

*O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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.*

# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 27, 2025



L'amico importuno (The Importunate Neighbor, of The Parables), Eugène Burnand, 1908  
His series of pictures was published in "Les Paraboles" for French publishers Berger-Levrault after three years of work in 1908.



**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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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 <a href="http://www.stbernpar.org">www.stbernpar.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@stbernpar.org">bulletin@stbernpar.org</a> .

# calendar

## july

### 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 9 & 11am Masses, Bradican Room

### 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

### 11 Monday, Saint Clare, Virgin

### 12 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious]

### 13 Wednesday, Weekday [Saints Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs]

### 14 Thursday, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Vigil Mass at 7:30pm

### 15 Friday, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Masses at 7am, 9am, Noon and 7:30pm (bilingual)

### 16 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Stephen of Hungary]

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

### 17 Sunday, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

## announcements

Please note: due to summer schedules, there will be **NO 7AM Mass** on 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 **THIS WEEK**: 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,

As you know this weekend, I am in Tainan City, Taiwan at a conference of Pure Land Buddhists. 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 printed here, to the right, so that you may know what I'm up to this weekend. I'll take pictures.

But what I'm most thinking about this weekend is that I'm missing the opportunity to personally promote our Summer Theatre Program's production of "Anything Goes." Since the end of the school year, 47 youth, 6th grade through rising college freshmen have really worked and shared their talent. Last weekend we had a rehearsal for the understudies and I couldn't believe the depth of talent in this group of youth who are giving everything to this show. I am grateful to them, and for them and their families who have given most of a summer so that they could create this amazing company. You will be truly amazed at how talented they are, it will feel like a discovery. I hope you will buy tickets for performances next weekend.

I am also grateful to and for the volunteer staff and directors who have worked more than we'll ever know in this labor of love. They get no salary, except to be able to see talent emerge and grow in these young people, become confidence, and build community by their shared love of the arts. Special thanks to Bill Molino, Executive Director and Producer; Jess Sannito, Producer; Liz Couchman, Director; Maggie Rabe, Music Director; and Jenny Roegner who choreographed the musical including getting 47 actors (some experienced) to tap dance like a Broadway production. Also to Kathryn Weabley, Assistant Director, Emma Krause and Ally Hamilton, Company Managers, and Josie Smith, Production Intern.

The Lord be with you,

*Fr. Dom*

## An American Experiment and the Spirituality of Interreligious Dialogue

The loss of Pope Francis in the interreligious dialogue community was felt deeply around the world. He realigned many priorities in the Catholic Church. He wisely and humbly provided worldwide leadership for humanity in need of hope, solace and encouragement during these difficult times of wars, pandemic, and climate change and the human suffering caused by these. He brought joy and trust to ecumenical and interreligious relationships by emphasizing friendship and re-envisioning dialogue as accompaniment.

We are equally grateful that his successor, Pope Leo XIV, now will lead with the same humility and openness for dialogue and give priority to the poor and those in serious need. In his address to representatives of other churches and ecclesial communities and other religions on May 19, he says: "One of the strong emphases of Pope Francis' pontificate was that of universal fraternity. In this regard the Holy Spirit really "urged" him to advance with great strides the initiatives already undertaken by previous Pontiffs, especially since Pope John XXIII. Pope Francis promoted both the ecumenical path and interreligious dialogue. He did so above all by cultivating interpersonal relations, in such a way that, without taking anything away from ecclesial bonds, the human trait of the encounter was always valued. May God help us to treasure his witness!"

I join you today as your brother from Virginia. My parish of Saint Bernadette in Springfield has developed a relationship with the mid-Atlantic Tibetan Buddhist community and Master Wushin, and has welcomed and hosted them for their workshop weekends. In addition, I'm very happy about a friendship that is forming with those who invited me here to speak today, the Venerable Ado Lama and Dr. Sophia Wu, and looking forward to working with them on their healing ministry through meditation.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:registrar@stbernschool.org)

## cardinal corner



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IN CHRIST





# 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 [gme@stbernpa.org](mailto:gme@stbernpa.org) with any questions you may have.

The cast of "Anything Goes," our 2025 Summer Theatre Program production, puts words to live music with the orchestra. Tickets are on sale this week at all Masses.

## Living the liturgical year

This weekend's gospel tells us when Jesus had taught his disciples to pray the Our Father and how we should approach God, the Father. Teach your children the meaning of each line of the Our Father by doing different activities like making a heaven collage or "God is with us" pin. You can find instructions here: <https://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/02/the-lords-prayer-crafts-games-and.html>

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word wraps up this weekend with the Sunday 9am Mass. 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](mailto:yanezka@gmail.com) or Lynn Jones at [ljones@stbernpa.org](mailto:ljones@stbernpa.org).

## Registration for 2025-2026

Registration for Religious Education will close on July 31. Get your children registered now! Continue your child's growth in the faith by signing them up for classes in 2025-26! Our classes 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

Do you feel called to accompany our youth in their Catholic faith journey? 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.

## 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](mailto:gme@stbernpa.org).



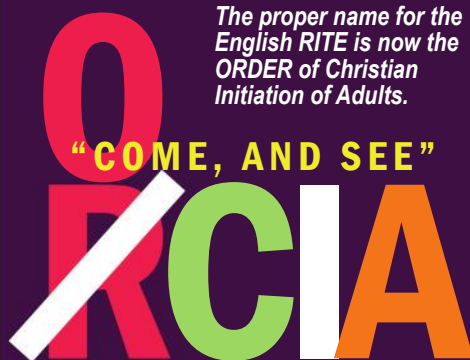
## Catholic Women's Group upcoming events

Come and enjoy warm fellowship and great food. No need to RSVP. For more information, please email us at [women@stbernpar.org](mailto:women@stbernpar.org).

**Monday, August 4, 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 Mondays

**Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, August 12 with Friends** at 5pm, at 7pm in the Bradican Room. Summer is travel season: time to explore the world with family and friends. We will hear about recent adventures from several of our members. Come enjoy their stories and get some ideas for your next trip.

### 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"

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"



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](mailto:rcaporali@stbernpar.org). Let's serve with love, grow in faith, and be the hands and heart of Christ in our community!

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



# fr don in taiwan

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*When Moses encountered God in the burning bush in the Hebrew book of Exodus, he encountered something he had never seen or known before: where the intimate coexistence of the divine and its creation takes place, the fire does not consume.*

*That place is holy ground.*

Today I would like to accomplish two things. First, a reflection on the climate of interreligious dialogue in the United States, something I call the “American Experiment.” Second, a discussion of what the next steps might be in dialogue – considering the spirituality of interreligious dialogue itself, and its power for healing.

## An “American Experiment”

When visiting Lampedusa to pray for migrants and refugees lost at sea, Pope Francis was confronted with the inhumanity of the plight of refugees. He warned the world about developing a globalization of indifference. He said we must enter a new discernment, now, and not focus on centuries past.

The United States is, this year, a 250-year-old experiment of government and culture. With the exception of the many native tribes who already populated North America, we are entirely an immigrant nation. We all came from somewhere else. It often has not been an honorable story, and the experiment has often missed the goal of seeking the equality of peoples regardless of race, religion, country of origin, financial status, and gender.

But the United States, almost uniquely, offers a context where religions exist alongside each other without any political power to influence them to act out in ways that are not consistent with their core values and beliefs, or seek dominance one over the other.

In recent months, however, we have seen quickly how fragile this balance is. With the shift to more authoritarian leadership and the rise of Christian nationalism, the balance of the “experiment” is threatened by seeds of distrust and suspicion being sown between religions and cultural groups, subverted by politics. Fear is introduced to assert control. The radicalization of religion seems to be the product of extreme, polarizing views of “what is truth?”

We recognize the precious fragility of Pope Francis’ vision of fraternity and accompaniment, walking together on the same path as human persons seeking the divine.

## The Spirituality of Interreligious Dialogue

Humanity is God-given. Our origin is in the divine and we are sparks of that divinity. Religions, as developed by cultural traditions over centuries, look very different, but the way we interact with the ineffable, our spirituality, does not. John Paul II, in a weekly general audience in 1999, challenged those present to consider how “prayer...is a special path of encounter for members of different religions. Without it or some other spiritual dimension it is incorrect to call a dialogue religious or interreligious.” Pope Paul VI, in 1975 (*Evangelii nuntiandi*, 53), spoke of the immense populations of the human race who profess non-Christian religions in which the spiritual life of innumerable human communities finds valid expression...and have taught generations of [people] how to pray.”

Religion is the expression of trying to capture the essence of the spiritual experience in all its diversity. By growing in acquaintance with each other’s practices, amazement results. Recognizing each other’s commitment we are inspired. Awakening to such gifts through the lens of our own traditions is revelation. When Moses encountered God in the burning bush in the Hebrew book of Exodus, he encountered something he had never seen or known before: where the intimate coexistence of the divine and its creation takes place, the fire does not consume.

That place is holy ground.

Spirituality is the art and discipline of being present to the sacred. God is present. How does the seeking human person respond?

Spirituality includes everything involved in seeking to live according to the highest ideals of one’s religious tradition – discipline – but it is also the human experience itself.

The Pontifical Council on Interreligious Dialogue (now the *Dicastery*) has spoken often of four kinds of dialogue: life, cooperation and social justice, theology, and the dialogue of religious experience. In *Confessing Christian Faith in a Pluralistic Society* (39), they write: “Interreligious





dialogue involves sustained, intentional encounter between people of different religious traditions. Christians accept one or more of the following goals: mutual understanding, respectful interaction in daily life, shared service to the human community, the search for truth, and a common exploration of spiritualities."

People of faith live most authentically when they are rooted in what is held to be most sacred. Spirituality, in addition to being a tool of action and discipline, is the presence of the Sacred itself either mediated through signs and wonders or experienced directly in silent, wordless moments of unmediated sacredness. It is the permeation of the holy in and through a person's life. It is sanctification itself which encounters the holiness of the other, in dialogue.

### Beholding the Sacred, Healing Together

In Christianity, the virtue of hope is our right relationship to the present. It heals the anxiety of the future as well as the regret or pain of the past. It is beatitude: blessedness, life, the foundational gift of God in our creation. The Father loves us into existence all the time, and the meaning of our life is to come to terms with it. It lives in the personal dimension, not just a concept, but interpersonal pure life. It is the mutual delight of the Father and the Son which is the Holy Spirit, one God who is relationship and indwelling.

In distress we pour out our heart completely to God. The peace which endures is only a moment for now in life, but it is also that moment in heaven that never ends. It is to totally love, and know love. This pouring out our heart is mental prayer, and healing comes. His divine indwelling makes us burn brighter, releasing greater charity. He saturates more and more of our humanity.

In Christianity, this word, this union of hearts with Christ is completing his Creation through you and your prayer. Through *your* heart he makes all things new.

Movements of the heart in prayer shape our hearts, healing memories caused by our sins or the sins of others which affect us, healing our wounds. The mercy of the

Father is the healing: literally he heals the misery of the heart (*miseri-cordia*) of the Church. It all begins with our pouring out our hearts to him, and he pours his into us.

Pope Leo XIV's first message to us on the day of his election was so simple and sincere. In his very short first speech he uses the word dialogue three times, and calls for a Church that builds bridges, with arms always open to receive everyone, all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love. He said: "God cares for us, God loves all of us, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and among ourselves, let us move forward."

You can tell a lot about a bishop by his motto. The strong theme of unity comes out of all Pope Leo says, that God is here for all people and unites us. His motto is: "*In illo Uno, unum.*" In the One, we are one.

This begins with love. The challenge of today is that all might realize that they are loved. You are the beloved. There is freedom found in rootedness. We need to rediscover – or discover – how much we are loved.

Closing with Pope Francis' *Fratelli tutti*: "...we need only have a pure and simple desire to be a people, a community, constant and tireless in the effort to include, integrate and lift up the fallen. "Love also impels us towards universal communion. No one can mature or find fulfilment by withdrawing from others. By its very nature, love calls for growth in openness and the ability to accept others as part of a continuing adventure that makes every periphery converge in a greater sense of mutual belonging. As Jesus told us: "You are all brothers" (59).

### Parish Offertory

July 20:  
Offertory \$ 39,061  
Facilities/Maintenance 4,548

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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

#### 28 MONDAY

7am NO 7am Mass today  
9am\* Alicia Valderrama  
Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35

#### 29 TUESDAY

7am NO 7am Mass today  
9am\* † Jack Popeck  
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Jn 11:19-27

#### 30 WEDNESDAY

7am † Alice Schmitt  
9am\* † Mary Mountel  
Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

#### 31 THURSDAY

7am † Michael McNally  
9am\* † Henry Shinol  
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53

#### 1 FRIDAY

7am † Logan F. DeLacruz  
9am\* George Garipey  
10am\*\* † Martin Palenski  
Lv 23:1, 4-11b, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

#### 2 SATURDAY

8am Blandina Luciano  
Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12  
5pm\* † Judith Busky

#### 3 SUNDAY

7am † Apolinar Tibayan, Jr.  
9am\* For the parish  
11am\* † Claude Smith  
1pm Emma Zelaya Fernandez  
5pm † Domina Nolin  
Ecd 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-11/Lk 12:13-21

\* live-streamed Masses

\*\* Mass at Greenspring Chapel

### Masses next weekend

Aug 2	5pm	Fr. Jeb
Aug 3	7am	Fr. Don
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. James
	1pm	Fr. Jeb
	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, Edward Fitzgerald.

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

## Mary's Comfort update

Thank you for your continued prayers for the guests who reside at Mary's Comfort. We are seeking a Shelter Director to join our all-volunteer team. This vital position

oversees and supports our mentors who work directly with our guests. We also need a Facilities Manager who oversees household issues such as minor maintenance, organizing yardwork and accepting furniture donations. The commitment of time for these roles can be flexible and we'll work with what experience you bring! Please provide a brief summary of your interests and background to: [maryscomfortva@gmail.com](mailto:maryscomfortva@gmail.com). For info, visit: <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/>.

## Pray daily for a future Priest or Sister

See the parish pamphlet rack for a brochure explaining the Diocese of Arlington's St. Therese Vocation Society. Members commit to praying daily for vocations and pray individually by name for those currently in formation as priests and religious. There are no dues and no meetings! For a prayer calendar or to sign up visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/promote-support-pray-for-vocations/pray/st-therese-society/>.

## Knights of Columbus meetings

The Knights of Columbus invites Catholic gentlemen of Saint Bernadette parish to join them every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7pm in the school cafeteria. We say a Rosary at 7pm, followed by our meeting. Please send all requests to the Council Grand Knight, Casey Carr, at [casey.carr1@gmail.com](mailto:casey.carr1@gmail.com)

## Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Accompany us to: dinner (Aug. 2); concert and dance (Aug. 3); outdoor concert (Aug. 6); square dancing (every Tuesday); walk at Sky Meadows State Park (Aug. 8); Thursday lunches (Aug. 14 & 28); dinner/walk at Huntley Meadows (Aug. 10); brunch (Aug. 17); talk by Dawn Beutner, Editor for Saints at Magnificat magazine (Aug. 21); serving meal at Christ House (Aug. 23); movie/dinner (Aug. 24); picnic (Aug. 31). For details, visit our website: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc). With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com).





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