

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025



The Wedding at Cana, Paolo Veronese, 1563
The Louvre, Paris



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 gme@stbermpar.org Assistant Director, J.P. McLaughlin, jpmclaughlin@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

31 Sunday, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

september

1 Monday, Weekday

- Parish Offices closed for the Labor Day Holiday
- **NO 7am Mass today**

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
- Parish Life Weekend, Meet with Ministry leaders after all Masses

14 Sunday, THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- Parish Life Weekend, Meet with Ministry leaders after all Masses

15 Monday, Our Lady of Sorrows (24th Week in Ordinary Time)

- **Taizé Ecumenical Prayer Service**, 8pm in the church, please join us!

16 Tuesday, Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

17 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor]

18 Thursday, Weekday

19 Friday, Weekday [Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr]

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church

20 Saturday, Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- Commitment Weekend, please return completed Commitment Cards this weekend

21 Sunday, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- Parish Life Weekend, Meet with Ministry leaders after all Masses
- Commitment Weekend, please return completed Commitment Cards this weekend

announcements

Our parish offices will be closed on Monday, 1 September, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Please note: NO 7am Mass on Monday only

Watch your mailbox! All registered parishioners will be receiving our **Parish Renewal Handbook, Ministry Catalog and Annual Report**, probably beginning September 5. We will celebrate Parish Life Weekend September 13-14, and Commitment Sunday the following weekend. Please review the book and consider how you might get involved in parish life!

Thanks to the good people of Saint Bernadette! Another amazing Saint Lucy Food Project drive: 8,284 pounds of food, \$1,340 in donations! Especially now that our government has canceled assistance for the poor, your help is more needed than ever.

Join us for our monthly Taizé Ecumenical Prayer service on Monday, 15 September at 8pm in the church. Bring your friends, all are welcome!

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,

As you know, I have been reflecting on the value and success of a strong community as a refuge from all the moral chaos and lack of truth. I have been interviewing all our inquirers coming into this year's OCIA program, and there seems to be a consistent thread that runs throughout their seeking: we *all* need a place where the mess of the world can be viewed from a perspective of faith. That foundation of faith needs to be strong. We aren't going to make sense out of most of what is happening in the world today. Nor do we need to. We just need a perspective from which we realize life isn't about the world, anyway. It is beyond, a much broader horizon that we often forget is there, from here in the trenches. We need a community of faith, it is in our DNA.

Also, I have been doing a deep dive into the experiences of Saint Paul in his four journeys in preparation for our upcoming parish pilgrimage.

Against all expectations, the early Christian community grew with remarkable speed in the first centuries after Christ. Several factors help explain this unlikely expansion.

The Roman Empire, like the world today, was vast, multicultural, and often hostile to new movements. Christianity's rise from a small group of Galilean disciples to a faith spanning cities and continents signals something powerful at work.

Of course, there were shared languages and roads: The Pax Romana provided a relatively stable political environment, with trade routes and Roman roads enabling ideas to spread quickly. Greek and Latin served as common tongues, allowing missionaries like Paul to communicate broadly. Imagine how much faster the message of love would have gotten out if there had been a Roman internet!

In the Church there was also social inclusivity: Christianity welcomed people across class, gender, and ethnic boundaries. Women, slaves, and the poor—those most marginalized in society—found dignity and belonging in the Christian message that “*all* are one in Christ.”

Most important from the Church was found hope and meaning: Jesus. The

promise of eternal life, forgiveness, and God's love spoke directly to human anxieties about suffering, mortality, and injustice.

Persecution, though brutal, often backfired. Martyrs who faced death with courage stirred curiosity and admiration among non-believers. Stories of their witness inspired others, making Christianity appear not weak, but indestructible. Communities that cared for their sick, buried their dead, and practiced charity stood out in times of plague and crisis, offering practical as well as spiritual refuge.

Missionary zeal, especially that of the Apostles and early bishops, created tight-knit communities that multiplied in households and cities. Local leaders adapted the message without losing unity, giving Christianity both flexibility and coherence.

Against the odds, then, the early Church's growth owed less to power and more to persuasion, compassion, and conviction.

What can we learn from the early Church today as heirs of the Tradition? First, we focus on Jesus. We take advantage of the gifts we have received that enable us to communicate Jesus in the trade routes and roads that we travel in our daily lives to the people we encounter there. This is where you as lay people have your advantage. The Church takes care of you so you can take care of others. Pope Francis called us the field hospital for all those who are out fighting the good fight every day.

We need to continue the Tradition of being inclusive, not exclusive, to all those who have been left behind by the world, all those who are vulnerable and lack a voice. We have to be ready to give them the kerygma: the need of the world for salvation and the solution offered to all of us in Jesus, God's Son, who entered into our humanity and by his cross, death and resurrection, makes all things new. Not just some things or some people, but *all*.

We need to think not so much about power and who has it, but rather focus on unity, compassion and forgiveness.

Start watching your mailboxes for our Parish Renewal Handbook, Ministry Catalog, and Annual Report! Parish Life Weekend is in two weeks!

The Lord be with you,

Fr. Dom

A Joyful Start to the School Year

Our students are back and after a long, quiet summer, it has been such a joy to see Saint Bernadette alive with energy once again. The first weeks of school are always a whirlwind— full of new routines, fresh information, and busy schedules for both students and parents— but also filled with excitement, laughter, and plenty of fun.

The school year began on 20 August 2025 with a half-day. Teachers introduced class routines, students met new friends, and we came together for our first school Mass of the year. It was wonderful to once again hear the joyful singing of our students at Mass, a reminder of the faith-filled community that makes our school so special.

From our eager Kindergarteners experiencing their very first day to our confident 8th graders beginning their final year, every student marched in ready to

embrace another year of learning and growth.

We held our Back-to-School nights, which provide a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to connect, share expectations, and explore the many activities that will shape the year ahead. Looking ahead, the excitement continues with two beloved community events. On 4 September 2025, we will host our New Parent Social, welcoming families who are new to Saint Bernadette. The following week, on 11 September 2025, we will gather for our annual Purple Star Military Pizza dinner, celebrating both new and current military-connected families. These events provide wonderful opportunities to connect, share experiences, and strengthen the bonds that make our school community feel like family.

As the new school year unfolds, we look forward to partnering with our families in guiding every child's growth in faith, learning, and friendship.

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.



The first days of Religious Education classes were last week. We are now closed for registrations. If you missed the parent meeting, please be sure to verify that you are receiving our weekly Flocknote email. Of note, there are no cell phones allowed in classes, and smart watches will need to be put in "do not disturb" mode. Children should bring their book(s) in their clear plastic folder each week to class, and parents should check the folder weekly for assignments and information from the catechist. Class times on Tuesday and Wednesday are 6-7:15pm – please arrive and pickup on time! Students arriving more than 15 minutes late will have to be signed in by a parent at door 1.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is held during the Sunday 9am Mass to proclaim God's Word to our three-to-six year olds at a level they can understand. If you would like to sign your child up, please use this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/jtBEQmO0ys> or scan the QR code at left. As the CLOW team preps for the new school year, we are in need of volunteers to help teach the children and to be classroom aides. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please reach out to Kathryn Melton at yanezka@gmail.com or Lynn Jones at ljones@stbernapar.org.

youth ministry

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

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!

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://stbernapar.org/religious-education-volunteers/>.

Living the liturgical year

Next Sunday, September 7, two contemporary saints will be canonized: Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint who died in 2006 and was known for his computer-savvy which brought attention to Eucharistic miracles, and Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died in 1925 and was a Third Order Dominican known for his charity. Click here <https://youtu.be/d97Vn7q2n3I?feature=shared> to watch a video on how the Church declares saints, and click here <https://ewtn.co.uk/article-breaking-carlo-acutis-to-be-canonized-sept-7-with-pier-giorgio-frassati/> to learn about them.



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.

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@stbernapar.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.

NEW DATE! Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, September 16 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. We have a very special program tonight. Father James will favor us with a vocal and guitar performance including some self-composed songs and some more familiar and popular favorites. This will surely be an evening not to be missed!

ARE YOU CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

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

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"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"

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.**

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@stbernapar.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.

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@stbernapar.org.

Coats for Kids

On September 13-21, the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for the Coats for Kids program. 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>

coming up

Parish Offertory

August 24	
Offertory	33,241
Tuition Angels	4,944

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 sports 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 county 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.

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.

“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.

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!

2025 Mercy Ride - September 13

The Order of Malta's Northern Virginia Region invites you to join “Mercy Ride” on Saturday, September 13. We're seeking cyclists for 6 miles, 20 miles, or 30 miles routes, as well as volunteers to help at Gravelly Point and Mt. Vernon turning points. All proceeds will benefit The Mother of Light Center in Alexandria, VA which helps local men and women struggling with poverty, need, or homelessness. Registration can be found at www.mercyride.org. We hope to see you there!

ECHO clothing program

ECHO needs adult and child-sized sneakers in good condition. We hope that families who are currently buying new winter coats and back-to-school clothing and sneakers will consider giving their old attire a “second life” with a local family whose children are now growing into new sizes. Find details at www.echo-inc.org.

ECHO uses its Clothing Program to ease the financial burden on families who are facing economic challenges. Once sorted and quality checked, the clothing moves to the client room which is set up like a small store. Clients come in by appointment to choose what they need for members of their families.

Clients may make as many as three clothing appointments a year and may choose up to five outfits per family member at each visit. Volunteers help clients find what they need by reviewing, bagging their choices, and ensuring the number of outfits is compatible with the size of their families. No client pays for any kind of assistance from ECHO.

ECHO is averaging slightly more than 82 appointments per month for clothing assistance. We believe that demonstrates that our program is a useful endeavor.

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.

September

1 MONDAY

9am* † Joseph McGowen
1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-37

2 TUESDAY

7am † Glenn D'Cruze
9am* † Jan Usinger Sanchez
1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37

3 WEDNESDAY

7am † William Peake
9am* † Barbara Lippa
Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44

4 THURSDAY

7am † Emil Mugno, Jr.
9am* † Eileen Moffatt
Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11

5 FRIDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory
9am* † John Anthony Cerami
10am** Paul & Nancy Allard
Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39

6 SATURDAY

8am Chantal Dao
Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
5pm* † Alfredo Canton

7 SUNDAY

7am For the parish
9am* † Stephanie Sharkey
11am* Legion of Mary members
1pm † Elias Galvez Guerra
5pm † Esther Best
Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Sept 6	5pm	Fr. James
Sept 7	7am	Fr. Jeb
	9am	Fr. James
	11am	Fr. Don
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	5pm	Fr. Jeb

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/>.

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

Hearing devices at Mass

Our sound system transmits sound to hearing devices. You can purchase your own device at Amazon for about \$15. Program the FM frequency to 72.3mh. The link and model are provided here for your convenience. [Retekess PR13 Portable FM Radio, Pocket FM Radio Receiver, AAA Battery Powered Personal Mini Stereo Radio with Earphone and Lock Key](#)