

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

June 1, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord



Masses for the Week

Mon, June 2	6:15— Miles Family L&+ 8:30— Dolores Jimenez 12:15— Gerard Jacob+
Tues, June 3	6:15— Jerome+ and Lou Miles 8:30— Marcos Perez
Wed, June 4	6:15— Dori Levisay+ 8:30— George Edward Murray III 12:15— Szegey Family L&+
Thurs, June 5	6:15— Phil & Betty Peters+ 8:30— Barbara Wynne+
Fri, June 6	6:15— Joan & Robert Burton+ 8:30— Rick & Maria Nareisse 12:15— Ann P. Sweeney+
Sat, June 7	8:30— Mr. Dave Lima & Family 5:30— Molly Mica & Andrew Pedraza
Sun, June 8	7:30— Mary Ann & Chris Pelczar and Family 8:45— Joseph, Carlo & Laura Maresca+ 10:30— Claudia Cox 12:30— Lorraine 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.

100 Years of St. Theresa, Canonized 1925

Our very own St. Therese of Lisieux is easily one of the most beloved saints in the Catholic Church. Her spirituality has moved countless millions of hearts, because it focuses on simple acts of holiness, accessible to anyone—trusting in God's mercy, doing small things with great love, and finding beauty in the ordinary. This year, the Church celebrates the 100th anniversary of her canonization, by Pope Pius XI. In honor of her anniversary, here are a few of St. Theresa's most beloved quotations:

I understood that all we accomplish in this world, however brilliant, is worth nothing without love.

It is better to leave each one in his own opinion than to enter into arguments

The light of God's truth shines far more brightly than the shadowy light of earthly pleasures. I would not exchange ten minutes of time spent on an act of charity for a thousand years' worth of such worldly delights.

Sufferings gladly borne for others convert more people than sermons.

One word or a pleasing smile is often enough to raise up a saddened and wounded soul.

My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice. These are my invincible arms. They can move hearts far better than words. I know it by experience.

For me, prayer is a surge of the heart. It is a simple look toward heaven. It is a cry of recognition and love, embracing both trial and joy.

Jesus, help me to live my life by learning what you want me to be and becoming that person.

If I did not suffer simply from moment to moment, I would find it impossible to be patient. But I look only at the present, forget the past, and am careful never to anticipate the future. When we surrender to discouragement or despair, it is usually because we are thinking too much of the past or the future.

Receive Communion often, very often. There you have the sole remedy, if you want to be cured. Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing.

Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart. Don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love.

True charity consists in bearing all our neighbor's defects—not being surprised at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues.

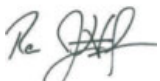
Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be.

Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, thereby a kindly word. Always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.

And in closing, please offer St. Theresa's prayer for priests:

**O Jesus, eternal Priest,
Keep your priests within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch them.
Keep unstained their anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body.
Keep unsullied their lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood.
Keep pure and unearthly their hearts, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.
May Your holy love surround them, and shield them from the world's contagion.
Bless their labors with abundant fruit,
And may the souls to whom they minister be their joy and consolation here
And in heaven their beautiful and everlasting crown. Amen!**

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Youth Education and News



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.



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June

Sun, 1st-Upper Room Squad, 6- 8pm

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

Thurs, 12th - 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

Tues, 24th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

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

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**5th Grade
D.A.R.E Graduation**

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

Tuesday, June 3—

STCS Class of 2021 Senior Walk



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

Wednesday, June 4—

8th Grade Mass with Kindergarten Buddies; 8th Grade Send-off & Car Parade

Thursday, June 5—

Kindergarten last day of school

Friday, June 6—

8th Grade Graduation; Kindergarten Celebration; Grades 1-7 Mass & early dismissal (11:30am)

Tuesday, June 10—

Early dismissal (1:30pm), last day of school- we will miss you, see you in August!

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 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 Vineyards, Evolution Basketball Training, The Smaltz Family,

The Mutschelknaus Family. We are so grateful for your support of our students and school community!



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

STCS is accepting applications for the following positions: Fourth Grade teacher and part-time aides. 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, rotell@stsashburn.com.

News from our Parish

Ashburn Catholic Young Adults—We will meet bi-weekly on Mondays from 6:15–7:30pm this summer for faith and fellowship. Join us **June 2** for our Rosary & Ice Cream kickoff, followed by a Theology of the Body Formation Series on June 16 | June 30 | July 14 | July 28 | August 11. We will meet in the Zelie Conference rooms in the Parish Admin Building.

Young at Heart Social Club (YAH)—Men and Women (55 and over) We meet after the 12:15pm Mass in the Admin. Bldg. Located across from the Church. On Wed., **June 11th** (2nd Wed.). We are having a pulled Pork BBQ Luncheon from Carolina Brothers., with Potato salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans and Watermelon. Drinks are Coffee, tea, lemonade, beer, and wine. Dessert will be Cookies and make your own Ice Cream Sundaes with all the toppings!! Cost is \$12 per paid 2025 membership. \$15 for everyone else. Activity: A table game for all to play! 50/50 Raffle. RSVP by Monday, June 9th to: Grace Breighner, Email: gracejb18@aol.com, Cell: 410.967.8888, Home: 703.729.7044. New people 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 and

part-time aides. 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.

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Missionary Families of Christ (MFC-Virginia)
- Defending Faith, Family and Life -

invites you to a
**Christian Life
RETREAT**

We are an evangelistic and missionary community committed to become families empowered by the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

Saturday, June 14, 2025 | 8:00am-5:00pm

St. Theresa Catholic Church, Multi-purpose (Zelie) Room
21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA 20147

For inquiries:
Ricky Corista - 571.477.4798
Maidette Corista - 571.420.3428

Nonoy Cardenas - 202.560.2885
Lilitz Cardenas - 202.489.2595

Snacks and lunch will be served



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.

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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



Knights of Columbus

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 families. Foster parenting is caring for a 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 ciliberti73@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.



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

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 dmari213@aol.com

That Man is You (TMIY)—Are you looking to strengthen your faith &

family and meet other Catholic men at St Theresa's? Use the QR Code below or contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422aol.com for more information.



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

In the sacramental life of the Church, Catholic faithful will 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.

In order to register, come to the parish office Monday – 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.

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadline

Take note of the following upcoming early bulletin deadline:

July 6 bulletin--due by Tuesday, **June 24th** 12noon

News Around the Diocese

Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC)

—We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Come on out with us to: Outdoor Stations at Nativity Church (June 4); Spring Dance at Epiphany Church (June 7); Thursday lunches (June 12 & 26); square dancing (Tuesdays); Father's Day breakfast at Arlington K of C (June 15); musical play (June 15); walk at Claude Moore Park (June 18); Annual Picnic (June 22); serving meal at Christ House (June 28). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2025—June 26-29; July 17-20.

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.

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.

More News Around the Diocese

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Young Women—How do we make our “Fiat” like Mary’s, not just a one-and-done 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**.

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 Respect Life at 703.841.2550

Finding Jesus with St. Therese of Lisieux Women’s Retreat—St. 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-to-day 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

Marriage Workshop: Strengthening Your Love Marriage Renewal Workshop—Jun 21-22, 2025: Our Lady of Bethesda, Bethesda, MD. A Christ-centered 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.

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.

The fee is \$35 p/p: \$45 after June 20, which includes refreshments. Bring a bag lunch, water and a rosary. Participants will have opportunities to meet 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.

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 faith-filled environment. For more information and to register, visit: www.paulvi.net/summercamps.

Beach Day for Catholic Homeschoolers!—Splish Splash! Catholic homeschoolers (and those contemplating homeschooling this fall), you are cordially invited to some fun in the sun with Mayflower Homeschoolers at Lake Anna! Come meet other Catholic homeschoolers! Details/RSVP @ <http://lifesit.es?HUM9V> Mayflower Homeschoolers is a Roman Catholic multi-chapter homeschool support group under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org

News Around the Diocese Continued

Mass & Rosary in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life—Everyone is invited to celebrate a Mass & Rosary in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life with Bishop Burbidge on **July 12th!** Mass is at 8:30 am and the Rosary is immediately following on the public sidewalk at a local abortion facility. For questions and more info please contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at familylife@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703.841.2550.

Living the Sacrament of Marriage – Married Couples’ Retreat—A retreat for married couples to contemplate the gift of their Sacrament. We will pray individually and together, pondering the graces of Marriage and reflecting on God’s promises and Presence in the life of a family. We shall also consider how God elevates the capacity of spouses to love each other and their children, and how He makes the home of a family a privileged place of healing and sanctification. Join Fr. Daniel Hanley, coordinator of the blessed Stanley Rother House of formation at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA for this unique retreat opportunity. This retreat will begin at 6 pm Friday **July 18th** and conclude Sunday **July 20th** with lunch at noon. Retreat cost is \$285. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

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.

Summer Retreat Weekend—Aug 15-17, 2025. This Summer, you are invited to step away from the busyness of daily life and enter into a deeper encounter with Christ. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is offering the Summer Spiritual Exercises Retreat led by Fr. Robert Presutti, LC. This silent retreat, based on the time-tested methods of St. Ignatius of Loyola, will provide the perfect setting for prayer, reflection, and renewal. The weekend is designed for both men and women seeking to deepen their faith and reconnect with their spiritual journey. Plus! You can take advantage of the early-bird pricing, now available until Friday, July 25! Cost to attend: \$368 per person, EARLY-BIRD RATE: \$318 per person. For a more flexible, self-directed experience, the Private Retreat Option will be available during this weekend. Find more details on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20187. Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your spiritual renewal and reconnect with God.

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 Portal: <https://prorometours.com/arlingtoncatechists/> Brochure:<https://prorometours.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Monsignor-Saunders-Pilgrimage-brochure-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/>

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Spanish Brochure: <https://prorometours.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Spanish-Fr.-Jeb-Donelans-Brochure-2.pdf>

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.

Holy Year of Hope Hotline—As we journey through this Holy Year of Hope, we invite you to be a beacon of light and encouragement. Call us on the Holy Year Hope Hotline 703.778.9100 and share your personal messages and stories of hope. Your words may be featured in the Walk Humbly Podcasts throughout the year—uplifting others in both joyful moments and challenging times. By sharing your story, you're offering a gift to the community—a reminder that no one is alone, and that hope lives in all of us. Let's inspire one another with hope.

After Abortion Care Day of Prayer & Healing – June 14th—These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, 1 location). 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 and registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: 703.841.2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org. Project Rachel is the Diocese's post-abortion healing ministry, offering compassionate support to anyone affected by abortion. Our mission is to reach all women wounded by abortion with a message of hope, healing, and forgiveness, inviting them back into a loving relationship with Jesus Christ.

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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

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Looking for more ways help? Consider signing up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. If you would like to sign up to be placed on our Outreach email you will learn about what we do and how you can become more involved in touching the lives of families who are struggling. Contact Marianne Guidos 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

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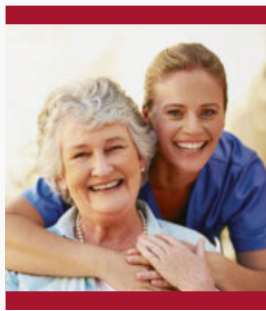
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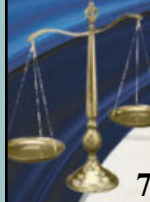
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