

*O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.*

# Thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time

June 28, 2026



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**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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturdays in English; 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <a href="http://www.stbermpar.org">www.stbermpar.org</a> .  Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. <a href="mailto:bulletin@stbermpar.org">bulletin@stbermpar.org</a> .

# calendar

## June

- 28 Sunday, THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
• Fr. Daniel's welcome Mass, 11am, followed by reception in the gym  
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm
- 29 Monday, SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, Apostles**
- 30 Tuesday, Weekday [The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church]**

## July

- 1 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Junipero Serra, Priest]**
- 2 Thursday, Weekday**
- 3 Friday, Saint Thomas, Apostle**  
• Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 4 Saturday, Independence Day**  
• Only one Mass at 10am (NO 8am Mass)  
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 5 Sunday, FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm
- 6 Monday, Weekday [Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr]**
- 7 Tuesday, Weekday**
- 8 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 9 Thursday, Weekday [St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs]**
- 10 Friday, Weekday**  
• Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 11 Saturday, Saint Benedict, Abbot**  
• Additional monthly Filipino Mass, 7pm
- 12 Sunday, FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm
- 13 Monday, Weekday [Saint Henry]**
- 14 Tuesday, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin**
- 15 Wednesday, Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor**
- 16 Thursday, Weekday [Our Lady of Mount Carmel]**
- 17 Friday, Weekday**  
• Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 18 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest]**  
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 19 Sunday, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm

## announcements

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Daniel Rice on his new assignment here as our Parochial Vicar on Sunday, June 28 after the 11am Mass. A reception will take place in the school gymnasium.

Please note : We will celebrate our Saturday morning Mass at 10am as is our custom on larger Federal Holidays i.e. Memorial and Labor Days. There is no 8am Mass on July 4th. Join us!

Bishop Burbidge invites all altar servers to join him along with other priests and seminarians for the annual picnic and competition. There's a cookout, sports, games and a prayer service with the Bishop. Please contact the parish office to register. A liability form must be completed to participate.

Our parish thrives because of the gifts and generosity of its members. We invite you to explore the many volunteer opportunities available and consider how you might share your time and talents in service to our parish community. Whether you want to just stick your toe in or jump in the pool, there is an activity that can bring out the best in you!

Discover where God may be calling you to serve. Please visit the parish website for more information.



### Parish Dining Out Nights

Support our Work of Mercy ~ Rise Against Hunger



**Monday, June 29, 4-8pm**

*(mention Saint Bernadette when you place your order)*

## from the pastor

*...we have just completed the Mass, which is Jesus' total victory over evil, sin, and death. We are literally now embodied in his victory.*

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

We welcome Fr. Daniel Rice this weekend to our parish community and hope you can come to meet him at a reception after the 11am Mass. I will ask him to write a piece about himself for publication in the bulletin July 12, since probably a lot of people will be away for the weekend of the 4th of July. Bishop has given us permission to celebrate the prayers for Independence Day at all the Masses for Sunday this year.

**BREAKING NEWS!** Last week we completed three meetings with prospective general contractors who are now refining their bids on the design documents for our new Parish Life Center! Once final bids are in we will award the project to the winning general contractor after the holiday.

It has been long coming. We started talking about this Parish Life Center when we were finishing up the expansion of administrative offices in the school and the addition of a second preschool classroom in 2016-17. When I came here the pastor's office was so spacious. I knew all it needed was another eight feet of width for a second preschool classroom. It would double our chances of continued enrollment in kindergarten and ensure the future of the school. I moved into one of the regular offices (originally intended as cell bedrooms for the sisters) with what I thought was a temporary arrangement until we had a chance to remodel the offices to be more functional. Temporary has become permanent as our budget has ruled out office renovations.

After final drawings are done and permits are obtained from Fairfax County, we anticipate a breaking ground as early as Spring 2028, and construction will take about a year, maybe a little less.

Since the new building is a continuation of the existing building, all parish staff will located on the top floor with office access from the preschool entrance during construction where you will find the front office. We'll have to do some creative planning for that year; the Bradican Room level and the first level of the offices will likely be offline.

We haven't put up final pictures of how the building will actually look, because design is still ongoing. We are proceeding with what

is called a "design-build" program with the contractor, who will be involved in guiding the design process from here forward, guarantee the job at a set budget, and ensure that the project does not go over budget. That means that we will value-engineer construction details to make sure we get the building we hope for at a price we can afford. In some cases, design can be simplified and building materials can be substituted. Especially now, with the volatility in building supplies, energy costs, and markets, keeping to the budget will be a moving target and will need to be watched carefully.

I hope feel how exciting this is for the life of our parish. Especially now, with the parish coming to life more each day, we will have a place to grow into. We have been so limited in our potential as a parish simply because we lack space to do anything... This building will change our lives.

Thank you, thank you, all you who have made this possible, about 925 families. The two campaigns have been accomplished without major donors, which means we have pulled together and accomplished this goal bit by bit, each as of you are able. (Of course, we wouldn't turn away any major donors if you still might be interested!) When this is done, it will be a home for our parish family which has already grown by 125 families since the beginning of the year.

We will keep you informed of developments as we learn them! Pray for our discernment and keep our future general contractor in your prayers. Especially, pray that preparations get completed in a timely manner so we can get started as soon as possible!

One last note, it is time to start planning for the coming year if you might be interested in joining the Catholic Church. The OCIA program (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) begins the first week of September in both English and Spanish -- it will be here before we know it. We meet on most Monday nights 7:15-8:30pm in the Bradican Room. The cohort that forms is a community within a community as seekers walk together with our excellent team in learning more about faith and life. If you are interested or know anyone who might be considering the Church, please know you are invited to come and see.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

## Your child's first school experience starts here

*Pre-Kindergarten openings at Saint Bernadette Catholic School*

It's never too early to begin a Catholic education. Our dedicated Pre-Kindergarten program provides the perfect foundation for a lifetime of learning. In a nurturing, faith-filled environment, our teachers help children grow spiritually, intellectually, socially, and emotionally while laying the groundwork for future academic success. Our full-day Pre-K program is the beginning of a wonderful adventure.

Through play, exploration, and hands-on discovery, children develop communication, problem-solving, and social skills while building confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning.

To help our youngest Cardinals feel right at home, every Pre-K student is paired with a middle school buddy who serves as a mentor and friend throughout the year. From enjoying popsicles on the playground to participating in music, Spanish, technology, and physical education classes just like the big kids, our Pre-K children quickly become a valued part of our school family.

In our safe and joyful community, students experience God's love each day through prayer, religious instruction, and the celebration of Catholic traditions. Faith is woven into every aspect of the school day, helping children develop strong values and compassionate hearts.

At Saint Bernadette, we cherish the opportunity to partner with families from the very beginning of their educational journey. We are honored to watch our students grow from their first days in Pre-K through their graduation from eighth grade. Along the way, they receive a well-rounded, values-centered education that challenges, inspires, and prepares them for future success. Special traditions such as our All Saints parade, May Crowning, International and Cultural Night, the Talent Show, and our annual Shakespeare production foster creativity, confidence, and lasting memories.

We are currently welcoming new families and have openings in our Pre-Kindergarten program. If you would like to learn more about enrollment or the application process, please contact our Director of Admissions at [registrar@stbernschool.org](mailto:registrar@stbernschool.org) or call 703-451-8696. We look forward to welcoming your family to our blessed school community.

# cardinal corner



**FORMING  
HEARTS  
& MINDS  
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.

**We have put up a couple of feedback forms on the parish website. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us and will help us improve our program.**

## Registration for 2026-2027

**Registration is open!** 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. Register directly on St. Bernadette's website <https://stbernapar.org/> to the Religious Education.

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.

## Volunteers for 2026-2027

If you feel called to help with the Religious Education program, we are in need for volunteers (lead catechists, aides, teen helps, hall monitors, hallway monitors, parking lot and outside security volunteers, and interior security volunteers)! Please contact the Religious Education Office or fill out the Volunteer Form on the website <https://stbernapar.org/religious-education-volunteers/>

## Living the liturgical year

On June 28, we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul and on July 3, the feast of St. Thomas. All three were Apostles and were given the mission "to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." You can find suggestions of ways to celebrate Saints Peter and Paul here: <https://www.waterfrontacademy.org/single-post/ways-to-celebrate-june-29-sts-peter-and-paul-apostles-solemnity-with-your-children>



# youth ministry

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee at [gme@stbernapar.org](mailto:gme@stbernapar.org) with any questions you may have.

## High school Summer events

All Rising 9th - graduated 12th graders are invited!

**Daily Mass and Donuts** - Every Tuesday from June 30 - August 11. 9-10:30am

**Escape Room: Saint Bernadette Edition** -

Thursday, July 16, 7-8:30pm, Youth Room

**King's Dominion Day** - Wednesday, July 29.

\$40. Beginning with the 9am daily Mass

**End of Summer Social** - Wednesday, August 12, 7-8:30pm at the Rectory Patio

## ASJB College Night

Tuesday, June 30 - 7pm at Holy Spirit

Calling all rising college freshmen! Join us

for a College Night with the Associates of St. John Bosco. Meet other rising freshmen and upperclassmen who will be attending your school and learn how to strengthen your faith while in college! All St. B's students will go get ice cream after the event is over! Registration is required. Contact Grace for more information!

## Middle school Summer Drop-ins

All rising 6th - 8th graders are invited to our Summer Drop-Ins! Join us June 24, July 8, July 22, and August 5 for fun, games, friends, and of course, ice cream! We will meet from 6:45-8pm in the gym.

off to  
work  
camp



You're Invited



## Survey for the Diocesan Capital Campaign

Bishop Burbidge invites all parishioners to share their input as the Diocese of Arlington prepares for a proposed capital campaign, *One in Christ, Joyful in Mission*. This initiative will support vital projects such as Catholic education, works of mercy, and parish vitality. **Before final decisions are made, your perspective is needed to guide priorities.**

Please take approximately ten minutes to complete a confidential online survey. Scan the QR code below to participate.

Your feedback is important to the success of our shared mission. *Thank you for your prayers and support for your diocese.*

Scan here to complete  
the survey by July 3



[tinyurl.com/CDAcampaign](https://tinyurl.com/CDAcampaign)

*One in Christ, Joyful in Mission*

[campaign@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:campaign@arlingtondiocese.org)

## Catholic Women's Group upcoming events

Come and enjoy warm fellowship and great food. For more information, please email us at [women@stbernapar.org](mailto:women@stbernapar.org).

Tuesday, July 7, 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.

## ASJB College Nights

**Attention Class of 2026!** Heading to college this fall? Join the Associates of St. John Bosco for FREE College Nights this summer in Northern Virginia! Meet other Catholic students, hear real stories from upperclassmen, and get practical tips for keeping your faith strong in college. You'll connect with students from your future campus (or a campus similar to yours), enjoy a free pizza dinner, and take home a "Bosco Bundle" of Catholic books to bring with you to college. Spots are limited (50 per night), so don't wait! The dates and locations are:

June 30 - Holy Spirit/Annandale

July 9 - St. Theresa/Ashburn

July 14 - Holy Trinity/Gainesville

July 21 - Basilica of St. Mary/Alexandria

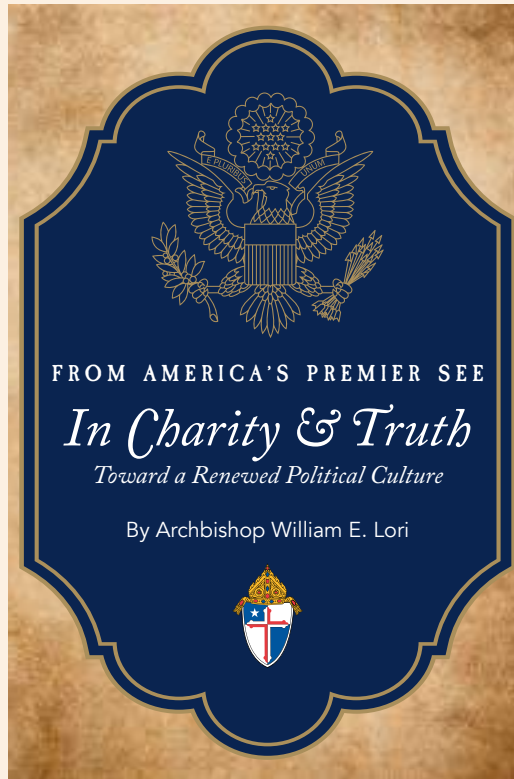
July 28 - St. Mary/Fredericksburg

## 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@stbernapar.org](mailto:CardinalsAlumni@stbernapar.org).



## Burke/Springfield interfaith faith250 potluck picnic July 1

Anyone who would like to participate in our interfaith picnic on Wednesday, July 1. 6pm at Burke Lake Park, shelter A, is welcome -- especially all who have participated in the multi-congregation gatherings over the past four months. Join us for an outward sign of unity and shared values as we witness to all that is good, noble, and beautiful about our American community. All are asked to bring as much food as can be shared with as many as are in your party. Register at sign-up genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0444AAA822ABF58-64059389-july#/>

As we commemorate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America, here is the link to the most recent pastoral letter from Archbishop William Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore, titled, "In Charity & Truth: Toward a Renewed Political Culture."

<https://www.archbalt.org/in-charity-truth-toward-a-renewed-political-culture/>

# “vatican council II through its documents”

**The Pope's general audience on June 17 reviewed his apostolic journey in Spain.**

*Then he lifted his eyes from the water to the faces before him — a rescue captain, a Caritas volunteer, and a woman who had survived trafficking — and spoke the words that captured the morning: “Human dignity carries no passport, and it loses none of its worth in crossing a border.”*

## Pope speaks about his Apostolic Journey to Spain

*Pope Leo XIV  
Saint Peter's Square  
Wednesday, June 17, 2026*

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

Today, I would like to share some reflections on the Apostolic Journey I made last week to Spain, visiting Madrid, Barcelona, the Abbey of Montserrat and the Canary Islands.

After the long Journey in four African countries, this time I found myself immersed in a European country with an ancient and very rich Catholic tradition. And it appeared evident that today in Spain, which has experienced significant social and cultural changes, the Pope was welcomed everywhere with enthusiasm and readiness to listen. For this I give thanks to God and to the entire Spanish people, the King and the civil Authorities, the Bishops and the ecclesial communities.

The people of God gave me great comfort through the joyful expression of their faith and affection. For my part, I confirmed the faithful and, as Bishop of Rome, I encouraged them to overcome every form of division and conflict by always promoting communion, dialogue and unity in diversity. This is the very service of the Successor of Peter, a service which finds a specific expression in Apostolic Journeys, each time adapted to the ecclesial and social situations of the countries visited.

With regard to Spain, I was able to observe with joy that people of all ages and situations had been looking forward to the Pope's visit. I found multitudes [of people] everywhere, who welcomed me with great warmth. This was not something that was taken for granted, and is worthy of reflection. Naturally such participation expresses, first of all, as I said, the faith of the Spanish people. At the same time, I believe it reveals a widespread need to find unity based on a true and deep foundation, one that is neither ideological nor based on partial interests — a foundation which,

ultimately, can only be ensured by Christ, and is conveyed in the lives of people by the Gospel, through the necessary “inculturation.” It can do so because its message fully responds to both these needs: the search for truth and the thirst for justice.

In Madrid and Barcelona, we gathered in the great Cathedral as well as in modern stadiums. We prayed the holy Rosary at the Abbey of Montserrat. We celebrated [Mass] at the Sagrada Família — a majestic symbol, a symphony of stones and light that speaks to everyone of the Christian mystery. This encounter of ancient and modern, Catholic tradition and contemporary culture enabled me to perceive first-hand the very character of Europe, its inestimable wealth, as a living reality, not a thing of the past. It is a heritage to be safeguarded with care, so that it may be invested in today's global world with its momentous challenges: peace, integral ecology, equitable and sustainable development, and respect for human dignity. They are challenges that the Second Vatican Council had already clearly recognized, and to which the subsequent Magisterium returned, up to my recent Encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas*, which aims to safeguard the human person in the time of artificial intelligence.

Through the various meetings, I sensed a need to hear from the Pope's voice, the Gospel of hope for today's humanity, which is sorely tried by the negative consequences of a deceptive model of development. I recognized this need, which found expression in the many testimonies I was able to listen to — testimonies that were sometimes moving, sometimes edifying — also and above all in the faces of the little ones and the poor whom I met: the child who read his letter to me in the parish; some victims of abuse, who ask to be heard; the inmates who were waiting for me in the prison; the young people filled with anxiety and aspirations; the migrants in the reception centers in the Canary Islands.

It was precisely there, in the Canary Islands — the final stop of the Journey — that I was offered a comprehensive insight. It was offered to me, on the one hand, by the very geographical location of that archipelago; and, on the other, by the reality of a local Church which welcomes a large number



of forced migrants, mainly from Africa. We know that the migration phenomenon is complex and requires organic and coordinated action plans. But this interpretation opens up a different, broader perspective: it enables us to understand how we are called to reread the Gospel in today's world, exchanging the gifts of our respective cultures with each other, and in particular, the results produced in them by the fruitfulness of Christ's message. And one of these fruits is precisely dialogue between people and between peoples, an encounter in the spirit of fraternity, which enables us to discover and appreciate one another's values. This journey is not easy. It requires goodwill and God's help, but it is the path that leads to the civilization of love.

Dear brothers and sisters, the motto of this Apostolic Journey was "Alzad la mirada," "Lift up your gaze!" (cf. Jn 4:35). Jesus addressed these words to his first disciples, to teach them to see the desire for life, truth and fullness in people and in the crowds. The Lord repeats those words to me first, and by his grace I also experienced them during this Journey. Today, I would like to share this invitation with you: let us lift up our gaze! Let us learn from Jesus to look at our neighbor, at people and at the world, "through God's eyes," that is, with love, respect and compassion.

Finally, I want to thank all those who prayed for the success of this Apostolic Journey, especially the contemplative nuns, who, thanks be to God, are very numerous in Spain. Continue to pray, so that, by the intercession of the Virgin Mary, the seeds I scattered may bear abundant fruit. Thank you!



## Building access for all: an elevator for our 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 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](mailto:frdonrooney@stbernapar.org) for more information.

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

# building more than a new building!

## Parish Offertory

June 21	
Offertory	\$ 29,531
ECHO	4,794

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.

# Rise AGAINST HUNGER

## dining out nights



### JUNE

29 - McAlister's Deli, Rolling Rd\*



### JULY

7 - Delia's Pizzeria & Grill, Backlick Rd \*  
21 - Delia's Pizzeria & Grill, Backlick Rd\*  
27 - McAlister's Deli, Rolling Road



### AUGUST

6 - Malek's Pizza Palace\*  
18 - Delia's Pizzeria & Grill, Backlick Rd\*  
31 - McAlister's Deli, Rolling Rd\*



### SEPTEMBER

3 - Malek's Pizza Palace, Springfield Plaza\*  
14 - El Paso Mexican, Commerce St\*\*  
21 - Silver Diner, Springfield Mall\*\*  
28 - McAlister's Deli, Rolling Road\*



### OCTOBER

5 - El Paso Mexican, Commerce St\*\*  
20 - Milano's, Rolling Rd.\*\*  
26 - McAlister's Deli, Rolling Rd\*



### NOVEMBER

5 - Malek's Pizza Palace, Springfield Plaza\*

\*Flyer Required (See Bulletin / Church Vestibule)  
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\*\*\*Please mention Saint Bernadette when you order.



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## Magnifica Humanitas

The Encyclical of Pope Leo XIV on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence

*The dignity of the human being as the criterion to orient technical progress*  
"I invite all members of the Church and of the human family: let us learn to listen to one another, face the present challenges with courage, and cooperate in building a more human and fraternal society... Please take with you a commitment to stay awake and, as 'artisans of hope,' to keep on building the worksite of our time."

### Part 4 of 5

To escape AI from becoming the absolute criterion of judgment, **safeguarding humanity in the transformation** is therefore necessary (chapter 4). The first area to attend to is that of **truth**: in an era in which everything can be manipulated, it is necessary to preserve a critical education that permits distinguishing what is true from what is false. The second is **work**: when the dominant criterion becomes efficiency, work risks losing its human and relational value. The third area is that of **freedom**: menaced by digital dependence that collects massive amounts of data, the defense of liberty requires just rules, shared responsibility, and education. To preserve the conditions of an authentically human life, capable of truth, dignified work, and true liberty, a choral effort is necessary.

At this point in the Encyclical Letter, Pope Leo recalls that Artificial Intelligence has effects, often dramatic, also on war. The technological innovations are not limited to making means of defence more efficient, but risk automating and impersonalizing choices that involve life and death, which ought to require ethics and moral responsibility. This is **the culture of power**, which is opposed to the civilization of love (ch.5). Faced with a tendency to prioritize the effectiveness of means over moral judgment and military outcomes over the protection of human life, the only prospect of salvation is a civilization founded on justice, brotherhood, and dialogue. In the civilization of love, we can all do our part, beginning with the disarming of our words, practicing justice, assuming the perspective of victims, cultivating dialogue, without taking refuge in idealism, but trusting in a healthy realism.





**SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TRANSFORMATION**

**TRUTH**

An essential common good for civic life


Digital technologies and AI **are changing communication**

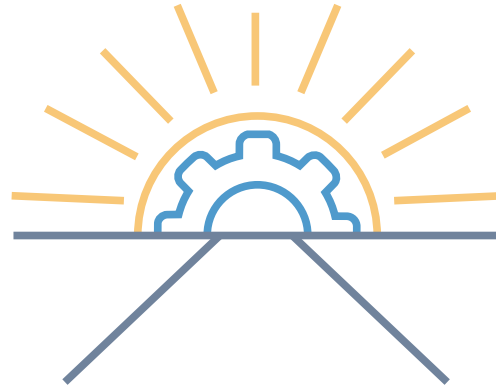
**RISKS**

- Disinformation
- Manipulation
- Increased control - totalitarianism

**RESPONSIBILITY**

- Critical education
- Transparency
- Responsible use of technologies

 | “The search for truth is an essential element of democracy, which is itself a means of contributing to the common good.” MH 134



**WORK**


Contributes to the dignity of the person and to social participation

**RISKS**

- Job insecurity
- Inequalities
- Workers monitored or replaced by machines

**RESPONSIBILITY**

- Protection of work
- Continual formation
- More human innovation

 | “AI frequently forces workers to adapt to the speed and demands of machines, rather than machines being designed to support those who work.” MH 150

**FREEDOM**


AI and digital technologies are also increasingly shaping behavior

**RISKS**

- Digital addictions
- Control through data
- New forms of slavery

**RESPONSIBILITY**

- Fair rules
- Shared responsibility
- Education

 | “Freedom in the digital age is not merely a matter of interiority but also a public concern.” MH 171

**IF TECHNOLOGY DOMINATES**

the human person becomes a means

**IF IT IS GUIDED BY WISDOM**

it becomes **human development**

**The dignity of the person must be the criterion of all progress!**



## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

### June

#### 29 MONDAY

7am Fathers/Fathers' Day Novena  
9am\* Fathers/Fathers' Day Novena  
Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-18/Mt 16:13-19

#### 30 TUESDAY

7am Diana Diaz  
9am\* Hung & Tracy Pham  
Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:28-34

#### 1 WEDNESDAY

7am Teresa Randolph  
9am\* † Jan Usinger Sanchez  
Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34

#### 2 THURSDAY

7am † Herbert Kong  
9am\* † Randolph Fung  
Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

#### 3 FRIDAY

7am † Souls in Purgatory  
9am\* † Armi Cruz  
10am\*\* † Joseph Gallagher  
Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

#### 4 SATURDAY

8am † Anselmo & Luisa Santos  
*the Mass "For Peace and Justice"*  
5pm\* † Glenn D'cruze

#### 5 SUNDAY

7am † Gerald Eldred  
9am\* † Chantal Dao  
11am For the parish  
1pm\* † Ray Wilburn  
5pm † Nicholas Freeman  
Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

\* live-streamed Masses

\*\* Mass at Greenspring Chapel

### Masses next weekend

July 4	5pm	Fr. Don
July 5	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Daniel
	11am	Fr. Don
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	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, Rev. William Hower, Pierre DesLauriers, Jane Springer, Ed Wyse

## 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](mailto: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 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 on-line 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, reach out to [Donorsupport@parishsoft.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pvioptions@paulvi.net) or 703-352-0925 x1314.

## Mary's Comfort update

Mary's Comfort recently welcomed a new guest who is very grateful for her housing and accommodations as she progresses with her pregnancy. Thank you very much for your continued prayers and support. If you'd like to learn more about our ministry, please visit: <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/>

## JP Summer Camps - register today!

Description: Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School's summer camp registration is open! Check out this year's camp offerings and sign up today! For rising 2nd to 9th graders, JP summer camps are a great way to spend your summer! John Paul offers both Athletic and Enrichment Camps and its premier day camp, Camp Quintessential. Go to [jpthegreat.org/summercamp](http://jpthegreat.org/summercamp) to learn more about what JP is offering!

## PVI Pops Camp

Looking for a fun and enriching summer opportunity for your young musician? Join us this August for music, creativity, and community at PVI's annual Pops Camp! St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Chantilly is hosting their 19th annual Pops Camp for student instrumentalists entering grades 5th-9th. Camp will be held August 3-6 from 8:30am-3pm. This fun musical camp experience will end with a concert and potluck on Thursday, August 6 to celebrate our musicians' accomplishments. Please review the flyer to sign up. Camp takes place on the campus of Paul VI located at 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA



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