

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Sunday of the Word of God

January 25, 2026



The Calling of the Apostles (detail), 6th century
Basilica of San Marco, Venice

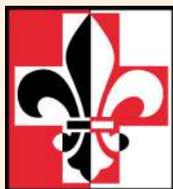


SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

welcome



SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri., 7 & 9am (live-streaming); Sat., 8am (live-streaming) Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
LIVE-STREAMING	Monday-Friday, 9am; Saturday, 8am; Vigil Sat., 5pm and Sundays 9 & 11am
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Fridays, 7-8pm (church) Rosary after 9am weekdays/8am Saturday Masses in church Taizé Prayer Service, 3 rd Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
PARISH OFFICE	703-451-8576, fax 703-269-1121 office@stbermpar.org Monday-Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney frdonrooney@stbermpar.org Fr. Jeb Donelan frjebdonelan@stbermpar.org Fr. James Waalkes frjameswaalkes@stbermpar.org Deacon Orlando Caicedo Pastoral Associate, Rick Caporali rcaporali@stbermpar.org Business Manager, Linda Patterson lpatterson@stbermpar.org Music Director, David Mathers dmathers@stbermpar.org Bookkeeper/Compliance (OPCYP), Zory Conde, zconde@stbermpar.org Executive Assistant, Jean Corday jcorday@stbermpar.org Executive Assistant, Evelyn Vargas, evargas@stbermpar.org Secretary, Janet Chávez-España
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YOUTH MINISTRY	703-451-8576 Director, Grace Mee gme@stbermpar.org Assistant Director, J.P. McLaughlin, jpmclaughlin@stbermpar.org
BAPTISMS	Saturday, 10am, 1 st and 2 nd Saturdays in English; 3 rd Saturday in Spanish. Parish registration is encouraged for parents. Class attendance is required. Please contact the parish office to schedule at least four weeks in advance.
All required paperwork	must be submitted before a baptism may be scheduled.
WEDDINGS	Sat., 12 & 2pm. Parish registration required somewhere; contact a priest at least six months in advance of desired date.
JOIN US	You are welcome! Registration forms are available in the church vestibule, office, or online www.stbermpar.org . Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. bulletin@stbermpar.org .

calendar

january

- 25 Sunday, THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
 - Saint Bernadette School **OPEN HOUSE**, noon-1pm
 - **faith250 with Fr. Don, Bradican Rm, after the 11am Mass**
- 26 Monday, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**
- 27 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Angela Merici, Virgin]**
- 28 Wednesday, Saints Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor**
- 29 Thursday, Weekday**
- 30 Friday, Weekday**
- Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 31 Saturday, Saint John Bosco, Priest**
- **“Night of Stars” volunteer appreciation celebration, 6:30pm, RSVP Required**
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

february

- 1 Sunday, FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
 - **faith250 with Fr. Don, Bradican Rm, after the 11am Mass**
- 2 Monday, The Presentation of the Lord**
- 3 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr]**
- 4 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 5 Thursday, Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**
- 6 Friday, Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**
- Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 7 Saturday, Weekday**
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
 - Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner/Trivia Night, 6pm in the cafeteria
 - **BLA Commitment/Pledge Weekend** at all Masses
- 8 Sunday, FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
 - **BLA Commitment/Pledge Weekend** at all Masses
- 9 Monday, Weekday**
- 10 Tuesday, Saint Scholastica, Virgin**
- 11 Wednesday, Weekday [Our Lady of Lourdes]**
- 12 Thursday, Weekday**
- 13 Friday, Weekday**
- Adoration, 7pm in the church
- 14 Saturday, Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop**
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 15 Sunday, SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm

announcements

This weekend and next join **Fr. Don at noon on Sundays in the Bradican Room for faith250** in preparation for our nation's 250th anniversary. See the bulletin for details.

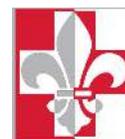
Discover the **Beauty and Riches of the Mass Saint Bernadette Lenten Study 2026**. Join us for a 5-week study this Lent, as we learn to better understand the celebration of the Mass. See page 7 of today's bulletin for more information. All are welcome.

This weekend Saint Bernadette School celebrates the start of Catholic Schools' Week at the 11am Mass followed by an **Open House** from **Noon until 1pm**. See what we have to offer our parish family.

The **2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal** mailing was recently sent to parishioners. The 2026 theme is "In Christ We Are One", which reminds us of this great theological virtue that is rooted in Jesus Christ and the victory he won for us. You can make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA. Please indicate you are a parishioner here and it will count toward our parish goal of \$582,000.

Next weekend's second collection is for the **Arlington Catholic Herald**. Please consider supporting the official, award-winning newspaper of the diocese and its mission to evangelize through news from a Catholic perspective. Our \$46,312 assessment is based 80% of our registered households.

Inclement Weather Delays and Closures
Saint Bernadette Parish and School follows the Fairfax County School System regarding closings for snow and other inclement weather. If public schools are closed, our school is closed and all activities on the campus for that day and evening are canceled. Please take this policy into account when scheduling use of Parish facilities during winter months.



SAINT BERNADETTE

CATHOLIC CHURCH & SCHOOL

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from the pastor

A primer on Catholic Social Teaching

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Pope Leo XIV often speaks about Catholic Social Teaching in his writings and certainly chose his name for a reason.

Catholic Social Teaching is the body of doctrine developed by the Catholic Church to guide individuals, communities, and societies in promoting justice, peace, and the dignity of every human person. Rooted in Sacred Scripture, the teachings of Jesus Christ, and the Church's moral tradition, it reflects the Church's effort to respond faithfully to changing social, economic, and political realities. It is not a political ideology but a moral framework that evaluates social structures and actions with Gospel values.

At its heart is the dignity of the human person. The Church teaches that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and therefore possesses inherent worth, regardless of race, nationality, economic status, or ability. All social, economic, and political systems must be judged by how well they protect and promote this dignity. From this foundational principle flow its themes.

The **common good** is understood as the sum of social conditions that allow individuals and communities to flourish. The common good requires respect for persons, social well-being and development, and peace and security. Closely related is the principle of **solidarity**, which emphasizes that human beings are interdependent and morally responsible for one another, especially across national and economic boundaries. Solidarity calls Christians to recognize the suffering of others as their own and to work for justice.

Another central principle is **subsidiarity**, which holds that decisions should be made at the lowest level possible, consistent with the common good. Larger institutions, such as governments or corporations, should support—not replace—the initiative and responsibility of individuals, families, and local communities. Subsidiarity safeguards human freedom and participation while recognizing the legitimate role of higher authorities when local efforts are insufficient.

The **preferential option for the poor** calls special attention to the needs of the most vulnerable. While the Church affirms the value of private property and economic initiative, it insists that material goods are ultimately destined for the benefit of all.

This leads to principles such as the right to work, just wages, safe working conditions, and the rights of workers to organize. **Care for creation** has also become an increasingly prominent theme, emphasizing humanity's responsibility to steward the earth responsibly for future generations.

The development of Catholic Social Teaching was significantly shaped by historical catalysts, particularly the social upheavals brought about by modernity. The Industrial Revolution of the 18th and 19th centuries marked a critical turning point. Rapid industrialization led to widespread poverty, unsafe labor conditions, child labor, and vast economic inequality. Traditional social structures were disrupted, and new economic systems often prioritized profit over people. In response, Pope Leo XIII issued *Rerum Novarum* in 1891, widely regarded as the foundational document of modern Catholic Social Teaching. It addressed the rights and duties of capital and labor, defended workers' rights, and rejected both unrestrained capitalism and revolutionary socialism.

Subsequent global crises further shaped our teaching. The Great Depression, World Wars, and the rise of totalitarian regimes prompted deeper reflection on human rights, political authority, and international cooperation. After World War II, the horrors of genocide and mass violence led the Church to emphasize universal human rights and global solidarity, as seen in Pope John XXIII's *Pacem in Terris* (1963).

The Second Vatican Council (1962–1965) marked another major catalyst by calling the Church to read “the signs of the times.” Its pastoral constitution *Gaudium et Spes* engaged contemporary issues such as economic justice, peace, and the role of the Church in the modern world. Later popes and papal documents addressed decolonization, globalization, technological change, and environmental degradation.

Our living tradition integrates timeless moral principles with concrete historical realities. Born from the Church's encounter with social injustice and human suffering, her teaching continues to challenge believers to build a world rooted in dignity, solidarity, justice, and love. This is our contribution to the often divisive modern dialogue with unchanging principles based on God, his creation, and his desire to redeem all of us.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

The Catholic school difference

Catholic Schools Week is a long-honored tradition and a joyful time in our school community. It gives us the chance to celebrate who we are and what we value—our students, parents, faculty, and staff—who together make our school a place of faith, learning, and growth. It is also a wonderful opportunity to welcome our wider community and share what makes a Catholic education so special.

Throughout the week, we come together in prayer, giving thanks for God's many blessings and celebrating the heart of Catholic education. It is a time to appreciate the dedication and care that fill our days and to enjoy the strong sense of community that truly makes our school feel like home. And of course, Catholic Schools Week would not be complete without plenty of smiles, laughter, and fun.

At Saint Bernadette, Catholic Schools Week always begins with our Open House. We love opening our doors and welcoming families and community members into our school home to showcase what makes Saint Bernadette such a special place. The week continues with themed days that celebrate the many people who support our students. Parents are welcomed into classrooms to read with students and share stories about their careers, while our wonderful teachers are honored with a special dress-down day and sponsored lunch. One of our favorite traditions is celebrating our Saint Bernadette priests, who are surprised with baskets of goodies and heartfelt, handwritten cards from our students.

Grandparents enjoy a special celebration as well, with a dedicated Mass and a morning spent in the classroom alongside their grandchildren. The fun continues into the evenings with family favorites like BINGO night, a Barnes & Noble story time hosted by our teachers, and a much-anticipated "no homework" night. Students join in the excitement with a friendly 7th-vs-8th-grade volleyball game, an "8th graders as teachers" day, a charity drive, and a special sweet lunchtime treat.

So why choose a Catholic school? Because it offers your child more than an education—it provides a strong foundation for life. Rooted in Christ-centered faith, Catholic education nurtures students academically, spiritually, and morally, while surrounding them with a supportive school family. Through daily prayer, service to others, and living out Catholic values, students learn compassion, responsibility, and kindness. These cornerstones help shape who they become, guiding them to make thoughtful choices, build meaningful relationships, and serve their communities with purpose long after they leave the classroom.

To learn more about joining our Catholic school community, visit www.stbernschool.org.



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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@stbernapar.org, or our assistant director JP McLaughlin at jpmclaughlin@stbernapar.org with any questions you may have.



YOUNG ADULTS
GROUP CHAT

RE Program upcoming schedule

Sunday Doughnut Social: Jan.25 after 9am
Mass at the School Cafeteria
Regular classes Jan. 27, Feb. 3-4, 10-11, 24-25
No classes Jan. 28, Feb. 17-18
Family Faith Formation, Feb. 1
SPRED Class: Feb. 7, 21

Volunteers for 2025-2026

We are still in need of 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/>.

Parish baby supplies donation drive

The donation drive for baby supplies for Catholic Charities Migrant and Refugee

Services is ongoing until February 2. Items are being collected in the playpens in the church vestibule. All parishioners are encouraged to donate. See page 10.

Living the liturgical year

Today, we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle. His conversion is an important moment in Christian history, from persecuting the first martyr (St. Stephen) as Saul to converting and following Jesus as Paul. He is responsible to spreading Christianity in communities outside of Israel, in Asia Minor and Europe. Thirteen books in the New Testament are attributed to him. You can watch his conversion story with your children here: <https://youtu.be/ILXFy3zjH4>

HS Small Groups

All high schoolers are invited to twice-a-month meetings on Thursdays, 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room for a night of fun games, fellowship, and small group discussions about the Faith. Guys' Small Groups meet on first and third Thursdays; Girls' Small Groups meet on second and fourth Thursdays.

High School Tuesday Socials

All high schoolers are invited to join us 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.

Work Camp 2026 registration is open

Please visit our website to register for Work Camp. Contact Matthew Frey matthew_c_frey@yahoo.com or JP McLaughlin at jpmclaughlin@stbernapar.org for any inquiries.

Volunteers for High School Program

We are looking for adults who share a deep passion for their Faith and want to help disciple high school teens. All adult volunteers must be VIRTUS certified

and undergo a background check. If you are interested, contact JP McLaughlin at jpmclaughlin@stbernapar.org.

Source and Summit Retreat

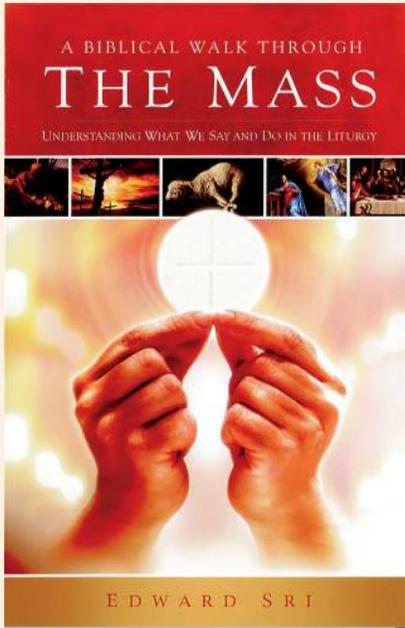
Source and Summit Retreat will be January 30–February 1 at Summit Lake in Emmitsburg, MD. We will meet at St. Leo's in Fairfax to drive to Summit Lake. For any questions, contact JP McLaughlin at jpmclaughlin@stbernapar.org

Middle School Youth Ministry - Feb. 4

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.

Young Adults Faith Discussions

All Young Adults are invited to once-a-month Sunday night discussions and debates on key topics and mysteries about the Faith. Our next Faith Discussion will be on Sunday, February 15, 6-8pm in the Bradican Room. For any inquiries, contact JP McLaughlin jpmclaughlin@stbernapar.org for any inquiries



Discover the Beauty and Riches of the Mass

Saint Bernadette Lenten Study 2026

Join us for a 5-week study this Lent, as we learn to better understand the celebration of the Mass.

As we become more actively engaged in the Mass, we grow closer to Christ and those in our community. The program will be offered online (online access to the videos and digital study guide will be provided by the parish) so you can watch at home with your family, form a group of friends or fellow parishioners, or join us in the Bradican Room on Wednesday evenings. We will come together online for weekly reflections with Fr. Don (*link to be provided after registration*). Printed versions of the study guide and/or companion book are available for purchase through Ascension Press. [Ascensionpress.com/collections/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass](https://ascensionpress.com/collections/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass).

If you have never participated in a Bible study or a Lenten study activity, this is a great way to get started. The online videos are 30 minutes long. Everything that happens in the Mass has purpose, and this study will give you a better understanding, whether you have attended Mass once or every week for 50 years! To learn more about the study, see ascensionpress.com/collections/a-biblical-walk-through-the-mass.

Here are the details:

One 30-minute video each week, Feb. 22–March 27 (No session the week of 40 Hours, March 1-3). Registration opens January 26, 2026. Please contact Evelyn at evargas@stbernapar.org.

For those looking for an opportunity to join a group discussion, but are unfamiliar with existing groups, there will be a limited opportunity to participate in the Bradican Room on Wednesday evenings from 7–8:30pm. This option for study will accommodate 30 people maximum. Please indicate your desire to be part of this Wednesday evening group when you register with Evelyn.

Families, groups and ministries are welcome to participate.

faith250

Sacred Bonds, Shared Hopes

Join in preparing our multi-faith community for the 250th birthday of the USA!

We have already had two parish discussions of the Declaration of Independence and Emma Lazarus' The Colossus: you can still join us for two more parish gatherings on **Sundays January 25** (America the Beautiful), and **February 1** (What to the Slave is the Fourth of July? by Frederick Douglass) at **noon in the Bradican Room**.

Then we widen the circle with sacred conversations about America through the lens of faith and our American words over desserts with a dozen local houses of worship, all **second Tuesdays from 7–8:30pm**:

- **Feb 10 at Burke Presbyterian** (St. Bernadette & LDS Burke Congregation assisting with desserts)
- **March 10 at Congregation Olam Tikvah** (Rumi Forum assisting)
- **April 14 at St. Peter's in the Woods** (St. Andrew's assisting)
- **May 12 at Abiding Presence ELCA** (Burke UMC assisting)

Finally, we conclude our gatherings with a regional potluck picnic observing our 250th at **Burke Lake Park on Wednesday, July 1 starting at 6pm**.

upcoming events

Parish Offertory

January 18	
Offertory	30,792
Tuition Angels	4,306

Thank you for your faithful support!

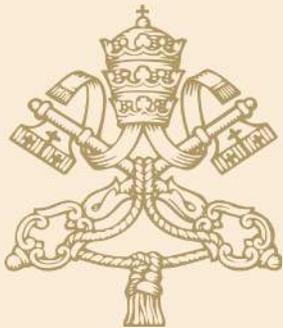


Consider using ParishSoft Giving to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards, the same way you make car or tuition payments. ParishSoft Giving also offers personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may enroll securely online. Visit <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-70> or call (866)507-8757. Our parish code is FD-70.

“vatican council II through its documents”

Catechesis
January 14, 2026

Pope Leo has begun a new series of General Audiences which will form a catechesis on Vatican II sixty years later.



I. Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*.

1. *God speaks to men as to friends*

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

We have started the cycle of catechesis on Vatican Council II. Today we will begin to look more closely at the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*, on the divine Revelation. It is one of the most beautiful and important of the Council and, to introduce it, it may be helpful to recall the words of Jesus: “No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you” (Jn 15:15).

This is a fundamental point of Christian faith, which *Dei Verbum* reminds us of: Jesus Christ radically transforms man’s relationship with God, which is henceforth a relationship of friendship. Therefore, the only condition of the new covenant is love.

Saint Augustine, commenting on this passage of the Fourth Gospel, insists on the perspective of grace, which alone can make us friends of God in his Son (*Commentary on the Gospel of John, Homily 86*). Indeed, an ancient motto stated: “*Amicitia aut pares invenit, aut facit,*” “friendship is born between equals, or makes them so.” We are not equal to God, but God himself makes us similar to him in his Son.

For this reason, as we can see in all the Scripture, in the Covenant there is a first moment of distance, in which the pact between God and mankind always remains asymmetrical: God is God and we are creatures. However, with the coming of the Son in human flesh, the Covenant opens up to its final purpose: in Jesus, God makes us sons and daughters, and calls us to become like him, albeit in our fragile humanity. Our resemblance to God, then, is not reached through transgression and sin, as the serpent suggests to Eve (cf. Gen 3:5), but in our relationship with the Son made man.

The words of the Lord Jesus that we have recalled – “I have called you friends” – are reprised in the Constitution *Dei Verbum*, which affirms: “Through this revelation, therefore, the invisible God (see Col 1:15; 1 Tim 1:17) out of the abundance of his love speaks to men as friends (see Ex 33:11; Jn 15:14-15) and lives among them (see Bar 3:38), so that he may invite and take them into fellowship with himself” (no. 2).

The God of Genesis already conversed with our first parents, engaging in dialogue with them (cf. *Dei Verbum*, 3); and when this dialogue was interrupted by sin, the Creator did not cease to seek an encounter with his creatures and to establish a covenant with them. In the Christian Revelation, that is, when God became man in his Son in order to seek us out, the dialogue that had been interrupted is restored in a definitive manner: the Covenant is new and eternal, nothing can separate us from his love. The Revelation of God, then, has the dialogical nature of friendship and, as in the experience of human friendship, it does not tolerate silence, but is nurtured by the exchange of true words.

The Constitution *Dei Verbum* also reminds us of this: God speaks to us. It is important to recognize the difference between words and chatter: this latter stops at the surface and does not achieve communion between people, whereas in authentic relationships, the word serves not only to exchange information and news, but to reveal who we are. The word possesses a revelatory dimension that creates a relationship with the other. In this way, by speaking to us, God reveals himself to us as an Ally who invites us into friendship with him.

From this perspective, the first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves.

Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord. This is achieved first of all in liturgical and community prayer, in which we do not decide

what to hear from the Word of God, but it is he himself who speaks to us through the Church; it is then achieved in personal prayer, which takes place in the interiority of the heart and mind. Time dedicated to prayer, meditation and reflection cannot be lacking in the Christian's day and week. Only when we speak with God can we also speak about him.

Our experience tells us that friendships can come to an end through a dramatic gesture of rupture, or because of a series of daily acts of neglect that erode the relationship until it is lost. If Jesus calls us to be friends, let us not leave this call unheeded. Let us welcome it, let us take care of this relationship, and we will discover that friendship with God is our salvation.

Mark your calendars for our parish mission talks during 40 Hours: Learn about your Church!

This year during 40 Hours, we will host Christopher White who will speak on March 1, 2, and 3 about the transition from Pope Francis to Pope Leo, the Church's pastoral priorities for this century, and synodality and the Church's communion, participation and mission. It will be an opportunity to understand our Church from the viewpoint of an insider, a rare view, indeed.

Chris is a prominent American journalist and analyst, known for his extensive coverage of the Vatican and Catholic Church, serving as the former Vatican correspondent for the *National Catholic Reporter* (NCR) and currently as an associate director and senior fellow at Georgetown University's Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. Before his work at Georgetown, he lived in Rome and spent his days meeting with Vatican sources and attending big papal events. He visited more than 20 countries with Pope Francis as part of the press corps. He is an astute and thoughtful church observer and commentator. He is author of the recent book *Pope Leo XIV: Inside the Conclave and the Dawn of a New Papacy*.



13-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO
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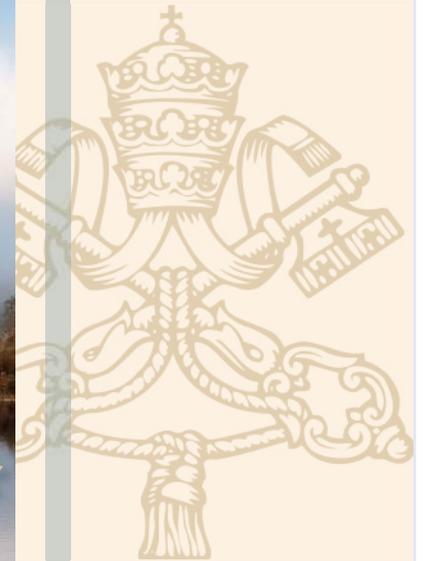
*"Into the time of
Celtic Saints
and Legends."*

SAVE THE DATES
**September 20th
to October 2nd
2026**

Fr. Don looks forward to welcoming you on this pilgrimage. Tour brochures and enrollment information will be available at the end of December 2025.

Email brochure requests for St. Bernadette Parish Pilgrimage to Ireland & Scotland to:
Peter@petersway.com

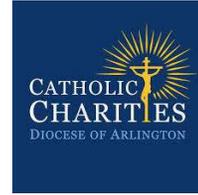
Peter's Way Tours





Baby Supplies Drive

January 17 - February 1



As a parish, we have committed to supporting 10 families served by Catholic Charities Migrant and Refugee Services

Requested Items:

Scan here to see our
Amazon Wishlist



**Important note: We are
accepting new items only.**

- Car seats for infants (new only)
- Strollers
- Baby bed (Pack and Play)
- Baby clothes (for newborn - 2T)
- Baby healthcare/grooming kits
- Baby Bouncy Seats
- Baby swaddles and Blankets
- Baby bottles
- Baby pacifiers (new)
- Baby winter clothes
- Baby soap, shampoo, & oil
- Baby towels
- Maternity clothing
- Diaper bags
- Diapers all sizes
- Crib sheets

**Drop off items in the vestibule of the church or order them directly to the
Parish office:**

St. Bernadette Parish C/O Grace Mee
7600 Old Keene Mill Road
Springfield, VA 22152





Car Raffle is coming again this year

All Saints Church (Manassas) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi-Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2026 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Maverick Truck (Hybrid) and Bronco Sport). One \$5 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$42,000 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes.

You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next couple of weeks or so. Please consider selling or purchasing the tickets mailed to you. You will notice that the ticket returns are being processed at All Saints again this year. This is required by the Department of Charitable Gaming.

We use proceeds from the raffle to help families in need pay school tuition. Last year we received back about \$40,000.

We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please ask people to make checks payable to All Saints. Also, many volunteers are needed to help make this a success. If you would like to help, call the parish office.



Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School

Gala & Auction "A Legacy of Life."

Join us on Saturday, February 7 for an engaging evening with a delicious buffet dinner, dancing, and presentation by Andrea Picciotti-Bayer, a nationally renowned speaker. Live and silent auctions—all in support of Catholic education. Visit: <https://onecau.se/johnpaulgala>.

Clinics & Workshops - 4th-8th grades

We have a few exciting opportunities for younger students to hone their skills and explore their interests! Drama Workshop (Sat, Feb 7th), Super Science Saturday (Sat, Feb 28th), Girls Volleyball Clinic (Sat, Mar 28th), and more on the way! Click here for registration: <https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/middle-school-event-registration>

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Springfield Knights of Columbus Council 6153 KOP C Springfield, Virginia

Spaghetti Dinner & TRIVIA NIGHT

- FAMILY FRIENDLY TRIVIA
- 6 PERSON TEAMS
- PRIZES FOR WINNERS

DINNER: 6 -7:30 PM
TRIVIA: 7:30 - 9 PM
ST BERNADETTE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
FEBRUARY 7, 2026

- SOFT DRINKS & WATER FREE
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This allocation reflects a projected \$24 million in 2026 BLA funding dedicated to these critical ministries of the diocese.



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A Message from Bishop Burbidge

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

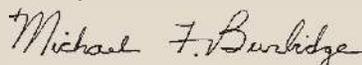
This year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal, "In Christ We Are One," reminds us that we are never alone on our journey of faith. In Baptism, the Lord gathers us into one Body and calls us to share his love with all we meet.

Each day across our diocese, your generosity makes this unity visible and tangible. Through the BLA, you stand with our seminarians preparing for priestly service, support our parishes and missions, accompany families through Catholic Charities, and help form disciples among children, youth, young adults, and the elderly. You bring Christ's light to those who are suffering, searching, or feel far from the Church.

I invite you to join me in making a sacrificial gift to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal. I ask you especially to consider a recurring monthly commitment, which allows your generosity to continue bearing fruit throughout the year and may enable you to make a greater gift in thanksgiving for God's goodness.

Thank you for all the ways you live the truth that, in Christ, we are one. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones during this holy season of Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



*"For in one Spirit we were
all baptized into one body."*

— 1 Corinthians 12:13



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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.

January

26 MONDAY

7am † Rupert & Heiko Kothieringer
9am* Arturo Bernardo, Sr.
Ti 1:1-5/Mk 3:22-30

27 TUESDAY

7am Linda O'Halloran
9am* † Stan Dereska
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mk 3:31-35

28 WEDNESDAY

7am † Luciano Atienza
9am* † Shirley Chada
2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20

29 THURSDAY

7am † William Church
9am* † Carol Johnson
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25

30 FRIDAY

7am † Margie Haigwood
9am* † Marie Fung
10am** † Roger Stroh
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34

31 SATURDAY

8am † Adolf & Rachel Wild
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41
5pm* † Tom Kelly

1 SUNDAY

7am Banks Ricci
9am* † Teresa Helen Randolph
11am † Kathryn Yeager
1pm* † Claudia de la Cruz
5pm For the parish
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Jan 31	5pm	Fr. James
Feb 1	7am	Fr. Jeb
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. Jeb
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	5pm	Fr. James

Parish prayer list

Shamsun Nahur, Alisa Squatrito, Jerome Furlow, Jim Gribschaw, Pierre DesLauriers, 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, Nimmi Bergen, Anne Jones, Gina DeAngelis, Judy Kirk, Michael Norris, Efrain Pacheco, Debbie Peters, John Yost, Wiotto Helenius, Robert Holzhauser, Adolfo Blandon, Esperanza Ayala, Gloria Tortoriello

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 Bernadette. 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.

Mary's Comfort update

The volunteers and guests at Mary's Comfort are very grateful for the generosity of St. Bernadette Parishioners who chose to help us with gift cards through the Giving Tree Program. We also received wonderful gifts for our almost one year old guest! This support will help us carry out our Christ centered mission to provide an enriching home for women facing a crisis pregnancy. If you'd like to join our team of dedicated volunteers or make donation, please visit our website <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/> to learn more or email us at maryscomfortva@gmail.com.

Catholic Women's Group upcoming events

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

Tuesday, February 3 is our next **Dinner with Friends** at 5pm, at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual meal on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.



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