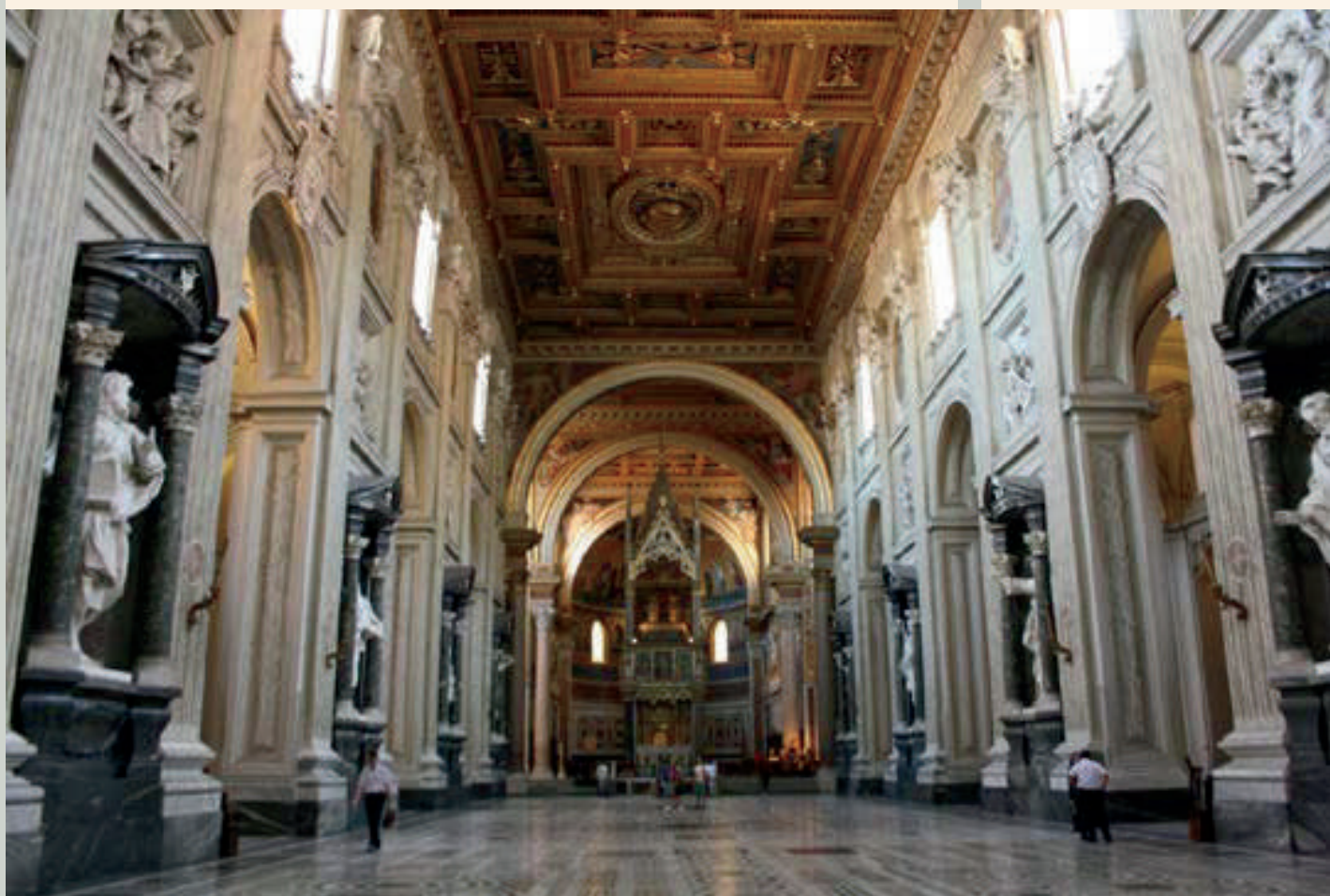


O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so that by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2025



The Basilica of Saint John in Laterano, Rome, renovated by Francesco Borromini in the Baroque style for the Jubilee of 1650. The central nave is presented as the interior of the heavenly Jerusalem described in Revelation, with twelve doors protected by the twelve apostles. Those who participate in the liturgy are ideally in the number of the saved within the Jerusalem descended from heaven. It is called "the Lateran" because the land and the family palace was given to the emperor Constantine by the Laterani family in 313 AD. It is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome.



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2025

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@stbernpar.org Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney frdonrooney@stbernpar.org Fr. Jeb Donelan frjebdonelan@stbernpar.org Fr. James Waalkes frjameswaalkes@stbernpar.org Deacon Orlando Caicedo Pastoral Associate, Rick Caporali rcaporali@stbernpar.org Business Manager, Linda Patterson lpatterson@stbernpar.org Music Director, David Mathers dmathers@stbernpar.org Bookkeeper/Compliance (OPCYP), Zory Conde, zconde@stbernpar.org Executive Assistant, Jean Corday jcorday@stbernpar.org Executive Assistant, Evelyn Vargas, evargas@stbernpar.org Secretary, Janet Chávez-España
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YOUTH MINISTRY	703-451-8576 Director, Grace Mee gme@stbernpar.org Assistant Director, J.P. McLaughlin, jpmclaughlin@stbernpar.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.stbernpar.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@stbernpar.org .

calendar

november

- 9 Sunday, THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
 - Box of Joy Collection after all Masses this weekend, Church Vestibule
 - Holy Land Carving Group olive wood carvings for sale after Masses
- 10 Monday, Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor (32nd Week)**
- 11 Tuesday, Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**
- Parish Offices Closed for the Federal Holiday
 - **NO Religious Education Classes today due to the Federal Holiday**
- 12 Wednesday, Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**
- 13 Thursday, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**
- Opening Night for our Corporal Work of Mercy, **Rise Against Hunger**, 6pm & 8:30pm
- 14 Friday, Weekday**
- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
 - **Rise Against Hunger** Meal Packing continues, 6pm & 8:30pm
- 15 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor]**
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
 - **Rise Against Hunger** Meal Packing continues, 8:30am & 10:30am
- 16 Sunday, THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm in Spanish
 - Discover Saint Bernadette, Ministry Information Session, after 9am Mass
- 17 Monday, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**
- **Taize Prayer Service** in the church, 8 - 8:45pm
- 18 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin]**
- 19 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 20 Thursday, Weekday**
- 21 Friday, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 22 Saturday, Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
 - Keep Christ in Christmas Card sales, after all Masses, Church Vestibule
 - Cub Scout Popcorn Sales after all Masses, Church Vestibule
- 23 Sunday, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm in Spanish
 - Keep Christ in Christmas Card sales, after all Masses, Church
 - Cub Scout Popcorn Sales after all Masses, Church Vestibule
- 24 Monday, Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**
- 25 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr]**
- 42nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service, Church, 7pm
- 26 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 27 Thursday, Thanksgiving Day**
- We will celebrate one Mass at 10am. Bring food for the Saint Lucy foodbank!
- 28 Friday, Weekday**
- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- 29 Saturday, Weekday**
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

announcements

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All new families who have registered in the parish since September are invited to our first Discover Saint Bernadette Information session on Sunday, **November 16 following the 9am Mass**. Learn from our Ministry Leaders what makes Saint Bernadette special. A Q and A will follow the brief presentation. Please join us.

Please plan to join us for the **42nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service** on Tuesday, November 25 at 7pm. Saint Bernadette will host the event. Interested volunteers are invited to contact the parish office. Details are on page 7 of today's bulletin.

+ Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates!

Taizé Prayer Service, Monday, November 17, at 8 pm

Rise Against Hunger - Work of Mercy, Thursday, November 13 thru Saturday November 15,
42nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Prayer Service, Tuesday, November 25 at 7pm

Thanksgiving Day Mass, Thursday, November 27, please bring non-perishable food items to Mass, 10am

Advent Day of Reflection - SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, December 6, 2025, 7- 9pm

from the pastor

"No Christian can regard the poor as a societal problem: they are part of our family. They are 'one of us.' Nor can our relationship to the poor be reduced to merely another ecclesial activity or function."

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Pope Leo XIV, Apostolic
Exhortation *Dilexi te*,
October 4, 2025

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

As you will read on page 9 of this bulletin, those who wish to receive Eucharist under both forms will have the opportunity starting on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, at the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass, and the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday.

Four ministers of the cup will stand in front of the altar at the step facing the assembly. Those who wish to receive the Precious Blood of Christ are asked, from wherever they are seated in the church, to come up the diagonal aisles (where Hosts are offered) so as not to have two-way traffic in the center aisle. Ushers can help with direction.

To make it easier still, if you plan to receive under both forms, please sit in the front pew sections of the church.

It has been a while since we have done this, COVID shut down a lot of things and many were slow to return. We have recently added some new Eucharistic Ministers and I think we can start again. If, for some reason, we do not have enough ministers or we don't consecrate enough wine for a certain Mass, please be patient. We will figure it out.

For a while we have been thinking this would be a solution for people who are not gluten tolerant, to receive the Precious Blood. As we have thought this through, however, we realize that a gluten intolerant person can't receive from a cup that has been used by people who have just consumed a Host with gluten.

A word about the hosts we use - they are not gluten *free*, but are called *low* gluten. I don't know how they do it, but they make a host that has a gluten content below 20 parts per million. *Very low*. Unless you actually have a celiac condition, I am told these should not pose a problem.

The best solution we have come up with is that once the presider of the Mass has distributed Communion to the front two sections of pews nearest the ambo (known in other churches as the pulpit), he will purify his fingers and then distribute low gluten hosts from a separate ciborium and cup at that Communion station. At

this time anyone who needs a low gluten host or to receive from the cup can come forward. People will also have the option of receiving from the cup only. One of the other ministers of the cup will come over and assist the priest when available.

You can find more details on page 9.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The Eucharist is a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Father, a blessing by which the Church expresses her gratitude to God for all his benefits, for all that he has accomplished through creation, redemption and sanctification" (CCC 1360). Catholics actively participate in the Eucharist as the source and summit of their Christian life. This active participation manifests itself by :

- gathering with a community of believers each Sunday and holy day,
- praying together at Mass in word, gesture and song,
- listening together to God's Word,
- giving thanks and praise to God together for the gifts of creation, and in a special way, for the gift of Jesus – his life, death and resurrection, and
- sharing in and becoming the Body of Christ through reception of Holy Eucharist at Mass.

Catholics believe that through active participation in the Mass and, in a special way, through the reception of Holy Communion at Mass, they become the real presence of Christ, and are therefore sent to be Christ's presence in the world until he comes again in glory. St. Augustine, bishop of Hippo, put it this way in the 5th century: *What you see...is bread and a cup. This is what your eyes report to you. But your faith has need to be taught that the bread is the body of Christ, the cup the blood of Christ...If then, you wish to understand the body of Christ, listen to the Apostle as he says to the faithful, 'You are the body of Christ and his members'...You reply 'Amen' to that which you are, and by replying you consent... Be a member of the body of Christ so that your 'Amen' may be true... Be what you see, and receive what you are."*

Special thanks to all our ministers of Holy Communion for their unique service to the Body of Christ, helping us to become begotten sons and daughters by adoption.

The Lord be with you, *Fr. Dom*

Honoring service and building community

We are deeply thankful to all who serve and protect our communities—from our dedicated first responders to our brave members of the military. We are honored to have many of them as part of our Cardinal family.

This past October, our school partnered with the West Springfield District Police Station for the National Faith & Blue initiative that strengthens communities through connection, trust, and shared purpose. With guidance from Mrs. O'Connell, our 8th graders took part in the Faith & Blue Essay Contest, themed "Building Bridges: Faith, Trust, and Community." On October 23, 2025, police officers—including one of our own Cardinal parents—joined us to announce the winners. We are proud of all our students for their thoughtful reflections on

faith and community.

November continued our celebration of service as our school gathered on November 6, 2025, for a special Veterans Day program honoring all who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The event featured the winners of our annual Veterans Day poetry contest, who shared their original poems. The morning also included prayer, a flag-raising ceremony, the Pledge of Allegiance, and songs expressing gratitude for the courage and sacrifice of our veterans. We concluded the celebration with a donut reception for our military-connected families.

Whether in October, November or throughout the year, we are deeply grateful. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who serve and protect—within our parish community, across our neighborhoods, and throughout the nation.

cardinal corner



**FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST**



religious education

Weekly update

Please contact Lynn Jones, Director of Religious Education, at 703-451-8576, ext 136; Arlyn Agasen, ext 132, or Victor Mendez, Administrative Assistant, at ext 138.

youth ministry

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

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts celebrate Mass on their campout last weekend.

RE Program upcoming schedule

No classes: Nov. 11
Regular classes: Nov. 12, 18-19
SPRED class: Nov. 22
Family Faith Formation, Nov. 9
Family Mass Learning Weekend this weekend after all Masses
Sunday Donut Social: Nov. 23 after 9am Mass

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

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. Why this particular basilica? The Lateran Basilica, otherwise known as the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome, is the oldest and highest-ranking basilica in Rome. The Pope is the Bishop of Rome. Each bishop has a cathedral church for his diocese. Like Bishop Burbidge has the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, the Pope has the Lateran Basilica. It is considered the mother church of all of Catholicism, so we celebrate the feast of for the whole Church on November 9. *Did you know?* There is no Saint named John Lateran... The Laterani family gave the land and their palace to Constantine when Christianity became legal, who in turn gave it to Pope Miltiades in 313 AD, who dedicated it to Christ the Savior, as well as to John the Evangelist, and John the Baptist.

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.

Middle School Youth Ministry

Next gathering - November 5
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.

High School Boys Trivia Night

All high school boys are welcome to attend a fun trivia night on Thursday, November 20th, 7-8:30 pm in the youth room. Please contact JP McLaughlin jpmclaughlin@stbernpar.org if you have questions.



BURKE/SPRINGFIELD INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE KINDNESS IS OUR PATH FORWARD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 at 7:00pm
at Saint Bernadette Catholic Church
7600 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield



The 42nd Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will take place here at Saint Bernadette Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 25 at 7:00pm, followed by a reception and fellowship.

This year's speaker will be Dr. Souzan Abadian, Executive Director of the InterFaith Council of Metropolitan Washington.

Burke Presbyterian Church | Burke United Methodist Church
| Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints | Congregation
Adat Reyim | Congregation Olam Tikvah | Durga Temple
(Hindu) | Drikung Dharma Surya Center (Buddhist) | Rumi
Forum (Muslim) | Silverbrook United Methodist Church
| Springfield United Methodist Church | St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church | St. Bernadette Catholic Church | St.
Christopher's Episcopal Church | St. Peter's in the Woods
Episcopal Church | Sydenstricker United Methodist Church

Join us!

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.

November 11 is our General Meeting at 7pm in the Bradican Room.

November 18 is our next Dinner with Friends at 5pm, at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual meal on the 1st & 3rd Monday of every month.

Holy Land Christians Display November 8-9

This weekend there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships **especially now** because of the volatile situation in their home country.

Christians in the Holy Land who once were more than 37% of the population are less than 1% now. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org. Thank you for your support!

Vocations of the Priesthood and Religious Life

We welcome Seminarian Michael Gibbons to St. Bernadette this weekend to celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week. If you would you like to learn more about the vocations of the priesthood and religious life, or how you can support those pursuing the priesthood or religious vocation, check out the many resources, prayers and events sponsored by our diocese: www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/, www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/vocations-events/, www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations-awareness-week/ or www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/promote-support-pray-for-vocations/.

around the parish

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greenspring catholic community

The Greenspring Catholic Community's Leadership Committee was installed at Mass on Friday, Oct. 31: (left to right) Dan Tobin, Mark Schnabel, Mary Walker, Clarence Thompson, Fran Tancreti, Eleanor Daly, and Pam Blankenship.

The Community met last Sunday (below) and labeled 8,000 meal bags for Rise Against Hunger! Truly a parish-wide Work of Mercy.



Restoring the reception of Holy Communion under both species November 29-30

The earliest reference appears in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (11:23-29). Verses 23-26 and 29, clearly specify receiving both species while verse 27, "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup," seems to reflect the Church doctrine of concomitance – namely, that full Eucharistic grace may be received under the form of one species alone. In John 6, the Lord's words about the Eucharist alternate between speaking of one species and speaking of both, while the three Gospel accounts of the institution of the Eucharist refer to both species (see Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:17-19).

By the time of the Council of Trent (16th century), Communion under one kind (the Body) was the common practice, although very few actually received. The three basic provisions of Trent's teaching are that Communion under one kind is the "law;" that in receiving under one kind the faithful fully receive Christ; and that the Church has authority to determine how best the sacraments may be administered. The reasons for restricting Communion under both kinds to the clergy are summarized in the *Catholic Encyclopedia* (1912 edition) as follows: "The danger of spilling the Precious Blood and of other forms of irreverence; the inconvenience and delay in administering the chalice to large numbers; the difficulty of reservation for Communion outside of Mass; the not unreasonable objection on hygienic and other grounds."

In the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum concilium*, No. 55), the Second Vatican Council spoke to the question of Communion under both kinds. It began by saying, "The dogmatic principles which were laid down by the Council of Trent [remain] intact." Communion under one kind is still the "law." Yet Communion under both kinds "may be granted when the bishops think fit, not only to cleric and religious but also the laity."

In the ordinary form of the Mass, the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds is an option whose usage had,

pre-COVID, become a daily occurrence in many countries, but by no means everywhere.

The instruction, *Redemptionis sacramentum*, promulgated in 2004, explains the context of this practice: "So that the fullness of the sign may be made more clearly evident to the faithful in the course of the Eucharistic banquet, lay members of Christ's faithful, too, are admitted to Communion under both kinds, in the cases set forth in the liturgical books, preceded and continually accompanied by proper catechesis regarding the dogmatic principles on this matter laid down by the Ecumenical Council of Trent" (100).

This laudable intention frequently meets the catechetical stumbling block mentioned. Undoubtedly, Holy Communion under both species illustrates Christ's intention that we eat his Body and drink his Blood.

The purpose, then, of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds, is not that the faithful receive more grace than when they receive it under one kind alone, but that the faithful are enabled to appreciate vividly the value of the sign.

"Sign," in Catholic theology, is not "symbol." We believe that Jesus is truly present under the forms of both bread and wine. Signs carry a reality, where symbols only carry a concept.

In short, we are in full communion with God in the reception of the Body of Christ alone. If you have any concerns about receiving the Blood of Christ, please understand and know that it is completely optional. Many people, however, take great solace in the reception of Communion under both kinds and for this reason, we are very happy to be able to offer this again. Our Communion Ministers have all been trained in the safe sharing of the Cup. We will begin Communion under both forms on November 30, the First Sunday of Advent.



eucharist under both forms

Ministers of the cup will be located in the front, center aisle of the church. We will begin with four, and see if this is sufficient. Regardless of where you are seated, all are invited to come forward in the two side aisles and follow to the center to receive the Precious Blood of Christ.

It would be helpful if those who wish to receive under both forms would simply sit in the front sections of pews.

The minister of the cup will hold it out and say, "The Blood of Christ." You simply respond, "Amen," and take the cup carefully from them. You take a sip, and then hand it back to the minister with care. The minister will clean the lip of the cup with a linen purificator, rotate the cup a quarter turn as you return to your pew.



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!



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



or visit the parish website
for more information - stbernpa.org

Saint Bernadette Church and School Rise Against Hunger Week 5: our diocesan Corporal Work of Mercy ~ “feed the hungry” (Mt 25:35)

Saint Bernadette Church is partnering with Rise Against Hunger in response to Bishop Burbidge’s invitation for all parishes to perform a corporal Work of Mercy. With your support, we will host a meal packing event at Saint Bernadette November 13-15, 2025.

Our parish goal is to raise \$75,000 to purchase the raw ingredients to pack 150,000 life-changing meals. Please support our parish’s effort to fight global hunger, with prayer, financial support or volunteer service. It starts with a meal.

In collaboration with Saint Bernadette School this act of solidarity reflects the Gospel call to “feed the hungry” and serves as a visible witness of the Church’s mission in action.

The ways we’re accomplishing this goal - Moving Forward!



GROWING THE MOVEMENT *Momentum and Action for Ending Hunger*

Rise Against Hunger recognizes that hunger will not end without creating a global movement. We engage hundreds of thousands of volunteers and advocates each year to build awareness and activation. Over the next several years, we want to engage over 2 million donors, fans and influencers to make a difference through our various opportunities, including meal packaging, virtual experiences, digital and social engagement, and more.

Current Countries Engaged: Australia | Belgium | China | France | Germany | Greece | Hong Kong | India | Indonesia | Ireland | Italy | Malaysia | The Netherlands | New Zealand | Philippines | Portugal | Poland | Romania | Singapore | South Africa | South Korea | Spain | Sweden | Taiwan | Thailand | Vietnam | United Kingdom (UK) | United States

rise against hunger fundrais- ing

Let’s serve together to
feed those less fortunate.

For the least of these, we



diocesan business



Please take the Diocesan VOTECH Survey

Dear Parishioners,

In November 2022, Bishop Burbidge presented 23 strategic initiatives to the People of God in the Diocese of Arlington. Among those 23 initiatives was one exploring the interest of a Catholic-based Vocational Program in the diocese. Recently, the diocese completed a first survey, and in that survey over 92% of respondents enthusiastically supported such a program.

This overwhelming response prompts the effort to advance to the next step: to survey for preferences on the model (or kind) of school and the location of that school. This is a momentous idea, and I respectfully ask each of you take the survey out of personal interest or for the good of the diocese. The survey is available in English and Spanish.

The survey will be available from Oct 23 – November 23. You may find the survey here at this link or this QR code:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTEVOTECH>

Encuesta para Programa Vocacional diocesana

En noviembre de 2022, el Obispo Burbidge presentó 23 iniciativas estratégicas. Entre estas 23 iniciativas se encontraba una para explorar el interés en un Programa Vocacional de inspiración católica en la diócesis. Recientemente, la diócesis completó una primera encuesta, y en esa encuesta más del 92% de los participantes apoyaron con entusiasmo dicho programa.

Esta respuesta tan positiva nos anima a avanzar al siguiente paso: conocer sus preferencias sobre el modelo (o tipo) de escuela y la ubicación de la misma. Esta es una idea importante, y les pido respetuosamente a cada uno de ustedes que participen en la encuesta, ya sea por interés personal o por el bien de la diócesis. La encuesta está disponible en inglés y en español.

La encuesta estará abierta del 23 de octubre al 23 de noviembre. Puede acceder a ella en este enlace o usando este código QR. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTEVOTECH>



St. Martin de Porres Senior Center call for Volunteers

Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Senior Center is looking for volunteers with various opportunities. SMdP provides services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, independence, and happiness. Volunteers are needed for breakfast and lunch; activities, arts and crafts, exercise instructor, computer/tech instructors, nutritionist, and more opportunities listed online at <https://www.ccda.net/seniorservices>. Center hours are Monday-Friday from 9am - 1:30pm. Flexible schedules based on availability. SMdP is located at 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. Contact maria.mellor@ccda.net; phone: 703-751-2766

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.



A Prayer Service for Unity and Healing in the U.S.

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge for "A Prayer Service for Unity and Healing in the United States of America" on Monday, November 24, at 7pm at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More.

This evening of prayer and reflection seeks to unite us all as brothers and sisters. Drawing upon Scripture, intercessory prayer, and the example of the saints, the service will be an opportunity for our diocesan family to join in faith and hope for healing in our nation.

Mary's Comfort update

We recently welcomed a new guest to Mary's Comfort - please pray for her and her unborn baby. We are also grateful for our new volunteers! There are still opportunities for you to join our dedicated team: Database Manager, Social Media Specialist, Facilities Manager and Fundraising Coordinator. The commitment of time can be flexible and much of this work can be done remotely and asynchronously. Visit <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/> for more information and email us at maryscomfortva@gmail.com with your interests. Thank you for your continued support.

Faith Direct is upgrading to ParishSOFT Giving

Faith Direct upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving. All account and payment information will transfer securely.

Flexible giving schedules: if you give weekly, your donation will now be withdrawn weekly, not bundled into one

monthly charge. If you prefer monthly, you can update your schedule at any time. Reducing the number of installments saves on credit card transaction fees.

More control over gift timing: You're no longer locked into the 4th or 15th of the month. You can choose the day and frequency that works for you.

Donors can contact ParishSOFT Donor Support at donorsupport@parishsoft.com or call #866-930-4774, option 6.

Retirement Fund for Religious November 15-16

Give to those who have given a lifetime." As you recall the people who have most shaped your life, you may remember the Sister who prepared you for First Holy Communion or the Brother who coached your high school basketball team. Never counting the cost, these religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all that you could be – choosing to invest in your future rather than their own. Today, these Sisters, Brothers and religious order Priests may be elderly or infirm. Today, they need you. Roughly 35,000 senior given in love women and men religious living in the United States benefit from this collection. Ninety-three percent of every donation to the National Religious Retirement Office aids senior religious. Please give generously to next weekend's second collection, which benefits the many deserving religious who served our diocese and who now need our help meeting the overwhelming costs of elder care. Checks should be made payable to Saint Bernadette Catholic Church. To learn how your gift helps, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

parish business

Parish Offertory

November 2:	
Offertory*	\$ 24,354
All Saints' Day	4,245

**The Offertory seems low this week because we are in the middle of transitioning from Faith Direct and not all gifts have been reported.*

Thank you for your faithful support!



Consider using ParishSOFT Giving 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. ParishSOFT Giving also offers personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may enroll securely online. Visit giving.parishsoft.com/giving/FD-70 or call (866) 507-8757. Our parish code is VA70.

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monday, nov 17 - 8pm
Generally, the third Monday of each month.
Please invite all your friends to join us in this prayer for Christian unity.



Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

November

10 MONDAY

7am † All Souls' Novena

9am* † All Souls' Novena

Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6

11 TUESDAY

7am † Frank Duff

9am* Charles Mugno

Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10

12 WEDNESDAY

7am † Gil Peralta

9am* † The Fung Family

Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19

13 THURSDAY

7am The Mussomele Family

9am* † Jan Usinger Sanchez

Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25

14 FRIDAY

7am † Joan Durso

9am* The Lyn Family

10am** † Phyllis Hendrick

Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37

15 SATURDAY

8am † Dolores Tomas

Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8

5pm* † Oswald D'Cruse

16 SUNDAY

7am † Richard Conwell

9am* † James & Angela Ramirez

11am* Robert & Nicole Burton

1pm † Felicita Gomez

5pm For the parish

Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Nov 15 5pm Fr. James

Nov 16 7am Fr. Jeb

9am Fr. Don

11am Fr. James

1pm Fr. Cedric

5pm Fr. Don

Parish prayer list

Jessica Curtis, Paul Flapper, Mark Fortin, Shamsun Nahur, Alisa Squatrito, Jerome Furlow, Jim Gribschaw, Pierre DesLauriers, Frank Caponegro, Helena Larsen, Cristy Perez Ayala, Amy Greenlee, Larry Lawrence, Thomas Fitzgerald, Adrian Vincente, Evan Robish, 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, Edward Fitzgerald, Augie Taormina, Cassi Smith, Davy Grimaldi, Suzanne Peters, Nimmi Bergen, Anne Jones, Gina DeAngelis, Judy Kirk, Michael Norris

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 new legislation includes a new universal deduction for non-itemizers and a floor for itemized deductions, alongside corporate and high-income taxpayer impacts. Giving is encouraged 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 is greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernapar.org or call the office.

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