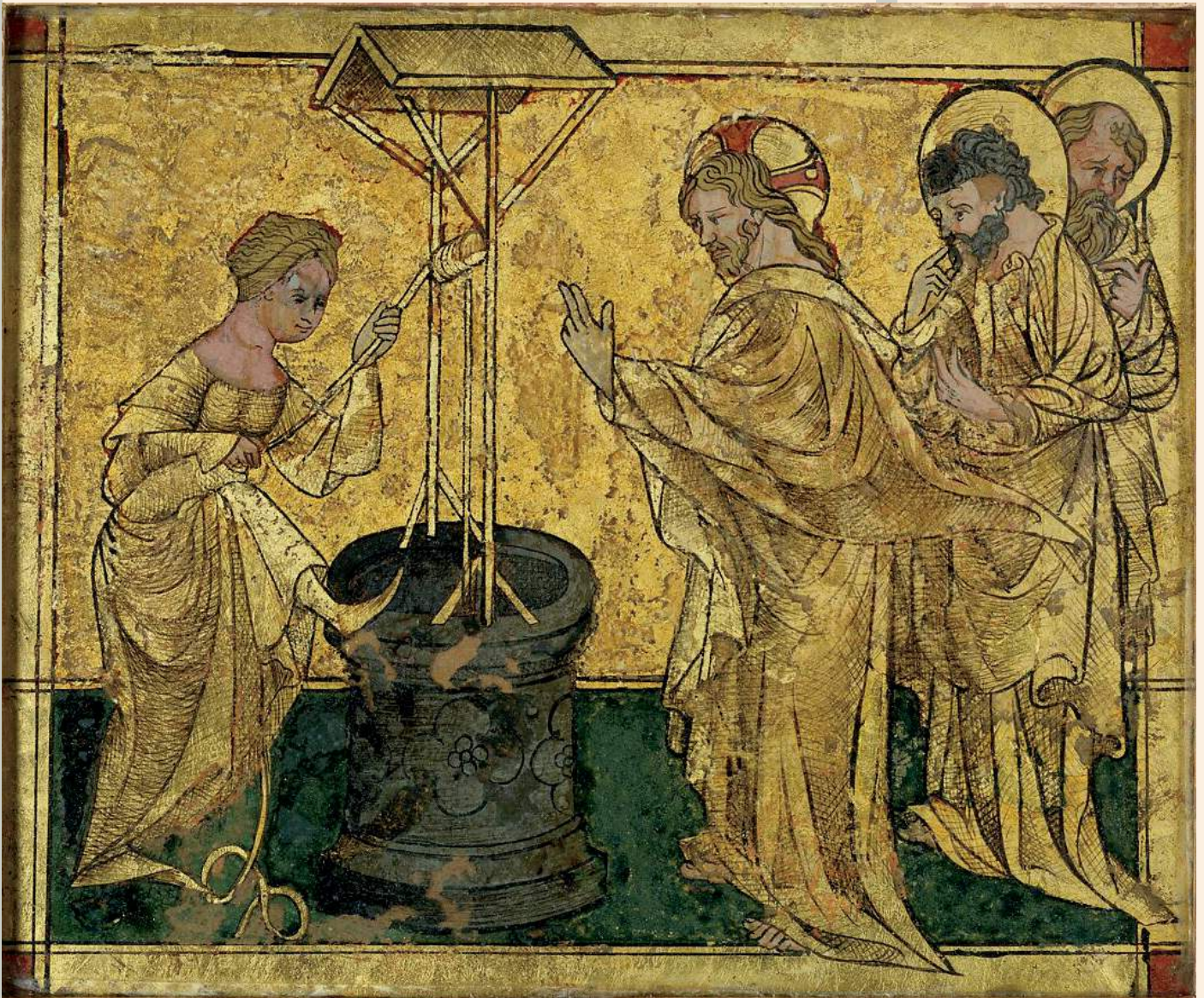


O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well, Southwest German (?), ca. 1420
Reverse glass painting, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

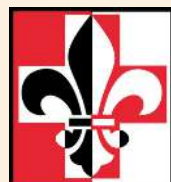


SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 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
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	703-451-8576 Director, Lynn Jones Ljones@stbermpar.org Coordinator of Religious Education, Arlyn Agasen, aagasen@stbermpar.org Administrative Assistant, Victor Mendez vmendez@stbermpar.org
YOUTH MINISTRY	703-451-8576 Director, Grace Mee gnee@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

march

- 8 Sunday, THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
- 9 Monday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Frances of Rome, Religious]**
- 10 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**
- 11 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday**
• Additional Confessions "The Light is On," 6:30-8pm
- 12 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
- 13 Friday, Lenten Weekday**
• Soup Supper, 6pm in the school cafeteria
• Stations of the Cross, 7pm in the church
• Estaciones de la Santa Cruz, 7:45pm
- 14 Saturday, Lenten Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
• **Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner/Trivia Night, 6pm in the cafeteria**
- 15 Sunday, FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
- 16 Monday, Lenten Weekday**
• **Taizé prayer for unity in the church, 8pm. All are Welcome!**
- 17 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Patrick, Bishop]**
- 18 Wednesday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr]**
• Additional Confessions "The Light is On," 6:30-8pm
- 19 Thursday, SAINT JOSEPH**
- 20 Friday, Lenten Weekday**
• Soup Supper, 6pm in the school cafeteria
• Stations of the Cross, 7pm in the church
• Estaciones de la Santa Cruz, 7:45pm
- 21 Saturday, Lenten Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
• **Diocesan Teacher Job Fair, 9-11am, School Gymnasium**
• **Spring Cleaning the Church for Easter! 10am-2pm, Church Signup appreciated**
• **Women's Lenten Night of Reflection, Scholl Gymnasium, RSVP requested**
- 22 Sunday, FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
- 23 Monday, Lenten Weekday [Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop]**
- 24 Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**
• **PARISH LENT PENANCE SERVICE** (15 priests), 6:30pm
- 25 Wednesday, THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**
• Additional Confessions "The Light is On," 6:30-8pm
- 26 Thursday, Lenten Weekday**
- 27 Friday, Lenten Weekday**
• Soup Supper, 6pm in the school cafeteria
• Stations of the Cross, 7pm in the church
• Estaciones de la Santa Cruz, 7:45pm

announcements

We are 71% of our **2026 Bishop's Lenten Appeal**. The theme is "In Christ We Are One," reminding us of Jesus' will for the unity of all those who were given to him by the Father. 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.

Knights of Columbus Springfield Council 6153 will be hosting a **Spaghetti Dinner and Trivia Contest** Saturday, March 14 in the school cafeteria. Dinner is from 6–7:30pm followed by trivia until 9pm. Please join us.

All women are invited to a Lenten Night of Reflection with a special talk given by Bea Frey, Saturday, March 21 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Gym. Please join us for refreshments and for small group discussion. Registration is not required but helpful at: <https://forms.gle/OrkMVJmawkrPXLXCA>.

Come one, Come all! Saturday, March 21 10am-2pm. Please come help spruce up the church in preparation for Easter. Many hands make light work. We will be working on pews, floors around the pews, candle areas, altar, and choir loft. <https://signup.com/go/BnogGhO>

Lenten Observances

Fasting: Food equivalent to one regular meal, one small meal – Ash Wednesday / Good Friday

Abstinence: No meat – ALL Fridays

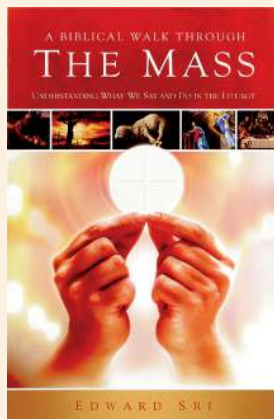
Parish Soup Suppers: Fridays in Lent, 6pm

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, 7pm in English, 7:45pm in Spanish, in the church

Lent Confessions: Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm, Saturdays, 3:30-4:30pm (as usual). *Please plan confessions early in the season to avoid running out of time.*

Parish Penance Service: Tuesday, Mar. 24, 6:30pm

from the pastor



Week 3 Reflection: The Liturgy of the Word

- **First Reading**
- **Responsorial Psalm**
- **Second Reading**
- **Gospel**
- **Homily**
- **Profession of Faith**
- **Prayers of the Faithful**

We paused our Lenten study about the Mass to celebrate 40 Hours and attend our parish mission talks.

All resources are available online – contact the office and receive the link.

Each session begins with an introduction and teaching/study in the Workbook, then a reading from the text of the book itself, followed by viewing the video and then follow-up by study responses. Links are not transferable; the parish buys credits 25 at a time and will provide you with access. Access to Ascension Press materials is good for a year.

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Our Lenten small group/self study continues this week using Session Three, The Liturgy of the Word, from *A Biblical Walk through the Mass* by Edward Sri.

How do you hear Sacred Scripture? Are they texts *about* God, or is God actually speaking to you? The Liturgy of the Word is more than a Bible study, it's a personal encounter. Divine listening is not about learning, or even just hearing something new. It's about encountering. It requires some preparation actively engaging in the Introductory Rites (see last week). The lector lends his voice.

This is what is unique about the Judeo-Christian legacy. In only these religions does God speak – we can hear him, we reply – God hears us, and responds to our words.

Synagogue worship developed out of this unique, active conversation. Communication is like communion. Even in Jesus' time, there is evidence of a three-year cycle of readings.

God speaks first in the Old Testament (First Reading). We respond with "Thanks," and a Psalm (should be sung when possible) also from the Old Testament. God speaks again, this time from the New Testament. We respond with "Thanks" and a Gospel verse and acclamation (alleluia! if not Lent). Then we hear the definitive revelation of Jesus in Gospel. The homily explains the Gospel. "I believe," our profession of faith is the answer, and we entrust our needs to God in the Prayers of the Faithful.

The sacred hymns that are the Psalms are often referred to as "Jesus' prayerbook." He prays them often, especially when he cries out to the Father.

The New Testament did not suddenly appear out of nowhere. It is growth, informed by the past, moving forward with the breath of the Holy Spirit. Like the Easter Vigil when in seven First Readings we hear the story of salvation from Genesis to Jesus, there is a "historic" movement forward. Reaching its pinnacle in the Gospel, we hear the Words of God himself in Christ, we stand (the posture of deep reverence), we process with the Book of the Gospels, when we have enough servers, we use candles at the altar of the Word, the *ambo*, like we do at the altar of Jesus' offering of himself to the Father. The proclamation of the Gospel, therefore, makes Jesus himself

present to us in a profound way.

The readings from Scripture also correspond to the various seasons and feasts of the Church. On one level, the Church walks us through the life and mission of Jesus through the seasons of the liturgical year. In the four weeks of Advent, we recall the Old Testament period of humanity's longing for the Savior. In the Christmas season, we rejoice in the birth of the Son of God who came to dwell among us. In the forty days of Lent, we participate in Jesus' prayer and fasting in the desert as we prepare to enter Christ's passion in Holy Week. In the fifty days of the Easter season, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant resurrection and ascension into heaven, culminating on the fiftieth day with his sending of the Spirit on Pentecost. The rest of the liturgical year—known as Ordinary Time—focuses our attention on the public ministry of Jesus.

Because we are human and cannot fully grasp the entire mystery of Christ at once, it unfolds for us throughout the year. This is one reason why the Church marks off special days to give attention, thanks, and praise for a particular Mystery of Jesus' life or a specific doctrine of the Catholic Faith.

The word homily means "explanation" in Greek, and its purpose is to help the assembly understand more fully the readings we have heard. In the early Church, the bishop typically was the one who celebrated Sunday Mass and gave the homily. Sometimes people use the word "sermon," which means simply a talk that might be on any subject the speaker chooses. The liturgical reforms of Vatican II declared that the homily must be in service to the Gospel which has just been proclaimed.

After all of this our response is a powerful reaffirmation of our faith in this God who has revealed himself to us in his own words, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed, whose 1,700th anniversary we observed last year, is the universal faith of the Church, and touches on all the points which we must believe and embrace as Christians. It is a renewal of our baptismal identity, said together in community, a sign of our faith and unity in the Trinity. All is tied together nicely as we include in the Creed "in accordance with the Scriptures," and "who has spoken through the prophets." The new is the fulfillment of what came before.

The Lord be with you.

Fr. Dom

Swoosh! Twirl! Goal!

While our main focus stays on academics and the curriculum, we could not let the thrilling Winter Olympics pass us by. What an epic event—full of heart-pounding action, record-breaking feats, and inspiring stories from athletes around the world. We wove in those current events in fun, meaningful ways to connect learning with real-world excitement.

6th grade students participate in an annual Greek Fair in the spring and choose a mythological figure to research and bring to life. They also explored the origins of the Olympics, reading articles about the ancient Greek Games and tackling a fun comprehension challenge. Talk about turning history into an adventure!

The intermediate hallway has turned into a tournament bracket! Students are voting on their favorite Olympic sports in a classic March Madness-style battle: Curling or Basketball? Skiing or the marathon? The excitement was contagious—tally marks flew up on the board, and Mrs. Torrey kept the brackets updated like a true tournament director. Who will claim the ultimate crown? Stay tuned for the finals!

This one was a total highlight! For a full exciting week, Mrs. Carter's 4th grade students immersed themselves in reading about various Winter Olympic sports and incredible athletes. They connected what was happening live in Italy with their classroom reading goals. Projects sparked lively discussions. It was hands-on, high-energy learning that tied school right into the global celebration!

Our PE teacher, Mrs. Murphy, brought the Olympic magic indoors with a mini-Olympic torch relay for Pre-Kindergarteners through first graders. There was lots of running because it is a long way from Greece to Italy. The grand finale? Kindergarten and 1st graders hosted a joyful closing ceremony complete with waving flags and a glowing torch! Our little Cardinals proudly marched through the 6th and 7th grade buddies' classrooms, cheering and celebrating the end of their Olympic adventure. We love finding creative ways to spark joy and curiosity by tapping into students' interests and timely happenings like the Winter Olympics. Go team Cardinal—keep shining!

cardinal corner



**FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST**

2026 Diocesan Teacher Job Fair

The Office of Catholic Schools is holding the 2026 Teacher Job Fair here at Saint Bernadette School on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 9 - 11am.

For questions, please email catholicschools@arlington-diocese.org.



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.

RE Program upcoming schedule

Family Mass Learning: Mar. 7 - 8
Regular classes: every week in March
SPRED Class: Mar. 21
Family Mass Learning: Mar. 8
Sunday Donut Social: Mar. 22

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

Living the liturgical year

This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Lent. During Lent, we are asked to pray, fast, and give (almsgiving). Almsgiving is defined as giving your time, talent or treasure for those in need as an act of charity and justice for the love of Christ. Such acts include the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. You can find examples of the three marks of Lent here: <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2025/02/using-corporal-spiritual-works-of-mercy.html>. There are also suggestions of Works of Mercy here: <https://www.looktohimandberadiant.com/2016/02/from-kids-for-kids-practical-ideas-for.html>

youth ministry

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



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.

Middle School Youth Ministry - Mar. 18

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, April 19, 6-8pm in the Bradican Room. For any inquiries, contact JP McLaughlin jpmclaughlin@stbermpar.org.

org for any inquiries

Workcamp - Adult Volunteers Needed!

All adults of the parish are invited to consider volunteering for Workcamp. We can find a role for anyone willing to help. We are especially in need of female crew leaders to serve alongside our teens during the week of Workcamp. No construction skills needed; must be 25 or older. Please contact our parish Stakeholder, Matthew Frey, for more information.

CYO SPRING SPORTS

CYO Spring Track & Field Meet Registration now open! Grades 3-8

The spring CYO Track & Field Meet will be May 16. Registration is open until April 21. Registration: <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106541/leagues>. Cost is \$18.

CYO is open to children from 3rd-8th grade enrolled in Saint Bernadette School or parish Religious Education.

If you have questions about CYO, please Gina Soriano (gvsoriano@gmail.com) or Catherine Luby (catherineeluby@gmail.com)

Lent 2026



Fasting, Abstinence, and Prayer, Soup Suppers & Stations of the Cross



Lent is a special time of quiet and personal reflection as well as a time in which the parish comes together to observe special devotions and gatherings.

Remember, Fridays are days of abstinence from meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **fasting and abstinence**, which means no meat *and* we eat only one full meal and two small meals not equalling one full meal, with no snacks in between.

Join us for our parish Lenten Soup Suppers on Fridays at 6pm!

We celebrate the Way of the Cross, or Stations of the Cross, on Fridays at 7pm in English, and 7:45pm in Spanish in the church.

Confessions



Our special **Parish Penance Service** with 16 priests will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30pm in the church. Please plan to join us.

Confessions will be available also on Wednesday nights, 6:30-8pm and the normal time, 3:30pm on Saturdays. *Please plan to come earlier in the season so as not to encounter limited opportunities later.*

Cuaresma 2026



Ayuno, Abstinencia, y oración, Cenas de Sopa y Estaciones de la Cruz



La Cuaresma es un tiempo especial de reflexión personal y tranquila, así como un tiempo en el que la parroquia se reúne para observar devociones y reuniones especiales.

Recuerda, los viernes son días de abstinencia de carne. El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo son días de **ayuno y abstinencia**, lo que significa no comer carne y solo comemos una comida completa y dos comidas pequeñas que no equivalen a una comida completa, sin refrigerios entre medias.

¡Únase a nosotros para nuestras cenas de sopa los viernes a las 6pm! Celebramos el Vía Crucis, o Estaciones de la Cruz, los viernes a las 7pm en inglés y a las 7:30pm en español en la iglesia.

Confesiones



Nuestro Servicio de Penitencia especial con 16 sacerdotes se llevará a cabo el martes 24 de marzo a las 6:30pm en la iglesia. Por favor planee unirse a nosotros. Las confesiones estarán disponibles también los miércoles por la noche, de 6:30 a 8pm y, en horario normal, a las 3:30pm los sábados. *Planee venir más temprano en la temporada para no encontrar oportunidades limitadas más adelante.*

Lent

Parish Offertory

March 1
Offertory \$ 26,486
Black/Indian Missions 4,552

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 <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-70> or call (866)507-8757. Our parish code is VA70.

ideas for Lent

Support Catholic Relief Services International with Rice Bowls of the change you bring in Lent

To donate please visit crsricebowl.org or take and return a Rice Bowl from the church vestibule.

Please return no later than March 27, 2026. Checks should be made payable to Catholic Relief Services.



Week 3 – Changing Food, Changing Habits

While a puppet show may seem an unusual way to communicate healthy decisions about infant and childcare, this innovative, CRS-designed approach, formerly funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development's Food for Peace program, has shown positive results in rural communities in Madagascar where there are high rates of malnourished children.

Because good nutrition is more than how much you eat, classes emphasize that children must have the right kind of food with enough vitamins, minerals and protein to help them grow and develop. The project also shows how to improve specific hygiene practices and develop healthy family relationships in order for their children to thrive.

Over 50 years ago, Pope John XXIII recognized the complexity of caring for hungry people, reminding us that every person "has the right to life, to bodily integrity, and to the means which are suitable for the proper development of life; these are primarily food, clothing, shelter, rest, medical care, and

finally the necessary social services." CRS recognizes that healthy children need nutritious food as well as supportive families and safe communities to thrive. Together, we can lead the way to a world where all children, families and communities have regular access to the food they need in order to lead healthy and dignified lives.

To learn more about this program of how to support CRS initiatives worldwide, please visit crsricebowl.org.



Live Jesus! 2026

This year's theme is Salesian Gentleness, inspired by the quote from Saint Francis de Sales: "Let us do everything in a spirit of peace and love... let us walk and even run in the way of God's Divine Will, not letting ourselves be pulled and pushed about like puppets."

Saturday, March 14, 2026
8am – Continental Breakfast
9am – 12:45pm Program & Mass

Location
March 14, 2026, at St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA

*St. Paul VI High School was founded over 40 years ago by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. The school remains a strong supporter and promoter of Salesian Spirituality.

We look forward to seeing you!

REGISTER HERE!

<https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/Weblink.aspx?name=E12206&id=47>



thanks, volun- teers!

Night of Stars 2026 on February 28 with dinner and dancing told our volunteers how much we value you and the many ways we are a great parish because of you!

Thanks also to our staff and helpers who made the evening possible, from decorators, to cooks, to servers.



40 hours and lenten mission

Catholic Relief Services second collection next weekend

Due to loss of federal funding, people around the world need us more than ever.

As the [official international agency of the Catholic Church in the United States](#), we work with the local Church and partners to create a world in which people live as one human family. CRS' relief and development work is accomplished through programs of [emergency response](#), [HIV, health, agriculture, water, education, microfinance, peacebuilding](#) and [partnership](#). With changing priorities for U.S. government humanitarian assistance, our most vulnerable sisters and brothers are being affected around the world. Due to funding challenges, people need us more than ever.

We are experiencing immediate and critical gaps in our ability to bring lifesaving programs across all areas of our work in the face of ongoing humanitarian assistance crisis. Every gift you give helps a child thrive, brings hope to a family and rebuilds a community.

When you give, you help provide food to young children so they can study hard in school. You help prevent trafficking and provide welcome kits for survivors.

You help mothers and babies around the world receive nutritional care and health exams.

Your care is a blessing—whether you are providing nutritious food and clean water for schoolchildren, bringing safe shelter to people who have lost everything in disasters such as the earthquake in Myanmar and Thailand, or relief for people feeling the anguish of war.

Since our beginnings more than 80 years ago—from a groundswell of support from generous Catholics to assist in the aftermath of World War II—it is our donors in the United States that breathe life into our work.

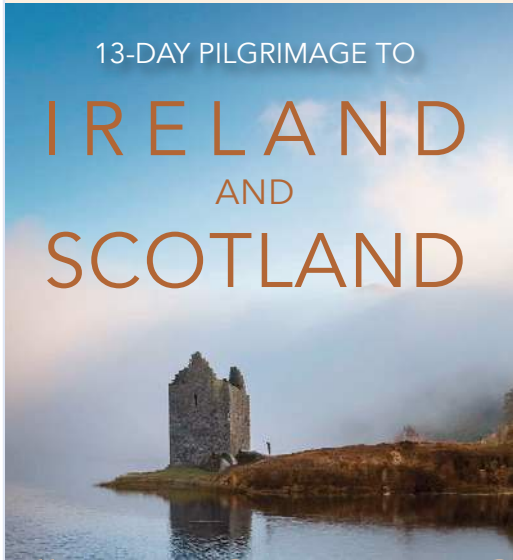
We must continue our mission. We can't do this lifesaving work without your help.

Private funding is needed now more than ever to ensure that our vulnerable sisters and brothers can still count on us to help them feed their families, find shelter during disasters and safe haven in times of war. When you give, you help change lives, families and communities.



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Parish pilgrimage enrollment deadline extended - April 1

Join Fr. Don for a unique look at the ancient monastic settlements and saints, and the stunning beauty and faith of Ireland and Scotland. We find the most beautiful places for daily Mass and the local pub with the best music each evening. If you have questions, talk to Fr. Don or contact Peter's Way Tours, peter@petersway.com.

Help feed the homeless in the FACETS Hypothermia Project

During the winter months, FACETS partners with local churches that open their doors to provide a hot dinner, a warm place to sleep, an indoor breakfast, and a bag lunch to homeless people. The program will be at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield the week of March 22, and we at Saint Bernadette will be providing the food and volunteers for the first three nights. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/WpEziru> to donate food or money, serve a meal, or visit and play games with the guests. We also need someone to spend the night to walk around the inside premises every hour to make sure there is no smoke or fire. No experience is needed. Trained FACETS staff are on site to assist. Questions? Contact Kathy Mueller at kathydon@verizon.net.

Anointing of the Sick Mass ~ March 15

The Order of Malta Northern Virginia Region will be hosting its annual Anointing of the Sick mass at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More on Laetare Sunday, 15 March 2026, 3-4pm celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. This liturgy invites all those in the Diocese of Arlington in need of healing to gather at the Cathedral to receive the sacraments of the sick and Eucharist. Participants are tended to by members of the Order, whose mission is to care for the sick and poor, and receive a Miraculous Medal and bottle of holy water from Lourdes to assist them in their faith journey following the Mass.

Spaghetti dinner/trivia night now scheduled for March 14

Join us for dinner at 6pm, and family friendly trivia beginning at 7:30pm in the school cafeteria. Teams of 6 will compete for prizes. Soft drinks and water is free, beer and wine will be available for purchase. Donations go to St. Bernadette School's scholarship fund. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Scan the QR code to RSVP.

Pray daily during Lent for a future priest or religious

Are you looking for a simple way to increase family prayer during Lent? Our diocese is blessed with 40 seminarians and 46 religious currently in formation. Their names and photos can be found on cards displayed in the pamphlet racks and you can pray for one of them every day during Lent! There is also a calendar for the St. Therese Vocation Society. Members commit to praying daily for vocations year-round and pray individually by name for those currently in formation. For more information visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/promote-support-pray-for-vocations/pray/st-therese-society/>.



coming up

Women's Lenten Night of Reflection

All women of the parish are invited to the Women's Lenten Night of Reflection on Saturday, March 21 from 6:30-8:30pm in the school cafeteria. Please join us for a special talk by St. Bernadette parishioner, Bea Frey, as we discuss our theme "To love like Him". Invite a friend to join us for hot chocolate, tea, and light hors d'oeuvres along with a chance for small group discussion! Registration is not required but helpful at: <https://forms.gle/OrkMVJmawkrPXLXCA>.

Catholic Women's Group upcoming events

Come and enjoy warm fellowship and great food. For more information, please email us at women@stbernapar.org.

Tuesdays, March 3 & 17, are our next **Dinners with Friends** at 5pm, at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual meal on the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of every month. No need to RSVP.

Our next monthly meeting will be a **Tea Party on Sunday, March 15 at 3pm** in the Bradican Room. Sign up for this special event is required. Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F45A4AB2DA1FB6-62466730-its#/> to reserve your seat or to volunteer to bring goodies. Bring your favorite tea cup and the story that goes with it.

Paul VI Production of The Sound of Music

The PVI Players are proud to present The Sound of Music, one of the most beloved musicals of all time.

Featuring cherished songs and a powerful story of faith, family, and resilience, this production promises to be a highlight of the spring season. Purchase tickets today! [<https://cur8.com/40072/project/137212>]

Saturday, March 21 at 7pm
Sunday, March 22 at 2pm
Friday, March 27 at 7pm
Saturday, March 28 at 7pm

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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.



Calling all Softball Players

The Knights of Columbus sponsors a softball team in the Church Division of the Fairfax Adult Softball League. The season starts on March 31 and ends in early June. Games are on Tuesday evenings. You do not need to be a Knight to participate. If you are interested in playing, please contact Mark Price at mnpprice@verizon.net or at 703-894-8300.

Cursillo Dinner & Faith Sharing - All Are Welcome!

Are you looking for community and friendship? To share your faith with friends (new and old)? Join the Arlington Diocese Cursillo community and fellow parishioners on Saturday, March 14 at 6:15pm in the Bradican Room. Together

er we will pray, eat, and share personal stories of God's grace. Dinner is potluck. As always and in Cursillo style, please bring food and drinks to share. Hosted by St. Bernadette Parish with co-hosts from Nativity, St. Raymond, and St. Mary of Sorrows. Contact Trish at 1986sailboat@gmail.com.

Bishop Ireton High School Summer Camps

Registration is now open! BI is excited to offer summer camps that are fun, safe, and educational with opportunities in academics, athletics, and enrichment. Grow and build friendships in a supportive and faith-filled environment this summer. Families are encouraged register early before April 1. Spots are limited and programs fill quickly. Visit www.bishopireton.org or scan the QR code at right.



Adult Volunteers Needed for WorkCamp June 20 – 26, 2026



We Need 2 More Contractors

We are looking for women and men with skills in basic home repair and maintenance able to join us for the week of WorkCamp to make homes **warmer, safer, and drier**. You do not need to be a licensed contractor. *Contractors are responsible for instructing a team of teens how to complete the project. Each contractor is given a detailed job instruction. Their role is to guide and assist while the work itself is completed by the WorkCampers.*

We Need 2 More Female Crew Leaders

We are looking for **women** with a heart for teen ministry to join the WorkCamp community and form relationships in preparation for the week of service this summer.

Crew Leaders are responsible for supervising the safety of their crew on the job site, guiding them through discussion and checking in with the teens daily. Their role is to facilitate the week of service and be present alongside the teens, encouraging them to grow in faith.



Questions: Email St. Bernadette's WorkCamp Stakeholder at matthew_c_frey@yahoo.com

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

March

9 MONDAY

7am † Jane Clayton
9am* † Cecilia Nho Nguyen
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

10 TUESDAY

7am The Mugno Family
9am* † Ampara Atienza
Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

11 WEDNESDAY

7am † Eveith Lucas
9am* † William Rumble
Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

12 THURSDAY

7am † Eveith Lucas
9am* † Eldiva & Jorge Grajo
Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

13 FRIDAY

7am † Eveith Lucas
9am* † Michael McNally
10am** † Rosemary Graniewski
Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

14 SATURDAY

8am † Nghin Dao
Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
5pm* † Carl Jimmo

15 SUNDAY

7am † Bernard Becker
9am* † Kathryn Yeager
11am † Nancy Mathers
1pm* † Luis Jaguaco
5pm For the parish
1 Sm 16:1b-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Mar 14	5pm	Fr. Don
Mar 15	7am	Fr. Jeb
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. Jeb
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	5pm	Fr. James

Parish prayer list

Jim Gribshaw, Pierre DesLauriers, Helena Larsen, Cristy Perez Ayala, Amy Greenlee, Larry Lawrence, 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, Bob Atwell, Charles Roby, Mike Harrison, Douglas Lethert

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.

Lenten prayer for Mary's Comfort

For Lent, we would like to organize a group to pray daily for our organization and our guests. We will email you on the five Sundays of Lent with a prayer intention for that week. If you're interested in joining us, send your email address with "Lenten Prayers" in the subject line to: maryscomfortva@gmail.com. As always, if you'd like to join our team of dedicated volunteers or make a donation, please visit our website <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/> to learn more.

2026 Peace & Justice Conference

You are invited to the 2026 Peace & Justice Conference, Immigration and the Church's Prophetic Voice, sponsored by diocesan Peace & Justice Commission.

Join us for an evening of reflection and dialogue rooted in the Church's teaching on human dignity and the common good, inspired by the U.S. Bishops' message: "Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together."

Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Nativity Catholic Church, featuring Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington.



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