



# WEEKLY NEWS

MARCH 27, 2024

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Greetings!

As we near the end of Lent and the beginning of Easter, we remember to look forward to the many changes spring and the end of the school year bring. Our middle school students continue to lead the community service projects - we collected food for the St. Bernadette Food Pantry and look forward to collecting diapers for families in need when we return. Our annual Rice Bowl collection ends Friday, please remember to return those to the office.

We wish Sr. Pham all the best as she leaves St. Bernadette at the end of the year. We have been blessed to work with her.

A note from Sr. Pham:

*Thank you for accepting me as 1st Grade Teacher at St. Bernadette! It has been my favorite school and grade to teach. It was my will to stay teaching for lovely children like the 1st graders here, but God calls me in a different direction. I have said "yes" to the call from God that I need to move for a new mission. I plan to leave for San Antonio, Texas in September, where I will serve the marginalized, the children of low-income families, and people in essential need. After two years working with you all, I really feel bonding and belonging. I look forward to enjoying the rest of the school year with you here and look forward to going on my new vocational journey with God's blessings.*

Although we are sad to see Sr. Pham go, we are delighted that our new 1st grade teacher, beginning in the fall, will be our very own, Mrs. Topic! Mrs. Topic has worked at St. Bernadette since 2019 and is thrilled for the opportunity to put her undergraduate degree from Highline College and her Early Childhood Education Certification, preschool through 2nd grade, to work!

*Mrs. Topic grew up in the Pacific Northwest and lives in Burien with her husband and their boys. Her oldest son graduated from St. Bernadette and now attends Kennedy Catholic High School. Her three younger sons attend the school. She has worked at St. Bernadette since 2019. She will strive to challenge students to think creatively, work independently, and set high expectations for themselves. She also believes in creating a partnership with families to help students reach their potential. Mrs. Topic states, "It brings me so much joy to watch the students learn and grow throughout the school year. They make the school day so much brighter." Mrs. Topic is on the St. Bernadette Parent Club Board. When she isn't working, she spends her time with her family and volunteers at school events when possible. Fun fact: She has been teaching Zumba Fitness for 13 years!*

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Patricia Nation will step into the Preschool Lead Teacher role. Patricia has worked at St. Bernadette since 2022, and has her Washington State Department of Children license for Early Learning. Her daughter attends St. Bernadette and her family enjoys helping with and attending school events. Please congratulate Mrs. Nation next time you see her.

We will offer summer care for our youngest students, ages 2 1/2 - 5 years old and potty-trained, this summer. [Please go here to register for summer care.](#)

Please see the calendar on next page for Easter service times. We hope to see you at Easter services.

I wish you a blessed Easter and rejuvenating Easter Break next week.

Blessings, Mrs. Thomas



Need some chocolate?  
You may get it after masses  
Saturday, April 6 and  
Sunday, April 7.



**LOST & FOUND** We have many jackets and sweaters in the lost and found on the rack in the Parish Hall. Please collect your things by Good Friday; everything will be put in the Green Bin after school that day. Thank you.

[Parish opportunities](#)

[CYO INFO](#)

[Friday Pizza Order](#)

*St. Bernadette Parish School teaches Gospel values in a Catholic environment by nurturing academic excellence, fostering diversity, and developing compassionate stewards in our community.*

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**CALENDAR [The most up-to-date school year calendar is here](#)**

**March 25-29** Holy Week

**March 28** Dress uniform with **red sweater**

**March 28** Holy Thursday - 11:20 AM Last Supper presentation in Parish Hall

**March 29** Good Friday - 11:15 Living Stations of the Cross in church - please leave in silence

**March 29** Noon dismissal - **No after school care**

**March 29 7:00 PM Lord's Passion**

**March 30 7:00 PM Easter Vigil**

**March 31 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Easter Sunday Masses**

**April 1-5** Easter Break, school closed

**April 9** Middle School Service Day - free dress, all MS students will spread new bark during PE class.

**April 16** Feast of St. Bernadette

**April 27** Garage Sale [register for your table here](#)

**May 11** 6:00 PM Eritrean Dinner

**[2023-24 Calendar is here](#)**

**[St. Bernadette Family Handbook](#)**

**Weekend Mass schedule: 5:00 PM Saturday & 9:30 AM Sunday**

**Looking for volunteer opportunities? [Go here to sign up and help.](#)**

**[Lent Activities from the Parish are found here.](#)**



**A Prayer for Holy Week**

*A week of silence.      May it be for us a passage :  
A week of listening.      from darkness to light,  
A week of contemplation.      from hatred to love,  
A week of meditation.      from the Cross to Glory,  
A week of adoration.      from death to life.*

*Middle School Honor Roll students received awards last week.*

*The Knights of Columbus Christmas Art winner and runner up received awards last week.*



**[Click here to sign up to help at school events through the end of the year.](#)**

**Save the Date!** Spring Clean with St. B and join us for a Community Garage Sale Saturday, April 27, in the front parking lot! Sign up for a table to sell what you've decluttered-or join us as a shopper from 8-2:30PM. Contact Kris 206.276.8652 to reserve a booth/table. Booth Fee \$25.

**[Yearbooks on sale now! Order by April 8 here. \\$22 each](#)**



3rd Grade Girls Basketball registration is now open! [Register here](#)

4th-8th grade track and field registration is open. [Register here](#)

Come Join Ms. Delucchi as she coaches our St Bernadette track and field team.

[All CYO registration, dates, and information are found here.](#)

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