

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Masses for the Week

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| Mon, May 4 | 6:15— Mai Nguyen 8:30— Shawn Soares+ 12:15— Gene+ & Joanne Isaman |
| Tues, May 5 | 6:15— Heather & David Miles+ 8:30— Galioto & Dannerhon Families |
| Wed, May 6 | 6:15— Teodoro Risos+ 8:30— John & Ursula Bird+ 12:15— Mary Mullen+ |
| Thurs, May 7 | 6:15— Harrison Pollock+ 8:30— Gerry Walsh+ |
| Fri, May 8 | 6:15— John Lawrence Murray 8:30— Frances-Maria Pilaro+ |
| Sat, May 9 | 8:30— Tinh Dinh & Thong Nguyen 5:30— Susanne King+ |
| Sun, May 10 | 7:30— Patricia Carey+ 8:45— Mother's Day Novena 10:30— Joseph, Carlo & Laura Maresca+ 12:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 5:00— Madeline, Joseph & Ronald Marinaro+ |

Parish Mass Schedule

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| 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
Reverend Matthew J. DeForest, In Residence
Deacon Paul C. Konold
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette

Prayers For The Sick: Mary Corrigan, Carol Logue, Lloyd Quist, Mr. Melchor Dizon, Megan Brown, Katherine McCray, Maria Theresa Baric, Iris and Romeo Rigor, Jennifer Spurr, Luz Triana, Maddie N., Suzanne Miles, Martin Caplan, 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, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik.

Prayers For Our Military: Garrett Batt, Nicole Batt, Joaquin Gabriel, Brady Carmical, Ify Nwabuoku, 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.

Why the Good Suffer and the Bad Prosper—Part II:

Last week, we introduced the topic of God's justice as recorded in the writings of St. Bridget, in which she recounts the content of her mystical visions of Christ. This week, let's continue where we left off. If you missed last week's bulletin column, you may need to read it first. You can find it online at the parish website.

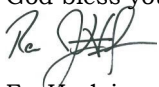
Jesus' explanation to St. Bridget begins with the consideration of the sort of man we would call "bad," or "evil" —a man who has rejected God, who lives for his own ego, and who advances himself at the expense of the pain and suffering of others. Even a man such as this, Jesus said, occasionally does something naturally good. Perhaps he builds a hospital to put his name on the building, or gives a coin to a beggar. Perhaps he is kind to his mother, to his friends, or to his own children. These are good actions, and have value in God's sight. Because God is perfectly just, he cannot ignore that value. God does not say, "I will ignore your good deeds because you are a bad person." God sees the goodness present, but here's the catch—because this soul has chosen to separate himself from God through obstinate, unrepented mortal sin, he cannot be rewarded in the next life. By his own free will, he has closed the door to heaven.

So, if God cannot repay an act of goodness in heaven, where does God repay it? God repays it here and now, in this life. In St. Bridget's reckoning, the prosperity of an evil soul—their health, wealth, fame, and other blessings—are not really blessings at all. They are receipts. God settles all accounts, in justice. When a corrupt soul rises to power, accumulates a fortune, and seems immune from suffering, we are watching God balance the books. God repays the unjust man in the only currency he is capable of receiving—the dust of the Earth. On judgment day, God will say, "You have received your reward. All you wanted were the blessings of this world. These I have given to you." This revelation to St. Bridget completely changes how we view worldly success. Jesus tells St. Bridget that many who seem to be "blessed" in this life are not being blessed at all. They are being discharged. Their worldly prosperity is a kind of severance package from God's kingdom.

Jesus used a brutal metaphor to describe this. He compared the unjust man to cattle being fattened for slaughter. A farmer does not feed the ox the best grain and let it rest in the meadow because he loves the ox. He does it because he is preparing it for the knife. The ease, the comfort, and the lack of suffering in the lives of the unjust are not signs of God's favor. They are signs of God's abandonment. It's a frightening to realize that they do not suffer precisely because God has stopped pruning them. He has stopped disciplining them. God lets them eat their fill of this world's pleasures, but it is the last meal they will ever taste. When we understand this, envy evaporates. You cannot envy a soul that is cashing out its eternal inheritance for a handful of ash.

Jesus then told St. Bridget that God's silence in the face of evil is not weakness. It is an expression of divine justice. God gives such souls exactly what they want, even if it cements their separation from God, forever. St. Bridget realized that the success of the wicked is actually a curse in disguise. It is a spiritual anesthesia that numbs them to their danger. If they suffered, or lost their fortune, or experienced illness or hardship, they might wake up and find the way back to God. But in their prosperity, they never do. They remain blind. Next week, we consider the reverse side of God's mysterious justice. Why does God let the good suffer? To be continued!

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Urgent Need for Committed Adorers



We have an urgent need for committed adorers who can spend a grace-filled holy hour every week with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the following vacant one hour adoration slots:

Sunday: 12:30, 7, & 8am; 3:30pm

Monday: 1:30am; 3, 4, & 9:30pm

Tuesday: 3 & 5pm

Wednesday: 12:30, 2, 3, & 4:30pm

Thursday: 12:30, 3 & 10pm

Friday: 12 & 10:30am

Saturday: 12:30, 2, 7, 8:30, 10:30, & 11:30pm

To sign up for one of our open Adoration time slots above, please go to <http://sainttheresa.letusadore.com> or come by the parish office.

Please Note: The Adoration Schedule online system allows users to cancel commitments from time-to-time to allow for vacation, sickness, or other possibilities that may prevent attendance. In those instances, you can vacate the slot in advance and substitute adorers will provide one-time coverage.

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

May

Sun, 3rd-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sat, 9th-WorkCamp Tool Training, 9am to 2pm, Cafeteria

Tues, 12th-WorkCamp Prep Meeting, 7-8:30pm – Saint Zelig Martin Room 2&3

Sun, 17th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 18th-Food Sort by Expiration Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 19th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sun, 31st-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

June

Sun, 7th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Tues, 9th-WorkCamp Prep Meeting, 7-8:30 pm – St Zelig Martin Room 2&3

Sat, 14th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 28th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 29th-Food Sort by Expiration Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 30th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm



Office Hours:

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

Want to volunteer at St. Theresa's children based programs? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. Contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at connie@sainttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.



STCS Family Fun Run
hosted by our PTO!

STCS Parents, mark your calendars for these important upcoming



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

events & see the Thursday Thunder email for details:

- D.A.R.E. Graduation, 5th Grade
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Math Clubs
- Battle of the Books
- Choir Practice
- Field Day

Thank You to Our Sponsors! The St. Theresa Catholic School PTO Annual Auction, "ALL IN," was a great success, and we could not have done it without the help of our amazing sponsors! Special thanks to: **PJI Law; Katchmark; Cornerstone Advisor Group; Salvetti Law Group; NOVA Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics; Bobbio Family Dental; State Farm Kyle Knight; the Mutschelknaus Family; OrthoVirginia; WBA Insurance; the Rhoads Family; and St.**

Theresa Parish Office Staff.

We are so grateful for your support of our students and school community!



We are hiring - join our team! St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for a part-time instructional aide. Please email hr@saintthereaparish.com for additional information.

Discover the Spirit of Learning at Saint Theresa Catholic School! Applications are open for the 2026-27 school year. To complete an application or request a tour, visit our website, www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions"). *We can't wait to welcome you!*

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Status of Adult Children of Parishioners -- Upon reaching adulthood, children of registered parishioners must register again (if they reside within St. Theresa boundaries), separately and independently, as members of St. Theresa parish, even if they continue to live at home with their parents. These new registrations are valid until adult children move to another address. Upon moving elsewhere, they should register at the local parish in which they reside. Adult children of parishioners who no longer live within the parish will not be able to continue to claim parish membership.

News from our Parish

Kidney Donation Needed for a Parishioner—Twenty-five years ago, a generous Catholic parishioner from our Diocese donated a kidney to Ashley Rader, then just a high school junior. But now, that kidney has expired, and a new kidney is desperately needed. Ashley is an adult parent and a parishioner here at St. Theresa. She must once again undergo life-saving dialysis until a kidney is donated. Please prayerfully consider a kidney donation for Ashley. You may contact the Fairfax Hospital Living Donor Coordinator at 703.776.8053 about your transplant questions, without obligation. To learn more about Ashley and her need for a kidney donation, visit <https://nkr.org/GLK967>.

Legion of Mary Rosary making Class—Want to learn how to make a Rosary? Join us **May 16**, 11-1pm,

Saturday, in the Louis Martin room. Class open to all ages! Special invite to those HS students who still need service hours! Please RSVP to jacbiggio@aol.com

Young at Heart Club, (men and women 55 and over)—We meet on **Wed. May 20th** in the Adm. Bldg. across from church after the 12:15pm Mass. Spring salad theme. All members please bring a dish to share .ex. potato salad, vegetables, fruit salad, deviled eggs, tossed salad etc. Club will provide baked ham, rolls, breads and butter. Also our usual hot beverages, water and wine. We will have homemade desserts. St Theresa's six graders will work with us on an art project. Please RSVP by Monday **5/18/26** so we have enough seating. Grace Breighner, gracejb18@aol.com, 410.967.8888

TRINITY HOUSE COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

TRINITY HOUSE community
Nurturing Your Holy Family

YOU'RE INVITED – KIDS TOO! Meet up with other families for food, fellowship & support in building a faith-filled home!

SAVE THE DATES
2025-2026

Authentic Conversations
Sat., May 16

St. Theresa Parish
21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA
in the School Cafeteria

6:30 pm: Family Dinner & Fellowship

7-7:45pm: Parent Presentation & Small Groups Discussion while Virtus-trained volunteers supervise kids

7:45-8:30pm: Fellowship & Dessert

Free event for the whole family!
Please bring a drink (juice, soda, beer, wine), or dessert – or both! – to share.

Learn More at
TrinityHouseCommunity.org

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Young Adults—
[ACYA Speaker Series](#)
Fr. Vaccaro will be giving a mini-series of talks on evangelization.
5/11-Specifics of Good Evangelization Talks are held 6:15-7:30pm in the school cafeteria followed by pizza!
[ACYA Bible Study](#)
The ACYA Bible Study is covering salvation history, especially through the lens of covenant.
5/13-From Abram to Abraham (Part 2) Sessions held from 6:30-8pm at Barnes & Noble in One Loudoun on alternating Wednesdays. The study is designed so that anyone joining in partway through the year or missing sessions will be caught up.

Visit <https://tinyurl.com/AshburnCatholicYA> for more information.

Women's Discipleship Group—
Welcome all women of St Theresa Catholic Church. Our Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30-10:30 for Lectio Divina and 10:45-11:45 for reading of a selected book that provides daily encouragement, spiritual guidance and personal growth for women. Our focus for the Lectio Divina is the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday. On September 3, 2025 we will be starting the book "Imitation of Christ" written by Thomas a Kempis, and translated by

Ronald Knox and Michael Oakley. For more information contact Dawn Garabito 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

That Man is You (TMIY)—TMIY will continue to meet during the summer for fellowship and inspirational videos. If you are looking to strengthen your faith, become a better husband and father, and/or just get to know other men in the parish, we invite you to join us by using the following QR Code, or by contacting Jack Hayes at jack.hayes422@aol.com.



Legion of Mary

Want to be part of something bigger than yourself, build community, serve others, and grow your relationship with our Lord? There are two praesidium options: Saturdays at 9:15am and Wednesdays at 7pm. We invite you to join us in the St. Louis Martin room to say the Rosary with us and learn more.

Our Works

Invite Jesus into your home through a Sacred Heart Enthronement—a formal ceremony where Jesus is invited into your home and given authority over your family/household, bringing grace and blessings. Also, hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a beautiful way to invite God's blessings into your home, unite your family in prayer, and a tangible reminder that Mary is truly present and active in your daily lives. To schedule, complete the request

forms online at <https://sainttheresaparish.com/activity/legion-of-mary/>

Prayer Request - Are you in need of prayer?

Are you in need of prayer and would like the Legion of Mary to pray along with you? Email us at legionofmarysttheresa@gmail.com or scan the QR code to send us your prayer request.



YOU ARE INVITED TO



St. Theresa *Endowment Fund* *Kick-Off*

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

AT 6:30 PM

ZELIE MARTIN ROOMS/ADMINISTRATION BLDG

Join us for hors d'oeuvres and wine to
learn about how you can leave a legacy
for St. Theresa for years to come

RSVP BELOW BY MAY 12 OR BY EMAILING
ENDOWMENT@SAINTTHERESAPARISH.COM





Knights of Columbus

Foster Care Information

Sessions: Loudoun County's

Department of Family Services (DFS) is holding foster care information sessions in early 2026:

- Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 6-7:30pm
- Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 6-7:30pm

In these virtual information sessions, they will discuss: General information on foster care needs; Who is eligible to become a foster parent; The process of becoming a foster parent, including training requirements; and Support provided to foster parents by DFS. Attendance is free, but registration is

required. Scan the QR code or visit loudoun.gov/FosterCare to register.



Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you are physically or financially unable to complete basic home repairs, we can help. Our Handy-Man team skills include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting but exclude outdoor yard or gardening work. If you are in need of repairs, or would like to be part of the Handy-man Team, please visit this website to submit your repair project request or to join the team <https://www.st-louis>

louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services.

Answer the Call to Serve. Guided by principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus are men of faith and action - supporting our parish, our families, and our community. Join us as we put our faith into action. Check out our FAQs at <https://www.st-louis-kofc.org/faqs> - or scan the QR code learn more about becoming a Knight.



News Around the Diocese

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2026: May 14-17, Jun 18-21—

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. \$525 per couple. Website: ourladyofbethesda.org.

Reflection for Married and Engaged Couples: May 13, 7-9pm—

This May, join us for the conclusion of, "The Beatitudes: A Blueprint for a Holy Marriage," for a holy date night designed to strengthen your marriage. On Wednesday, May 13, couples will reflect on the theme: "Blessed Are the Couples Who Choose to Please God, Not Society." Explore how putting God at the center of your relationship—rather than cultural pressures—can deepen love, unity, and joy. The evening includes Mass, dinner, a spiritual reflection, quiet prayer, and the opportunity for confession. \$55 per couple. Registration required. Visit ourladyofbethesda.org for details or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD 20187.

Pre-HSPT and Parent How to High School—

John Paul is hosting the Pre-High School Placement Test (Pre-HSPT) for current 7th grade students on Saturday, **May 16, 2026** from 9am -12:15pm. The Pre-HSPT is optional, and is a practice test intended to help students become more familiar with

the different sections of the HSPT under timed conditions. The practice test is designed to give the student an idea of how the exam will be administered and what to expect on the actual day of testing during the student's 8th grade year. Parents are invited to stay for Parent How to High School - a workshop on preparing your student for high school! To Register for the Pre-HSPT, please use the following link: <https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/7th-grade-pre-hspt> Please reach out by email (admissions@jpthegreat.org) or by phone 703.445.0246 with any questions!

JP Summer Camps - Register Today!

—Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School's summer camp registration is now open! Check out this year's camp offerings and sign up today! For rising 2nd to 9th graders, JP summer camps are a great way to spend your summer! John Paul offers both Athletic and Enrichment Camps and its premier day camp, Camp Quintessential. Go to jpthegreat.org/summercamp to learn more about what JP is offering!

Scholarship Opportunity for HS Seniors and Undergraduates—

Graduating high school seniors and current undergraduates are invited to apply for a scholarship from the Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit organization in Northern Virginia that helps students keep their Catholic faith in college. ASJB will be offering up to five (5)

scholarships totaling \$40,000 to students from the Catholic Diocese of Arlington who seek to serve the Church in some capacity after they graduate from college. Students who will be pursuing a religious vocation, or work as a youth minister or Catholic school educator, among other careers, are invited to apply. Visit www.asjb.org/scholarship-program to find the application and to learn more. **Deadline is May 18, 2026.**

Attention Class of 2026! Heading to college this fall? Join the Associates of St. John Bosco for FREE College Nights this summer in Northern Virginia! Meet other Catholic students, hear real stories from upperclassmen, and get practical tips for keeping your faith strong in college. You'll connect with students from your future campus (or a campus similar to yours), enjoy a free pizza dinner, and take home a "Bosco Bundle" of Catholic books to bring with you to college. Spots are limited (50 per night), so don't wait! For dates, locations, and registration, visit: www.asjb.org/student-registration.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

2026—The Diocese of Arlington is hosting the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 2026 Friday, **June 5** in Alexandria, VA and Sunday, **June 7** —the Feast of Corpus Christi — in Stafford, VA. Visit the links below to learn more about each event. Register for the events taking place in the Diocese of Arlington here: <https://bit.ly/NEP-26>.

More News Around the Diocese

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, 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 offer a fantastic opportunity for students to grow, learn, and have fun in a supportive, faith-filled environment. For more information and to register, visit: www.paulvi.net/summercamps.

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Diocesan Festival: Celebrating Faith + Freedom

—The Diocesan Festival returns! Save the date for the 2026 Diocesan Festival on Saturday, **June 13** in Berryville, Virginia! Join thousands of Catholics from across the Diocese at the Clarke County Fairgrounds for a joyful celebration of faith, freedom and community.

As in years past, the festival will open by giving thanks to God with a Vigil Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge, followed by live music, food and drink, amusement rides for children, local vendors, and so much more fun for the whole family.

Mark your calendar and stay tuned — more details and registration coming soon on arlingtondiocese.org/festival.

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Young Women

—Could God be calling you to religious life? Join our lectio divina-themed weekend retreat, "Arise, My Beloved, and Come" (Song of Songs 2:2), with the Little Sisters of the Poor. It's directed toward women ages 18-35 who feel a call to religious life, and will include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, opportunities for prayer and confession, and Q&A with the sisters. It's **June 19-21, 2026**, at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center. Cost is \$150 and includes private room and bath and all meals (assistance is available if needed). Contact the Vocations Office to register, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514. **Deadline is June 8.**

After Abortion Day of Prayer & Healing | Después de Aborto Provocado

Día de Oración y Sanación—The next After Abortion Day of Prayer and Healing will take place on **Saturday, June 27**. 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.

Retiros Después de Aborto Provocado Un Día de Oración y Sanación para mujeres que han experimentado un aborto provocado se llevará a cabo el sábado **27 de junio del 2026**. Estos eventos de sanación en grupo se hacen en un ambiente privado y tranquilo, en inglés y español, basado en el modelo Entering Canaan (2 retiros separados en 1 ubicación). Habrá una oportunidad de escuchar de una participante anterior y de otras que han encontrado la sanación. No está sola. Tome el primer paso. Para preguntas confidenciales, llame al Proyecto Raquel: 703.841.2504 o info@ayudadespuesdelaborto.org.

Summer Ignatian Retreats—

[Week-Long Retreats](#) (\$650): Women: **July 23-30** / Men: **August 3-10**

[Weekend Retreats for Women](#) (\$368): **July 10-12** / **August 14-16**

Draw closer to Christ through the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, a powerful method of prayer developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Step away from daily

life for silence, reflection, and a deeper encounter with God. Private retreats are also available during these dates, offering flexibility for those seeking a more personalized experience. 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.

Living the Sacrament of Marriage – Married Couples' Retreat

—Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia. 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 will lead this retreat for Married Couples. The retreat begins at 6 pm **Friday July 17th and concludes Sunday July 19th** at noon. Retreat cost is \$499, and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at:

mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org or visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

Weekend of Intellectual Renewal—

Christendom College invites you to a weekend of intellectual renewal at this year's summer conference, "Faith and Science: From Wonder to Human Genius." Leading Catholic thinkers—including Stephen Barr, Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, David Deavel, John Cuddeback, and others—will explore the profound harmony between faith and science. Together, we'll contemplate the wonder of creation and consider how human genius, rightly ordered, can serve truth, culture, and the dignity of the human person. Enrich your mind, renew your spirit, and celebrate our Catholic Faith. Join us for the day on August 8th or enjoy extended access with the special 3-day VIP access ticket from **August 7-9th!** Register and learn more at conference.christendom.edu.

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

Before contacting the Parish Office, visit the Parish Website under Faith, Sacraments, Marriage. **You must be registered at least 3 months** prior to filling out the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire. A priest will contact you.

OCIA

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

Hospitalized/Homebound

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



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