

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 24, 2025



The Narrow Gate



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 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@stbermpar.org Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney frdonrooney@stbermpar.org Fr. Jeb Donelan frjebdonelan@stbermpar.org Fr. James Waalkes frjameswaalkes@stbermpar.org Deacon Orlando Caicedo Pastoral Associate, Rick Caporali rcaporali@stbermpar.org Business Manager, Linda Patterson lpatterson@stbermpar.org Music Director, David Mathers dmathers@stbermpar.org Executive Assistant, Jean Corday jcorday@stbermpar.org Executive Assistant, Evelyn Vargas, evargas@stbermpar.org Secretary, Janet Chávez-España
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YOUTH MINISTRY	703-451-8576 Director, Grace Mee gmee@stbermpar.org
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.stbermpar.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@stbermpar.org .

calendar

august

24 Sunday, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast after 7, 9 and 11am Masses, cafeteria
- Bring filled **Saint Lucy Food Drive bags** for the food collection, all Masses.
- **Rise Against Hunger** parish planning meeting, 10am, Bradican Room
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

25 Monday, Weekday [Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest]

26 Tuesday, Weekday

- **Religious Education Classes begin**, Parent Meeting in the Gym, 6pm

27 Wednesday, Saint Monica

28 Thursday, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor

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29 Friday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church

30 Saturday, Weekday

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

31 Sunday, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

september

1 Monday, Weekday

2 Tuesday, Weekday

3 Wednesday, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor

4 Thursday, Weekday

5 Friday, Weekday [Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin]

6 Saturday, Weekday

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

7 Sunday, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington, Unity Walk, 1:30-5pm, See page 12

8 Monday, The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9 Tuesday, Saint Peter Claver, Priest

10 Wednesday, Weekday

11 Thursday, Weekday

12 Friday, Weekday [The Most Holy Name of Mary]

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church

13 Saturday, Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor

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

14 Sunday, THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

announcements

Calling all rising 4th graders who would like to serve at the altar as **Altar Servers!** **Training starts September 8**, so contact Jean Corday in the parish office to sign up.

Bring your filled **Saint Lucy Food Drive bags this weekend at Masses!** Thank you for your generosity

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Pancake Breakfast for the parish this weekend, on Sunday, August 24 following the 7, 9, and 11am Masses** to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. Proceeds will go to KofC charities.

There is a **Rise Against Hunger planning meeting this weekend on Sunday, August 24** in the Bradican Room at 10am. Come and see how you can get involved in all the aspects of feeding 250,000+ meals to people who don't have food today.

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**.

from the pastor



BEHOLD!
I make
all things

NEW

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

I asked A.I. the origin of the word “pastor.” The word “pastor” originates from the Latin word “pastor,” meaning “shepherd.” This term, in turn, comes from the Latin verb “pascere,” which means “to lead to pasture, set to grazing, cause to eat.” In religious contexts, particularly within Christianity, “pastor” is used to describe a clergyman or minister who is a shepherd to a flock or congregation.

It has been my experience, however, that the job often seems more like that of a sheepdog than a shepherd, running around biting at peoples’ heels to try to move this ship of church in the right direction. You hear people use the phrase “herding cats” a lot, but I think it better to popularize “herding sheep.”

It is an interesting reflection: to lead them to pasture, to set them to grazing, and to “cause [them] to eat?” What is the old phrase – you can lead a horse to water...but you can’t make it drink! But that is, apparently, exactly my vocation.

What is the best course of action for Saint Bernadette, how do I place it in front of you, and convince you that you can’t live without it? That there is nothing more important to your life than what Jesus is offering at this and every moment of your life? I would hope that in an unobscured moment of clarity each and every person in our parish would realize that this is True. But how do we renew our hearts to make Saint Bernadette our priority as a community that brings us holiness and life?

This is not something that happens automatically, sadly. It is only **inspired** by an encounter of the love of God, often in prayer but sometimes in our interactions with others. There is an unconditionality of love that lays bare all our brokenness from bad experiences of love which did more harm than good. It is only **actualized** by the same interaction when we experience the beauty of others serving us and our service to others. This is the love that saves. This is the love whose absence on the last day will bring about the words of our Savior, reminding us that every time we did not do something out of love for the least of our brothers and sisters, we did not do it for him. It is starkly simple.

In our planning committee meeting for Parish Life Weekend there was some discussion about the use of the word “commitment.” “Commitment card.” “Commitment Sunday.” People are afraid to commit to things today, I was told. There is the pasture... so many possibilities. Please, eat. The alternative is to starve.

I need your help.

We have a great future just about to open up. Think of the possibilities with a new building: we have to plan. We have to dream. So what does a pastor do when he needs help? He forms a committee. There are a lot of jokes out there about committees and death by meetings. But I propose to you the first Church committee had 12 members, suddenly then 11, and then a new 12th was called up. We do human things by calling forth the gifts that God has already placed in our community.

I’m forming a **parish advisory board** because finally I think we are ready. The pasture is laid out before us. We are led to the water.

Also, I need two other principal committees first. One is a group that will effectively call forth the gifts from the many cultures and language groups that make up our parish family. I’m calling it the **Multicultural Ministry Team** (how original!). Everyone needs to be represented and have a part and a say in how we dream our future.

Second, I need a **Communications Committee**. This is particularly an area where you youth and young adult members of our family can shine. I love to tell our kids that I graduated from college before personal computers were invented. They invented the internet the year I was ordained. (They don’t believe me.) So you can see how steep my learning curve is! I make this bulletin, that is about the depth of my tech talents. BUT... YOU can get our good news out there! Think about how quickly bad news fills the world-wide web. Good news can travel just as quickly and will provide people with the hope they need so much. The best news is usually received in person: by word of mouth, share our story and get people excited! It will require **commitment**...

The Lord be with you, *Fr. Dom*

In Anticipation of the 2025-2026 School Year

The back-to-school section of stores is prevalent this time of year. At Saint Bernadette Catholic School, teachers, too, have returned with new supplies, decorations, and enthusiasm for a new school year.

During the second week of August, new staff attended the diocesan orientation program for vital information about policies and best practices. Our new-to-us staff are:

Mrs. Jennifer Spencer (Assistant Principal) is a Duke University graduate and completed her M.Ed. in Administration and Supervision at Marymount University.

Mrs. Jill Griswold (PreK teacher) is returning to Saint Bernadette. She holds a B.A. in English from St. Mary's University and a teaching certificate in Early Childhood Education from Columbus State University.

Mrs. Marybeth Cuccias (PreK teacher) holds a B.S. in Early Childhood Education from James Madison University. She has worked in the diocese for several years as Preschool Director and as a teacher in the early elementary grades.

Mr. Kevin Wittman (PreK-8th gr. art) earned a B.A. in Art Education from Bluffton University. For many years, he has taught K-8 art and physical education in the diocese.

Mrs. Blair Carter (4th-grade teacher) holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Virginia. She has taught in both primary and intermediate grades for numerous years. She has also worked as Director of Literacy Intervention.

Mrs. Camila Torres (Instructional Assistant in K) holds a Bachelor's degree from Sergio Arboleda University.

Mrs. Julia Waterman (Instructional Assistant in 2nd grade) holds a B.A. in English from the University of Alabama and an M.Ed. in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the University of Georgia.

Mrs. Maureen Pelayo (Recess Monitor and Extended Day) graduated with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts from the University of Santo Tomas.

The hallways of the school came alive August 14 for the teachers' first day of school. Once quiet rooms and spaces were quickly filled with a staff ready to decorate, plan, and collaborate for a great school year. Organizing space was a top priority for many. Jack Descahuer, librarian and 6th grade religion teacher, said, "in order to teach to the best of my ability, I need to be organized the second students walk in the room." Amy Saia, 2nd grade teacher, also noted organization as a must, "my classroom is organized before any students arrive." Stephanie Zeballos, 7th and 8th grade religion and 1st - 4th grade Spanish, is setting up her room so that "students enter and realize that someone has prepared the room just for them." Blair Carter, our new 4th grade teacher, is also "excited to use these days for learning about the Saint Bernadette community and be ready to welcome my students with open arms."

We cannot wait to welcome back our cardinal scholars for a wonderful school year!

Sincerely,
Kathie



cardinal corner



FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
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 gmeee@stbernpar.org with any questions you may have.

The first day of Religious Education classes will be on August 26 and 27 at 6-7:15pm. We will have a parent meeting to discuss the upcoming RE year in the church. Please plan to be there when you drop off your children. Additional questions can be answered then.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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 ljoness@stbernpar.org.

Volunteers for 2025-2026

We are still in need for volunteers (assistant catechists, teen catechists, and hall monitors)! If interested, please contact the Religious Education Office or fill out the Volunteer Form on the website <https://stbernpar.org/religious-education-volunteers/>.

High School Tuesday Socials - Beginning August 26

All high schoolers are invited to join us for Tuesday Socials every Tuesday from 7-8:30pm! Meet in the youth room (in the parish office) for games, ice cream, and a discussion on the faith. Our first Tuesday social of the school year will be Tuesday, August 26. Contact Grace Mee for more information!

Middle School Youth Ministry - Beginning September 2nd

All 6th-8th graders are invited for games, snacks, and fun every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Meet in the school gym from 6:45-8pm, beginning Wednesday, September 2.

High School Saturday Dinner - September 13

All High schoolers are invited for dinner, games, a fellowship on Saturday, September 13. Meet in the Bradican room from 6-8:30pm!

Living the liturgical year

Happy Sunday! This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of St Bartholomew. He is known as one of twelve apostles of Christ. He is believed to have spread Catholicism into India, Armenia, and Persia. You can celebrate his feast day with your family with the traditional meal of summer; barbecue, watermelon and gingerbread cake! The ginger cake recipe and traditions of celebrating his feast day can be found here: <https://www.ashleytuminwallace.com/post/how-to-celebrate-the-feast-of-st-bartholomew>.

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"

ORICA

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"

ORICA

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.**

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@stbernpa.org.

Monday, September 1 is our next Dinner with Friends at 5pm, at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. This casual meal is one of our normal dinners on the 1st the 3rd Monday of every month.



23rd Annual 5K Fun Run and Walk Oct. 4

Registration is open! The Springfield Council Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the 23rd Annual 5K Fun Run and Walk on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Burke Lake Park. Proceeds from this family-friendly event will be split between the Parish School and KOVAR (a Knights of Columbus charity supporting the intellectually disabled). Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/FairfaxStation/SpringfieldKnightsOfColumbus5K>.



Donations also welcome! Please contact Tom Smith with questions tomsmith6153@outlook.com, 571-308-4672.

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@stbernpa.org.

Voter registration

On November 4, Virginians will be selecting candidates for all 100 seats in the House of Delegates as well as for Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General. Of course, every year in Virginia is an election year. As Catholics, we are called to practice faithful citizenship each time we vote, and in our daily lives. We would like to host a nonpartisan registration event after all Masses the weekend of 27-28 September. To make this available to our parish community, we would need several volunteers to serve in this capacity. If you have experience in this area, we would love to talk to you. Training is available through resources provided by the Virginia Catholic Conference.

The registration deadline for the general election is Friday, October 24. (Voters may still register after this date, through Election Day. However, to enable the registrar to verify their eligibility, they will be given a provisional ballot with which to vote).

Please contact Rick Caporali, rcaporali@stbernpa.org or by phone 703-451-8576 if you are interested in assisting. We will hold an organizational meeting September 7 after the 11am Mass in the Bradican Room.

coming up

Parish Offertory

August 17	
Offertory	27,730
Gaza aid	4,391

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.

get active

Join one of our choirs!

The choirs on summer break will resume in a few weeks, and all choirs are welcoming new members at this time.

Our Children's Choir, for 1st-6th grade singers, serves at 5pm Saturday Mass once a month. They rehearse every Thursday 5-5:45pm. Our Youth Choir, for 7th-12th grade vocalists and instrumentalists, sings most Saturdays at the 5pm Mass. We have four adult choirs: Sunday Mass at 9am (English), 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish), and third Saturday Filipino Vigil Mass, 7pm.

Please contact David Mathers, Director of Music Ministries, at dmathers@stbernapar.org or (703) 451-8576 x112. Rehearsal days/times, list of instruments that can participate, and guidance on instrumental experience levels can be found at <https://www.stbernapar.org/praying/music-ministry> or by contacting David Mathers.

Fall CYO Registration is open!

Cardinal athletes grades 3-8: registration for Saint Bernadette parish CYO fall sports is OPEN!

Fall sports include tennis, cross country and track and field. Athletes must be enrolled in Saint Bernadette Catholic School or Religious Education to participate.

Register at: <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106541>. Registration closes on 8/29 for tennis, 9/13 for cross country and 9/17 for track.

Questions: Email gvsoriano@gmail.com or catherineeluby@gmail.com.

Our SPRED Program

Did you know that we have a SPRED program here at St. Bernadette?

SPRED stands for SPecial Religious Development. We serve children and young adults with developmental disabilities, including autism, Down syndrome, intellectual disabilities, and learning disabilities. Every child deserves access to religious education, and SPRED is one way at our parish that we make sure that opportunity is available for all! Our goal is to meet each participant where they are, whether that is

verbal or nonverbal, reading or nonreading, able to sit still or a ball of energy.

We meet several Saturday mornings a month September through May. We try to be conscious that often, it is difficult for children with disabilities and their families to feel welcome in the Church. We intentionally incorporate activities like prayer time together and sharing a snack to really make SPRED not just a class, but a community where everyone can feel like they belong and know how much they are loved by God.

Sometimes parents of children with disabilities are discouraged because they think that because their child cannot learn well in a typical religious education class with a textbook, their child cannot receive First Communion or Confirmation. That is absolutely not true! The sacraments are for everyone. Preparation might look a little different for people with developmental disabilities, but that is something we do in SPRED, too!

While right now our SPRED class includes students ages 5 to 18, we are hoping to expand the program and offer a class for young adults over 18 in the next few years.

We would love to hear from you if

- you think your child would benefit from SPRED!
- you are a young adult or the parent of a young adult with a developmental disability who might be interested in an adult class!
- you are wondering if the Lord might be calling you to volunteer! No experience is necessary, and we will need more volunteers in order to expand the program!
- or if you have any other Church-related disability question about the sacraments or accessibility!

We want everyone to feel welcome and included in our parish!

El clase de SPRED es en inglés, pero estamos encantados de hablar sobre SPRED con usted en español.

Email Caroline Jones, SPRED Coordinator, at spred@stbernapar.org, or call Lynn Jones (Ljones@stbernapar.org) or Arlyn Agasen in the Religious Education Office at 703-451-8576.



Interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister?

This just in! Diocesan training is scheduled for **Sept. 6** (English and Spanish), **Sept. 27** (Spanish), and **Oct. 4** (English). This is timely as we are considering how to return to receiving Communion under both forms at some Masses. If you are interested in serving the parish in this way, please contact Fr. Don soon at the office or at frdonrooney@stbernpar.org.

Celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage this year?

The Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life will host the 2025 Mass for Marriage Jubilarians at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington on Sunday, October 19 at 2:30pm. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Burbidge. Commemorative certificates will be given out at the reception in the parish hall following the Mass, where Bishop will be available for pictures with jubilarians.

The deadline for registration is October 3! Contact the parish office for a registration form and staff will help you register. For more information, call the office.

Nativity Church Grief Support Group

Dealing with grief can be a difficult and emotional experience. The Nativity Grief Support Group offers support to all who suffered the death of a loved one and are in need of the comfort that sharing can bring. Led by trained facilitators, the meetings are open to all adults at no charge. The group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7:30 – 9pm at Nativity School. For further information, contact Rosemary Viani, 703-657-9605, or Ken Eisenhardt, 703-597-9020.

Coats for Kids

On September 13-21, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for the Coats for Kids program. One of the Knights pillars is Charity, and the most vulnerable in our society are children. Donate your coats to support the goal that every child in need gets a coat to

keep them warm. See one of the Knights for any questions <https://uknight.org/CouncilSite/?CNO=6153>

“The Car Ministry”

If you have a used car to donate, please consider us. We process and repair donated vehicles which are given at no cost to the working poor who have been referred to us by pastors and social workers. It is a tax break for you and people's lives are transformed by new possibilities. Contact Larry Gordon at 703-237-8479.

St. Lucy Food Drive is this weekend!

Return your St. Lucy bags today at Mass and filled with food! The truck will leave the church parking lot at 5:40pm on Sunday.

Food and hygiene items most needed: canned chicken, canned Tuna, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly and jam, mac and cheese, standard size laundry detergent.

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 Saint Bernadette food drive team members. You may also contribute online at <https://secure.cdda.net/Give/Give/Donate/Giving.aspx> choosing St. Lucy Project as the specific project.

Unity Walk 2025!

Join the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington for its annual Unity Walk on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 12:30-5:30pm. The Unity Walk is a wonderful afternoon of celebrating and lifting up the religious and cultural diversity that exists in the DC metro region. Over 700 participants walk along Massachusetts Avenue in upper NW DC visiting 11 houses of worship and spiritual centers as well as participating in additional programming such as: mini-religious and cultural literacy conversation, a service project to benefit Martha's Table, dance workshops and more. Visit <https://ifcmw.org/2025-unity-walk/> for the full program!

find your place

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

August

25 MONDAY

7am † Aurora Ramos
9am* Henry Smith, Jr.
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22

26 TUESDAY

7am † Edwin Arcinas
9am* † Jeanette Pagel
1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26

27 WEDNESDAY

7am † Frances & Eugene Epstine
9am* † Jane Serio
1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32

28 THURSDAY

7am † Edward Galluch
9am* † Alicia Valderrama
1 Thes 3:7-13/Mt 24:42-51

29 FRIDAY

7am Daniel Panganiban
9am* † Anne Wong
10am** † Liane Kilikauskas
1 Thes 4:1-8/Mk 6:17-29

30 SATURDAY

8am † Paula Panganiban
1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
5pm* For the parish

31 SUNDAY

7am John Paul Lee III
9am* † Oscar & Fidela
11am* † Megan McAveney
1pm Lopez Family
5pm † Michael Kleebe
Sir 3:17-29/Heb 12:18-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Aug 30	5pm	Fr. Don
Aug 31	7am	Fr. Don
	9am	Fr. Jeb
	11am	Fr. James
	1pm	Fr. Jeb
	5pm	Fr. Cedric

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, Glendora Spinelli.

Pro-Life Witness

The Saint Bernadette Pro-Life Committee invites you to pray the rosary 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

Thank you for your continued prayers for the guests who reside at Mary's Comfort. We have three volunteer opportunities available -- is God calling you to work with our dedicated team? Please contact us to learn more about the roles of

Facilities Manager, Shelter Director and Fundraising Coordinator. The commitment of time can be flexible and we'll work with what experience you bring! For more information, visit: <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/>. Thank you for your prayerful support as we strive to shelter and support expecting mothers in crisis.

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/>.

Golfing with Wolves Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 18, 2025:
Early bird registration available through Please consider sponsoring or registering to support Saint John Paul the Great High School. <https://onecau.se/johnpaulgolf> Please contact golf@jpthegreat.org for any questions

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: Thursday lunches (Aug. 28); movie/dinner (Aug. 24); picnic (Aug. 31). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Catholic speed dating

St. Timothy Catholic Church is hosting an in-person speed dating event open to all Catholic singles ages 20-39 in the DMV area on Saturday, October 25 at 7pm in the School Cafeteria and Gym. This is an RSVP-only event and registration closes on October 11. To register, go to <https://shenandoahspeeddating.blogspot.com/p/upcoming-events.html>. Questions or more info? Contact Joshua at jtureaud@protonmail.com



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