

Almighty ever-living God whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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.

19th Sunday in ordinary time

August 9, 2026



Christ and Saint Peter at the Sea of Galilee, Ippolito Scarsella (Scarsellino), 1590
Fogg Museum at Harvard University



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

august

- 9 Sunday, NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm
- 10 Monday, Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**
- 11 Tuesday, Saint Clare, Virgin**
- 12 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious]**
- 13 Thursday, Weekday [Saint Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs]**
- 14 Friday, Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**
• Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 15 Saturday, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
• (not a holy day of obligation) - Additional Mass at 10am
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
• Additional monthly Filipino Mass, 7pm
- 16 Sunday, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm
• **Saint Bernadette School Alumni Mass 5pm**, church, Ice Cream Social to follow Bradican Rm lawn
- 17 Monday, Weekday**
• **Taize Prayer Service, 8-8:45pm**, church, **Please plan to join us.**
- 18 Tuesday, Weekday**
• **Dining Out Night for Rise Against Hunger – Delia's - All Sales / All Day**
- 19 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint John Eudes, Priest]**
• **First Day of School.** Welcome back!
- 20 Thursday, Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor**
• **Dining Out Night for Rise Against Hunger – Malek's – 5-8pm**
- 21 Friday, Saint Pius X, Pope**
• Adoration, 7-8pm, church
- 22 Saturday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 23 Sunday, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm
- 24 Monday, Saint Bartholomew, Apostle**
- 25 Wednesday, Weekday [Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest]**
- 26 Wednesday, Weekday**
- 27 Thursday, Saint Monica**
- 28 Friday, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
• **Organ/Piano Concert with Sterling Tilley, III – church – 7:30pm**
• Adoration, 7-8pm, chapel
- 29 Saturday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**
• Mary's Comfort Back to School Tea, 2:30pm in the cafeteria
• Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- 30 Sunday, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
• Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am and 1pm

announcements

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Come to an organ/piano concert Friday evening, August 29, and hear Saint Bernadette's own Sterling Tilley, III share his musical talent. In high school, Sterling helped here with music ministry at Mass! More information on page 6.

We are pleased to introduce Tap to Give, a convenient and secure way to make electronic donations through our ParishSOFT Giving platform. To use the Tap to Give feature, simply tap your NFC-enabled smartphone or smart-watch on the Tap to Give device. Make sure NFC is enabled on your device. (Bluetooth is not required.) Apple Pay and Google Pay are both supported, making your donations fast, secure, and convenient.

Thank you for your continued generosity and for supporting the mission and ministries of our Parish!



Parish Dining Out Nights

Support our Work of Mercy ~ Rise Against Hunger



Thursday, August 18, 5-8pm

(mention Saint Bernadette when you place your order)

Upcoming Dining Out Nights

AUGUST

31 - McAlister's Deli, Rolling Rd

from the pastor

“‘Conscience,’ as I think about it, is a very interesting word. Literally, ‘with science’ we can accomplish wisdom and right judgment. Imagine a world where such decisions are made without regard to humanity, wisdom, or right or wrong. Yet it is the road we are on.”

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Until I started looking into it, I wondered what the big deal was about Artificial Intelligence. I think of the Matrix movie: scary. The rise of the machines? Is that where we are headed? We see robots on TV from time to time but they seem a little clumsy, not things that would take over the world or, like in a movie, wickedly turn down our oxygen if we're on a respirator or empty our bank accounts.

Then Pope Francis started talking about AI at a time when it wasn't really mentioned publicly too much. Apparently there has been a lively conversation about the reality of AI for half a century and the danger of losing human freedom, autonomy, and processes of decision making that would take place without conscience, but most people weren't aware of it.

“Conscience,” as I think about it, is a very interesting word. Literally, “with science” we can accomplish wisdom and right judgment. Imagine a world where such decisions are made without regard to humanity, wisdom, or right and wrong. Yet it is the road we are on, happening now.

Immediately we realize that you really don't have to know anything anymore. AI will let us know what we need to know. We don't need knowledge, or even how to read a book, because AI will do it for us. I remember when Texas Instruments invented calculators, they were banned in school thinking we wouldn't learn the math. (For you young ones, we were able to use a slide rule once we got to high school.) With the rise of computers and the internet that was a moot point. I remember my first semester in college my brother helped me get through Calculus III. The math problems would take several pages of equations to answer. People rarely came up with the right answer (except my brainy brother). You were graded according to the number of mistakes you made in the steps along the way. Now I don't even remember what calculus is for, nor how to use a slide rule.

This week I heard a podcast (multi-tasking, reading is unnecessary) about how AI is now endangering community.

So I went to AI and asked how AI is accomplishing this. AI very simply and without shame told me what he was up to. “Artificial intelligence creates individual isolated worlds by offering frictionless, highly personalized, and always-available digital engagement that replaces the messy, high-effort reality of human relationship. This trend manifests through distinct psychological loops, social behaviors, and structural shifts in how people experience daily life.”

Engineered to be agreeable, he tells us what we want to know, all those things that don't contradict our sensitivities. He flatters and validates our perspectives without challenges, trapping individuals in an echo chamber that discourages self-reflection or differing viewpoints. He offers immediate emotional support and simulated affection with zero social risk or obligation, making real-world relationships feel too demanding. Generative media, customized feeds, and deepfakes allow users to curate specialized digital micro-realities, over time eroding any shared baseline of truth or public context.

AI manipulates people in a loop where they can't get out of our own heads and think critically. No mental discipline required, it is easier just to accept what is offered to us so we don't have to think.

Once manipulated, people begin to discover others who think like them and ideological groups form – left, right and center, our truth against their truth.

There can be no substitute for human connection. By disagreement, we learn. Our interaction can be an opportunity for deeper understanding, even forgiveness. And the bonds that result make us greater collectively than a crowd of individuals. Gifts emerge, the evolution of service to one another begins, the Body of Christ is real.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

Fresh spaces, new opportunities

We are excited to welcome our students back for another amazing school year filled with exciting new changes.

Over the summer, we have been busy making improvements to create a brighter, more comfortable, and engaging learning environment for both students and staff.

Inside our school, there are several exciting updates to share. Thanks to the generosity of our school and parish families, the funds raised through our Race for Education were used to purchase brand new lockers for our middle school students. The middle school wing also features additional overhead lighting, creating a brighter, more welcoming environment for everyone.

Our library relocated to a larger space, providing ample room for an expanded book collection, comfortable seating, and an inviting atmosphere where students can read, learn, and explore.

In addition, our resources teachers have moved into a larger, brighter classroom designed to foster creative instruction, collaborative learning, and greater opportunities to support student success.

Many of our classrooms have been updated with fresh paint in soft shades of purple, pink, and blue, bringing warmth and color throughout the building. Filthy Clean Janitorial Services have been here all summer cleaning every nook and cranny and our floors have received their final coat of polish just in time for the start of the school year, giving the entire school a fresh, polished look.

Outside, we expanded our recreational space with the addition of a new GaGa Ball pit, giving students another fun and active option during recess. Our landscaping is also receiving its final touches with colorful new plants and flowers that will create a welcoming entrance for our school community.

Safety continues to be a top priority. A new computerized visitor check-in system was implemented and will streamline the sign-in process while enhancing the safety and security of everyone on campus.

We cannot wait for our students and families to experience these exciting improvements. Here is to a wonderful year filled with learning, growth, faith, and new beginnings.

cardinal corner



**FORMING
HEARTS
& MINDS
IN CHRIST**



religious education program

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

R.E. First Day Information

There will be a mandatory parent information meetings on the first day of classes, either Tuesday, September 1 or Wednesday, September 2, covering communications, disciplinary rules, and attendance expectations. Parents must attend this first-day meeting!

Arrive no later than 6pm to the church with your child. We will start with prayer and the students will go to class with their catechists. Parents will remain in the church for the meeting. Students will be dismissed at the normal time and place: 7:15pm, from Door 1-- the main school door under the canopy.

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://stbernpar.org/religious-education-volunteers/>

Living the liturgical year

This week marks the Memorial of St. Clare of Assisi on August 11 and the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary on August 15. St Clare was inspired by St. Francis of Assisi to give up her wealth and start a religious order for women called the Poor Clares. The Assumption of Mary commemorates when Mary, the Mother of God was assumed into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. There is a story where St. Clare carried the Blessed Sacrament to the wall of the convent to ward off attackers. One activity you can do with your kids is to create a Monstrance: <https://www.catholicicing.com/craft-for-catholic-kids-make-monstrance/>



KofC Fun Run and Walk September 26

Registration is open! The 24th Annual Springfield Knights of Columbus 5K Fun Run and Walk is set for 9am on Saturday, September 26 at Burke Lake Park. This family friendly event welcomes runners and walkers of all ages - strollers welcome.

Event proceeds support KOVAR, a Knights of Columbus charity helping Virginians with intellectual disabilities and Saint Bernadette School's Tuition Assistance Program. Please contact Tom Smith at tomsmith6153@outlook.com if you have questions. Early registration and donations help our planning.



youth ministry

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

End of Summer Social

All High Schoolers (rising 9th-graduated 12th) are invited to our End of Summer Social on August 12 from 7-8:30pm! Join us for games, a fire, s'mores, and fun on the rectory patio! We'll meet in front of the parish office. Contact Grace for more information!

Middle School and High School Youth Ministry

Stay tuned to the parish website, bulletin, and the Youth Ministry Instagram for out fall youth ministry schedules!

Organ/Piano Concert!

Sterling D. Tilley III, a native of Springfield, a member of Saint Bernadette and a talented young musician, will perform a piano and organ concert featuring his favorite religious pieces and several of his original compositions, Friday, August 28 at 7:30pm. Sterling completed his Masters of Music for Film and Visual Media last May at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, where he also received his Bachelor of Music in Music Composition with a minor in Arts Entrepreneurship in 2024. He is excited to share with us his talents during this special program! The program is free and all are most welcome. A light reception will follow. For more information, email David Mathers, dmathers@stbernpar.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.

Our next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, July 11 at 7pm in the Bradican Room. It's game night! Bring a favorite board, card, or table game to play. Maybe you got a new game for Christmas that you can't wait to share. Come join the excitement and fellowship.

Tuesday, August 18 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.

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. Llaman la oficina para registrarse. **Bienvenidos, el 14 de septiembre.**

Alumni ice cream social Aug. 13 after 5pm Sunday Mass

All Saint Bernadette Alumni are invited to Mass on Sunday, August 16 at 5pm followed by an Ice Cream Social on the lawn in front of the Bradican Room. Bring your Cardinal spirit and join us from 6-7pm to reconnect with former classmates, meet fellow alumni and their families. We look forward to sharing memories, making new connections, and inspiring the next generation together!

Tap to give

We are pleased to introduce Tap to Give, a convenient and secure way to make electronic donations through our ParishSOFT Giving platform.

Within the ParishSOFT Giving application, you can easily make a one-time gift or set up recurring donations. Simply select either Offertory or the weekend's Second Collection from the drop-down menu and choose your preferred option.

Tap to Give is more than an online giving platform—it also provides an electronic means to stay connected with parish life. Subscribe to our website to receive parish news and updates, view upcoming events, and discover opportunities to get involved at Saint Bernadette Parish. If you are interested in volunteering, you can submit an inquiry through a simple online form.

Current parishioners can conveniently update their parish registration online, while those who are interested in becoming a member of Saint Bernadette are warmly invited to start the registration process. You'll also find information about major parish events and an easy way to contact the parish office, even on weekends.

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up and coming



Parish Offertory

August 2 Offertory \$ 31,193

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.

echo update



Backpack Program prepares for back-to-school

Back-to-School is just around the corner! Two afternoons each week this summer, ECHO has been buzzing with kids and adults organizing donated supplies and packing backpacks for our clients' school-age children. We hope to pack 1,400 grade-specific backpacks this year and we need your donations to make that happen. Here is a list of needed items: Donors might prefer to use our Amazon Wishlist, [echo-inc.org/donate/donate-goods/#amazon-wishlist](https://www.amazon.com/dp/B07K3QZQZQ), to have supplies delivered directly to ECHO. Thank you for helping us equip every child for a successful start to the new school year!

Here is a list of needed items:

- High School Backpacks (17 to 19 inches)
- #2 Yellow Pencils (Ticonderoga brand)
- Mechanical Pencils
- Blue Pens
- Pink Pearl Erasers
- Elmer's Brand Glue Stick (regular size)
- Wide Rule ONLY ComP-OSition books
- College Rule ONLY SP-iral notebooks
- College Rule Loose leaf paper
- Paper folders with pockets
- Plastic folders with pockets
- Crayola Brand Colored Pencils 12 pack
- Crayola Brand Fine Tip Markers
- DRY ERASE Thin tip Markers
- HIGHLIGHTERS Thin Tip Markers
- Plastic Pencil Boxes
- Primary Writing paper pads
- 3 x 5 lined Index Cards

(PLEASE NO White liquid glue or Wide Rule Spiral notebooks)

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 objective 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.



Planning is underway for Saint Bernadette Rise Against Hunger event

It starts with a meal.

Global hunger's causes and ways to address it through the Rise Against Hunger project

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 Organization 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.

You can see the calendar of Dining Out Nights throughout the Springfield community on page 10. We encourage you to participate in any of these opportunities.

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@stbernapar.org or Jean Corday at jcorday@stbernapar.org

We hope you will join us in making a difference.

Together We Rise Against Hunger



Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

August

10 MONDAY

7am † Maria Lisa Sison
9am* † Dermot O'Halloran
2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26

11 TUESDAY

7am † Andres Hernandez Medina
9am* Rick Caporali
Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

12 WEDNESDAY

7am † Wade Kirdihi, Jr.
9am* The Kilduff Family
Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20

13 THURSDAY

7am † Clarity Nunez
9am* Lori Cycoski
Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1

14 FRIDAY

7am † James Gilroy
9am* † Arlene Michelotti
10am** † Richard Martin
Ez 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12

15 SATURDAY

8am Legion of Mary
10am For the parish
Rv 11:19a-12:1-6a/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
5pm* † Melenie Sargent

16 SUNDAY

7am † Cesar Ramirez
9am* Calvin Truong
11am For the parish
1pm* † Cruz Gonzalez
5pm † Bill & Patricia McShea
Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-32/Mt 15:21-28

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Aug 15	5pm	Fr. Don
Aug 16	7am	Fr. James
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. Don
	1pm	Fr. James
	5pm	Fr. Cedric

Parish prayer list

John Yost, Wioffo Helenius, Robert Holzhauser, Adolfo Blandon, Esperanza Ayala, Gloria Tortoriello, Bob Atwell, Charles Roby, Kathleen Murray, Alan Curtis, Brian Keller, Cassi Smith, Edward Fitzgerald, John Winkler, Antonio & Maria Benedi, Donna Lash, Llewellyn Salsado, Cristina Perez, Rev. William Hower, Jane Springer, Ed Wyse, Linda Robish, Robert Williams, Jr., Robin Cookson

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@stbernapar.org or call her at the Parish Office, 703-451-8576, ext. 122.

Mary's Comfort update

Both of the current guests at Mary's Comfort are doing well thanks to your continued support! If you're interested in learning more about our mission to provide an enriching home and mentorship for women facing a crisis pregnancy, please visit our website: <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/>. We could always use a few more volunteers! For more information email us at maryscomfortva@gmail.com and share a bit about your experience and interests in our work. Thank you for your continued prayers!

Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate group.) Meet us for: dining out in Alexandria (Aug 9); Thursday lunch (Aug 13); Museum of the Bible (Aug 18); Meadowlark Gardens (Aug 20); serving meal at Christ House (Aug 22); Nationals baseball game (Aug 27); picnic (Aug 30). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Mary's Comfort's Annual Back-to-School Tea

All are invited to join us for Mary's Comfort's Annual Back-to-School Tea on Saturday, August 29, at 2:30pm in the Saint Bernadette School Cafeteria. This special afternoon is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families, reconnect with friends, and enjoy fellowship as we prepare for a new school year. Whether you're new to our parish or have been here for years, there's a place for you at the table. We hope you'll join us! Registration information is located in the lobby of the church.





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