

# St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

September 17, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Masses for the Week

<b>Mon, Sept 18</b>	6:15— Marie Pagan+ 8:30— Souls in Purgatory+ 12:15— Hernando & Margurita Nur
<b>Tues, Sept 19</b>	6:15— Bernadette Young+ 8:30— Bernard Slusarz+
<b>Wed, Sept 20</b>	6:15— Joanie Mooman+ 8:30— Dylan Ricciardella+ 12:15— James Leary+
<b>Thurs, Sept 21</b>	6:15— George Zacharias+ 8:30— Tess Venkat
<b>Fri, Sept 22</b>	6:15— Jamie Posada+ 8:30— Dan Jeffries+
<b>Sat, Sept 23</b>	8:30— Chris Padula+ 5:30— Ruth Aldenberg+
<b>Sun, Sept 24</b>	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Sheffield (Field) Edwards+ 10:30— Nelly Pedraza+ 12:30— Paula & Jerry LeBlanc+ 5:00— Ajitha Saji

## Parish Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday:</b>	8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday:</b>	7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am 12:30 & 5:00pm
<b>Weekdays:</b>	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday 12:15pm, Mondays (except Federal Holidays) and Wednesdays
<b>Holy Days:</b>	As announced
<b>Holy Hour:</b>	Wednesdays, 7pm
<b>Confessions:</b>	Wednesdays, 9am (until line ends); Holy Hour, 7pm (until line ends); Saturdays, 4pm (until line ends); and by appointment

## Clergy

Reverend James C. Hudgins, Pastor  
Reverend Paul Dudzinski, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend Christopher T. Vaccaro, Parochial Vicar  
Reverend John F. O'Farrell, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Paul C. Konold  
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette  
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

**Prayers For The Sick:** Michael Williamson, Peggy Burkholder, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Jack LaFave, Catherine Feeny, Barney Smith, Kathleen Mikszan, Ron Crick, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Pranee Heinjarean, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez, Emma Ciaravino, Keelan Griffen, Evan Sweeney, Helen Atallah, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Haley Morris, Anabelle Huster, Russell Ramons, Martha Mason, John Forbes, Ruth Carradini, Mark Naftzger, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale, Danny Schmude, Jess Williamson.

**Prayers For Our Military:** Geoffrey Galasso, Logan Anna Davis, Stephen Holdorf, Jr. Daniel W. Beverly, Michael Cinnamon, Matthew Schierling, Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Colin Freyne, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, Mark Short, Jonathan Bayly, Russell Escalante, Eric Reilly, John Conrad, Fr. James Hinkle, Andrew Gillespie, Stephen Gilliland, David Seliquini, Joseph Auler, Adam Parkinson, Jake Shelton, Patrick G. Fitzgerald, Sean Spurr, Jack Hayes, David and Katherine Bergeron, Christopher Martin, Tony Mattice, David Lakey.

## Four Steps to Becoming a Peacemaker

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God," (Mt 5:9).*

### Establish peace within yourself

We cannot give what we do not have. If we're not at peace within ourselves, we cannot give peace to anyone else. St. Augustine once said, "peace is the tranquility of order." That means peace within ourselves comes from right order within our own souls. It may not be a popular idea at this moment in history, but we can't have right order within our souls unless we are humble, docile, and obedient to Christ. That means to love God's word, to love the teachings of the Church, to make a good confession on a regular basis, to keep the commandments, and to strive to live a selfless life. First, be at peace with God. Then we will be able to give peace to others.

### Be patient with the faults of others

Don't expect to live in peace with others if you're incessantly demanding and intolerant of their personal faults. Most fights begin with someone's unreasonable expectations. If we are constantly agitated at someone's weaknesses, or if we demand from others what they're not strong enough to accomplish, we always spark conflict. Notice how gentle Jesus was with those who were weak, sinful, and ignorant of their faults. To become a peacemaker, we must imitate his patience. That's one personal change worth making. There's an old saying that goes, "It's better to put on slippers than to try to carpet the entire world."

### Correct When You Must

There is no peace without justice. Sometimes, justice requires a confrontation. Although we should be patient with another's personal faults, we must draw the line when someone's life, health, or safety are at risk. There are also times when someone we love is risking the loss of their soul with unrepented serious sin. In such circumstances, Christlike charity requires us to speak out. At this hour in history, we live with the false idea that "love" means "unconditional approval" of someone else's behavior, regardless of its consequences. But true love wants the ultimate good of another person. St. Thomas Aquinas once said that to rid someone of evil is the same as to do him good. Sometimes, the first step to peacemaking is the resolve to establish justice, even at the price of confrontation.

### Forgive

Forgiveness is usually misunderstood. People think forgiveness means "not having negative feelings" about another person. But forgiveness is not a feeling. It's a decision. Forgiveness is the choice not to think, speak, or act with resentment against another person. Effectively, forgiveness says, "I do not hold this offense against you." There are three reasons why God asks us to forgive. 1) Forgiveness is the only antidote to bitterness. Unforgiveness is when an innocent person punishes himself for the crime of the guilty. 2) Our forgiveness sets others free. Most everyone with a conscience feels badly for their wrongdoing, and wants to be forgiven. Forgiveness is one way to "do unto others" as we wish to have done unto ourselves. 3) Forgiveness is the most perfect imitation of Christ himself. Please remember, forgiving doesn't mean you've forgotten. It doesn't mean you've re-established trust. It just means, "I do not hold this against you." That's just what we want God to say to us one day, isn't it?

God bless you...and St. Theresa, pray for us!



Fr. Hudgins

Bulletin Deadline: Friday 2pm (9 days prior to publication)

## Current Critical & Urgent Adoration Needs

### Critical Need: No Adorer Scheduled

Sunday	Thursday	Friday
12:00am	1:00am	4:00am
2:00am		



**Note:** The Adoration Schedule online system allows users to cancel commitments from time-to-time to allow for vacation, sickness, or other possibilities that may prevent attendance. In those instances, substitute adorers will provide one-time coverage.

**Sign up for one of our open Adoration Time slots – it will change your life, your family's life, and the life of our St. Theresa Parish!**

Visit the Parish website to access the Saint Theresa Parish Adoration Scheduler, or use this short web address:

OR [www.tinyurl.com/weadore](http://www.tinyurl.com/weadore)

Please visit the website to signup, or email [letusa-dore@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:letusa-dore@sainttheresaparish.com), or text to 703.608.4278 or 703.728.0168, or come by the parish office.

# Youth Education and News



Office Hours:  
Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

**Registration for Religious Education classes** is open. Visit the parish website to sign up for classes next year.

### Classroom Aides Needed

Please contact the Office of Religious Education at [reoffice@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:reoffice@sainttheresaparish.com) for more information.



[ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com)

### September

Sunday, the 24th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 25th-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, the 26th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm



Our students are enjoying our new STREAM Lab!



**STCS families, we can't wait to see you this week!** Please mark your calendars for the following events, and watch for details in the Thursday Thunder email newsletter:

**Wednesday, September 20**—

Battle of the Books, first meeting

**Friday, September 29**—

Early Dismissal; Celebrate St. Therese's Feast Day (Oct. 1)

**Monday, October 2**—

Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS) golf tournament



**Wednesday, October 4**—

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi school assembly; celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct. 7) with the World Mission Rosary

**Friday, October 6**—

All-school Mass

**Golf slots are filling up but Sponsors are still needed! There are several levels available for families, individuals, and businesses – please note the deadline to sponsor is Sept. 21!** This is a wonderful Parish event – with proceeds going to tuition assistance for St. Theresa School families who experience a financial hardship. Not a golfer? Join us for dinner! For details, please scan the QR code, visit our parish website

([www.SaintTheresaParish.com](http://www.SaintTheresaParish.com)), or contact Regina Freschi, [freschir@stsashburn.com](mailto:freschir@stsashburn.com), 703.729.3577. *Thank you for your support!*

**Please re-link your Harris Teeter cards with St. Theresa Catholic School (STCS)!** Parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners, & friends, don't forget that you need

to re-link your Harris Teeter card each year. Visit [www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education](http://www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education) and use code #5887. You can also stop at the customer service desk in-store for help. We are grateful for your support!

**STCS Open House - Save the Date!**

Would you like to learn more about St. Theresa Catholic School, and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's life? Please join us on Sunday, **November 12**, for our annual Open House! Details coming soon; in the meantime, please visit our website at [www.stsashburn.com](http://www.stsashburn.com) (click "Admissions") or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, [rotell@stsashburn.com](mailto:rotell@stsashburn.com) for more information.

**St. Theresa Catholic School is hiring for the 2023-24 school year!**

STCS is accepting applications for the following part-time positions: Extended Day Care Staff, Lunch/Recess Monitors, and Substitute Teachers. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to [HR@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:HR@sainttheresaparish.com).



# News from our Parish

## October Baptism Class

The October class is being moved to **October 12**. Please make note of this date change

## Our Parish Choirs

New members welcome! Contact us at [music@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:music@sainttheresaparish.com).

**Children's Choir:** Rehearses on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 beginning Tuesday, September 12.

**Youth Choir:** Rehearses on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00. This choir will learn more challenging music and learn to serve as cantor.

**Parish 10:30am Choir** always welcomes new members. We are especially in need of more men singers and "that man is YOU". This choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7pm.

## Young at Heart Club (Men and Women 55+)

Welcome back! Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023 in the Admin. Bldg. after 12:15 Mass. Bring your brown-bag lunch; the Club will provide beverages and Ice Cream Sundaes with your favorite fixings. We're looking forward to having Fr. Vaccaro as our guest speaker. We will also collect \$ for the Oct. 18 luncheon. New friends are welcome! Please let us know you are coming - Freddie 703.615.5715 or Grace 410.967.8888

**Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith?** Are you missing Sacraments? RCIA registration for this year is now online. Please go to <https://sainttheresaparish.com/activity/rcia/> to register today. Classes start on Tuesday, **October 10th**. Note that the first three classes are on Tuesday with the remaining classes being on Monday up to the Easter Vigil. Then after Easter Sunday, the remaining four classes will go back to Tuesday.

## Festival of Trees Dec 2nd & 3rd

Mary Sinnott and her elves are working hard to put together another Festival of Trees. The Festival of Trees is a raffle of 3-to-4-foot themed decorated Christmas Trees, wreaths, and gift baskets. This event is fun for all. The proceeds from the event helps families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach. Please consider donating a decorated tree, wreath or basket. Please contact Marianne Guidos at [dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com)

or 703.729.2334 if you have questions or would like to donate. See parish website for more information also.

**Women's Workshop:** All women are invited to Made for More: A Workshop for Women on the Journey of the Beloved on Saturday, **October 7th**, 9am-12:30pm in the St. Theresa Parish Center in Ashburn, Virginia. Do you long for greater peace and joy? Do you ever feel like the promises of God just aren't for you? Join workshop leader & award-winning author Elizabeth Leon for a morning of prayer, hope, & restoration. Drawing from scripture and Catholic teaching, we will discover how our brokenness can lead to healing, claim God's promises, and identify barriers to letting ourselves receive Christ's love. Featured in the Arlington Catholic Herald! \$25 cost includes workshop materials and refreshments. Register at [www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com](http://www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com) Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leon 703.283.4053 or [onegratefulgirl@verizon.net](mailto:onegratefulgirl@verizon.net)

## Co-Coordinator for Donut Sunday!

Want to be a part of something fun! Looking for a Co-Coordinator for Donut Sunday. Please contact Angela Haberland @ [angela.haberland@gmail.com](mailto:angela.haberland@gmail.com).

## St Zelig Moms Group

Moms of the parish are invited to join the St. Zelig Moms Group. We have playdates and social events for Catholic fellowship. Please contact [christinenkids@gmail.com](mailto:christinenkids@gmail.com) for more information.

## Calling all homeschoolers

We are trying to form a St. Theresa's homeschooling group. If you would like to be added to our contact list, please email [christinenkids@gmail.com](mailto:christinenkids@gmail.com).

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financial hardship. Not a golfer? Join us for dinner! For details, please scan the QR code, visit our parish website ([www.SaintTheresaParish.com](http://www.SaintTheresaParish.com)), or contact Regina Freschi, [freschir@stsashburn.com](mailto:freschir@stsashburn.com), 703.729.3577. *Thank you for your support!*

**Christmas ornaments in September?! Our annual Parish-School White House Christmas Ornament Sale is coming soon! Orders will be "Pre-Sale Only" again this year. We'll begin taking orders at the beginning of October, and hope to receive the ornaments by Thanksgiving.**

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## RE Classroom Aides Needed

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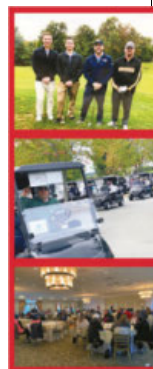
## Parish Social Events Coming Soon

Church Picnic - **October 1st**

Friends of St. Theresa School Golf Tournament - **October 2nd**

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast - **October 8th**

Donut Sunday - **October 15th**



**Sponsors Needed - Deadline Sept. 21!**  
*several levels available for businesses or individuals*

## St. Theresa Parish 13th Annual

**Friends of St. Theresa School  
Golf Tournament  
for tuition assistance**

Monday, October 2, 2023 | Belmont Country Club

To golf & sponsor:  
Scan the QR code, visit the parish website  
([SaintTheresaParish.com](http://SaintTheresaParish.com)), or call 703/729-3577

*A St. Theresa parish tradition!*



## News from our Parish– Continued



### MOSAIC VIRGINIA Baby Bottle Campaign

The next two weeks are your opportunity to be a part of the St Theresa Baby Bottle Campaign benefitting Mosaic Virginia. Just stop by at one of the provided stations on your way out the door. Your donation is changing lives by providing free ultrasounds, parenting classes, and options counseling to women and men facing unplanned pregnancy.



#### WAYS TO GIVE:

Visit the Mosaic Table on your way out

Donate using our Square for Card Payments

Scan the QR Code to give online



## Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

### That Man is You (TMIY)

That Man is You (TMIY) is a Catholic men's program that's made a real difference in our lives as husbands and fathers in St. Theresa's parish, helping us to better understand our Faith and to build friendships with fellow Catholic men. We began a new TMIY year Saturday morning and welcomed several new participants. It's not too late to become part of our group strengthening faith and fatherhood. Please join us Saturday September 23rd at 630am for fellowship and coffee, followed by the start of the program at 7am. We will meet in the Parish building across from the Church. Please contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or [jack.hayes422@aol.com](mailto:jack.hayes422@aol.com) for additional information and continue to watch the bulletin for upcoming details.

### Women's Discipleship Group

Meets every Wednesday morning, 9:30-10:30am for Lectio Divina and 10:45-11:45am for spiritual book reading. Our focus is the Mass reading for the upcoming Sunday and a spiritual book selected by our spiritual director Deacon Matthew Noah. Over the summer we are watching The Wild Goose Series with Fr. Dave Pivonka on discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Parish women of all ages are cordially invited. For more information contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or [dmarie213@aol.com](mailto:dmarie213@aol.com)

### Interested in learning about the Legion of Mary?

Two Legion of Mary groups meet at different times. Check the website for information, or be our guest at any Legion meeting held on Wednesday, 7:15pm; or Saturday 9:15am.

### Looking to learn more about your faith? This Fall we will be offering five different classes.

#### The Bible Timeline

The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. This is a great class foundational class!

Tuesdays 7-8:30pm. In-Person. Starts Nov. 7th. Contact Deacon Noah at [dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com)

Wednesdays 7-8pm. Zoom. Starts Oct. 4th. Contact: Brett at [bret-tastengako@gmail.com](mailto:bret-tastengako@gmail.com)

#### The Gospel of Matthew

Set in the rich context of Jesus' life, Matthew shows us who Jesus is and what His life and teachings mean for us today.

Tuesdays 8-9pm. Zoom. Starts Oct 3rd. Contact: Andy at [johnson.andrew7003@gmail.com](mailto:johnson.andrew7003@gmail.com)

#### Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

The Compelling Story of the First

Christians, Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom, traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem, and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root.

Wednesdays 7-8pm. Zoom. Starts Oct. 4th. Contact: Mark at [markscal-lion20@gmail.com](mailto:markscal-lion20@gmail.com)

Wednesdays 7-8pm. In-Person. Starts Oct. 4th. Contact: Linda at [lmmetz3@msn.com](mailto:lmmetz3@msn.com)

#### Biblical Walk Through the Mass

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass explores the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveals what it all means and why it all matters.

Thursdays 7-8pm. In-Person. Starts Oct. 5th. Contact: Viki at [vc\\_hughes@hotmail.com](mailto:vc_hughes@hotmail.com)

#### Prophets

The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy examines who the prophets were, their role during their time, and the meaning of their messages for our own time.

Wednesdays 7-8pm. Zoom. Starts Oct. 4th. Contact: Andy at [johnson.andrew7003@gmail.com](mailto:johnson.andrew7003@gmail.com)

Additional class details, sign-ups, and ordering information can be found at: [CatholicEducationForAdults.org](http://CatholicEducationForAdults.org)



## Knights of Columbus

**New Knights:** Congratulations and a warm welcome to Frank Hanna who transferred to our Council last month. We look forward to Frank's fraternity and involvement in our Council activities.

**Saint Theresa Picnic:** Save the date for our parish picnic this fall on Sunday 1 October.

**Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge:** Boys and girls, ages 9-14, are invited to participate in Council's Soccer challenge (15 penalty kicks). Points will be awarded depending upon the area of the goal through which the ball passes. The contest will be held on Sunday, October 1, 2023 during the Parish Picnic at the Soccer field. Registration from 2:00 pm until 2:30 pm. Competition starts at 2:35 pm.

**KOVAR:** Our next KOVAR collection will be after all Masses, Sunday September 16th and 17th. Volunteers to help with collection are needed. Please continue to support KOVAR. Your generous donations are appreciated.

**Food Drive:** Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and transferring 4,365 pounds of food for the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling in August.

The next collection will take place on the weekend of September 23-24. Please pick up a blue bag on September 16-17 and return it the following week. Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items. Thanks for your support.

**Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair?** If you need help in completing a small home repair that you cannot complete your-

self or that may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! Projects should take no more than 1-2 hours and involve no more than 1-2 men. Please submit your request on our website at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

**Catholic men:** Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? See our most Frequently Asked Questions at:

<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> or to submit a request for more information or to be contacted by our Membership Committee scan the following QR code.



## News Around the Diocese



The largest, non-profit children's consignment sale in Loudoun County takes place on **Saturday, September 30, 2023**. Admission is FREE. Little Flower Consignments offers new and gently used baby and children's clothing, accessories, toys, books, videos, games, baby gear, furniture, maternity, and much more. All proceeds are donated back to the community via our charity, Divine Mercy Outreach and we accept credit cards, checks, and cash. Expecting parents can shop early at 7:30am on Saturday with pre-registration on our website. We invite teachers, military, first responders, and healthcare workers to shop our pre-sale on Saturday starting at 8:00am. Children are not allowed at the pre-sale, except for infants in carriers. The sale is open to the public, 9am-12pm with a half-price sale from 12:30-2pm at St. Theresa's Catholic School in Ashburn VA. We always welcome new consignors and volunteers! Visit [www.lfcsale.org](http://www.lfcsale.org) for details.

### Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year? Were you married in 1973 or 1998? Then join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, **October 15, 2023**, at 3

p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. Contact your parish office to register no later than Monday, October 2, 2023. For more info, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM).

**Separated or Divorced?**—St. John's Separated and Divorced Ministry invites all separated or divorced Catholics to their meetings every third Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at St. John's in Leesburg. Email [separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com](mailto:separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com) for more information.

**Do you love someone with a drug or alcohol problem?**—The Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by a friend's or family member's addiction. As a twelve-step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Please join us for an evening of support and recovery; you're only a stranger until you walk through the door. For more information, contact Deacon Noah at [dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com). Weekly meetings are held: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7-8pm, Cascades Library; 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays, 7-8pm via Zoom; Thursdays, 7-8pm, Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

**Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Care for Women**—After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer &

Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, **September 30, 2023**. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: 703.841.2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

**CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults**—Bishop Burbidge invites all young adults (ages 19 to 35, single and married) from parishes across the Diocese of Arlington to join him at CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults. Saturday, September 23, 2-9:15pm, for the annual Mass for Young Adults, an inspirational keynote from Mr. Sam Goodwin, breakout sessions, dinner, prayer, live music, vendors, ministry booths, and plenty of social time! We are excited to offer complimentary childcare for this conference! Invite your friends! To register: [https://secure4.arlingtondiocese.org/Young\\_Adult\\_Conference/Register.aspx](https://secure4.arlingtondiocese.org/Young_Adult_Conference/Register.aspx)

## More News Around the Diocese

**The Associates of St. John Bosco** invites you to the 7th Annual Bosco Benefit on Thursday, **October 5, 2023**. Join in an evening of good food, fellowship, and giving in support of the programs of the Associates of St. John Bosco, whose mission it is to help college students to keep their Catholic faith during college. Keynote speaker is Sr. Deirdre Byrne, a sister, surgeon, and retired US Army Colonel. For ticket and sponsorship information, please visit: [www.asjb.org/boscobenefit](http://www.asjb.org/boscobenefit). RSVP deadline: September 28.

**Life Chain is Coming**—Our Annual Life Chain, where we join with 1800 locations in standing for Life, is **October 1** from 2-3:30pm. We will congregate adjacent to St John the Apostle on King Street in Leesburg and with your participation stretch from Ida Lee Park to the Courthouse. Please bring a loving Pro-Life sign or use one provided by organizers. Hundreds of us will stand as witnesses to the value of life from conception to natural death. This is a family-friendly event and a fun way to express our faith and values. We get really nice feedback every year from participants who find it rewarding so please give it a shot.

Questions? Contact Matt Zolbe at [matt.zolbe@gmail.com](mailto:matt.zolbe@gmail.com) or text him at 646.271.5094.

**Divine Mercy University Open House** will be held on **September 23, 2023**! We have an exciting and informative program designed for you to discover all we have to offer you here at Divine Mercy University. You'll meet with faculty and learn about our graduate school academic programs, learn more about the internship opportunities awaiting you, and explore how our education and network of students and alumni abroad will take you around the globe with the exciting outcomes our students are open to! You'll also learn more on our application and financial aid process, scholarship and tuition discounts opportunities, and hear from current students about life at DMU and what post-graduate opportunities we offer. Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Lane, Sterling, VA 20166 Schedule: 9:30am to 1pm Tours and Info Sessions—Student Services & Alumni Association, Admissions and an Affordable Catholic Education, DMU Experience (Campus Ministry, SLC (Student Leadership Committee), Library/Digital Learning), Light bites

and refreshments will be provided. RSVP to [nalmomani@divinemercury.edu](mailto:nalmomani@divinemercury.edu)

**PVI Hiring**—Are you a lifelong learner who is passionate about Catholic education and works to inspire others to be extraordinary? St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Chantilly is busy making plans for next school year. God might be calling you to visit [www.paulvi.net/employment](http://www.paulvi.net/employment) to see positions that are available.

**The 31st International Week of Prayer and Fasting coalition**, in collaboration with the Legion of Mary, Marian Fathers, and others are asking members of parishes to unite for nine days of prayer and fasting from October 20-28, 2023.

The Closing day of the International Week of Prayer and Fasting will be held in-person on Saturday October 28, from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, with Eucharistic Adoration, Mass at 12 noon, the Rosary, and guest speakers throughout the day. Registration is required for the Virtual Conference and watch FREE on Day of Presentation at [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org) or call 888.478.PRAY.



We are inviting you to participate in this pivotal moment in the Church! Join our diocese at the National Eucharistic Congress and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Scan the QR Code at the right for more information.



[Learn More](#)

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Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a sponsor certificate prior to a Baptism or Confirmation.

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Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class (preferably before the child's birth) held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in a Conference Room in the Administration Bldg. You may schedule your child for the Sacrament of Baptism (held all Sundays 1:30pm) by visiting the Parish website under Faith, Sacraments, Baptism. Date is confirmed once all paperwork is received in the office (at least 2 weeks prior to the date of desired Baptism.)

### Matrimony

The priest must be contacted at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.

Visit the Parish Website under Faith, Sacraments, Marriage and fill out the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire prior to contacting the Parish Office. A priest will contact you.

### RCIA

Adults desiring instruction in the Catholic Faith should visit the website to register for RCIA classes.

### Hospitalized/Homebound

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