

Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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.

Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time

July 19, 2026



Wheatfield with Cornflowers, Vincent van Gogh, 1890
one of his last paintings, Beyeler Foundation Museum, Riehen, Switzerland

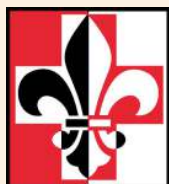


SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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welcome



SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri., 7 & 9am (live-streaming); Sat., 8am (live-streaming) Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
LIVE-STREAMING	Monday-Friday, 9am; Saturday, 8am; Vigil Sat., 5pm and Sundays 9 & 11am
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Fridays, 7-8pm (church) Rosary after 9am weekdays/8am Saturday Masses in church Taizé Prayer Service, 3 rd Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
PARISH OFFICE	703-451-8576 , fax 703-269-1121 office@stbernpar.org Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney frdonrooney@stbernpar.org Fr. James Waalkes frjameswaalkes@stbernpar.org Fr. Daniel Rice frdanielrice@stbernpar.org Deacon Orlando Caicedo Pastoral Associate, Rick Caporali rcaporali@stbernpar.org Business Manager, Linda Patterson lpatterson@stbernpar.org Music Director, David Mathers dmathers@stbernpar.org Bookkeeper/Compliance (OPCYP), Zory Conde, zconde@stbernpar.org Executive Assistant, Jean Corday jcorday@stbernpar.org Executive Assistant, Evelyn Vargas, evargas@stbernpar.org Secretary, Janet Chávez-España
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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.stbernpar.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@stbernpar.org .

calendar

july

- 19 Sunday, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm
- 20 Monday, Weekday [Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr]**
 - NO Taize tonight! Moved to next week, July 27
- 21 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor]**
 - Dining Out Night for Rise Against Hunger – Delia's – 5-8pm
- 22 Wednesday, Saint Mary Magdalene**
- 23 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Bridget, Religious]**
- 24 Friday, Weekday [Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest]**
 - Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 25 Saturday, Saint James, Apostle**
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 26 Sunday, SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm
- 27 Monday, Weekday**
 - Dining Out Night for Rise Against Hunger – McAllister's – 5-8pm
 - Join us for Taize prayer after dinner at McAllister's – 8pm. Bring a friend.
- 28 Tuesday, Weekday**
- 29 Wednesday, Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus**
- 30 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor]**
- 31 Friday, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
 - Adoration, 7-8pm, church

august

- 1 Saturday, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor**
- 2 Sunday, EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm
- 3 Monday, Weekday**
- 4 Tuesday, Saint John Vianney, Priest**
- 5 Wednesday, Weekday [Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major]**
- 6 Thursday, The Transfiguration of the Lord**
 - Dining Out Night for Rise Against Hunger – Malek's – 5-8pm
- 7 Friday, Weekday [Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs]**
 - Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 8 Saturday, Saint Dominic, Priest**
 - Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
 - Additional monthly Filipino Mass, 7pm
- 9 Sunday, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
 - Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm

announcements

Come to our **Summer Theater Program's production of The Little Mermaid** at Bishop Ireton High School this week, July 23, 24 and 25. Please note, it is one week earlier than previous years. Discount tickets are on sale after Masses this weekend. You can find all the information on pages 6 and 7, please join us!

Our Taize prayer service in July will be held **one week later than usual, on July 27 at 8pm**. Bring a friend.

On August 1 at the Church of the Nativity in Burke there will be a unique Pilgrimage of Grace Mass. This is offered as an opportunity for us as a Deanery to come together to pray for inner peace for those who are suffering, hosted by the Bishop's initiative to improve awareness of the importance of mental health. Please consider attending to pray for yourself, loved ones, and all those who provide care for those in need



Parish Dining Out Nights

Support our Work of Mercy ~ Rise Against Hunger



Tuesday, July 21, 5-8pm

(mention Saint Bernadette when you place your order)

Upcoming Dining Out Nights

JULY

27 - McAlister's Deli, Rolling Road

AUGUST

6 - Malek's Pizza Palace*

18 - Delia's Pizzeria & Grill, Backlick Rd*

from the pastor

Parents should talk to their adult children about what they want to happen. Too often the children are no longer practicing Catholics and really don't know what is customary. It is good to have these conversations, not only to teach them what you hope for, but also to free them from all the last-minute anxiety and division.

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Every few years I write a bulletin article about the importance of funerals and the teachings of the Church with regard to funeral arrangements. People find it useful, as it is a topic that sometimes suddenly at a moment when those who must make arrangements don't feel clear headed about how to proceed.

If someone you know is dying, it is important to contact a priest right away who can come to give the Anointing of the Sick—ideally, at a time when the person who is dying is still able to participate in the prayers (including the sacrament of Reconciliation) and can still receive Holy Communion. Holy Communion is actually the sacrament of the dying, it is called Viaticum, or Food for the journey.

Hopefully by this point we have already begun making plans. Parents should talk to their adult children about what they want to happen. Too often the children are no longer practicing Catholics and really don't know what is customary. It is good to have these conversations, not only to teach them what you hope for, but also to free them from all the last minute anxiety and division. Many times children will decide that a Funeral Mass isn't necessary because they themselves would feel awkward attending.

Funeral Masses are very important. We gather with the Communion of Saints for the person who is transitioning from this life to beyond; we actively recall the salvation that is given to us through Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross and apply our offering of praise and thanksgiving for the intention of our beloved Deceased. It is precisely this prayer to apply the grace and mercy of Jesus' offering of himself for the intention of the Deceased that has completely dropped out of wider Christian cultural awareness. Heaven is not guaranteed: we have been redeemed by Jesus but our being saved depends on how we live our lives. Our prayers and acts of reparation can help others who may be in purgatory now and unable to help themselves. I hope that when I'm gone there is still someone who will offer a Mass intention for me every now and then, I probably will need it!

It is normative for us to celebrate the Funeral Mass with the body present. If the choice

is to cremate, it is preferred that cremation take place after the Funeral Mass. Cremation has been allowed since 1963 but is still not preferred (*Piam et constantem*). This landmark change allowed Catholics to choose cremation, provided it was not selected as a way to deny fundamental Christian doctrines such as the resurrection of the body. In the past, cremation was done by "pagans" to say that they had no hope in an afterlife; believers would never cremate. We have largely lost this distinction, or even this cultural awareness.

A Vatican instruction from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued in 2016 underlines the theological thinking behind the change. It explains that "cremation of the Deceased's body does not affect his or her soul, nor does it prevent God, in his omnipotence, from raising up the Deceased's body to new life."

However, that same instruction explains that "in memory of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord, the mystery that illumines the Christian meaning of death, burial is above all the most fitting way to express faith and hope in the resurrection of the body." The remains ("cremains") must be interred in a place of honor, in the ground or in a niche at a columbarium, a place where people can still go to pray for them. They may not be carried around, or scattered, or divided, or made into jewelry or anything else. We must respect the dignity of the Deceased.

The Catholic tradition is a three-part Rite of Christian Burial: the Vigil, the Mass of Christian Burial, and the Interment. The Vigil may take place at a funeral home the evening before or, if the church is available, there may be a visitation / viewing in the church vestibule before the Funeral Mass. Arrangements need to be made with both the church and the funeral home to make sure that burial can be coordinated following the Mass.

You are welcome to pick up a packet which includes our customs at Saint Bernadette, with readings and musical options which you may find helpful. If anyone would like to meet to work on planning in advance, we are happy to speak with you. Hope this helps, with any other questions, please call.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*



Join the joy at our parish school —preparing for another great year

Summer vacation is underway, but at our school we're already preparing for an exciting new school year. Our summer "elves" are hard at work behind the scenes—taking inventory, ordering books and supplies, reorganizing classrooms, updating technology, planning lessons, and making sure everything is ready for August.

Meanwhile, our facilities team is giving the campus extra sparkle with fresh paint, polished floors, and plenty of love so every classroom shines when

our students return. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another wonderful year of faith, learning, and community.

Want to be part of the excitement? We're still accepting applications for PreK and select grade levels for the 2026–2027 school year. We nurture not only young minds but also hearts rooted in the love of Christ. We'd love to welcome your family into our faith-filled school community.

To learn more about current openings or to schedule a visit, contact our Director of Admissions at registrar@stbernschool.org. Summer Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30am–12:30pm.

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 you know someone we should reach? Forward this email or tag them when you see our posts! CardinalsAlumni@stbernpar.org.

religious education

Weekly update

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

Registration for 2026-2027

Registration is open and will close the end of this month, July 31! 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. You can go directly to St. Bernadette's Religious Education webpage at <https://stbernpa.org/religious-education-registration-2026-2027/> to register.

Who should register? All currently registered students, including all Confirmation 2026, Confirmation 2027, and students pre-paring 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://stbernpa.org/religious-education-volunteers/>

Living the liturgical year

On July 14, we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Kateri Takekwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks. She is the first Native American saint. She is remembered for her deep faith, devotion, and role as a bridge between the Indigenous people and Catholicism. You and your children can learn about St. Kateri Takekwitha here: <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3603608>. Some activities and ideas to do to celebrate St. Kateri Takekwitha's feast day can be found here: <https://www.catholichomebody.com/saint-kateri-feast-day-activities/>

youth ministry

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee at gmee@stbernpa.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

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.

Disney's The Little Mermaid is a spectacular Broadway musical that brings Ariel's beloved undersea adventure to life with dazzling costumes, unforgettable songs, and magical storytelling. Filled with heart, humor, and adventure, this family favorite celebrates the courage to follow your dreams while discovering the true meaning of love, friendship, and finding your own voice.



Catholic Women's Group upcoming events

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

Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, July 14 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. By our baptism we are called to share the Kerygma, the Good News of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. This sharing is evangelization! Come for a brief presentation on evangelization and join our discussion led by Lynn Jones, our Director of Faith Formation, on how all of us can share the gospel in our everyday lives.

Tuesday, July 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.

Pilgrimage of Grace

Masses offered for interior peace for those in need

The Office of Victim Assistance of the Diocese of Arlington warmly invites all to attend the Pilgrimage of Grace Mass on Saturday, August 1, at 9am at Nativity Catholic Church in Burke. This special Mass offers an opportunity to encounter Christ's healing presence and to pray for the gift of interior peace. Whether you are carrying grief, past hurts, or simply seeking spiritual renewal, you are welcome to join us in prayer.

Registration is open for OCIA/RICA programs

ARE YOU CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

The proper name for the English RITE is now the ORDER of Christian Initiation of Adults.

"COME, AND SEE"

OCIA

We invite **YOU** and all who seek a deeper life in **Jesus Christ** to consider becoming members of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office to register. **You are welcome. Begins Sept. 14.**

"VEN, Y VEAN"

RICA

Invitamos **todos** que buscan a una vida mejor en **Jesucristo** para considerar ser miembros de la iglesia católica por los sacramentos del bautismo, confirmación, y eucaristía. Llamen la oficina para registrarse. **Bienvenidos, el 14 de septiembre.**

up and coming

►► Performance dates and times:

Thursday, July 23 at 7pm

Friday, July 24 at 7pm

Saturday, July 25 at 1pm

Saturday, July 25 at 7pm

All performances are at Bishop Ireton High School (201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, VA)

►► Ticket sales:

Students/Seniors - \$10

Adults - \$12

Tickets are good for ANY of the four performances.

►► Discount tickets will be made available to parishioners on July 11-12 and July 18-19 after Masses. Those tickets will be \$8 for students/seniors and \$10 for adults. We will also offer a Family Package (2 adults tickets and 3 student/senior tickets) for \$40. After Mass is the only time to get these discount tickets. Full price tickets can also be purchased online and at the door.



►► To purchase tickets online visit www.summertheatreprogram.org or scan the attached QR code.



planning our multi- cultural prayer gathering sept. 3

*“Honoring the Many
Journeys that Shaped
America”*



**Pope Leo's weekly
General Audiences will
resume on August 5.**

Traditionally, all Wednesday Papal General Audiences are suspended for the entire month of July to allow for summer holidays where Pope Leo will stay at the papal residence at Castel Gandolfo. The last audience was held on June 24, and regular Wednesday audiences will resume on August 5.

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One family, many voices

Planning a multicultural prayer service



Our parish is home to many countries, languages and traditions — and we want to celebrate that gift together. We're gathering a small planning group to help shape our parish celebration of the Bishops' **National Prayer Service** September 3, where parishioners of every background can share their stories, customs, and faith with one another.

No experience needed — just a willingness to share a bit of your story and help us plan a service that reflects the beautiful diversity of our parish family.

Interested in helping plan? Email Fr. Don to get involved.

frdonrooney@stbernpar.org



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, individuals with mobility challenges don't have full access to our school, creating barriers for students, parents, staff, and visitors who rely on accessibility to fully participate in school life. In keeping with the principles of inclusion and dignity for all, we need an elevator to provide access in accordance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards. This project would allow all members of our parish and school community to move freely and safely throughout the school.

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. Through your ideas, prayers, and 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 frdon-rooney@stbernpar.org.

Catholics Vote No: Pledge to Vote

This fall in the two proposed amendments on the ballot threaten the human right to life and the truth of marriage. These proposed amendments are called the "Virginia Right to Reproductive Freedom Amendment" and the "Virginia Remove Constitutional Same-Sex Marriage Ban Amendment." They also threaten constitutional justice, the equal protection of the laws, and religious liberty.

As Catholics, we recognize that, if passed, these amendments would enshrine objec-

tive wrongs in Virginia's Constitution, overturn basic matters of justice, and gravely damage the intrinsic dignity of persons and the nature of marriage and the family. Although Catholics may in good conscience disagree over most political policies which call for strictly prudential judgments, certain fundamental matters such as marriage and the protection of human life demand a consistent and universal Catholic response to protect and preserve objective goods by which God blesses humanity.

If written into Virginia's Constitution, these unjust amendments would be extraordinarily difficult to reverse. Virginia would effectively become a sanctuary for abortion and commercial abortion businesses. Basic health and safety standards that protect women from harm would be eliminated, parents would be pushed out of life-altering decisions involving their family and children, and unregulated abortions would be possible, performed even on healthy babies up to the moment of birth for any reason with no limits.

At the same time, Virginia's Constitution would mislead future generations concerning the truth about marriage by adopting a false legal definition of marriage that would further erode a public sense of marriage as a natural institution uniting one man and one woman. Additionally, the amendment would lead to the expansion of an already existing commercial surrogacy industry which violates the natural rights of children and exploits vulnerable mothers.

To access the petition text and pledge to vote "no" on these constitutional amendments when voting begins Sept. 18, visit <https://catholicsvoteno.com/>

Join the Virginia Catholic Conference.

You can stay informed on legislation which affects us as Catholics on both the state and federal levels. Visit vacatholic.org, click on "Join us!" to receive email or text notices on proposed legislation in the VA State legislature and US Congress.

Thursday men's group

"Join the men's group every Thursday night from 7 to 8pm on the patio behind the rectory. A great way to find support in the faith through reading the Gospel, praying and sharing together.

happening now

Parish Offertory

July 12
Offertory \$ 23,583
Solidarity fund for Africa 4,025

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Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

July

20 MONDAY

7am † Diana Lenahan
9am* † Librado & Fiammeta Santos
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42

21 TUESDAY

7am † Diana Lenahan
9am* † Luis Villavincencio
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50

22 WEDNESDAY

7am † Rosita Peralta
9am* † Paige Riley
Sg 3:1-4b/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

23 THURSDAY

7am † Stan Haas
9am* † Zoila Denegri
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17

24 FRIDAY

7am † Bob Woods
9am* † Gertrude Blicharz
10am** † Barrie Anderson
Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23

25 SATURDAY

8am Jay Connors, III
2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
5pm* For the parish

26 SUNDAY

7am † Oliver Albertini
9am* † Joan Bixby Cormier
11am † Felina Tomas
1pm* † Jorge Rivera
5pm † Charito Caliston
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

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

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, Linda Robish, Robert Williams, Jr.

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 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 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

We recently welcomed a new guest to Mary's Comfort - please pray for her and her unborn baby. Would you like to volunteer with us to support our pro-life mission as a Property Manager? The commitment of time can be flexible and you'll be a part of a team who support this important component of our program. Visit <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/> for more information and email us at maryscomfortva@gmail.com with your interest. Thank you for your continued support!

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:

July 14 - Holy Trinity/Gainesville
July 21 - Basilica of St. Mary/Alexandria
July 28 - St. Mary/Fredericksburg



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