

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

April 12, 2026



Resurrection (detail), Pietro Perugino, 1499
Apostolic Palace, Vatican City

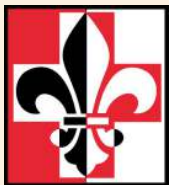


SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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welcome



SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
DAILY MASS	Mon.–Fri., 7 & 9am (live-streaming); Sat., 8am (live-streaming) Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
LIVE-STREAMING	Monday–Friday, 9am; Saturday, 8am; Vigil Sat., 5pm and Sundays 9 & 11am
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Fridays, 7-8pm (church) Rosary after 9am weekdays/8am Saturday Masses in church Taizé Prayer Service, 3 rd Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
PARISH OFFICE	703-451-8576, fax 703-269-1121 office@stbermpar.org Monday–Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm
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BAPTISMS	Saturday, 10am, 1 st and 2 nd Saturdays in English; 3 rd Saturday in Spanish. Parish registration is encouraged for parents. Class attendance is required. Please contact the parish office to schedule at least four weeks in advance. All required paperwork must be submitted before a baptism may be scheduled.
WEDDINGS	Sat., 12 & 2pm. Parish registration required somewhere; contact a priest at least six months in advance of desired date.
JOIN US	You are welcome! Registration forms are available in the church vestibule, office, or online www.stbermpar.org .
	Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. bulletin@stbermpar.org .

calendar

april

- 12 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
• Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3pm, church
- 13 **Monday, Easter Weekday [Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr]**
- 14 **Tuesday, Easter Weekday**
- 15 **Wednesday, Easter Weekday**
- 16 **Thursday, SAINT BERNADETTE**
• Additional bilingual **parish feastday Mass**, 7pm, followed by reception
- 17 **Friday, Easter Weekday**
- 18 **Saturday, Easter Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 19 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
- 20 **Monday, Easter Weekday**
• **Taizé Ecumenical Prayer Service**, 8pm in the church, please join us!
- 21 **Tuesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor]**
- 22 **Wednesday, Easter Weekday**
- 23 **Thursday, Easter Weekday [Saint George, Martyr]**
- 24 **Friday, Easter Weekday [Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr]**
• Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 25 **Saturday, Saint Mark, Evangelist**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 26 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
- 27 **Monday, Easter Weekday**
- 28 **Tuesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr]**
- 29 **Wednesday, Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor**
- 30 **Thursday, Easter Weekday**

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- 1 **Friday, Easter Weekday [Saint Joseph the Worker]**
• Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 2 **Saturday, Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 3 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm

announcements

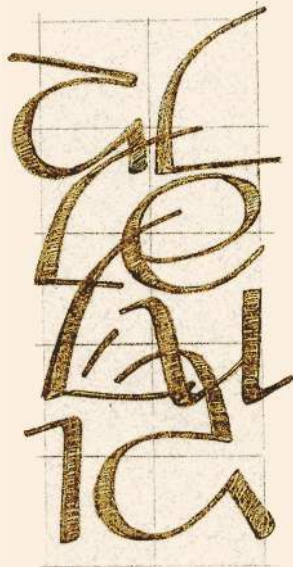
Join us this Sunday afternoon, April 12 at 3pm for the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** and devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday.

We will celebrate our **parish feastday, Saint Bernadette, on Monday, April 16**, with a bilingual Mass at 7pm and a light reception to follow.

All Saints Church Multi-Car Raffle is still in full swing. Four vehicles will be raffled along with a \$20,000 cash drawing, plus other cash drawings. The final deadline for ticket returns is April 21. The drawings begin at 1pm Saturday, April 25 at All Saints Parish in Manassas. Please return all tickets by mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided.

The **Virginia MARCH FOR LIFE** is Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at the Virginia State Capitol Grounds, 1000 Bank Street, Richmond. The day begins with a rally at 10am followed by the march starting at 11am. New this year is the opportunity to register for training sessions after the march at 12:30 to help prepare advocates to stop the extreme proposed constitutional amendment that would allow virtually unlimited abortion at any stage of pregnancy. Register here: <https://marchforlife.org/virginia/>.

from the pastor



Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Last Monday (yes, the day after Easter!) we gathered with all the new members of the Church who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. After accompanying a wonderful group of people who are seeking more of God and faith is a sacred work, and humbling. We really form a family out of a cohort of unacquainted people. It is a favorite ministry for me.

On Monday night we got back together after a truly powerful experience of the Easter Vigil Mass. (See photos starting on page 10, and the list of people - some were baptized, some already baptized joined the Catholic Church, all were confirmed.) We gather again right away after Easter in order to share while the experience is fresh. What were the most interesting aspects? What surprised you? Did anything create questions in your mind? Other thoughts after reflection?

What I love so much about OCIA is that people are willing to be vulnerable after we get to know each other and really just open their hearts wide and share their journey. Our new Catholics had such beautiful things to say about their experience of the Vigil, how things felt to them, how they felt really welcome and special and holy (in a healthy way).

Receiving sacraments for most of us, unfortunately, was done at early ages before we developed the ability to recognize the profound reality of what we celebrate. Being ordained a priest was so unlike my memories of other sacraments because I knew who I was and what was happening. Receiving Eucharist can become so routine that we don't even think about the miracle that God literally places his Son in our hands.

So if I were to ask you these four questions with Easter Sunday in such recent memory, how would you respond? Did you find anything interesting? Surprising? Questionable? Having asked these questions, I imagine there might be some people who would look at me as if I were a little crazy.

But, these are real questions we should be asking. We should be reflecting on

these Mysteries we encounter and see how we are somehow different, or changed, or our knowledge and faith is deepened. Without any kind of religious reflection leading to appreciation and gratitude, memories fade quickly and we can become indifferent.

He is risen... what is different about us now? We know this is something new: what? A new not-previously-known life has come to us. A new unknown love. Why? Isn't that the purpose of God's action? We must respond to grace and not just collect it, engaging our human senses and intuitions to grow. If not, then why bother?

There is a vital link that seems to be broken with many people and their common perception of religion. "Why does it matter? I can be spiritual but not religious..." except you really can't. Religion is when spirituality becomes a commitment. Most people think religion is only rules demanding compliance. On the contrary, it is not servitude, but freely chosen service.

I know I've written about this before, but it bears repeating. A new category of people in all religions is replacing the "nones" (What is your religious affiliation? - their answer is "none.") This new category is the "dones." After the dryness of going through the motions for so long, these people (largely in their 50s and 60s) are simply "done." Often highly engaged former church members—often former lay leaders—they have left traditional church attendance, not out of a loss of faith, but due to dissatisfaction with organized religion's bureaucracy, judgmental culture, and rigid structure. As unfortunate as these realities are (I didn't become a priest because I love the Church...), the engagement is still too important to let go of.

If you feel your fire diminishing, get involved in the life of someone who is seeking God. Ask each other the four questions and the sharing will mutually inspire. Seeing the beauty of faith in the other person can only renew you, and renew the Church. He is risen, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

Fr. Dom

Annual 7th grade Science Fair

The school gym was transformed into a vibrant hub of curiosity and discovery for our annual 7th-grade science fair. Students showcased the culmination of a year filled with experiments, data collection, and thoughtful analysis across categories including Botany, Behavioral Science, Biology, Chemistry, and Physics.

A special thank you to Mrs. Bridget Smith for shepherding our 7th graders through this rewarding year-long process. We also extend our gratitude to the 10 dedicated judges, many of whom have volunteered their time and expertise for years.

You can find those recognized for excellence in the column at the right hand of the page.

Congratulations to all participants for their hard work, creativity, and scientific spirit!

Honoring military students

On Tuesday, April 15th — Purple Up! Day during the Month of the Military Child — we will salute the sacrifices and resilience of our military-connected students and families. Parents may have volunteered, but our military kids were drafted into service — and they serve with strength and grace every day. This annual tradition has become a favorite event of the year. Students and staff wear purple to show support and recognize this special group. Family photo displays and classroom-created posters decorate the school during this time. Military parents and children, active-duty and retired, will celebrate with a donut breakfast.

Thank you to all our military families for their service and sacrifices. We are proud



cardinal corner



**FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST**

Behavioral Science

1st – Chelsea H
2nd – Evelyn L

Biology

1st – Nolan L
2nd – Jack O

Botany

1st – Noah
2nd – Roman

Chemistry

1st – Sophia A
2nd (tie) – Ellie F
and Lael B

Physics

1st – Kate S
2nd – Carter S

Overall

1st – Nolan L
2nd – Kate S
3rd (tie) – Sophia A
and Carter S

youth ministry

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



Middle School BASH - Saturday, April 25th

All middle schoolers are invited to join us for the Diocese of Arlington BASH at Bishop O'Connell High School! This is an exciting day for more than a thousand middle school students to gather with Bishop Burbidge to celebrate our Catholic Faith! The day includes inflatable games, carnival rides, pizza and ice cream, a message from a nationally known-speaker, entertainment, a Vigil Mass with the Bishop and much more! We will carpool from Saint Bernadette at 2pm, and return around 9pm. To register, pay the \$15 fee online, and turn in a permission form either to the parish office or email to Grace Mee (gme@stbernapar.org). The Deadline to register is Friday, April 17, but spots fill up early, so register now! Adult chaperones and drivers are needed.

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 - Apr. 15

All 6th-8th graders are invited for games, snacks, and fun every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Meet in the school gym from 6:45-8pm.

Daily Mass and Donuts - April 21

All high schoolers are invited to take advantage of the FCPS student holiday

and join us for 9am daily Mass, followed by donuts and fun in the youth room until 10:30am.

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 contractors with skills in home repairs (no license necessary) and female crew leaders to serve alongside our teens during the week of Workcamp. Please contact our parish Stakeholder, Matthew Frey, for more information - matthew_c_frey@yahoo.com.

Summer Theatre Program for youth save-the-dates

Times and show to be announced soon!

Auditions: May 14-15

Callbacks: May 17

Parent Meeting: May 21

Show Dates: July 23, 24, 25

Strike: July 26

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)

taizé

monday, apr. 20 - 8pm

Generally, the third Monday of each month.

Please invite all your friends to join us in this prayer for Christian unity.



RE Program upcoming schedule

Regular classes: Apr. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29
Note we WILL hold classes on April 21
No classes Mar. 31-Apr. 1, Apr. 7-8
SPRED Classes: Apr. 11, 25
Sunday Donut Social: Apr. 26
Family Faith Formation: Apr. 26

Volunteers for 2025-2026

We are still in need of volunteers (assistant catechists, teen catechists, and hall monitors). Please contact the Religious Education Office or fill out the Volunteer Form on the website <https://stbernpar.org/religious-education-volunteers/>.

Sunday Donut Social

Plan to join us on Sunday, April 26 following the 9am Mass for our last Sunday Donut Social until fall. Parents, enjoy coffee

Building Access for All: A New Elevator for Our Parish School

Our parish school, proudly serving generations of families since its construction in 1961, has long been a place of learning, faith, and community. As we continue to grow and reflect on our mission, we are called to ensure that our facilities fully welcome and serve every member of our parish community. One important step in that effort is improving accessibility throughout our school building.

Currently, access to the upper floors of our school is limited for individuals with mobility challenges. This creates barriers for students, parents, staff, and visitors who may rely on accessible features to fully participate in school life. In keeping with the principles of inclusion and dignity for all, we are exploring the addition of an elevator to provide access in accordance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards.

Installing an elevator in a building originally constructed over six decades ago presents both challenges and opportunities. While the structure was not designed with modern accessibility needs in mind, advancements in engineering and thoughtful planning now make it possible to retrofit older buildings in ways that preserve their character while improving functionality. This project would allow all

and fellowship while your children make liturgical themed crafts with our volunteers!

Living the liturgical year

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! This feast is usually held on the 2nd Sunday following Easter. In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, Jesus asked for a special feastday for the mercy and love we receive through his death and resurrection. You can receive a Plenary Indulgence by receiving Communion today and by making a good Confession trusting the Lord in his Divine Mercy. A way to celebrate today is to make Divine Mercy Sundaes and explain the meaning as you create it! <https://www.catholicicing.com/celebrate-divine-mercy-sunday/>. You can also find other activities here: <https://youtu.be/B4fa0tsozL4>

members of our Catholic parish and school community — regardless of physical ability — to move freely and safely throughout the school.

Beyond compliance with accessibility standards, this initiative reflects our deeper values as a faith-based community. We believe that every individual is created with inherent dignity and deserves equal access to education, worship, and community life. An elevator is more than a mechanical addition; it is a visible commitment to hospitality, inclusion, and care for one another.

We recognize that such a project requires careful planning, financial investment, and community support. In the coming months, we will be evaluating design options, costs, experts and potential funding strategies to ensure that the project meets both practical needs and our shared vision.

We invite you to join us in this important effort. Whether through your ideas, prayers, or support, your involvement will help make our parish school more accessible and welcoming for all — now and for generations to come. Please contact Fr. Don at frdonrooney@stbernpar.org for more information.

Together, we can continue to build a faithful community where everyone can participate and belong.

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.

lift up a cardinal elevator project

pope leo's easter sunday message: urbi et orbi



"...let us abandon every desire for conflict, domination, and power, and implore the Lord to grant his peace to a world ravaged by wars and marked by a hatred and indifference that make us feel powerless..."

EASTER 2026

Central Loggia of St Peter's Basilica Sunday, 5 April 2026

Brothers and sisters,
Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

For centuries, the Church has joyfully sung of the event that is the origin and foundation of her faith: "Yes, Christ my hope is arisen / Christ indeed from death is risen / Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning" (Easter Sequence).

Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred. It is a victory that came at a very high price: Christ, the Son of the living God (cf. *Mt* 16:16), had to die — and die on a cross — after suffering an unjust condemnation, being mocked and tortured, and shedding all his blood. As the true immolated Lamb, he took upon himself the sin of the world (cf. *Jn* 1:29; *1 Pet* 1:18–19) and thus freed us all — and with us, all creation — from the dominion of evil.

But how was Jesus able to be victorious? What is the strength with which he defeated once and for all the ancient adversary, the prince of this world (cf. *Jn* 12:31)? What is the power with which he rose from the dead, not returning to his former life, but entering into eternal life and thus opening in his own flesh the passage from this world to the Father?

This strength, this power, is God himself for he is Love who creates and generates, Love who is faithful to the end and Love who forgives and redeems.

Christ, our "victorious King," fought and won his battle through trusting abandonment to the Father's will, to his plan of salvation (cf. *Mt* 26:42). Thus he walked the path of dialogue to the very end, not in words but in deeds: to find us who were lost, he became flesh; to free us who were slaves, he became a slave; to give life to us mortals, he allowed himself to be killed on the cross.

The power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent. It is like that of a grain of wheat which, having rotted in the earth, grows, breaks through the clods, sprouts, and becomes a golden ear of wheat. It is even more like that of a human heart which, wounded by an offense, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offense.

Brothers and sisters, this is the true strength that brings peace to humanity, because it fosters respectful relationships at every level: among individuals, families, social groups, and nations. It does not seek private interests, but the common good; it does not seek to impose its own plan, but to help design and carry out a plan together with others.

Yes, Christ's resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where all recognize one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is Love, Life, and Light.

Brothers and sisters, through his resurrection, the Lord confronts us even more powerfully with the dramatic reality of our freedom. Before the empty tomb, we can be filled with hope and wonder, like the disciples, or with fear like the guards and the Pharisees, forced to resort to lies and subterfuge rather than acknowledge that the one who had been condemned is truly risen (cf. *Mt* 28:11–15)!

In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!

We are growing accustomed to violence, resigning ourselves to it, and becoming indifferent. Indifferent to the deaths of thousands of people. Indifferent to the repercussions of hatred and division that

conflicts sow. Indifferent to the economic and social consequences they produce, which we all feel. There is an ever-increasing “globalization of indifference,” to borrow an expression dear to Pope Francis, who one year ago from this loggia addressed his final words to the world, reminding us: “What a great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day in the many conflicts raging in different parts of the world!” (*Urbi et Orbi* Message, 20 April 2025).

The cross of Christ always reminds us of the suffering and pain that surround death and the agony it entails. We are all afraid of death, and out of fear we turn away, preferring not to look. We cannot continue to be indifferent! And we cannot resign ourselves to evil! Saint Augustine teaches: “If you fear death, love the resurrection!” (Sermon 124, 4). Let us too love the resurrection, which reminds us that evil is not the last word, because it has been defeated by the Risen One.

He passed through death to give us life and peace: “I leave you peace; I give you my peace. Not as the world gives it, I give it to you” (*Jn* 14:27). The peace that Jesus gives us is not merely the silence of weapons, but the peace that touches and transforms the heart of each one of us! Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ! Let us make heard the cry for peace that springs from our hearts! For this reason, I invite everyone to join me in a prayer vigil for peace that we will celebrate here in Saint Peter’s Basilica next Saturday, April 11.

On this day of celebration, let us abandon every desire for conflict, domination, and power, and implore the Lord to grant his peace to a world ravaged by wars and marked by a hatred and indifference that make us feel powerless in the face of evil. To the Lord we entrust all hearts that suffer and await the true peace that only he can give. Let us entrust ourselves to him and open our hearts to him! He is the only one who makes all things new (cf. *Rev* 21:5).

Happy Easter!

Bishop Burbidge announces diocesan Mental Health Resource Initiative

“As I shared in my recent pastoral letter, [“The Divine Physician and a Christian Approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing,”](#) our Lord entered our world as our divine healer, addressing the wounds inflicted by sin and the consequences of our fallen condition. We all know of our profound need for God’s divine intervention to make us whole and resolve the crises that confront us as individuals and as a society. God desires our complete wellbeing, our wholeness in body, mind, and soul.

“It is with great pastoral concern and hope that I announce the launch of the **Diocese of Arlington’s Mental Health Resource** initiative (<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/assistance/mental-health-resources/>), a new online portal which is intended to help those within the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia to access mental health services that are rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church.

“Anyone in the diocese can visit this new portal and request personalized assistance and information to address challenges relating to mental health and wellbeing. After completing a brief questionnaire, those seeking authentic Catholic mental health resources will hear from the Diocese of Arlington with relevant clinician recommendations along with their range of services and contact information. I urge all people of faith and goodwill in our diocese who earnestly desire assistance—including the young facing isolation, spouses navigating breakdowns of marriages or other challenges, caregivers bearing heavy burdens, and others experiencing ongoing mental health challenges—to consider the assistance available through the Diocesan Mental Health Resource initiative.

“May Our Lady of Good Counsel intercede for us, and may we always place our trust in Christ, who heals our wounds and shows us the way to everlasting peace.”

Parish Offertory

Palm Sunday Offertory	\$22,235
Easter Offertory	\$42,257
Facilities/Maint	9,363

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joyous easter vigil





WELCOME to the CHURCH!

Baptism

Brian Ayala Argueta
 Angelo Barrera-Ramos
 Lionel Caballero-Alcoser
 Kaitlyn McKeel
 John Morrison
 Kennedy Ng
 Thomas Sullivan
 Kimberly Wippich
 Aleyda Zambrana

Already baptized, received into the Church

Alec Carvalho
 Shawna Evans
 Dana Hartwell
 Lizbet Montilla Figaro
 Kristine Nichols
 Amanda Robinson

Confirmation

Nataly Amurrio Sejas
 Carlos Arce Chavez
 Virginia Vulltillo Lopez
 Linda Carter
 Jerson Cerros Serbellon
 Daysi Claros
 Nelcy Crespo
 Jimmy Espinoza
 Mia Espinoza
 Andrea Hinojosa Siles
 Nair Jaldin
 Savannah Langley
 Cindi Lopez
 Ana Quintanilla-Garcia
 Matthew Sannito
 Waldo Sejas Moya
 Michelle Soto Cardoso
 Leslie Torrez-Perez
 Stephanie Ventura
 Katherine Veron





For a private intention:

Mr. Santos Velesquez & Mrs. Fatima Alcaro
Mr. Jose Argueta & Mrs. Maria Baires
Mr. Joel & Lucille Balite
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Banegas
Mr. & Mrs. Donald Becht
Eric & Arleen Borysiewicz
Mrs. Betty Bumgardner
Mrs. Maria Haydee Lovo Campos
Ann Maria Carrillo
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Cerami
Miss Daysi Claros
Mr. & Mrs. William Claros
Mr. & Mrs. William Claros
Mr. Ford R. Cole
Mr. Alonso Hernandez & Mrs. Ana Crespo
Lisa M. Cunningham
Mrs. K. Freund

Mr. Ricardo Flores Vasquez & Mrs. Maria Fuentes
Jean M. Garcia
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Garvin
Mr. Giang Hoang & Mrs. Anh Giang
Mr. Santiago Olivares & Mrs. Reina Giron
Mr. Erik Gomez & Mrs. Maria Gutierrez-Gomez
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Mr. & Mrs. Donald W. Howell
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Mr. & Mrs. Rodd Lattimer
John & Mary Manibusan
Mr. & Mrs. George Martin
Mr. Jose Ortiz & Mrs. Maria Membreno
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Menjivar
Ms. Emerita Munoz

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Neuyou
Mr. Javier Amaya & Mrs. Glenda Nolasco
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Norris
Mr. Osorio Oneyda
Mr. & Mrs. Beker Orihuela
Miss Andrea Paredes-Moran
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pelletier
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Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Sciacca
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+Jack & Rosemarie Battles, +Gary Battles, +Martha Mooney by Rosemary Battles

+Alex & Ada Ginter, +Leon & Bruno Ginter, +Gloria Rosario, +Judith Alonso, +Agustin Rodriguez, +Bernard & Edith Becker, +Albert & Kathryn Becker, +Herbert & Betty Becker, +Ived del Valle, +Judith Novoa, +Aurora Lopez, +Luis Novoa, Maggy, Nelly Novoa by Maria Becker

+Kathleen A. & David C. Zeiler, +Robert Francis Eberley by Christine Benz

+William & Ethel Caracciolo, +Thomas & Mary Biery by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Biery

+Bills & Evers Family by Joan & Susan Bills

+Gertrude Blicharz, +Henry Blicharz, +Steven Smith by Judy Blicharz

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“vatican council II through its documents”

11th Catechesis
April 1, 2026

Pope Leo, in his General Audiences on Wednesdays, is giving a catechesis on Vatican II, sixty years later.



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II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*.

6. “Living stones in the Church and witnesses in the world: the laity in the People of God”

Brothers and sisters, good morning!

Let us continue on our path of reflection on the Church as she is presented to us in the Conciliar Constitution *Lumen gentium* (LG). Today we will look at the fourth chapter, which deals with the laity. Let us all remember what Pope Francis liked to repeat: “Lay people are, put simply, the vast majority of the people of God. The minority – ordained ministers – are at their service” (*Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii gaudium*, 102).

This section of the Document seeks to explain, in positive terms, the nature and mission of the laity, after centuries in which they had been defined simply as those who are not part of the clergy or the consecrated life. For this reason, I would like to revisit with you a very beautiful passage that speaks to the greatness of the Christian condition: “Therefore, the chosen People of God is one: ‘one Lord, one faith, one baptism’ (*Eph 4:5*); sharing a common dignity as members from their regeneration in Christ, having the same filial grace and the same vocation to perfection; possessing in common one salvation, one hope and one undivided charity” (*LG*, 32).



Before any distinction of ministry or state of life, the Council affirms *the equality of all the baptized*. The Constitution does not want us to forget what it had already affirmed in the chapter on the People of God, namely that the condition of the messianic people is the dignity and freedom of the children of God (cf. *LG*, 9).

Naturally, the greater the gift, the greater the commitment too. For this reason, the Council, along with dignity, also emphasizes the mission of the laity in the Church and in the world. But on what is this mission founded, and in what does it consist? The very description of the laity offered by the Council tells us: “The term laity is here understood to mean all the faithful... [who] are by baptism made one body with Christ and are constituted among the People of God; they are in their own way made sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly functions of Christ; and they carry out for their own part the mission of the whole Christian people in the Church and in the world” (*LG*, 31).

The holy People of God, therefore, is never a formless mass, but the body of Christ or, as Saint Augustine said, the *Christus totus*; it is a community organically structured by means of the fruitful relationship between the two forms of participation in the priesthood of Christ: the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial priesthood (cf. *LG*, 10). By virtue of Baptism, the lay faithful participate in the very priesthood of Christ. Indeed, “the supreme and eternal Priest, Christ Jesus, since He wills to continue His witness and service also through the laity, vivifies them in this Spirit and increasingly urges them on to every good and perfect work” (*LG*, 34).

In this regard, how can we fail to recall Saint John Paul II and his Apostolic Exhortation *Christifideles laici* (30 December 1988)? In it, he emphasized that “the Council, with its rich doctrinal, spiritual and pastoral patrimony, has written as never before on the nature, dignity, spirituality, mission and responsibility of the lay faithful. And the Council Fathers, re-echoing the call of Christ, have summoned all the lay faithful, both women and men, to labor in the vineyard” (no. 2). In this way, my venerable Predecessor relaunched the apostolate of the laity, to which the Council dedicated a specific Document, which we will talk about later.

The vast field of the lay apostolate is not confined to the Church, but extends to the world. Indeed, the Church is present wherever her children profess and bear witness to the Gospel: in the workplace,



in civil society and in all human relationships, wherever they, through their choices, show the beauty of Christian life, which foretells here and now the justice and peace that will be accomplished in the Kingdom of God. The world needs to “be permeated by the spirit of Christ, and more effectively fulfil its purpose in justice, charity and peace” (LG, 36). And this is possible only through the contribution, service and witness of the laity!

It is an invitation to be the “outgoing” Church that Pope Francis spoke to us about: a Church embodied in history, always open to mission, in which we are all called to be missionary disciples, apostles of the Gospel, witnesses of the Kingdom of God, bearers of the joy of Christ whom we have encountered!

Brothers and sisters, may the Easter we are preparing to celebrate renew in us the grace to be, like Mary Magdalene, like Peter and John, witnesses of the Risen One!

Catholic Women’s Group upcoming events

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

Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, April 14 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. Back by popular demand is an evening of chair yoga followed by healthy snacks. Wear comfortable clothes that allow you to move freely. Come enjoy gentle stretching and mindful movement to calm your mind and lift your spirit.

Tuesday, April 21 is our next Dinner with Friends at 5pm, at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual meal on the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of every month. No need to RSVP.

Parish pilgrimage to Ireland and Scotland - last call

It will soon be too late to 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 are approaching the final deadline and, at present, do not have enough pilgrims to make it possible. If you have questions, talk to Fr. Don or contact Peter’s Way Tours, peter@petersway.com.

Building our school legacy

Our school is beginning a project to reconnect generations of students, families, and friends by building our very first Alumni Community Directory, “Building Our Saint Bernadette School Legacy”... going all the way back to 1961. Along the way, we’ve been opening old yearbooks, rediscovering class photos, and uncovering incredible memories. Now we need your help to bring those stories to life. Please take a few minutes to update your information on our school website <https://stbernschool.org/building-our-saint-bernadette-school-legacy/>

By sharing your information, you’ll help us, reconnect classmates and old friends, celebrate multi-generational families, share alumni stories and milestones and build events and traditions for years to come.

Have an old photo or memory to share? We’d love that too.

Over the coming weeks, keep an eye out for throwback yearbook photos (you might spot yourself), alumni spotlights and invitations to upcoming gatherings. Whether you attended for one year or all nine (now ten), you’re part of this story—and we’d love to reconnect. If know someone we should reach? Forward this email or tag them when you see our posts!

ECHO needs for Spring

ECHO’s most needed food and personal hygiene items at this time are dried beans, lentils, rice, canned fruit, masa flour, boxed pasta, granulated sugar, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, shampoo and toilet paper.

ECHO is open to receive donations of household goods, clothing and non-perishable food from 9:30am to 12:30pm, Monday through Friday, and from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, as well as one Saturday morning a month which varies, but is noted on our website www.echo-inc.org. Receipts are cheerfully offered and volunteers are glad to help donors with boxes and bags.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

April

13 MONDAY

7am † Kim Dao
9am* † Jan Usinger Sanchez
Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

14 TUESDAY

7am Irene Roberts
9am* † Roger Beach
Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

15 WEDNESDAY

7am Madison Blum
9am* Steven Pham
Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

16 THURSDAY

7am † Pampila & Procoro Malazarte
9am* Matthew LaPorte
7pm For the parish
Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

17 FRIDAY

7am † Bette Bonde
9am* † Rosibel Canton
10am** † Richard Geiger
Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

18 SATURDAY

8am † Fidela & Francisco Abellano
Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21
5pm* † Tanuja Gnanasekaran

19 SUNDAY

7am Oscar Vargas, Sr.
9am* Myrna Masakayan
11am † Rodol Liobrera
1pm* For the parish
5pm † Guillermo Urquiola
Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Apr 18	5pm	Fr. James
Apr 19	7am	Fr. Cedric
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. Don
	1pm	Fr. James
	5pm	Fr. James

Parish prayer list

John Yost, Wiotto Helenius, Robert Holzhauser, Adolfo Blandon, Esperanza Ayala, Gloria Tortoriello, Bob Atwell, Charles Roby, Mike Harrison, Kathleen Murray, Alan Curtis, Brian Keller, Cassi Smith, Edward Fitzgerald, John Winkler

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.

Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate group.) Meet us for: Thursday Lunch (April 23); Walk at Manassas Battlefield Park (April 15); Orchestral Concert at Schlesinger Hall (April 19); Serving meal at Christ House (April 25); Planet Word Museum (April 25); Dinner in Tysons (April 26); . For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Greetings from PVI Options

The Options program at St. Paul VI Catholic High School is now in its 27th year of providing an inclusive, student-centered Catholic education for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If you are seeking a faith-based, inclusive high school experience, please reach out to the Deans of Exceptional Learning at pvioptions@paulvi.net or 703.352.0925 x1314.

Mary's Comfort donor reception

Please join the Mary's Comfort Board of Directors and Volunteers for a Donor Gratitude Reception, Sunday, April 19 in the Bradican Room, 2 - 4pm. Come to celebrate the lives we've touched and learn about our future plans. Current donors or anyone with interest in our program is welcome! RSVP preferred: 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.



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