

O God, whose Son today ascended to the heavens as the Apostles looked on, grant that in accordance with his promise we may be worthy for him to live with us always on earth, and we with him in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026



The Ascension, Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, 1636
Alte Pinakothek, Munich



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

may

- 17 **Sunday, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
• Holy Spirit Novena continues, Day 3. (All prayers in last week's bulletin.)
- 18 **Monday, Easter Weekday [Saint John I, Pope and Martyr]**
• **Taizé prayer for unity in the church, 8pm. All are Welcome!**
- 19 **Tuesday, Easter Weekday**
- 20 **Wednesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest]**
- 21 **Thursday, Easter Weekday [Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs]**
- 22 **Friday, Easter Weekday [Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious]**
• Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 23 **Saturday, Easter Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 24 **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm
• **Solemn Vespers for Pentecost, 6:15pm in the church**
- 25 **Monday, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
- 26 **Tuesday, Saint Philip Neri, Priest**
• **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity /Metro DC Area, 7pm, reception following**
- 27 **Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop]**
- 28 **Thursday, Weekday**
- 29 **Friday, Weekday [Saint Paul VI, Pope]**
• **CONCERT AT SAINT BERNADETTE:** Dr. Luis Barcellos, 7:30pm, church (p.6)
• Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 30 **Saturday, Weekday**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 31 **SUNDAY, THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm

june

- 1 **Monday, Saint Justin, Martyr (Ninth Week in Ordinary Time)**
- 2 **Tuesday, Weekday [Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs]**
- 3 **Wednesday, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**
- 4 **Thursday, Saint Matthias, Apostle**
- 5 **Friday, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**
• Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 6 **Saturday, Weekday [Saint Norbert, Bishop]**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 7 **Sunday, THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9 and 1pm

announcements

The St. Lucy Spring Food Drive is here! The St. Lucy Food Project collects and distributes food where it is most needed in the Diocese. Our St. Lucy Food Drive is being held this weekend until 5:15pm on Sunday.

Join the Filipino Catholic Community, with the diocesan Multi-cultural Ministries Office, invites you to join in celebrating the **Flores de Mayo** here, on May 16. For more information please email amaremusicministry.flores@gmail.com.

Join us for our monthly (third Monday) **Taizé Prayer Service Monday night, May 18, 8–8:45pm**. Come for a peaceful moment of simple song, silence and prayer for unity.

Join us on Pentecost Sunday, May 24 for **Solemn Vespers**, following the 5pm Mass at 6:15pm. A most beautiful way to close the Easter Season celebrating the birthday of the Church.

Save the date: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with Bishop Burbidge. Please plan to join church leaders and members from all over the MetroDC area as we come together to show unity in divided times! **HERE** at Saint Bernadette, Tuesday, May 26, 7pm followed by a reception. Invite your friends!

Please plan to join us as **Concerts at Saint Bernadette** presents a free event: Brazilian Music Immersion: "From the origins of Samba to Bossa Nova" with Dr. Luiz "Pepe" Barcellos **Friday, May 29 at 7:30pm**. a light light reception follows.

Rise Against Hunger

Parish Dining Night Out, Monday
May 25, McAlister's Deli, 4-8pm

Mention Saint Bernadette when ordering!



from the pastor



"God is moving us forward even when we can only see the road in front of us as far as our headlights are shining."

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

In our adult confirmation class last week we talked about divine providence and the problem of evil in the world. Why do bad things happen? How often have you felt a little frustrated with God because he isn't following your plan? Providence is that God sees the whole picture all at once and knows the outcomes of our choices. He sees from beginning to end all at once, and orders all of it to the good.

Some might argue incorrectly that this is nothing but predestination. Then what difference do our choices make? But for people who seek God, they will know his guidance and see that he comes through regardless of the infinite number of choices we might make.

As you know, my brother Bob will be ordained a priest next weekend, and I will be going to Kansas City on Thursday and returning the following Monday after his first Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

His is a good providence story. He and I went to the seminary the same year, the fall after our brother John was ordained. I closed my advertising design firm. He had already completed one year at Georgetown Law School and put his degree on hold to see if the seminary was the right path. I went to Philadelphia and loved the seminary; he went to a different place where his experience was not good at all. If our assignments had been reversed, I can guarantee you that he would have been ordained, not me.

So he finished his law degree and went to work, a very successful lawyer and partner for the next 10+ years, at which time he decided to try the seminary again. If you have a call it doesn't just go away. He returned, this time studying

for our home archdiocese, Kansas City, Kansas - Topeka, and attended Mundelein Seminary in Chicago. It seemed he had made the right response.

Then Mom and Dad got sick. Two priests for brothers are no help in caring for parents long distance. So, he left the seminary this time to care for them back to law practice. Dad died in 2009, Mom in 2019, and he cared for them and kept the farm maintained until we sold it, realizing that Mom would not be returning there any more.

It could have been so easy to think that God clearly wasn't helping with this, even something as great as a call to priesthood, but it was then that Bob told us when we were home for Mom's funeral that was going back to the seminary if they would take him. Then, the pandemic...

Dioceses often aren't too open to significantly older men entering the seminary, but Bob's story must have spoken to them. He attended John XXIII Seminary west of Boston these past years, and will be a priest next weekend.

There were so many forks in the road, and unseen things on the horizon, but God's plan continued to move forward, and Bob's selflessness and persistence, also God's gifts, worked together to find the goal, the end to which Bob's life has moved. I wanted to write a small tribute with great gratitude to Bob for caring for our family and making my brother's and my ministries possible, as well as give a witness to the reality of providence. God is moving us forward even when we can only see the road in front of us as far as our headlights are shining.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

taizé

monday, may. 18 - 8pm

Generally, the third Monday of each month.

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



School hosts Grandparents and crowns Mary

One of our most cherished traditions is welcoming grandparents and other special guests to school for a morning of educational engagement and joyful celebration.

On this special day, visitors joined students in their classrooms to experience a glimpse into daily life at our school. Yasmin K.'s grandmother participated in an Algebra class, revisiting the steps of solving quadratic equations alongside the students. Other guests moved between classrooms, observing a variety of subjects and connecting with multiple teachers and grade levels.

Due to inclement weather that forced the cancellation of our original January date, our honored guests had the added blessing of concluding the morning by attending the beautiful May Crowning service in the church.

May Crowning, another longstanding tradition, began with a solemn procession. Eighth-grade boys led the way into the church, lining the main aisle. They were followed by second-grade students, dressed in their First Communion attire, processing two-by-two. Eighth-grade girls then entered, completing the procession.

The eighth-grade class beautifully led the entire school community in praying the Rosary. The school choir enhanced the service with sacred hymns sung before and after the prayers. Each year, the 8th-grade students are asked to vote for the girl who most exemplifies the qualities of Mary - graceful leadership and her wholehearted willingness to serve others. This year, the students voted for Monica M., who crowned the statue of Mary with flowers.

It was a truly memorable and grace-filled day, uniting generations through faith, learning, and tradition. A perfect way to conclude the school week.

cardinal corner



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IN CHRIST**



religious education

Weekly update

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

youth ministry

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

RE Program upcoming schedule

SPRED Classes: May 30
First Holy Communion: May 16 at 5pm (RE), May 17 at 9am & 11am (RE)

Congratulations to the Religious Education students receiving First Holy Communion this weekend!

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 sessions will be on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and we will again offer our Special Religious Development class on Saturday mornings for students with special learning needs, and our Family Faith Formation classes once a month on Sunday afternoons (for grades K-5) where parents take a larger role in their child's faith formation. Registration information will be in the parish bulletin, on the website, and will be sent via Flocknote to

all currently registered children in the first week of June. Who should register? All currently registered students, including all Confirmation 2026, Confirmation 2027, and students preparing to receive First Eucharist next school year. Classes will begin on September 1 & 2. Questions about your child's registration? Call the Religious Education Office or contact the staff via email.

Living the liturgical year

Happy Feast of the Ascension of our Lord! Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, forty days after Easter. It traditionally fell on Thursday, but the majority of U.S. dioceses have moved it to the 7th Sunday of Easter. Watch a video about the Ascension here: <https://youtu.be/UcFw8pLBSIo?si=VklSCzaUNz6Nycm0>. Suggestions for other activities are here: <https://www.asceticlifeofmotherhood.com/blog/celebrateascension>

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.

HS Girl's Small Group

All high school girls are invited every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7-

8:30pm in the Youth Room for a night of fun games, fellowship, and small group discussions about the Faith. Our last two meetings of the school year are May 14 and May 28.

LAST Middle School Youth Ministry of the school year

All 6th-8th graders are invited for games, snacks, and fun on Wednesday, May 20. Meet in the school gym from 6:45-8pm.



CONCERTS at Saint Bernadette

BRAZILIAN MUSIC IMMERSION: "From the origins of Samba to Bossa Nova"

Dr. Luiz "Pepe" Barcellos

Brazilian musician **Dr. Luiz "Pepe" Barcellos** explores samba's Afro-Brazilian rhythms, percussion instruments, the rise of samba schools, Carnival street parades, and the emergence of Bossa Nova, highlighting the role music plays at the intersection of culture and global traditions.

Through storytelling and hands-on music activities, "**Pepe**" **Barcellos** invites the audience to sing, move, and play percussion, creating a community ensemble. By experiencing how samba connects people and reflects identity, we move beyond "my music" and "your music" to "our" music.

The event is free & open to all. No tickets are required. Free-will offerings accepted. A dessert-reception will follow.

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@stbernpa.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! CardinalsAlumni@stbernpa.org.

building more than a new building!

Parish Offertory

May 10
Offertory \$ 28,579
Parish special needs 3,782

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.

upcoming events

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Watch the bulletin for details as church leaders and members from all over the MetroDC area come together to show unity in divided times! HERE at Saint Bernadette, Tuesday, May 26, 7pm followed by a reception. Invite your friends!

Catholic Women's Group upcoming events

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

KofC Golf outing

All golfers are invited to join a golf outing with the Springfield Council Knights of Columbus on Friday, June 5. We will play a four-person scramble event at Twin Lakes golf course, with the first group going off at 11am. You do not need to be a Knight to participate and family members are welcome as well. We will collect a small contribution from all golfers for prizes after the round. If you are interested, please contact PGK Mark Price at mnpprice@verizon.net.

St. Lucy Food Drive for hungry kids:

Please bring your donations to the St. Lucy truck today no later than 5:15pm when the truck will leave the parking lot. The truck will be parked at the base of the steps below the church office.

Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal 2026 May 23-24

In 2 weeks, our second collection will support the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese. Our parish mission organization is **Order Of Saint Augustine Vicariate of Tanzania**. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs – like food, shelter, and healthcare. Please go to [https://arlingtonmissions.org/mission/the-order-of-saint-agustine-](https://arlingtonmissions.org/mission/the-order-of-saint-agustine-vicariate-of-tanzania/)

[vicariate-of-tanzania/](https://arlingtonmissions.org/mission/the-order-of-saint-agustine-vicariate-of-tanzania/) to find out more about their ministry. Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Your gifts and prayers will be a blessing to families who benefit from this loving outreach in mission countries.

The Mission Appeal:

In Tanzania we are planning to build secondary school in addition to our elementary school. It will be a boarding school for boys and girls. In order for children to be more productive in the community, secondary school is essential. The school will have dormitories, a dining hall, library, laboratories and an administration block. The total number of students we will educate will be about 800, with Augustinian spirituality.

Career counseling

Have you ever wondered how God is calling you to use your unique gifts? Join Dr. Lisa Andrews, parishioner, Certified Career Counselor, and CliftonStrengths Coach, for a Zoom webinar entitled "Here I am Lord: Listening to Your Calling in Your God-given Talents" exploring how they can guide your purpose and vocation on Wednesday, May 20 from 7-8pm! As part of the experience, you'll take the Gallup CliftonStrengths assessment (just \$20), and learn how to better understand and apply your strengths in your daily life and faith journey. Optional one-on-one follow-up is available with Dr. Andrews. To register and receive your CliftonStrengths assessment code email lisa.andrews.phd@gmail.com



*Together We Rise Against Hunger:
2023-Philippines Bungkol Elementary School*

Saint Bernadette Rise Against Hunger Kick-off World Hunger Day: May 28

It starts with a meal

World Hunger Day, is an annual day focused on raising awareness and encouraging action to end world hunger. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization, almost 700 million people face hunger globally, making this an issue of critical importance. Everyone deserves consistent access to the food they need to live a healthy life — and together, we can mobilize to eradicate hunger. That's what World Hunger Day is all about! Keep reading to learn more about the annual holiday and how you can get involved.

World Hunger Day's history and purpose

World Hunger Day was started in 2011 by The Hunger Project to bring attention to the global food crisis. The organization recognized the importance of collective action and the power of many coming together to address food insecurity, making it a key focus of the holiday. Over the past 14+ years, millions of individuals, organizations, corporations and governments have participated in World Hunger Day, making it vital for advocacy and community engagement in the fight to end hunger. Through action and awareness, World Hunger Day has helped increase funding for food assistance, encouraged volunteering with hunger relief organizations like Rise Against Hunger, supported agriculture development projects and empowered communities globally

Global hunger's causes and ways to address it

Taking action to address hunger is important — as is learning about the critical issue. While there are many root causes of hunger, there are three main contributors to food insecurity and malnutrition: conflict, climate change and economic downturns. Through the focus areas of our work (nutrition, education and economic empowerment), we address these root causes by providing urgent food for people facing hunger right now and implementing sustainable agriculture and income-generating projects for long-term solutions. The Food and Agriculture Organi-

zation reports that rural communities are disproportionately affected by food insecurity, with 32% of adults living in rural areas globally affected in 2024.

Rates of hunger vary by region, too. Africa, Asia, and Oceania are the three regions with the highest rates of food insecurity. But hunger also impacts people in cities, towns and villages around the world, making it truly a global issue. Food insecurity doesn't have a one-size-fits-all solution. Every community affected by food insecurity faces its own challenges related to availability, access, utilization and/or stability of food. That is why a keystone to Rise Against Hunger's work is coming alongside local leaders in the communities we serve, empowering them to harness the strengths of their communities to tackle their food and nutrition security challenges.

To achieve food security for all and make zero hunger a reality, it is important to grow the movement and bring together as many people as possible.

Please plan to join us this November 12–14 as we come together with the Saint Bernadette community to assemble nutritious meals in partnership with Rise Against Hunger.

Last year, during our inaugural event, more than 1,000 volunteers—including residents from Greenspring, Saint Bernadette School students and staff, members of our SPRED program, and parish staff—worked side by side over three days to pack an incredible 175,000 meals. These meals were shipped to support a school feeding program in Timor-Leste, providing urgently needed nutrition to children. This year, we are aiming once again to reach our goal of 175,000 meals, and we invite you to be part of this meaningful effort.

We are also kicking off this year's program with the first of many Dining Night opportunities for our parish family—where your meal helps provide a meal for a child somewhere in the world. Over the next six months, we will be building a calendar of Dining Nights throughout the Springfield community. We encourage you to participate in any of these opportunities.

Together We Rise Against Hunger

If you work for a company that offers charitable contribution matching, please consider designating your support to the Saint Bernadette Rise Against Hunger event.

Your financial support allows us not only to respond to immediate hunger needs but also to help communities build sustainable, long-term food security solutions.

For more information or to get involved, please contact: Rick Caporali at rcaporali@stbernpa.org or Jean Corday at jcorday@stbernpa.org

We hope you will join us in making a difference.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

May

18 MONDAY

7am Mothers' Day Novena
9am* Mothers' Day Novena
Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

19 TUESDAY

7am † Edward Jankowski
9am* Francis Mesina
Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a

20 WEDNESDAY

7am † John Paul Lee
9am* † Jan Usinger Sanchez
Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

21 THURSDAY

7am † Teodora Claros
9am* † Raymunda Bernardo
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

22 FRIDAY

7am † Betty Bonde
9am* † Adeline Maciejewski
10am** † Raymond Staffieri, Sr.
Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

23 SATURDAY

8am † Felicidad Santos
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
5pm* † Tanuja Gnanasekaran

24 SUNDAY

7am † George Bahdi
9am* Newly received at Easter
11am Fr. Robert Rooney
1pm* For the parish
5pm † Brenda Rutt
Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-13/Jn 20:19-23

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

May 23	5pm	Fr. Constantine
May 24	7am	Fr. Jeb
	9am	Fr. Constantine
	11am	Fr. James
	1pm	Fr. Jeb
	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, Antonio & Maria Benedi, Donna Lash, Llewellyn Salsado, Cristina Perez

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.

ParishSoft Giving update:

Saint Bernadette realizes that the transition from Faith Direct to Parish Soft was less than ideal. Online giving enables you to change your giving, set up second collection donations and have access in real time your support of Saint Bernadette ministries.

Here's how you could set up online giving or access Parish Soft to move toward online gifts. <https://giving.myparishsoft.io/app/giving/FD-70> you can click on sign in, using the same username and password as in Faith Direct, log-in, you can give now or set up a one-time gift. If you have difficulty, you can reach out to

Donorsupport@parishsoft.com or call 1-866-930-4774, opt. 6

Feel free to reach out to Linda Patterson, our Business Manager, if you need further assistance, lpatterson@stbernpar.org or call her at the Parish Office, 703-451-8576, ext. 122.

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.

Mary's Comfort update

Your continued prayers and financial support for the guests of Mary's Comfort are very appreciated! We strive to offer a supportive journey to build trust and self-sufficiency for these vulnerable women who are lacking a traditional support network. Your assistance helps us create a more stable environment for the whole family. If you'd like to learn more about our ministry, please visit: <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/>

Summer Camps at St. Paul VI Catholic High School

St. Paul VI Catholic High School is excited to offer a variety of engaging summer camps for students entering grades 2 through 9! This summer, we have camps in band, baseball, basketball, football, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, theatre, and more — all conveniently located on our beautiful Chantilly campus at 42341 Braddock Road. Led by our dedicated faculty, staff, and head coaches, these camps offer a fantastic opportunity for students to grow, learn, and have fun. For more information and to register, visit: www.paulvi.net/summercamps



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