

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 21, 2025



The Parable of the Unjust Manager, Follower of Rembrandt, c.1660
The Wallace Collection, Hertford House, London



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
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BAPTISMS	Saturday, 10am, 1 st and 2 nd Saturdays in English; 3 rd Saturday in Spanish. Parish registration is encouraged for parents. Class attendance is required. Please contact the parish office to schedule at least four weeks in advance. All required paperwork must be submitted before a baptism may be scheduled.
WEDDINGS	Sat., 12 & 2pm. Parish registration required somewhere; contact a priest at least six months in advance of desired date.
JOIN US	You are welcome! Registration forms are available in the church vestibule, office, or online www.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

september

21 Sunday, TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- **Commitment Weekend, please return completed Commitment Cards this weekend**
- Voter Registration table available at the conclusion of the 9am Mass through the start of the 1pm Mass in Spanish, Church

22 Monday, Weekday

23 Tuesday, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

24 Wednesday, Weekday

25 Thursday, Weekday

26 Friday, Weekday [Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs]

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church

27 Saturday, Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

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

28 Sunday, TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- **Fall Confirmation 2026 Kickoff, Parents and Students, 6:15pm, Church**

29 Monday, Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

30 Tuesday, Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor

october

1 Wednesday, Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

2 Thursday, The Holy Guardian Angels

3 Friday, Weekday

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- **5K FUN RUN & WALK**, Burke Lake, check-in 7:30am, run 9am
- Life Chain, parish meets at Key Middle School on Franconia Rd., 2pm

4 Saturday, Saint Francis of Assisi

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- Blessing of Animals, in front of grotto, 10am

5 Sunday, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

6 Monday, Weekday [Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin]

7 Tuesday, Our Lady of the Rosary

8 Wednesday, Weekday

9 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs]

10 Friday, Weekday

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church

11 Saturday, Weekday [Saint John XXIII, Pope]

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- Filipino Mass at 7pm, all are welcome
- **El Señor de los Milagros/The Lord of the Miracles**, 10am Mass, 11:30am Procession, 2-4:30pm cultural dancing and dinner (for sale)

12 Sunday, TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

announcements

Watch your mailbox! All registered parishioners will be receiving our **Parish Renewal Handbook, Ministry Catalog and Annual Report**. Please read it! We are celebrating Commitment Sunday this weekend. Please review the book and discover how you might get involved in parish life!

Bishop Burbidge has invited all parishes in the Diocese to participate in a **Week of Service this coming November 9-15, Saint Bernadette Church will be partnering with Rise Against Hunger** to purchase and pack 150k meals to support educational programs throughout the world. The cost of just one venti cup of coffee can provide 6 life-changing meals for a child! Please see page 12 of today's bulletin and watch for more details and signup opportunities in the coming weeks. It Starts with a Meal.

All couples celebrating a Golden or Silver Anniversary are invited to a **Wedding Anniversaries Mass on Sunday, October 19, 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More**. Please call the parish office to register no later than Monday, October 3.

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 us. Remember Second and Special Collections can be done electronically through **Faith Direct**.

+ Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates!

Knights of Columbus 5K,

Saturday, October 4 (see page 12)

El Señor de los Milagros/Lord of the

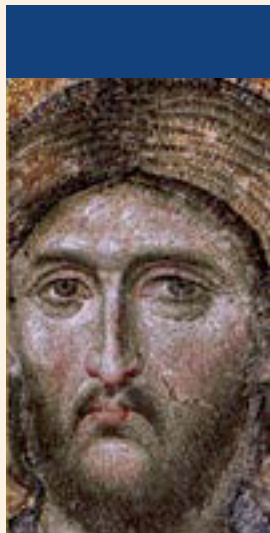
Miracles Mass, procession and dinner:

Saturday, October 11

Parish Family Picnic, Saturday, October 18

ECHO Yard Sale, Saturday, November 1

from the pastor



BEHOLD!
I make
all things

NEW

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Well, everybody, it is Commitment Sunday when we make a commitment to do something extra for parish life, and maybe give a little more to the offertory to help the parish keep up with the cost of living.

By the time I'm preparing this letter, I haven't heard from anyone who has received their Parish Renewal Handbook, Ministry Catalog and Annual Report. Bulk mailing is frustrating. I can only ask that you read it when it comes (or look for the copy on the parish website with a link on the front page) and really think about what you might do in the coming year. Remember, the time for dating God and keeping our options open is over.

If your catalog and commitment card come, please fill out your card and drop it in the second collection. It also comes with a return envelope which is also very handy. If your packet doesn't arrive until next week, please consider returning your offertory of prayer, time and treasure the following weekend.

Monday and Tuesday of this week I'm attending a national conference at Georgetown University about *Nostra aetate*. This 1965 (60th anniversary) constitution from Vatican II, the shortest of all, redefined our relationship with people of other religions, particularly Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu people. It literally changed the way the Church is to look at people who are not baptized. All are made in the image of God, it says, and all persons require our respect, acceptance, and kindness. All persecution and hatred is not the Christian way.

Nostra aetate began as a document to redefine ourselves with the Jewish people. It condemned 2,000 years of persecution and derision that the Jewish people suffered from the Christian churches, mostly the Catholic Church. The Jewish people are not to be blamed for the death of Jesus, and are to be considered the older brothers and sisters they truly are. It says, basically, that God does not make mistakes and therefore has not withdrawn his covenant with them. It leaves still a lot of questions which need to be worked out by sincere dialogue, but it was a start for healing.

The way dialogue begins is when we connect as human beings. The relationship has to be the beginning, because dialogue has to arise out of authentic concern for another. Getting to know each other, differences are not impediments to friendship, and frank, honest conversations can happen. Too often we enter into dialogue with others because we want to say something about ourselves: you must do so to hear something about them.

The keynote speakers and panels were very interesting. One priest who has been working with Jewish Catholic dialogue for three decades said the light finally went on for him when he was told by a rabbi that their dialogue didn't work because of his arrogance. "You looked down on us for 2,000 years... and now you have decided to recognize me as an equal... and determine the terms by which we do this? What arrogance!" He continued about how it might be better to start with a conversation about what both people in the dialogue might expect or hope to accomplish, to attain an outcome that would be meaningful for all.

Today (Monday) was all about the Jewish-Catholic relationship. Tomorrow will be Islam and the Dharmic Traditions (Hindu and Buddhist).

Did I tell you? We will host our Burke-Springfield Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service on Tuesday, November 25. Please, mark your calendars!

This Wednesday 41 pilgrims and I will start our pilgrimage in the steps of Saint Paul. We won't be making the trip in the exact sequence as Saint Paul, and I'm pretty sure he didn't travel on Celebrity Infinity. But we will be visiting the places he visited: Corinth, Athens, Crete, Ephesus, Thessaloniki, and Philippi. And, since we have gone all that way, we are going to add Mykonos, Santorini, and of course Istanbul.

It's a pilgrimage and when we go we take all your intentions with us at Mass in all these remarkable holy places. If you would like me to celebrate a Mass for your intention, please contact Janet in the office. Τα λέμε σύντομα (See you soon!)

The Lord be with you, *Fr. Dom*

The power of giving: supporting Saint Bernadette Catholic School

Saint Bernadette Catholic School is more than a place where children come to learn—it is a vibrant community that flourishes when parents, teachers, and parishioners work together. One of the most powerful ways to strengthen our school is through giving. And giving does not always mean writing a check; it comes in many forms. By offering your time, sharing your talents, or providing financial support, every member of our community can help our parish school grow and thrive.

The gift of time is one of the most valuable resources you can offer. Whether it is helping in the school library, assisting in the classroom, or reading with young students, volunteers bring energy, encouragement, and joy. When parents and parishioners show up, students feel supported and teachers feel uplifted, creating a stronger sense of community for all.

Each person has unique skills that can enrich the lives of Saint Bernadette students. You might play an instrument that could inspire children through a performance, or perhaps you have overcome challenges and can share an uplifting story. Maybe you have a special interest that could become an after-school club, or even the extra time to serve as a substitute teacher. By sharing your gifts, you help open our students' eyes to new experiences and possibilities.

While time and talent are priceless, Saint Bernadette Catholic School also depends on financial resources to sustain and enhance the quality of education we provide. You can make a difference by supporting tuition assistance programs, helping with campus maintenance, contributing to fundraisers, or giving toward special projects that enhance student learning. Even a modest contribution, when combined with the generosity of others, has the power to create lasting impact.

When time, talent, and treasure come together, schools are transformed

into stronger, more vibrant learning environments. Volunteering builds community, talents enrich education, and financial contributions ensure sustainability. Supporting our parish school is not only an investment in our students—it is an investment in all of our futures.

If you would like to help out, please contact: office@stbernschool.org.



cardinal corner



**FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST**



how to use your stewardship renewal handbook and ministry catalog

Commitment Sunday is this weekend!

Bring your Commitment Card and make an honest, actual commitment to what you hope to achieve this year: spiritually in prayer, charitably in service, and responsibly in your financial commitment to Saint Bernadette Parish. Place your card, as an offering, at the second collection at all Masses.

If you are unable to come this weekend, please use the enclosed reply envelope to send your Commitment to us.

All members of our parish are asked to complete a stewardship Commitment Card.

Many of you are already involved in ministries and also faithfully contribute each week or month. If you are one of these parishioners, **we thank you**, because the Church can only accomplish her work if people support it! Please pray about whether there is something different you would like to do.

Please fill out the card and let us know how you plan to continue.

If you are not currently involved in our parish, or if you feel that God may be calling you to do more, **this is a great opportunity to become a more active member.** Ask the Lord to help you spend more time in prayer. Talk to your spouse or your children about which groups or ministries you might like to join. Try to budget a consistent weekly gift. A ten dollar weekly donation today is equivalent to a five dollar weekly donation five years ago.

Filling out your Commitment Card is the way to take a step forward.

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.

Please remember that the Confirmation 2026 kick-off will be on September 28 at the church from 6:15-7:15pm.

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/>.

Living the liturgical year

On September 23, we celebrate the feast day of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina. He started his service to the church as a 5 year-old altar server, eventually devoting his life to God at the age of 15 as a Capuchin Friar. He had a special relationship with his Guardian Angel, showing us that our

Guardian Angels protect us and nudge us to do what is right. You can watch this video about St. Padre Pio with your children to help them learn about the saint: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLOIx_ux400. To honor St. Padre Pio, you can teach your children the Guardian Angel prayer:

*Angel of God, my Guardian dear
To whom God's love, commits me here. Ever
this day (night) be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.*

Family Donut Social

Mark your calendars! Plan to join us Sunday, September 28, in the school cafeteria for fellowship, hospitality, and kids' activities after the 9am Mass! Come visit with other parish families while you enjoy coffee, juice, and donuts while your children do some fun activities with volunteers!

youth ministry

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee at gme@stbernpar.org, or our assistant director JP McLaughlin at jpmclaughlin@stbernpar.org with any questions you may have.

High School Tuesday Socials

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. Contact Grace Mee for more information!

Middle School Youth Ministry

Next gathering - October 1
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.

Daily Mass and Donuts - September 23

All high schoolers are invited to take advantage of the FCPS student holiday and join us for 9am daily Mass, followed by donuts and fellowship in the youth room until 10:30.

High School Boys Bonfire - September 25

All 9-12th grade boys are invited to join us for a bonfire, s'mores, and games on Thursday, September 25th from 7-8:30pm. Meet on the rectory patio. Contact JP McLaughlin for more information (JPMcLaughlin@stbernpar.org)

Catholic Women's Group upcoming events

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

Monday, October 6 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.

Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, October 14 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. We have a very special program tonight.

Walking with Purpose - Women's Bible Study

Come as you are - you are welcome here! Walking with Purpose Women's Bible Study ministry returns October 14 and 16 for a 22 week study. Join us for "Touching the Divine" to explore the qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on his life and personality. WWP Bible studies combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Make authentic connections with other women!

Separate morning and evening sessions will take place in the Bradican Room. Tuesdays from 9:45-11:30am and Thursdays from 7-8:30pm beginning October 14 and 16, respectively. The book fee is \$25 and the suggested hospitality fee is \$10. Register at <https://stbernadettewwp.wixsite.com/stbwwp>

8th grade High School Placement Test

8th grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT). The date, time and locations are:

TEST DATE: Sat., November 15, 2025

TEST SITES:

Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria
Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington
St. Paul VI High School, Chantilly
Saint John Paul the Great High School, Dumfries

TEST TIME: 8:30am – 12 Noon

FEE: contact high school

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: Any 8th grader attending public school, non-Catholic private schools, or Catholic schools outside the Arlington Diocese (students who attend parish schools in the Diocese take the same test at their school site).

REQUIREMENTS: Students must register on-line on the high school's website. The registration must be completed on-line by the high school's registration deadline. The testing fee should accompany the registration.

For students who are prevented from taking the test on November 15, there will be an additional testing date on Sat., December 6 at all four high schools (Snow Date – Dec. 13, 2025), from 8:30am to noon.

Coffee and donuts are back!

Starting this weekend coffee and donuts will be offered following the 9 and 11am Masses and, once a month, after the 1pm Spanish Mass. All are welcome to join.

If interested, there is a schedule posted in the Lector's Room. This schedule contains the "off" days when coffee and donuts will not be offered.

Generally, "off" days will be three day holiday weekends and specific holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas break, Palm Sunday, Easter and Mothers' and Fathers' Days.

coming up

Parish Offertory

September 14:
Offertory \$ 39,192
Religious Education 3,632

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.

find your place

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@stbernpar.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.stbernpar.org/praying/music-ministry> or by contacting David Mathers.

Fall CYO sports registration is open!

Stay tuned for basketball registration opening soon. Athletes must be enrolled in Saint Bernadette Catholic School or Religious Education to participate.

Questions: Email the CYO Reps - Gina Soriano (gvsoriano@gmail.com) or Catherine Luby (catherineeluby@gmail.com)

KofC soccer challenge

On September 27 the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Soccer Challenge at the soccer field behind the school. It is open to boys and girls from 9-14 years old. Use the QR for information and sign up.

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.



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.



Mission Cooperative second collection next weekend

Next weekend our second collection supports the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is our **Banica** missions in the Dominican Republic. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs – like food, shelter, and healthcare. You can support these organizations through next week's 2nd Collection. If donating by check, please make your check payable to our parish and put "MCP" in the memo line. Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Please be generous.

Mass in honor of World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Concluding National Migration Week, Bishop Burbidge will celebrate a special Mass and share a message on the importance of recognizing the plight of migrants and refugees, especially those we welcome within our Diocese. This year also marks the **50th anniversary** of the Diocese's support and services provided through the Office of Migration and Resettlement. The Mass will be held at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church 915 S. Wakefield Street, Arlington, VA 22204, September 28 at 10am. A light reception will follow the Mass. No RSVP required.

Pet blessing on Oct. 4, feast of Saint Francis

This year the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi falls on a Saturday. We will have our annual blessing of pets in front of the grotto at 10am.

Life Chain is October 5

The 2025 Alexandria Life Chain will be conducted along Franconia Road on Sunday, October 5, from 2:30–3:30pm, from Saint Lawrence Church to Frontier Avenue near the Springfield Mall. Our parish's location on Franconia Road will

be in front of Key Middle School, the same as in previous years.

From the Office of Vocations

National Vocation Awareness Week is the first full week of November. Seminarians will speak in parishes on the weekend of November 8-9. There are many events this fall for discerners. If there are any men ages 16-35 who might be considering a vocation to Priesthood, contact Fr. Don by email and register for a dinner with Bishop Burbidge scheduled for October 24.

November 15: High School boys

Quo Vadis Father-Son visit to St. John Paul II Seminary (fathers are welcome but not required)

November 21-23: Adult Men

Weekend trip to Mount St. Mary's Seminary

December 21: Adult Men

Advent Day of Recollection for Discerners

December 21: Adult Women

Advent Day of Recollection for Discerners

Contact our Vocations Director, Fr. Noah Morey, at (703) 841-2537

Bishop's annual Mass for persons with disabilities

Join Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge and families across the Diocese of Arlington for this annual Mass for Respect Life Month and Persons with Disabilities. Come give thanks to God for the blessings that our brothers, sisters, and children with disabilities bring to our lives!

This yearly Mass celebrates disability awareness for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the need for us to provide opportunities for them to reach their full potential through inclusive education and meaningful employment throughout the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Porto Charities will host a light breakfast after the Mass where you can enjoy fellowship. The Mass is October 12 at 10am until noon at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8800 Braddock Rd, Annadale VA 22003 Vienna. Porto Charities will host a light breakfast after the Mass where you can enjoy fellowship. No RSVP required.

coming up

Gratis para toda la parroquia - ¡siempre se necesitan voluntarios!

picnic de familia parroquial

**sábado
18 de octubre
1 - 5pm**

**burgers y hot dogs
bebidas**

**(TRAES guarnición,
postre, o bocadillo)**

SI TU APELLIDO:

comienza con A-M:
guarniciones como
verduras, ensaladas, etc.

comienza con N-T:
postres, galletas, etc.

comienza con U-Z:
snacks no perecederos

**música en vivo,
juegos inflables y más**

**bus desde Daventry
estacionamiento
(considere compartir
el vehículo)**

Las donaciones de pasteles son bienvenidas para la caminata de pasteles en el gimnasio. ¡Hornea un pastel y gana un pastel! Tu creación será aceptada la mañana del evento en nuestro lugar de entrega designado.



Free for all the parish - volunteers are always needed!



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

family fall parish picnic

**saturday
october 18
1 - 5pm**

**burgers and dogs
beverages**

**(YOU bring a side,
dessert or snack)**

IF YOUR LAST NAME:

starts in A–M:
side dishes like potato
salad, salads, chips, etc.

starts in N–T:
desserts, cookies, etc.

starts in U–Z:
non-perishable snacks

Please consider using
biodegradable containers when
possible; together we can do
better to Care for Creation.

**live music, games,
inflatables**

**shuttle from Davenport
commuter parking
(please consider
carpooling)**

Cake Donations are warmly
welcomed for the PTO Cake
Walk in the gym. Bake a cake,
win a cake! Your creation will be
accepted during morning /after-
noon school carpool on Friday,
October 17 or the morning of
the event at our designated drop
off location.

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Rise Against Hunger is coming to Saint Bernadette in November!



We are now seeking donations to purchase the raw ingredients and pack **150,000 life-changing meals** to fight world hunger.

Join the movement!

Your gift will have life-changing impact on a child!



or visit <http://bit.ly/3JTn17n>



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

For more information contact: rcaporali@stbernpar.org or jcorday@stbernpar.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>

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.

John Paul the Great High School open house

Save-the-date! John Paul the Great's Fall Open House will be held on Sunday, November 2 from 1-4pm. This year's Open House will be fun for the whole family! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities! We look forward to introducing you to our unique Bioethics program as well as our beloved House

System and robust Special Services! Meet students, faculty, and coaches to learn more. RSVP Today! Use the following link to RSVP: https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/portal/new_inquiry

The need for food continues to grow and never diminish every month since the beginning of the pandemic. Food aid has presented an enormous challenge. Every can, every box, every bar of soap helps us meet the challenge. Join us in our commitment to end local hunger!

Virginia Catholic Conference voter resources online

Elections for Governor, Lieutenant Gov., Attorney General and all 100 Virginia House of Delegates seats are coming this fall. Election Day is November 4. Early voting begins September 19. To prepare, please visit our Election Resource hub at <https://vacatholic.org/action-center/Election2025/>. There you can view, download and print the following materials:

- Pre-election letter issued by VA bishops
- Candidate Comparisons
- "Proposed Constitutional Amendments: Be Vigilant!"
- Info about how to register and other key information
- "Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching"

A nonpartisan Voter Registration table will be available at the conclusion of the 9am Mass through the beginning of the 1pm Mass in Spanish. Bilingual materials and Spanish speaking volunteers will be available.

Mary's Comfort update

Thank you for your continued prayers for the guests who reside at Mary's Comfort. We hope you might consider volunteering with us? The opportunities available include a Volunteer Coordinator, Database Manager, Facilities Manager, Shelter Director and Fundraising Coordinator. The commitment of time can be very flexible (usually 1-5 hours per week). Some work can also be completely remote. For more information, visit: <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/> and email us at maryscomfortva@gmail.com. Thank you for your prayerful support as we strive to shelter and support expecting mothers in crisis.

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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.

September

22 MONDAY

7am † Jay Jenc
9am* Rich Waalkes
Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

23 TUESDAY

7am † Jay Jenc
9am* † John Francis Jenc
Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

24 WEDNESDAY

7am † Jeanne Warrington
9am* John Paul Szemborski
Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

25 THURSDAY

7am † Peter Bekkers
9am* Richard & Laura Waalkes
Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

26 FRIDAY

7am † Jay Jenc
9am* † Mario Cantu
10am** † Marilyn Spille
Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22

27 SATURDAY

8am † Mario Cantu
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45 5pm*
† John Perrin

28 SUNDAY

7am † All Souls
9am* † Alicia Valderrama
11am* Deacon Robert Rooney
1pm For the parish
5pm Mary Kulnich
Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Sept 27	5pm	Fr. James
Sept 28	7am	Fr. Jeb
	9am	Fr. Cedric
	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, Edward Fitzgerald, Thomas Fitzgerald, Adrian Vincente, Evan Robish, Kathryn Yeager, Scott Kendrick, Heather Lynch, Ron and Karen Dietz, Ted Musi-alkiewicz, Kathleen Maxwell, Alan Curtis, Glendora Spinelli, Alora Lopez, Ana Maria Carrillo, Ron and Jo-Anne Plavchan, Erika Vargas, Edward Fitzgerald

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.

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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27th annual Christ the King men's retreat

Titled "Die Catholic and in the State of Grace and You Win: How to make the last battle of your life a victory," this retreat directed by Fr. Francis de Rosa will be held on Sat. Oct. 25 from 8:30am–12:15pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church, 8750 Pohick Rd., Springfield VA 22153. There is no charge for this event, but you must register before Oct. 22 to attend. Donations gratefully accepted. To register go to www.waywomen.com/mensretreat For more information, contact Robin Maas at rmvlmaas@gmail.com.

Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate group.) Meet us for: Mass at St. Louis Church/visit to Poor Clares Monastery (Oct. 5); Thursday lunches (Oct. 9 & 23); dinner in Ashburn (Oct. 11); tour of historic Rippon Lodge and Neabsco Creek Boardwalk (Oct. 18); Ocean City Beach Days (Oct. 24-27); serving meal at Christ House (Oct. 25); ancient cemeteries tour/dinner in Alexandria (Oct. 26); Annual Dinner Dance (Nov. 15). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com

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