

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 Easter

April 19, 2026



Le Repas d'Emmaüs, Matthias Stom, 1635
Museo Nacional Thyssen-Bornemisza, Madrid



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
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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

19 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm

20 Monday, Easter Weekday

- **Taizé Ecumencial 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

4 Monday, Easter Weekday

5 Tuesday, Easter Weekday

6 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

7 Thursday, Easter Weekday

8 Friday, Easter Weekday

9 Saturday, Easter Weekday

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

10 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

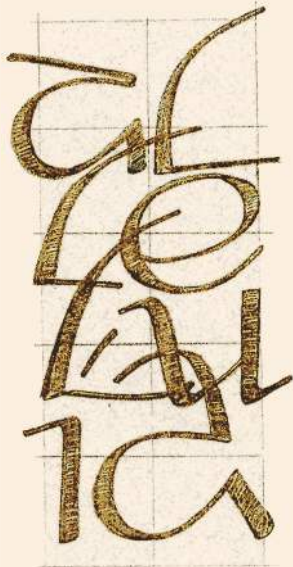
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm

announcements

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,

Having the bulletin to the printer nearly a week before the scheduled weekend has a tendency to warp your my of time. I sometimes wonder in what week I actually am.

About so many things today I wonder if I can speak. As a nation we are so divided, it is difficult to say anything that remains neutral and doesn't divide people further. So we don't say anything. Those divisions, whether philosophical, political, or social have crept into the fabric of the Church, as well, primarily I believe because people can say whatever they want on social media. I try to stay away from social media, but it seeps in in unexpected ways. I am deeply troubled by the venom which has resulted in the recent exchange between a president and a pope. A president who disrespects a pope and treats him like a politician, seeking to divide our house against itself and choose one or the other. Our work as a Church is to resist and conquer the author of division over whom, by the way, Jesus is already victorious.

I believe that if the person is right there in front of you, you think twice before saying some things. The inherent dignity of a real person overrides things that do not dignify. Trapped in your own mind you won't hear how it sounds as your words echo across the room and into outer space. Online, you only hear the click of the button as you hit send.

Thank God we have a pope who is speaking. Notice, he doesn't undignify even the undignified, he just speaks the Gospel and reminds us of the truth.

We must remind each other that what is happening in our world is not okay. Our children must be clear in this so as not to

become like this. That the inhumanity served up with indifference is not okay. This kind of unacceptable behavior in the way people are treating each other is not okay. Blasphemy is not okay, nor is indiscriminate killing or threats to eliminate peoples, bringing devastation, destruction.

We have long condemned such behavior in others. We need to search our own tent to root out anything that is not of the Gospel of Jesus.

This week has been a busy one with several dialogues: the local interfaith clergy gathering, a regional interfaith (Metro DC) gathering, a formal dialogue with the Vaishnava Hindu community. Everywhere I go, I am reminded of the hope that our leader the Pope is bringing to darkness that would like us to stop hoping. They love him. I have shared so many texts in the spirit of Pope Leo. In speaking about the situation we find ourselves in globally, I found myself reading the Beatitudes to Won (Korean) Buddhists at a dialogue last weekend. It doesn't say "blessed are Catholics who are poor in spirit;" "blessed are Catholics who mourn;" "blessed are Catholics who hunger and thirst for righteousness." And everyone in the room immediately knew that Jesus was talking directly to them. There was a silence. And then there was peacefulness. Jesus would have been very pleased with this interfaith gathering.

Since then, I have had this image in my mind. Everytime the Gospel is heard, or seen in your actions and words, wouldn't it be great if the response was this kind of acceptance, even applause, for the Word of God who came to change our world and turn us toward each other, not apart.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

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.



Saint Bernadette inspires our school family

April 16th is always a special day for all of us at Saint Bernadette Catholic School. This year, like past years, we gathered together at church for a special Mass on that date to give thanks for the life and example of our patron saint. The Virgin Mary appeared eighteen times to Bernadette in Lourdes, France, a moment of grace that continues to inspire all of us here at this parish and school.

Saint Bernadette, patron saint of the sick, of those who are ridiculed for their faith, of the poor, and of shepherds, is a beautiful reflection of our school

community and inspires all of us at Saint Bernadette Catholic School to remember that we are all shepherds by guiding, serving, and caring for our students, families, and community with love and dedication.

With this spirit of welcome and service at the heart of our mission, we look forward to growing our community. As Saint Bernadette continues to guide us, we hope to have many new students join us at next year's Mass to celebrate our patron saint. We currently have some spots available for enrollment and are currently reviewing applications. To inquire about openings, please email our Director of Admissions at registrar@stbernschool.org.

cardinal corner



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HEARTS
& MINDS
= CHRIST**



religious education

Weekly update

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

youth ministry

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

Summer Theatre Program

We are flipping our fins with excitement to announce that our summer show is **The Little Mermaid!** We're looking for current 8th-12th grade humans, merfolk, and perhaps a few talented crustaceans to join us **Under the Sea** this summer!

Auditions will be May 14 & 15 at Saint Bernadette School. Swim on over to our website at www.summertheatreprogram.org to get more details and fill out our audition form!

RE Program upcoming schedule

Family Mass Learning (Special Session for First Communicants): April 19 after 9am and 11am Mass
Regular classes: Apr. 21-22, 28-29
Note we WILL hold classes on April 21
SPRED Classes: Apr. 25
Sunday Donut Social: Apr. 26
Family Faith Formation: Apr. 26

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

Registration for 2026-2027

Registration will open in June for next year. Continue your child's growth in the faith by signing them up for classes in 2026-27! Our class schedule will be the same as this year. Registration information will be found online and on all media platforms. All currently registered students, including Confirmation 2026 & 2027 and students preparing to receive First Eucharist next year. Classes will begin on September 1 & 2.

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 - May 6

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.

First Communion 2026

There is a mandatory Family Mass Learning session after the 9am and 11am Masses on April 19. Mark your calendars! The First Communion Mass will be held on Saturday, May 15 at 5pm or Sunday, May 16 at 9 am or 11 am. You will be receiving an email with the assigned Mass. If you would like a particular Mass, please contact the Religious Education team.

Living the liturgical year

Happy 3rd week of Easter! On April 25, we celebrate the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. He is one of the Gospel writers and the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. He is associated with the symbol of a winged lion. Did you know that St. Mark's mother, also named Mary, owned the house where the Last Supper had taken place? It was also at the Upper Room of the house where the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. Celebrate St. Mark's feast day by baking lion cupcakes with your children. Instructions and his story can also be found here: <https://catholiccuisine.blogspot.com/2008/04/cupcakes-for-st-marks-feast-day.html>

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.

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, contact Gina Soriano (gvsoriano@gmail.com) or Catherine Luby (catherineeluby@gmail.com)

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

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@stbernapar.org for more information.

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

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!

building more than a new building!

“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.



“Holiness ... is not a privilege for the few, but a gift that requires every baptized person to strive for the perfection of charity, that is, the fullness of love towards God and towards one’s neighbor.”

II. Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*.

7. “Holiness and evangelical counsels in the Church”

Brothers and sisters, good morning!
Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

The Constitution of the Second Vatican Council *Lumen gentium* (LG) on the Church dedicates an entire chapter, the fifth, to the universal vocation to holiness of all the faithful: every one of us is called to live in the grace of God, practicing the virtues and imitating Christ. Holiness, according to the Conciliar Constitution, is not a privilege for the few, but a gift that requires every baptized person to strive for the perfection of charity, that is, the fullness of love towards God and towards one’s neighbor. Charity is, in fact, the heart of the holiness to which all believers are called: infused by the Father, through the Son Jesus, this virtue “rules over all the means of attaining holiness and gives life to these same means” (LG, 42). The highest level of holiness, as in the early days of the Church, is martyrdom, the “supreme witness of faith and charity” (LG, 50: for this reason, the Council text teaches that every believer must be ready to confess Christ even unto blood (cf. LG, 42), as has always been the case and continues to be so today. This readiness to bear witness is realized every time Christians leave signs of faith and love in society, committing themselves to justice.

All the Sacraments, and in a pre-eminent way the Eucharist, are nourishment that fosters a holy life, assimilating every person to Christ, the model and measure of holiness. He sanctifies the Church, of which he is the Head and Shepherd: holiness is, from this point of view, his gift, which is manifested in our daily life every time we receive it with joy and respond to it with commitment. In this regard, Saint Paul VI, in the General Audience of 20 October 1965, recalled that the Church, to be authentic, requires that all the baptized must “be holy, that is, truly worthy, strong and faithful children of hers.” This is realized as an inner transformation, whereby the life of every

person is conformed to Christ by virtue of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Rom* 8:29; *LG*, 40).

Lumen gentium describes the holiness of the Catholic Church as one of her constitutive characteristics, to receive in faith, inasmuch as she is believed to be “indefectibly holy” (LG, 39): this does not mean that she is so in a full and perfect sense, but that she is called to confirm this divine gift during her pilgrimage towards the eternal destination, walking “amid the persecutions of the world and the consolations of God” (Saint Augustine, *De civitate Dei* 51,2; LG, 8). The sad reality of sin in the Church, that is, in all of us, invites each person to carry out a serious change of life, entrusting ourselves to the Lord, who renews us in charity. It is precisely this infinite grace, which sanctifies the Church, that entrusts us with a mission to fulfil day after day: that of our conversion. Therefore, holiness does not only have a practical nature, as if it were reducible to an ethical commitment, however great, but concerns the very essence of Christian life, both personal and communal.

From this perspective, a decisive role is played by consecrated life, which the Conciliar Constitution considers in the sixth chapter (cf. nos. 43-47). In the holy People of God, it constitutes a prophetic sign of the new world, experienced here and now in history. Indeed, signs of the Kingdom of God, already present in the mystery of the Church, are those evangelical counsels that shape every experience of consecrated life: poverty, chastity and obedience. These three virtues are not rules that shackle freedom, but liberating gifts of the Holy Spirit, through which some of the faithful are wholly consecrated to God. Poverty expresses complete trust in Providence, freeing one from calculation and self-interest; obedience takes as its model the self-giving that Christ offered to the Father, freeing one from suspicion and domination; chastity is the gift of a heart that is whole and pure in love, at the service of God and the Church.

By conforming to this style of life, consecrated persons bear witness to the universal vocation of holiness of the entire Church, in the form of radical discipleship. The evangelical counsels manifest full



participation in the life of Christ, unto the Cross: it is precisely by the sacrifice of the Crucified One that we are all redeemed and sanctified! By contemplating this event, we know that there is no human experience that God does not redeem: even suffering, lived in union with the passion of the Lord, becomes a path of holiness. The grace that converts and transforms life thus strengthens us in every trial, pointing us not towards a distant ideal, but towards the encounter with God, who became man out of love. May the Virgin Mary, the all-holy Mother of the Incarnate Word, always sustain and protect our journey.

Catholic Women's Group upcoming events

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

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.

Mary's Comfort donor reception

Join us for the Mary's Comfort Gratitude Reception on April 19 from 2:30-4:00pm! This special gathering in the Bradican Room is an opportunity to celebrate the generosity of our donors, connect as a parish community, and learn more about Mary's Comfort. We'll also share exciting plans to expand our support, ensuring expecting mothers have safe shelter and the care they need. All are welcome! RSVP preferred at maryscomfortva@gmail.com Unable to join? Feel free to join us online with Meeting ID: 897 4426 9556 & Passcode: 733962.

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.

Saint Andrew dinner and vocations update

Are you considering a vocation to the priesthood?

Thursday, April 23 – RSVPs are due for the St. Andrew Dinner on Friday, May 1 at 6pm at Holy Trinity. Saint Andrew dinners are hosted by Bishop Burbidge for anyone 16-35 years of age who is considering a possible vocation to the priesthood. Interested? Contact Fr. Don.

Sunday, April 25 – Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo has published his message for this day, when all the faithful are invited to ask the Lord for workers in his vineyard.

All are invited — families, parishes and religious communities, as well as bishops, priests, deacons, catechists, educators and all the faithful — to commit themselves more fully to creating conditions that allow vocations to be embraced, nourished, protected and accompanied, so that it may bear abundant fruit. Only when our surroundings are illumined by living faith, sustained by constant prayer and enriched by fraternal accompaniment can God's call blossom and mature, becoming a path of happiness and salvation for individuals and for the world.

For grieving Mothers

In advance of Mother's Day, all mothers grieving the loss of a child (from miscarriage through adulthood) are invited to a special Morning of Reflection designed to offer comfort, healing, and hope to your broken heart. Hosted by Red Bird Ministries on Saturday, May 2 from 9:15am to Noon at Morningstar Retreat Center in Great Falls. For free registration visit www.redbirdlove/arlington-va Questions? Reach out to elizabeth@redbirdlove

upcoming events

Parish Offertory

April 12
Offertory \$27,939

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.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

April

20 MONDAY

7am † Don Bills
9am* † Hung Pham
Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29

21 TUESDAY

7am Clare Mugno
9am* † David & Debbie Washburn
Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35

22 WEDNESDAY

7am Victor Quijano
9am* † Chantal Dao
Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40

23 THURSDAY

7am † Ernani Borja
9am* † Vilma Bracamonte
Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51

24 FRIDAY

7am Vanessa & Family
9am* † Virgilio Anthony Musngi
10am** † Theresa Palenski
Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59

25 SATURDAY

8am † Mario Cantu
1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
5pm* † Brian Pereira

26 SUNDAY

7am † Vincent Quang Than Pham
9am* † Terrence Arndt
11am † Ana Maria David Ludwig
1pm* Maria Riega de Chacon
5pm For the parish
Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Apr 25	5pm	Fr. James
Apr 26	7am	Fr. Cedric
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. Don
	1pm	Fr. James
	5pm	Fr. James

Parish prayer list

John Yost, Wiofto 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, Antonio & Maria Benedi, Donna Lash

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); 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 interested, please reach out to the Deans of Exceptional Learning at pvioptions@paulvi.net or 703.352.0925 x1314.

Falls Church Client Advocate Position

Our pregnancy centers, A Woman's Choice, is looking for a Client Advocate/ Co-Associate Director for our Falls Church office. Qualifications include being pro-life, with a medical or counseling background and bilingual in Spanish & ; English. The position can work either full or part time; inquire about details. A Woman's Choice provides women seeking an abortion, with the compassionate care they need to feel empowered to choose life. For more information or to request an application, please contact Teresa "Tessy" Trissell at AWCFallsChurch@gmail.com

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