. I do. I have to become my brother's keeper, a good Samaritan, an offering to God that is pleasing to him.

Next weekend I will be giving a short talk at a conference of Pure Land Buddhists in Tainan City, Taiwan. It is called the "Ceremony for the Third Year of Venerable Master Chin Kung's Nirvana." Master Chin Kung was a great international leader in interreligious dialogue and, like Pope Francis, found his emphasis in the one human family. Pure Land Buddhism has at its center the figure Amitabha, infinite light, who created a heavenly realm where ordinary people can strive for enlightenment.

My short talk is on what I call "The American Experiment" and the Spirituality of Interreligious Dialogue. Hopefully I will print it in next week's bulletin in case you are interested in what I will be saying.

The Lord be with you,

Fr. Dom

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:

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: <https://arlingtondiocese.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx> Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Dr. Kathleen Burgess, principal via: office@stbernschool.org

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

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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.

Living the liturgical year

On July 20, we celebrate the feast day of Korean martyrs St. John (Ioannes) the Baptist Yi Kwang-nyol and St. Lucy Kim. The founding and spread of Catholicism in Korea had rested on the backs of the laity. Catholicism was introduced to Korea through translated texts brought back from China by Korean scholars and nobility sharing their faith and baptizing others. Their resilience in the face of persecution and unwavering faith serves as an example to the enduring strength as followers of Christ. You can celebrate the feast day with your children by eating some Korean food, like dumplings (mandu) and bulgogi, and reading about one the hundreds of Korean martyrs here, as each of them has a story of their own: <https://www.cbck.or.kr/en/CatholicChurchInKorea/103-Korean-Martyr-Saints?page=3>

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

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 <https://stbernpa.org/religious-education-copy/> 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 <https://stbernpa.org/religious-education-volunteers/> or you will also find the QR Code at the bulletin board.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word sessions during the Sunday 9am Mass will continue through July 27. As the CLOW team preps for the new school year, we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please reach out to Kathryn Melton at yanezka@gmail.com or Lynn Jones at ljones@stbernpa.org.

youth ministry

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

The cast of "Anything Goes," our 2025 Summer Theatre Program production, puts finishing touches on tap dancing the big number at the end of act 1. Tickets are on sale this week.

Middle School Summer Drop-ins

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

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, gme@stbernpa.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 women@stbernpar.org.

Monday, July 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.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

The proper name for the English RITE is now the ORDER of Christian Initiation of Adults.

"COME, AND SEE"

ORCICA

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**.

"VEN, Y VEAN"

RICA

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.**

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 – rcaporali@stbernpar.org. 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



Rise
AGAINST HUNGER

Parish Offertory

July 13:	
Offertory	\$ 35,833
Solidarity Fund/Africa	3,721
Texas Flood Relief	1,350

Thank you for your faithful support!



Consider using **Faith Direct** to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards, the same way you make car or tuition payments. **Faith Direct** also offers personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may enroll securely online. Visit www.faithdirect.net or call (866)507-8757. Our parish code is VA70.

around the parish



Unbound will be visiting us next weekend, 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 www.unbound.org.



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.

Altar server training in September: register now

All boys and girls 4th grade to 12th grade are welcome to serve at the altar at Mass! In the interest of trying to be most accommodating to your schedules, we have put training again for servers on Mondays 5-6pm. This seemed to work best for everyone last year, public school students as well. The dates are September 8, 15, and 22. Register with Mrs. Corday in the parish office, jcorday@stbernpar.org.

Knights of Columbus hold Installation of Officers

The Knights of Columbus kicked off the new fraternal year with the installation of officers, including new Grand Knight Casey Carr and new Deputy Grand Knight Dr. John Staten.



Grief Healing Retreat: *Revival*

Announcing a retreat for all grieving mothers of child loss, from pregnancy loss through adulthood. Connect with other mothers, 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 www.redbirdlove/revival-shrine.



altar servers' picnic

***Saint Leo the Great
hosts annual diocesan
"Battle of the Servers"***

*Saint Bernadette altar servers
join other servers from across
the diocese for a day of
contests and fun on July 10.*



Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

July

21 MONDAY

7am † Edna Agustin
9am* Hung Pham
Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42

22 TUESDAY

7am † Rosita Peralta
9am* † Carmelita Albano
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-18

23 WEDNESDAY

7am NO 7am Mass today
9am* Andrew Pham
Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9

24 THURSDAY

7am NO 7am Mass today
9am* Steven Pham
Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17

25 FRIDAY

7am NO 7am Mass today
9am* † Gleasy Dadvias
10am** † Patricia Wilkinson
2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

26 SATURDAY

8am † Felina Thomas
Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30
5pm* † Fidelis Drayne

27 SUNDAY

7am For the parish
9am* Anna Gaizutis
11am* † Mike Nolen
1pm † Freddy Sanchez
5pm † Robert Lucas
Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

July 26	5pm	Visitor
July 27	7am	Fr. James/Vis
	9am	Visitor
	11am	James
	1pm	Visitor
	5pm	Fr. James

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, 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 rcaporali@stbernpar.org or call the office.

Remember us in your will or trust

The next time you review your will or trust with your attorney consider adding a provision to donate a portion of your assets to Saint Bernadette Church and School. Your gift will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernpar.org 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 maryscomfortva@gmail.com, or visit: www.MarysComfortVA.org.

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 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: www.asjb.org/student-registration. Space is limited: register early!

World-wide Marriage Encounter dates

"I place much of my hope for the future in marriage encounter." - Pope Saint John Paul II

Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted.

Upcoming experiences are:

- September 12-14, 2025 - Richmond VA
- October 24-26, 2025 - Jessup MD
- November 7-9, 2025 - Rehoboth Beach DE
- February 13-15, 2026 - Waynesboro VA
- March 6-8, 2026 - Hampton VA

For more information please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.





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