

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 28, 2025



The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, Bonifacio De' Pitati detto Bonifacio (Veronese), 1540
Gallerie Accademia, Venice



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

26th 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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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

september

- 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

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
- **5K FUN RUN & WALK**, Burke Lake, check-in 7:30am, run 9am

5 Sunday, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- Life Chain, parish meets at Key Middle School on Franconia Rd., 2pm

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

13 Monday, Weekday

- Parish Offices Closed ~ Federal Holiday

14 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr]

- **PARISH FEAST OF SAINT BERNADETTE**: bilingual Mass at 7:30pm

15 Wednesday, Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor

16 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin]

17 Friday, Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church

18 Saturday, Saint Luke, Evangelist

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- **PARISH PICNIC!** 1-5pm, see pp. 10-11 in this bulletin

announcements

Don't forget, if you haven't, to return your commitment card for parish ministry – Pray, serve and give, for the coming year. Please drop it in the mail or bring it by the office.

Bishop Burbidge has invited all parishes in our Diocese to participate in a special Week of Service this November. Saint Bernadette Church and School will join this effort by partnering with **Rise Against Hunger to pack 150,000 meals** that will support educational programs around the world—a true **Corporal Work of Mercy in action**. To make this life-changing event possible, both financial gifts and volunteers are needed. Just the cost of one venti cup of coffee can provide six nutritious meals for a hungry child! Please see this week's bulletin or visit our parish website for more details. Sign-up opportunities will be shared in the coming weeks. It starts with a meal—together, we can make a world of difference.

Fr. Iacona will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of **Cross Catholic Outreach**, which was founded to forge a stronger and more supportive link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns serving the poor in the Caribbean, Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America.

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. Please see today's bulletin page 7 for more information about the program and this year's theme "Touching the Divine"

+ Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates!

Knights of Columbus 5K Run and Walk
 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

"Let us disarm words and we will help to disarm the world."

Pope Leo XIV's address to representatives of the media, May 12, 2025

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

As I write this letter it is Monday afternoon and we don't leave for pilgrimage until Wednesday evening! Please know we will pray for you everywhere we go, and ask that you remember us, too. In case you're curious about our journey, here is a short itinerary:

Thursday, Sept 25 - arrive Athens (evening)
Friday - Corinth
Saturday - Athens
Sunday - Crete
Monday - Santorini
Tuesday - Ephesus
October 1, Wednesday - Mykonos
Thursday - cruising day
Friday - Philippi
Saturday - Thessaloniki
Sunday - cruising day
Monday - Piraeus to Istanbul
Tuesday - Istanbul
Wednesday - Return to US

Maybe you'd like to do a little research about these fascinating places, many of the stops along the journeys of Saint Paul, and the people to whom he wrote letters.

My brothers and sisters we are living in very strange times. I came across this quote to the left and suggest everybody clip it and put it on your refrigerators.

It has been my experience that people can become hostile at what you say and what you didn't say. Most days it is better to keep silent. But sometimes you have to say something and must pick your words very carefully.

People in today's world are just angry. Some people use words to provoke anger in others. So much is said today that is not true, nor kind, nor necessary. But that does not mean humanity turns to killing, even though the words themselves may be flawed.

See how hate can spiral, like a tornado that rolls in and sweeps everyone and everything that isn't grounded off to places where they never would have gone.

It is time for us to measure our words, to regulate our emotions and just pray. I was speaking with a person this week, so full of anger and threats, even expressing desire to do harm to others. I was at a loss to

know what to say. To prepare for this kind of encounter we need to think up some simple, nonthreatening strategies.

When I run across another's blatant hostility against immigrants, I usually lead with the idea that we are all immigrants. One time this didn't work, the cancer was deeper than what was immediately visible. The conversation eventually can come around to the reality that we are a nation of immigrants, and immigrants have always been treated like unwanted trash. One group after another. Wouldn't it be wonderful (and holy) if we did not assign a degree to the extent by which a person is made in the image of God? That every human is equally deserving of those basic human rights which are spoken of in our own Declaration of Independence? All humans...and yet even the signers of the Declaration looked the other way about the enslaved persons they owned.

Before October 7, 2023, I was working with an interfaith group hoping to address what polls showed to be an alarming rise of Islamophobia among members of the Catholic Church. After the attack, any such dialogue was put on hold. But the problem remains. We should do our best to put the mirror up to ourselves when we find (sometimes unexpectedly) cultural vestiges such as Islamophobia and antisemitism in ourselves. Hopefully the example will cause others to stop before they speak words without thinking. Once words have flown, you can't get them back.

A Jewish theologian from Haifa spoke recently at our *Nostra aetate* at 60 Conference at Georgetown. She had an interesting perspective. She said that Jews, Muslims and Christians have lived together in the Holy Land for centuries, in peace. (There are neighborhoods around Jerusalem where this has been the case for centuries, such as the neighborhood where John the Baptist was born.) The conflict didn't start in the Holy Land, she said, until all of the persecution, injustice and inhumanity in the West came home. The Holocaust, she said, was a western reality which shaped the current situation. It takes a long time for that kind of hatred to find peace. And yet we must try to bring peace to all these broken places, trusting that God's will will result.

The Lord be with you, *Fr. Dom*

Learning assessments

How does a teacher gather information about what students already know and what they need to know? At Saint Bernadette Catholic School, we are using 2025-2026 to kick off a year focused on student growth through a mix of classroom assessments, student-led goal setting, and engaging projects.

In September, students in second through seventh grade took the Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress (NWEA MAP) for math, reading, and language arts. This online test is computer-adaptive, adjusting what questions to ask based on previous answers. It provides a snapshot of student capabilities in these subjects. Teachers will use this data to inform instruction to meet individual needs. This year, students will also examine scores to identify a goal for growth. Having a focus for improvement helps students own their learning.

Classroom assessments like quizzes, exit tickets, essays, and unit tests offer ongoing

insights into student learning. These tools help teachers:

- Spot Strengths and Gaps: A quick quiz might show a student excels at geometry but needs support with fractions.
- Guide Instruction: Weekly checks, like a writing prompt, reveal if students grasp narrative structure.
- Engage Students: Feedback from assessments helps kids understand their progress and stay motivated,

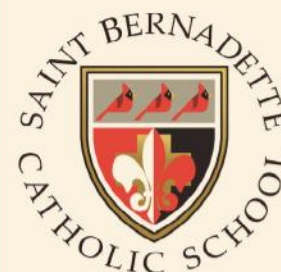
Projects can be assigned to show a deeper understanding of class concepts. Frequently done in small groups, students apply their knowledge, collaborate, and use creativity to complete the task. In middle school, students are creating a slideshow about a particular wetland. These small groups will present information to the rest of the class.

Using a variety of assessments (informal and formal) will help our cardinals soar this year.

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.

An amazing turnout for PTO Bingo Night Friday, September 12.

RE Program upcoming schedule

Regular classes: Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29
Confirmation 2026 kick-off: Sept 28 6:15-7:15pm at the church
Saturday SPRED class: Oct 4 & 18
Family Mass Learning: Oct. 4-5 at all Masses except the 7am Mass
Sunday Family Faith Formation Class: Oct. 5
Confirmation 2025 Session 2: Oct. 5 6:15-7:30pm at the school

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/>.

Family Donut Social

Plan to join us this 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!

Living the liturgical year

On September 29, we celebrate the feast day of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. St. Michael is known for fighting Satan and casting him to hell. St. Gabriel for appearing to Mary at the annunciation to tell her that she was going to have baby Jesus. St. Raphael is a known for being a healer. These three archangels have been mentioned in the Bible by name. One fun way to celebrate is to have a feast day feast with Devil's Food cake, deviled eggs or blackberry pie. You can also pray the St. Michael's Prayer with your children:

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



youth ministry

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

High School Diocesan RALLY - Sunday, October 26

This annual event is an opportunity for the young Church in the Diocese of Arlington to gather each year to for fun, entertainment, prayer, and to celebrate the Catholic faith. RALLY includes Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Eucharistic Adoration, inspirational speakers and entertainers, breakout sessions, inflatable games, music, and more! The cost is \$25, and adult volunteers are needed. Contact Grace Mee at gme@stbernapar.org for information on how to register.

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.

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. We meet for this casual meal on the 1st and the 3rd Monday of every month.

Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, October 14 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. Our theme is month is "Making a Difference." We will hear from Deb Beard of Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington and a member of St Bernadette parish. She will provide information about how we can each help make a difference in the many good works of Catholic Charities.

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

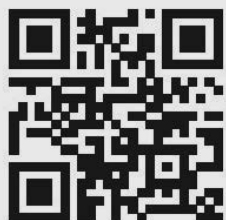
September 21:
Offertory \$ 37,685
Facilities/Maintenance 4,132

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.

many
ways to
help



Cross Catholic Outreach here next weekend

Please welcome Fr. Frank Iacona visiting our parish next weekend. He comes to us from Cross Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since Cross Catholic Outreach empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the vast majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world. To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, or scan QR code at left.

Le animamos a darle la bienvenida a un sacerdote invitado para el próximo fin de semana. Él viene desde Cross Catholic Outreach para compartir con nosotros algunas conmovedoras historias sobre el extraordinario trabajo que las misiones católicas realizan actualmente en todo el mundo. Nuestra estrategia es empoderar a misiones católicas ya establecidas, sus programas mantienen los costos de operación mínimos entre los pobres en todo el mundo. Para conocer más sobre Cross Catholic Outreach, visite CrossCatholic.org/sacerdote, o escanee este código QR con su celular.

Celebración del Señor de los Milagros /Lord of the Miracles celebration

ALL the parish is WELCOME, whatever your language may be! Join us for the celebration of a patron of Latin America, The Lord of the Miracles, on Saturday, October 11. He is credited with protecting people in difficult times. A dinner will follow in the gym with traditional dances of different countries.

Únanse a nosotros para la celebración de nuestro santo patrón, El Señor de los Milagros, el sábado 11 de octubre. A nuestro santo patrón se le atribuye la protección de nuestro pueblo en tiempos difíciles. Una cena seguirá con bailes típicos de diferente países en el gimnasio.

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.



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 this weekend

This 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.

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.

El santo rosario durante el mes de octubre

Invitamos a la comunidad al tradicional rezo del santo rosario durante el mes de octubre. Recordemos que esta devoción es una oración bíblica y contemplativa muy apreciada en la Iglesia Católica, de carácter cristológico.

Es un llamado de la Virgen por la paz del mundo y el crecimiento espiritual. Vengan a la gruta de la Virgen, todos los días del mes, lunes a sábado 6pm y domingos al concluir la Misa de 1pm.

upcoming events

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!



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 Daventry
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 /afternoon 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

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>

For more information contact: rcaporali@stbernpa.org or jcorday@stbernpa.org

Please visit the parish website: Rise Against Hunger ~ Week of Service

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



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.

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 for [Governor](#), [Lieutenant Governor](#) and [Attorney General](#)
- "Proposed Constitutional Amendments: Be Vigilant!" flyer
- Info about how to register and other key information
- ["Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching"](#)

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!

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.

Ancient Order of Hibernians raffles tickets to Ireland

The Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses next weekend, of October 4-5 for a Trip for Two to Ireland! Tickets are \$10 or 3 for \$25. Cash and checks accepted. Proceeds are used to fund our charitable giving to include 8th grade graduation scholarships, Mary's Comfort, Project St. Patrick (Seminarians) and our annual St. Patrick Coloring Contest. Try your luck of the Irish!

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report to parish: FY25 financial report

Balance Sheet

	Church	School	Parish
ASSETS			
Operating Accounts	584,631	416,123	1,000,754
DIAL Savings	8,137,544	941,301	9,078,845
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Endowment Investments	-	28,940	28,940
Other Assets	10,288	7,630	17,918
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 8,732,463	\$ 1,393,994	\$ 10,126,457
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	-	901	901
Loans Payable	-	-	-
Deferred Revenue	10,175	41,010	51,185
Other Liabilities	100,537	242,185	342,722
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 110,712	\$ 284,097	\$ 394,809
NET ASSETS			
Without donor restrictions			
Unrestricted	2,706,387	992,440	3,698,827
With donor restrictions			
Temporarily Restricted	5,915,363	117,457	6,032,820
Permanently Restricted	-	-	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 8,621,750	\$ 1,109,897	\$ 9,731,647
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 8,732,463	\$ 1,393,994	\$ 10,126,456

Income Statement

	Church	School	Parish
REVENUE SOURCES			
Offertory/Tuition Related Income	2,067,581	3,828,542	5,896,123
Ministry	193,808	-	193,808
School	-	717,343	717,343
Other Sources	587,463	155,984	743,447
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 2,848,852	\$ 4,701,869	\$ 7,550,720
EXPENDITURES			
Clergy	201,686	-	201,686
Staffing	1,151,456	3,438,012	4,589,468
Ministry	412,897	-	412,897
School	61,072	389,315	450,387
Buildings	312,499	524,475	836,974
Admin	404,589	86,035	490,623
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 2,544,199	\$ 4,437,836	\$ 6,982,035
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 304,653	\$ 264,033	\$ 568,685
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE			
Campaign/Extraordinary Income	824,337	2,733	827,070
Capital Expenditures/Renovations	117,216	102,894	220,109
NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ 707,121	\$ (100,160)	\$ 606,961
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 1,011,773	\$ 163,872	\$ 1,175,646



ALL the parish is WELCOME, whatever your language may be!

Join us for the celebration of a patron of Latin America, The Lord of the Miracles, on Saturday, October 11. He is credited with protecting people in difficult times. A dinner will follow in the gym with traditional dances of different countries.

Únanse a nosotros para la celebración de nuestro santo patrón, El Señor de los Milagros, el sábado 11 de octubre. A nuestro santo patrón se le atribuye la protección de nuestro pueblo en tiempos difíciles. Una cena seguirá con bailes típicos de diferente países en el gimnasio.



celebración del señor de los milagros Lord of the miracles celebration

**sábado
11 de octubre
saturday
october 11**

**10am - church
Misa/Mass**

**11:30am - outside
procesión/procession**

**2pm - 4:30pm - gym
cena/dinner
venta de comida
food for sale - restaurant "Huascaran"**

**homenaje al Señor
con bailes típicos
tribute to the Lord with
traditional dances**

We're having an **ONLINE FUNDRAISER!**

OCTOBER 1-31, 2025



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From October 1 – 31, 2025, all shoppers at www.tinysaints.com will have the option to select Saint Bernadette Catholic School (eighth grade) from a dropdown menu during checkout to support our eighth-grade fundraiser. Saint Bernadette Catholic School will receive 20% of sales.

Thank you for your generosity!



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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. Much more can be found at <https://www.stbernpar.org/praying/music-ministry> or by contacting David Mathers.

Celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage this year?

The Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life will host the 2025 Mass with Bishop Burbidge for Marriage Jubilarians at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington on Sunday, October 19 at 2:30pm. There will be a 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.

Faith & Blue Weekend - October 10-12

National Faith & Blue Weekend is based on the premise that strong communities are built on mutual respect and understanding. At the heart of this initiative is the reinforcement of connections between law enforcement professionals and the communities they serve through the reach of houses of worship. There is no resource that can match the depth of the faith community in facilitating productive engagement with law enforcement, which is needed now more than ever. The national organizers represent every major national law enforcement membership and professional organization in the United States and every faith tradition. This year our parish school will observe Faith & Blue Weekend by sponsoring an essay contest.

Parish Feast Day October 14

We will celebrate our parish feast with a special bilingual 45th Anniversary Mass on Tuesday, October 14 at 7:30pm. Patronal feasts carry the same solemnity as Christmas and Easter! Plan to come!

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

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

upcoming events

"Let us disarm words and we will help to disarm the world."

—
Pope Leo XIV's address to representatives of the media, May 12, 2025

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

September

29 MONDAY

7am † Michael Novak, Jr.
9am* † Thomas Czarnik
Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51

30 TUESDAY

7am † Jay Jenc
9am* † Jay Jenc
Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

1 WEDNESDAY

7am † Albina Tabo
9am* Mary Rephlo
Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

2 THURSDAY

7am † Christopher Solomon
9am* † Domingo Saquilayan
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Mt 18:1-5, 10

3 FRIDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory
9am* † Jan Usinger Sanchez
10am**†
Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

4 SATURDAY

8am Chantal Dao
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
5pm* † Frank & Jeanette Devoti

5 SUNDAY

7am † Gloria Servellon
9am* † Henry Shinol
11am* † Etna Mae Criss
1pm Paula Iraheta
5pm For the Parish
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Oct 4	5pm	Fr. Iacona
Oct 5	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Jeb
	11am	Fr. Iacona
	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 Gribshaw, 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, Alora Lopez, Ana Maria Carrillo, Ron and Jo-Anne Plavchan, Erika Vargas, Edward Fitzgerald, Augie Taormina

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.

Stewardship Resources and Reminders: Reduce your Taxable Income!

If you are 70 1/2 and over, consider using your IRA for a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). If you are 73 and over, consider using some or all of a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) as gifts to Saint Bede. This is an easy way to reduce your taxable income and benefit the parish. Contact Rick Caporali at or Linda Patterson at the parish office.

Charitable Giving update: Legislative changes for 2026 and Beyond

Charitable giving under the "One Big Beautiful Bill" (BBB) introduces changes including a new universal deduction for non-itemizers and a floor for itemized deductions, alongside corporate and high-income taxpayer impacts. The BBB aims to encourage giving by allowing non-itemizers to deduct cash donations up to \$1,000 (single) or \$2,000 (jointly), but it also introduces a 0.5% AGI floor for itemized deductions, caps benefits at 35% for high-income taxpayers, and imposes a 1% income floor for corporate giving.

For Individual Donors: Universal Deduction for Cash Contributions Starting in 2026, non-itemizers can deduct cash donations up to \$1,000 (single) or \$2,000 (married filing jointly).

Itemized Deductions: Individuals who itemize will now only receive a deduction for charitable contributions that exceed 0.5% of their adjusted gross income (AGI).

High Income Taxpayer Cap: The tax benefit for itemized deductions for wealthy donors will be capped at a 35% marginal rate, regardless of their actual tax bracket.

Ineligible Donations: This new universal deduction for non-itemizers does not apply to gifts made to donor-advised funds or private non-operating foundations. The universal deduction is expected to significantly increase participation in charitable giving, as it extends tax benefits to the approximately 90% of taxpayers who do not currently itemize deductions.

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.

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.

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 72.3mhz. The link and model are provided here for your convenience. [Reteless PR13 Portable FM Radio, Pocket FM Radio Receiver, AAA Battery Powered Personal Mini Stereo Radio with Earphone and Lock Key](#)



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