

## Masses for the Week

Mon, May 19 6:15— Lester Crow

8:30— Sandra Kovacev

12:15— Mother's Day Novena

**Tues, May 20** 6:15— David & Mary Beth Burke

8:30— Eileen Hughes

Wed, May 21 6:15— Elizabeth & Sean Hoster

8:30— Fr. Richard Guest 12:15— Joseph, Carlo & Laura Maresca+

**Thurs, May 22** 6:15— Miles Family L&+

8:30— Earl Wong

**Fri, May 23** 6:15— Michael Auger+

8:30— Frank J. DeMeo+

**Sat, May 24** 8:30— Joan Giroux+

5:30— Barry Maloney+

**Sun, May 25** 7:30— Griffin Thompson+

8:45 — Mary Martinez+

10:30— Deceased Members of the Keane & Bianchet Families+

12:30— Edward Jordan+

5:00— St. Theresa Parishioners

#### **Parish Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:** 8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass **Sunday:** 7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am

12:30 & 5:00pm

Weekdays: 6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday

12:15pm, Mondays (except Federal Holidays)

and Wednesdays

**Holy Days:** As announced

Holy Hour: Wednesdays, 7pm

**Confessions:** Wednesdays, 9am (until line ends);

Holy Hour, 7pm (until line ends); Saturdays, 4pm (until line ends);

and by appointment

\*\*Federal Holidays—6:15 and 8:30am Masses only

### 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

Prayers For The Sick: Michael Tabash, Maddie N., Suzanne Miles, Martin Caplan, Gene Epperly, Patricia LeMay, Megan Brown, John Forbes, Ronald Lewis Cricks, Tom Poerstel, Mary Broderick, Mary Giebel, Esther Yager, Tori Edmonds, Daniel John Begley, Michael DeCardona, Stephen Stahl, Steve Smith, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Pranee Heinjarean, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez.

Prayers For Our Military: Cabell Early, Jack Williamson, Sabrina Sokol, Aidan Sullivan, Kyle Sullivan, Heather Hurley, Connor McCarthy, Kraig Broecker Jr., Victoria Carrick Caviston, Jack Ward, Michael Scully, Matthew Baba, Anthony Lupetaliaami, Tom Short, Bill Short, Sergio Mendez, Geoffrey Galasso, Logan Anna Davis, Stephen Holdorf, Jr. Daniel W. Beverly, Matthew Schierling, Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, Russell Escalante.

#### I Am Embarrassed to Admit It...But I Don't Know How to Pray! (Part II)

When people tell me, "I do not know how to pray," it's often because they waste their prayer time thinking about everything except God. They dwell exclusively on themselves—their past or their future—without dwelling on the reality of God's presence in the present moment. If you're not thinking about God, prayer ceases to be prayer. When you go to pray, do you ever...

- think about past sins...without remembering God's personal forgiveness?
- think about your distractions...without drawing your mind back to God?
- think about your emotions...as if God does not already know and understand?
- think about your upcoming tasks...as if God will be absent from your side?

If you struggle with a sense of abandonment and loneliness in prayer, please read an easy, brief, life-changing book entitled The Practice of the Presence of God by an author named Brother Lawrence. It will help you to confront and to correct false notions of God that have kept you from drawing closer to him. In the meantime, here are a few ideas that will help you develop a living awareness of God's presence:

- Know that living in God's presence is *learned* behavior. You can cultivate it, but it will take time.
- God is always present and active in your life, whether you feel it or not.
- You are always tempted to live outside of the immediate moment. When you do that, you lose your sense of God's presence. Be conscious of God's reality right now.
- Distraction and failure are not problems. You can always start prayer again, immediately. Nothing has been lost.
- Your desire for God ebbs and flows. His desire for you is constant.
- Every thought, word, and action of yours is a choice that moves me a little closer to or a little farther from God. It all matters.
- Every aspect of your life is of immense and genuine interest to God. He wants to "hang out" with you at every moment. Simply let him in.

The key to remembering God's presence is to live "in the now," which is the only place he can meet you. Living in the past (with its regrets) or in the future (with its worry) is spiritual trespassing. They are God's territory. Don't live in the land or regret, remorse, hurry, and worry. Live in God's presence, and you will find that prayer is the most natural thing in the world for you.

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

Fr. Hudgins

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

## Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

Take note of the following upcoming early bulletin deadlines:

June 1 bulletin--due by Monday, May 19th 12noon July 6 bulletin--due by Tuesday, June 24th 12noon

#### Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

You can find all of Fr. Hudgins homilies recorded on Fatherhudgins.com

### How to Register to be a Parishioner of St. Theresa Catholic Church

In the sacramental life of the Church, Catholic faithful will In order to register, come to the parish office Monday – need to prove residency in a parish. Registration with the parish office allows us to track your sacramental data and keep you connected with the life of the church.

Friday 9:30am - 3:30pm (closed for lunch from 12-1) to fill out a registration card. Yellow registration cards can also be obtained at all of the Church entrances – these can be mailed to the parish or given to an usher during a church liturgy.

## **Youth Education and News**

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

**Certification for RE Teachers** - If you would like to develop a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith, especially if you are or will be teaching Religious Education, please consider participating in one of the following series of Certification courses:

**Summer 2025** - Our Lady of Good Counsel in Vienna, on Friday Evenings and Saturdays

Fall 2025/Winter 2026 - St. Theresa's, on Saturdays

Please contact the Office of Religious Education if you would like more information.

Adults Plan Ahead to Volunteer Want to volunteer at the many St. Theresa's children based programs/ events? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. For details contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at connie@sainttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

#### May

Sat, 17th-WorkCamp Tool Training, 9am to 1pm, School Cafeteria

Sat, 17th-Middle School ROCK Squad, School Cafeteria & Gym, 6:30-8:30pm

Sun, 18th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 19th-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 20th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

#### June

Sun, 1st-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm Sun, 8th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm <u>Thurs, 12th</u> – WorkCamp Prep Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Saint Louis Martin Room

Sun, 15th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm Sat, 21st to Fri, 27th-WorkCamp in Shenandoah County, VA.

Sun, 22nd-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 23rd-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

<u>Tues, 24th</u>-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sun, 29th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Attention Class of 2025! The Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit in Northern Virginia, founded by Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, will be hosting five free College Nights this summer for graduated seniors heading to college in the fall. One of these College Nights will take place at St. Theresa in the cafeteria on July 10, 2025. See details in the News Around the Diocese section.



**Thank You to Our Sponsors!** The St. Theresa Catholic School PTO Annual Auction, "**Bloom**," was a great success, and we could not have done it

Teacher Appreciation Week 2025



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without the help of our amazing sponsors! Special thanks to: Dr. Valerie Woo/NOVA Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics, our parish Knights of Columbus, Drs. Mook & Switaj/ OrthoVirginia, The Salvetti Law Group, Guidepoint Security, Mr. Nussbaum Learning & Fun, Bobbio Family Dental at Birchwood, Kyle Knight/State Farm, Sam Mansoor/ Legacy Law Centers, Chariots for Hire, JP Handyman Services, Domaine Fortier Vineuards, Evolution Basketball Training, The Smaltz Family, The Mutschelknaus Familu. We are so grateful for your support of our students and school community!

STCS Parents, please see the *Thurs-day Thunder Newsletter* for information on important dates and events, including:

Thursday, May 22— "Shakespearience,"

Friday, May 23-

Field Day; Early Dismissal

Monday, May 26—

Memorial Day, No School

## St. Theresa Catholic School is hiring for the 2025-26 school

year! STCS is accepting applications for the following positions: Fourth Grade Teacher, Middle School Math Teacher, Kindergarten full-time aide, and 3rd Grade part-time aide. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@SaintTheresaParish.com.

Apply to STCS! Would you like to learn more about our parish school and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's life? Please visit our website for more information (click "Admissions") or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotelld@stsashburn.com.



#### **News from our Parish**

Young at Heart Social Club (YAH)-Men and Women (55 and over) Wednesday, May 21st after 12:15 Mass. We meet in the Admin. Bldg. Located across from the Church Spring Luncheon - Club will provide sandwiches consisting of Chicken salad, tuna salad, ham and cheese and roast beef on rolls. Homemade desserts, Drinks - Coffee, tea, lemonade, wine and beer. No Fee for PAID MEM-BERS, please bring a side dish of your choice to share, Ex: vegetable, tossed salad, pasta salad, fruit salad. Nonmembers \$10. Activity: Bingo with cash prizes, \$5 for 6 games. 50/50

raffle. Any questions call Grace Breighner at 410.967.8888 or 703.729.7044. Email: gracejb18@aol.com. New members are always welcome.

Join Our Joyful Team - St. Theresa Catholic School is hiring for the 2025-26 school year! STCS is accepting applications for the following positions: Fourth Grade Teacher, Middle School Math Teacher, Kindergarten full-time aide, and 3rd Grade parttime aide. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@SaintTheresaParish.com.

#### Meals For Priests Ministry-

Interested in serving pre-cooked dinners to our Priests? Our Meals for Priests Ministry is in need of loving and generous members. We serve dinners to our 4 Priests 3 times a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. God sent us wonderful Priests. Fathers would appreciate a nutritious dinner after a busy work day. Interested in helping our Priests and Parish, please email Anh Wong at wong.anh@gmail.com or call 703.723.1308.





## **Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment**

Looking for a fun summer read?

Join the Catholic Education for Adults "Summer Session" as we read through the "Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis. This is a fantastic book series aimed at kids but loved by adults who can see the deeper meaning behind the storylines and the symbolism. The session runs from 5/27 through 9/2. Online discussions will be held every two weeks for those who are interested. For more details or to sign up email Andy Johnson at: johnson.andrew7003@gmail.com.

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 for the Lectio Divina prayer is the Mass reading for the upcoming Sunday. We are currently reading the book, "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary" by Brant Pitre.

Parish women of all ages are cordially invited. For more information contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

That Man is You (TMIY)—Are you looking to strengthen your faith & family and meet other Catholic men at St Theresa's? We finished our TMIY year but will meet during the summer for fellowship and faith. Use the QR Code below or contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422aol.com for more information.



#### **Knights of Columbus**

K of C Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 18, 2025: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 18 in the St. Theresa school cafeteria. Stop by after the morning Masses or at any time between 8 am and 12 noon, and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes (regular, chocolate chip, and blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausage, tater tots, and roasted potatoes, along with coffee, orange juice and assorted Dunkin' Munchkins! Profits from this breakfast will benefit the Haiti Mission and You(th) vs. Hunger.

**Food Drive**: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and delivering food to the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling last month. Your contributions and effort make this important program very successful.

Please keep up the generosity by taking a bag (or a flyer if bags are unavailable) on your way out and return it next weekend (May 17-18) with items on the attached flyer.

Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items.

Thank you for your help and generosity.

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NOTE: Since bags go quickly, the food list can be found at https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/

loudoun-food-pantry-2 or scan here:



Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you need help in completing a small home repair that you cannot complete yourself or that may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! We do not do outdoor yard or gardening work. Please submit your request on our website at: https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services.

Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent in Loudoun County?— Want to make a difference right here in your community? Loudoun County is always in need of additional families to join their network of foster care fami-

child placed in your home through the local department of social services. The child placed in your care is unable to remain safely in their home with their parents or relatives. Foster parents are asked to provide a safe, stable, temporary and caring atmosphere for a child placed in their home. Interested applicants are not required to have prior parenting experience but must be able to work as part of a team and support the goal of reunification. For more information, contact parishioners Eric & Kathleen Ciliberti at kathleenciliberti@gmail.com and / or ciliber73@gmail.com for more information.

Interested in Joining? Guided by principles of charity, unity and fellowship, the Knights of Columbus work to strengthen our parish, our families and our community. FAQ: https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs. To be contacted, please scan the following QR code.





#### Legion of Mary

Want to deepen your faith, build community, increase your relationship with our

Lord, and serve others? Want to be part of something bigger than yourself? We have two praesidium options. Saturdays at 9:15am and Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Stop by the Saint Martin room and learn more about it.

## Home Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

Our Lord revealed that wherever the image of His Sacred Heart is exposed and given special honor, great blessings, and graces would abound. One way to accomplish this goal is to do a formal enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your home. The enthronement is a ceremony where Jesus is invited into your home and is given authority over your family/household.

Please email sttheresalegionof-mary@gmail.com to schedule one.

#### Prayer Request -Are you in need of prayer?

Send The Legion of Mary a prayer request to sttheresalegionof-mary@gmail.com Your prayer will be added to our list and kept confidential. Matthew 18: 20 For where two or three come together in my name, I am there among them.

#### **Pro-Life Corner**

What you should know about the extreme abortion amendment to the Virginia Constitution. Part 6 issue courts may decide. But the fact is that this "right" to reproductive freedom trumps anyone else's convictions

Again, quoting the bill, "every individual...cannot be denied, burdened or otherwise infringed upon...". So, if a pro-life doctor is asked to perform an abortion, will he/she be forced to decide between doing the procedure despite his/her conscience or to give up practicing medicine? This is another

issue courts may decide. But the fact is that this "right" to reproductive freedom trumps anyone else's convictions or beliefs. Last week we spoke of those who oppose the bill having to pay for the procedures through insurance premiums - what about the companies and business owners who provide insurance to their employees? What about their rights? Doubtless, the thought is that they will have to include these procedures in the medical

insurance they give their employees... again whether they agree or not. We've been here before with the Little Sisters of the Poor and Hobby Lobby cases. Religious Liberty is at stake here. Catholic schools, dioceses, and hospitals would have to provide insurance for their employees to receive these procedures. Does that make sense?

#### **News Around the Diocese**

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2025—May 29-Jun 1; June 26-29.

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$398 per couple. ourladyofbethesda.org. Bethesda, MD.

**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 for more information.

#### Men's Evening of Reflection-

Looking to grow in your relationship with Christ? This evening provides Catholic formation with spiritual talks, reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Mass and opportunities for confession are also offered. **Wednesday, May 21**, 6:30–9. Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Dr., Sterling. Register by scanning the QR code For more information please

contact rcmenssectionva@gmail.com

Upcoming ProRome Tours—Monsignor Saunders - Catechists Pilgrimage - September 21 - 30, 2025, \$3630 land only, with group airfare available from Dulles for an additional \$1515. Monsignor Saunders' trip has been planned for catechists and those who work for the Church and their family members. It's been arranged to coincide with the Jubilee of Catechists in Rome. Webpage/Registration Por-

tal: https://prorometours.com/ arlingtoncatechists/ Brochure:https://prorometours.com/ wp-content/uploads/2025/02/ Monsignor-Saunders-Pilgrimagebrochure-5.pdf

Father Jeb Donelan - Spanish Speaking Pilgrimage - October 14 - 23, **2025**, \$3390 land, with group airfare available from Dulles for an additional \$1274. Father Jeb Donelan's pilgrimage is a Spanish-speaking trip, although English speakers are welcome to attend. This pilgrimage includes a number of incredible cities and shrines, such as Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Orvieto and Monte Cassino. Webpage/Registration Portal: https://prorometours.com/ cursillodecristiandad/ English Brochure: https:// prorometours.com/wp-content/ uploads/2021/05/Fr.-Jeb-Donelans-Brochure-6.pdf Spanish Brochure: https:// prorometours.com/wp-content/ uploads/2021/05/Spanish-Fr.-Jeb-

What to Know About the Annulment Process—Want to Learn More about the Annulment Process? Join us for a presentation at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Warrenton, VA on June 14th beginning with 9am parish Mass and ending with a rosary. Fr. Thomas Ferguson, Judicial Vicar, will be the keynote. The event is free but to register and learn more visit arlingtondiocese.org/annulmenthealing. For questions call the Office of Marriage, Family and Re-

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Finding Jesus with St. Therese of Lisieux Women's Retreat— $\operatorname{St.}$ 

spect Life at 703.841.2550

Therese is a magnificent manifestation

of "the Feminine Genius" and a "Wise Woman" in the fullest sense of the words. Pope St. Pius X called her "the Greatest Saint of Modern Times" and Pope St. John Paul the Great declared her a Universal Doctor of the Church. St. Therese's spiritual doctrine is easily understood and can be practically applied in our very occupied, day-today lives. Her counsel can ably assist us in enduring and embracing difficulties in prayer, overcoming scruples, and patiently putting up with people who challenge us. Join Fr. John Riley at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA in silence and solitude to learn about this great Saint. This retreat begins at 6pm Friday June 13th and concludes Sunday June **15th** at noon. Retreat cost is \$285. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

Married Couples—Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom to live your best life in love. Upcoming experience are: June 20-22 - Raleigh NC; September 12-14 - Richmond VA; October 24-26 - Jessup MD; November 7-9 - Rehoboth Beach DE For more information please call 757.690.1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

#### **News Around the Diocese Continued**

Marriage Workshop: Strengthening Your Love Marriage Renewal Work**shop—Jun 21-22, 2025**: Our Lady of Bethesda, Bethesda, MD. A Christcentered weekend designed to offer practical tools that can help foster effective communication and emotional closeness in your marriage. The expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests who will offer their expertise and experience, plus they will be on hand the entire weekend to offer individual consultation, upon request. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: \$650 per couple (early-bird pricing may be available.) Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required and Seating is limited. See our website to register: www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

Scholarship Opportunity—The Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit in the diocese founded by Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, has opened its scholarship application for all current and rising college students. This year, ASJB has more than doubled their scholarship offerings! ASJB will be awarding up to \$40,000 to up to five worthy recipients who seek to serve the Church in some way after they graduate from college. Applicants must be residents of the Diocese of Arlington. Students may apply by May 19, 2025, by visiting: www.asjb.org/scholarship-program.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati: Young Man of the Beatitudes—Saturday, May 31, 11am-5pm. The Summer Fun, Faith, and Food in the Park Young Adult Retreat is sponsored by the Legion of Mary to be held at Holy Trinity Jubilee Park Inc. located at 4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin, Virginia 20143. It is open to all Catholics from ages 18 - 39. Come and join us for an exciting day with holy Mass, Benediction, Confession, Eucharistic Procession, uplifting talks, skits, and three hours of exciting activities. The speakers are: Rev. John Melmer and Rev. Paul Berghout JCL

The fee is \$35 p/p: \$45 after May 16, which includes refreshments. Bring water and rosary. Participants will have opportunities to meet new friends, have fun, learn strong Catholic values, and more particularly, be drawn closer to God. To register or questions, call Dr. Seggy Acosta at 703.392.6420, Maureen Earner

703.622.9293, Irving Vargas 571.799.6968. Registration forms through email. See you there!

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Young Women-How do we make our "Fiat" like Mary's, not just a one-anddone proposition but a way of life? Join the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco to explore embracing God's plan with hope and joy at the annual diocesan discernment retreat for young women (ages 18-40). The retreat is June 20-22 at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center and will include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, opportunities for prayer and confession, and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$150 and includes single room and bath and all meals (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.3829. Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday June 9.

Join Us for Summer Camps at St. Paul VI Catholic High School!—St.

Paul VI Catholic High School is excited to offer a variety of engaging summer camps for students entering grades 2 through 9! This summer, we are hosting camps in band, baseball, basketball, cheer, football, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, theatre, and more - all conveniently located on our beautiful Chantilly campus at 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA. Led by our dedicated faculty, staff, and head coaches, these camps provide a fantastic opportunity for students to grow, learn, and have fun in a supportive and faithfilled environment. For more information and to register, visit: www.paulvi.net/summercamps.

Blessed Carlo Acutis: A Techie Saint for Teens—Saturday, June 28, 8am—5pm. The Teenage Enrichment for the Apostles of Mary (T.E.A.M. Retreat) is sponsored by the Legion of Mary to be held at Holy Trinity Jubilee Park Inc. located at 4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin , VA 20143. Open to all Catholics from ages 12 - 17. Come and join us for an exciting day with holy Mass, Benediction, Confession, Eucharistic Procession, uplifting talks, skits, and three hours of exciting activities. The speakers are: Rev. Francis Peffley and Rev. John Heisler.

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new friends, have fun, learn strong Catholic values, and more particularly, be drawn closer to God. For registration, or questions, call Dr. Seggy Acosta at 703.392.6420 or Irving Vargas 571.799.6968. Scholarships are available based on financial needs.

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2025 College Night Dates & Locations **July 1** - St. Mark (Vienna); **July 10** - St. Theresa (Ashburn); **July 15** - Holy Trinity (Gainesville); **July 22** - Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria); **July 29** - St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Fredericksburg)

These events help rising college freshmen network with other Catholics heading to college, and give students the tools to navigate the transition from high school to college, keeping their Catholic faith strong. Students hear from upperclassmen who give their personal testimonies about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life. Students walk away with a free bundle of Catholic books called the "Bosco Bundle" to bring to college that will help them deepen their faith while away at school. The events come with a pizza dinner, too. Registration is FREE! For dates, locations, and more information, please visit: www.asjb.org/ student-registration. Each night is capped at 50 students, so early registration is encouraged.

Attention Rising 8th graders—Take the Practice Version of the High School Placement Test (Pre-HSPT) at St. Paul VI Catholic High School. Monday, July 28, 2025 from 9am-noon; Monday, August 11, 2025 from 9am-noon. St. Paul VI Catholic High School, 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152. Optional Parent Info Session: 11:30 a.m. in the PVI Theatre. Includes details about Paul VI and the admissions process. Please Note: The Pre-HSPT is not used for admissions but is a helpful preparation tool. Accommodations are not available for the Pre-HSPT. If you have any questions or to register, please email the PVI Office of Enrollment Management at admissions@paulvi.net.

#### **Parish Offices**

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All offices located at 21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA

#### Sacraments

#### **Sponsor Certificates**

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

#### **Baptisms**

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class (preferably before the child's birth) held the first Thursday of each month at 7pm (note the time change) 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 Ouestionnaire 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

Please contact the Parish Office to ask for Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.



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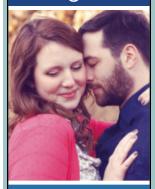
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