



St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Masses for the Week

Mon, June 23	6:15— Maureen Semple-Piggot+ 8:30— Father's Day Novena 12:15— Anne Elizabeth Tulloch
Tues, June 24	6:15— Didi Miles 8:30— John & Eleanor McNichol+
Wed, June 25	6:15— Alyce Miles+ 8:30— Ruth & Paul McNichol+ 12:15— Robin Giroux+
Thurs, June 26	6:15— Deacon Anthony Renzette 8:30— Rob & Bev Wiblemo+
Fri, June 27	6:15— Deacon Paul Konold 8:30— Thanksgiving for overturning Roe vs Wade
Sat, June 28	8:30— Celine Wong 5:30— Pat & Patty
Sun, June 29	7:30— Edna Pietrucha 8:45— Thanh Mai Nguyen 10:30— Kimberly A. Schroter+ 12:30— Christa Turpin 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.

Misconceptions About the Trinity

This will undoubtedly seem surprising, but the Trinity is the single most important teaching of our faith. It's a teaching more important even than the Eucharist or the Incarnation, since the Trinity describes the very nature of God, from which all God's actions flow. Since today is Trinity Sunday, let's consider a few common misconceptions about this subject.

The Trinity didn't exist in the Old Testament

God has always existed, since God is the very act of existence itself. Therefore, the God of the Old Testament is the Trinity. It's true that God did not explicitly reveal himself to be a Trinity until Christ did so, but listen carefully, and you'll hear lots of evidence for the nature of God in the Old Testament. In the act of creation (Gen 1:26), God refers to himself in the first-person plural, not singular. In the words of many of the Psalms and prophets (including Daniel, Samuel, and Ezekiel), God is described as "sending out his spirit" which should sound very familiar to Christian ears.

The three persons of the Trinity are just God taking three different forms

Some people have tried to explain the mystery by saying the Trinity is like water—it can be steam, liquid, or ice—remaining always the same thing. This is a heresy known as "modalism." The fact is that each person of the Trinity is unique, distinct, and co-eternal. God does not switch between three different forms.

The Father is the Creator, the Son is the Redeemer, the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier See "modalism," above. God is not divisible. All three persons of the Trinity act together, in everything—that includes creation, redemption, and sanctification. Only God the Son assumed a human nature in the person of Jesus, but even then, the Trinity was united in willing it.

Jesus is not equal to God the Father

Jesus himself once said, "the Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). Does this mean Jesus is less than the Father? The simplest explanation of this passage is that, at the moment Jesus speaks these words, he is speaking not of his divinity, but of his humanity. When Jesus speaks in the Gospels, sometimes he speaks about his divine nature and other times he speaks about his human nature. One must often ask, "which nature is Jesus focusing on?" Jesus speaks these words at the Last Supper, where his focus is on the upcoming crucifixion of his limited, finite human body. That limitation is, in fact, lesser than God the Father. After Jesus rises from the dead and ascends into heaven, his human body is no longer limited as it was before. It would take an essay to explain this point entirely, but to keep it simple, just remember that Jesus speaks here in a time-specific reference to his human nature before his crucifixion. Jesus will never say this after he has risen from the dead, and ascended into heaven.

The Trinity is optional. If you don't understand it, you can ignore it.

God is three persons, united in a bond of perfect, eternal love. That means that the fundamental reality of all existence is love between persons. To ignore the Trinity would be to ignore love itself. Thanks be to God we can't ignore that!

Since the Trinity describes the inner nature of God himself, we should not be surprised to find it to be mysterious. Just a few little thoughts for you in honor of Trinity Sunday.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadline

Take note of the following upcoming early bulletin deadline:

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

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.

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

June

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

Attention Class of 2025! The Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), will be hosting five free College Nights this summer for graduated seniors heading to college in the fall. **St. Theresa will host one in the cafeteria on July 10, 2025.** See details in the News Around the Diocese section.



Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

RE Registration is OPEN! Please visit the parish website to complete the online form and submit payment for your children's RE classes for the 2025-26 school year. Remember to register early to take advantage of our early bird discount, as Registration fees go back to their normal rates after **July 31st**

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.



Our Kindergarten Celebration was a joyous occasion!

STCS Summer Office Hours: the school office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9am-1pm throughout the summer. *Have a wonderful and safe break!*



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

STCS Parents, July 16 is a BIG night - please Save the Date! Mark your calendars to join us for our annual **PTO Summer Family Bingo Night, Used Uniform Sale, and New Family Icebreaker on Wednesday evening, July 16.** Details to come, watch for your Summer edition of *Thursday Thunder* in July.

STCS Parents, School Supplies Orders Close July 8! STCS is partnering again with Sprout School Supplies to make your back-to-school easy! Please see the *Thursday Thunder* newsletter for ordering information. Orders due by July 8, 2025.



Parishioners & STCS Parents, SAVE THE DATE for the *15th Annual Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS) Golf Tournament* for tuition assistance! The tournament is on Monday, October 6, 2025 at Belmont Country Club in Ashburn. **Registration opens in mid-July** – *get your foursomes lined up, we're looking forward to another fantastic event!*

St. Theresa Catholic School is hiring for the 2025-26 school year! STCS is accepting applications for the following positions: Fourth Grade teacher, full-time Kindergarten aide, 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. Our meetings will be a Theology of the Body Formation Series on June 30 | July 14 | July 28 | August 11. We will meet in the Zelie Conference rooms in the Parish Admin Building.

Divine Mercy Devotional Materials—including books, pamphlets, rosaries, crucifixes, plaques, Bibles, and children's books will be available in the parish vestibule from **6/16 until 6/26**. Stop by the table and consider picking up some books for summer reading. Copies of the Sacred Heart novena (June 18-26) will be available, in advance of The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart on June 27. All donations benefit Divine Mercy Outreach.

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WorkCamp 2025—Saint Theresa Parish is sending twenty-eight teens and fourteen adults to WorkCamp in Shendoah County from June 21st through 27th. They will be working to make the homes of the residents they're serving warmer, safer and drier. Please keep the following teens in your prayers this week to allow them to safely serve the community and grow closer to their Lord:

Abigail Herring, Adam Paul, Adelaide McFadden, Alan Njugana, Allison Kurt, Beatriz Nunes Soares, Benjamin Gilroy, Brendan Carr, Brodrick Grover, Cameron Herrera, Catherine Moore, Christian Peters, Claire McGlaughlin, Colleen McCabe, Eamon Dunne, Ella Fernandez, Gabriel Herrera, Gregory Brooks, Isabelle Gilroy, Jenna Sonnhalter, Joseph Gilroy, Joseph Suarez, Julia Quezada, Lara Nunes

Soares, Lucas deVazeille, Matthew Smaltz, Sheila Suarez, Thomas Brooks.

To learn more about this program or to make a donation, please visit the parish website at <https://sainttheresaparish.com/activity/workcamp>

Holy Land Christians Display on June 28th/29th—On the weekend of June 28th/29th, 2025, there will be a display of beautiful olive wood hand-made carvings from the Holy Land in our church. These carvings are made by the Christians of Bethlehem who use them as their main source of income. These brothers and sisters of ours are enduring hardships especially now because of the volatile situation in their home country.

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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 to register, please visit: www.asjb.org/student-registration. Each night is capped at 50 students, so early registration is encouraged.

StrengthsFinders—Have you ever wondered what special gifts God has given YOU to fulfill your unique mission? Per Gallup research, most people are unaware of the natural talents bestowed to them.

You are invited to take the Gallup StrengthsFinders assessment and have a professional coach explain the background of the assessment, your results, and how you can use and develop your combination of strengths to live your fullest life with purpose and joy. Should you choose to participate as a couple, family or group, you will also understand and appreciate how you and others around you contribute to form a dynamic team.

1. Sign up and you will be sent a code to take the online assessment. 150 codes were pre-purchased at the 2024 coaches' discounted rate of \$10. (2025 price is \$20/assessment). The assessment is geared for ages 15 and up.

2. Attend a group session to understand the assessment and the 34 talent themes. You will appreciate your own talents and the talents of those around you as well be provided with techniques to grow your natural talents into amazing strengths for the glory of God.

For more information, please contact melaniestanleyfiore@gmail.com

A green rectangular poster with a white border. At the top left is a circular logo with a cross and the text 'St. Theresa Catholic School'. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'St. Theresa Catholic School' in white, followed by 'Join our team!' in a large, yellow, cursive font. Below this, in white text, it says 'We are looking for faith-filled, energetic, and dynamic educators and staff to join our school family for the 2025-26 school year!'. Underneath, in yellow text, it says 'We are accepting applications for the following positions:'. Then, in large yellow text, it lists 'Fourth Grade Teacher | Full-time Aide' and 'Part-time Aides'. At the bottom, in white text, it says 'Please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@SaintTheresaParish.com'. The background of the poster features a faint image of a school building.

Pro-Life Corner

Prayer for the Unborn

O God, who has given us the great gift of life, we ask you today to bless all unborn babies. Watch over them as they grow and develop in their mother's womb, that they might be born

healthy and happy and be welcomed with tender love and deep joy. In a special way, we ask you to bless those babies who are unwanted and may never be born. Welcome them into your loving embrace that they might

find their home in you. Bless and guide all pregnant women that they might respect and cherish the gift of life growing within them. May they accept their child as an irreplaceable gift from you. Amen.



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>.

Call for Handyman Crew Volunteers:

Are you available to volunteer as a handyman for those in need? The volunteers of the St. Louis Martin Council of the Knights of Columbus are available to complete small home repairs for the benefit of those in need who are physically incapable of performing the work, or for whom the hiring of a professional is cost prohibitive. Typical projects include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work alongside brother

knights in support of a worthy cause. What do you get in return? A smile and a thank you from the people you helped. Learn more here: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

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. Your contributions and effort make this program a successful one.

Please keep up the generosity by returning your bag this weekend (June 21-22) with items in the attached flyer. If you were unable to pick up a blue bag, you can always return food in a reusable, paper, or plastic bag. Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items.

Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent in Loudoun County?

Loudoun County's Department of

Family Services is hosting three (3) monthly virtual foster care information sessions this summer:

- Mon, July 14, 2025, 6:30-7:30pm
- Tues, August 12, 2025, 12-1pm

Attendance is free, but registration is required. Visit <https://www.loudoun.gov/1004/Foster-Care-Adoption> for more information on foster care and ways that you can get involved to make a difference in our community.

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 sttheresa@legionof-mary@gmail.com to schedule one.

Prayer Request - Are you in need of prayer?

Do you need the power of prayer to support you? Join your fellow parishioners in our prayer emails. This is a prayer network maintained by the Legion of Mary. You can enroll in the prayer email here: legionofmarysttheresa@gmail.com. We are all on this journey together. Let us be together by praying together for one another!

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

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 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? The TMIY year is over,

but we still meet Saturday mornings for inspirational discussions of the Holy Spirit and fellowship. Use the QR Code below or contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422aol.com for more information.



News Around the Diocese

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2025—June 26-29; July 17-20; Aug 21-24. 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. ourladyof-bethesda.org. Bethesda, MD.

Spiritual Date Night—Join with married and engaged couples for an evening focused on unpacking the true meaning of Living Ephesians 5 in Marriage: The Power of the Sacrament. The Saturday, **June 28th**, 7-9pm event will be held at Divine Mercy University located at 45154 Underwood Lane; Sterling, VA 20166. Kindly go to <https://regnumchris-tidc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2926960> to register.



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: Thursday lunches (June 26); square dancing (Tuesdays); 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.

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.

Opportunity to serve as volunteer docent at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception—Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your own faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a Docent (Tour Guide)/Receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hours and days are flexible, with an expectation of just a minimum of two 3-hour shifts per month. Our greatest need is for weekday mornings or afternoons. Training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel, Director of Visitor Services., via telephone at the Basilica at 202.281.0611 or email dsteel@bnsic.org

News Around the Diocese Continued

Following St. Joseph to Jesus – Men's Silent Retreat—He played an essential role in the greatest event in human history; husband to Mary, adopted Father of Jesus Christ, a quiet carpenter... and a righteous man. Aside from these things we don't know much about St. Joseph — but what we do know can help us to be better Men...husbands, and fathers. Join Fr. John Riley at our Arlington Diocese Retreat Center at the edge of the Shenandoah Mountains in White Post, VA to "rest and pray" with Christ. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday **July 11th and concludes Sunday July 13th** with lunch at noon. Retreat cost is \$299. 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

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.

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 separately: divorced@stjohnleesburg.com for more information.

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: 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.

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

Men's Bootcamp Weekend Retreat Sep 26-28, 2025—Join us for a dynamic weekend retreat designed specifically for men! The Men's Bootcamp Weekend Retreat combines the structure of the Spiritual Exercises with engaging breakout groups and powerful talks tailored to strengthen your faith, leadership, and brotherhood. While not a silent retreat, the schedule will include time for personal reflection, prayer, and discussion. Step away from the noise of daily life and invest in your spiritual growth. You can take advantage of the early-bird pricing by registering soon! Cost to attend: \$368 per person, EARLY-BIRD RATE: \$318 per person. 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.

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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.

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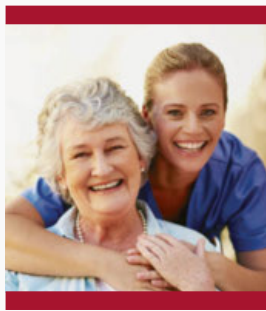
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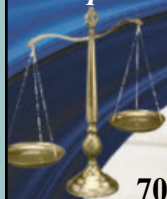
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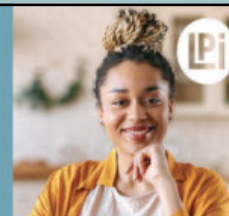
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