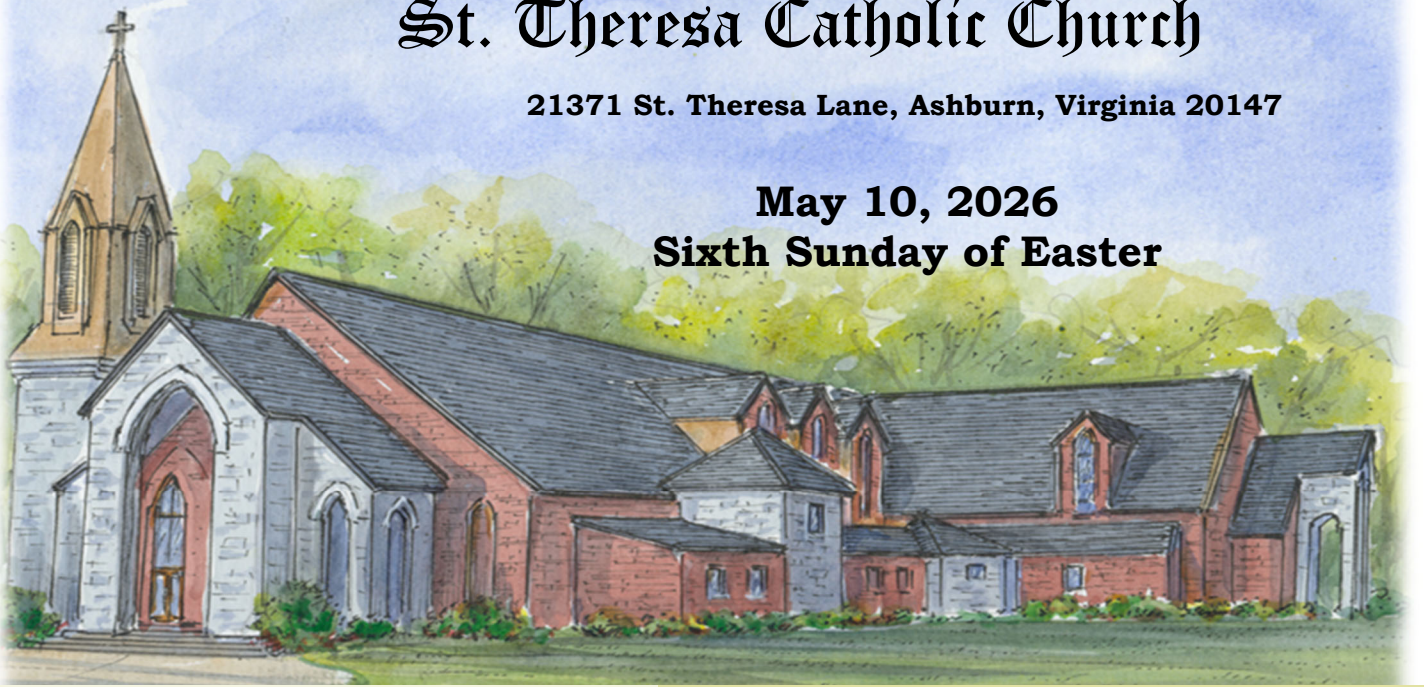


St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter



Masses for the Week

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| Mon, May 11 | 6:15— Ann Taylor 8:30— Mother's Day Novena 12:15— Joseph Voss+ |
| Tues, May 12 | 6:15— Mother's Day Novena 8:30— Vernon & Anh Wong |
| Wed, May 13 | 6:15— Nadar Tashaikkori+ 8:30— Mother's Day Novena 12:15— Athulya Venkat |
| Thurs, May 14 | 6:15— Ben Joshua Cruz 8:30— Mother's Day Novena |
| Fri, May 15 | 6:15— Mother's Day Novena 8:30— Thomas Ashton |
| Sat, May 16 | 8:30— Mother's Day Novena 5:30— Edward Hughes+ |
| Sun, May 17 | 7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Mother's Day Novena 10:30— Mullen Family+ 12:30— Holy Souls in Purgatory+ 5:00— Sam Kassir & Family |

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 III:

(This is the third part of an ongoing series. If you missed the last two bulletin columns, you may need to read those first before making sense of what follows. Look for them online at the parish website.)

“If the wicked prosper because God is repaying them for their small virtues,” St. Bridget asked Jesus, “then why do the righteous suffer? Why does God allow his friends to be crushed by poverty, sickness, slander, and misfortune?” Jesus gave St. Bridget an equally shocking answer to this question, revealing the necessity of temporal punishment, and explaining the suffering of the saints. Just as the wicked do some good that must be rewarded on Earth because they will have no reward in heaven, so do the righteous have sins that must be remitted on Earth because God will not allow them to suffer in the next life.

We must remember that even the holiest person among us is not perfect. The Bible tells us that the just man falls seven times a day (Pr 24:16). We all have moments of impatience, idle words, easy attachments to vanity. None of us has loved as fully as we ought to. These are not mortal sins that kill the soul, but they are flaws. They’re like dust on a wedding garment. God, who is infinite purity, cannot embrace a soul covered in dust. Heaven is a place of perfect love, and even the slightest stain of selfishness does not belong there. There must be a cleansing for every flaw. St. Bridget tells us that God offers his friends a choice, without them realizing it. “Do you want to pay this debt now in the currency of Earth, or do you want to pay it later in the currency of fire?” The suffering of the righteous in this life—sicknesses, illness, poverty, betrayal—is the cleansing of the soul that will allow it to enter into the heavenly kingdom at the hour of death.

It’s an act of supreme mercy on God’s part because the exchange rate is overwhelmingly in our favor. What we endure compared to what we receive is like paying a dime to settle a debt of a million dollars. We are walking on holy ground here, and dealing with the deepest mysteries of divine providence. It is not easy to think of suffering as a form of cleansing, but it is the only explanation that turns despair into hope.

Jesus explained to St. Bridget that when he sends suffering to a righteous person, he is acting like a master goldsmith. The goldsmith does not throw gold into a fire because he hates the gold. He throws it in because he knows it is valuable. He knows that inside the rough ore there is a masterpiece waiting to be revealed. But the only way to get the dross out, the only way to remove the impurities is to pass it through fire. When we see a righteous man suffering, we are not seeing God punishing a criminal. We are seeing God polishing a diamond. He is scrubbing the soul with adversity to ensure that at the hour of death, it can go straight to the heavenly throne without needing to stop to genuflect in purgatory.

This perspective transforms the problem of pain into the privilege of purification. According to St. Bridget, the answer to the dilemma of righteous suffering lies in an understanding of human freedom and divine justice. When the wicked prosper, God says, “Here is your reward. Take it and go.” When the righteous suffer, God says, “I am preparing you for a joy that will never be taken from you.”

St. Bridget saw that the prosperity of the Earth makes us spiritually sleepy. It makes us forget that we are pilgrims heading to our true homeland—the kingdom of heaven. If the righteous were rich, healthy, and successful, they might fall in love with this Earth and never yearn for God’s kingdom at all. But God refuses to let his friends become comfortable in a world that is not their home. He puts a pebble in their shoe, or a thorn in their nest. God makes the world uncomfortable, so that his friends will not settle down here. St. Bridget helps us to understand the mystery of divine justice, but such understanding is only the first step. Next week, we will finish this series with St. Bridget’s meditations on how to suffer with faith and love.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

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

May

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.

Happy Mother's Day!



"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."

— St. Therese of Lisieux



St. Theresa Catholic School



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Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

STCS Parents, mark your calendars for these important upcoming events & see the Thursday Thunder email for details:

- May Crowning
- Spring Band/Choir Concert
- Math Clubs
- Battle of the Books
- Field Trips
- 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!

Join our team!



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

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**, 11am-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 jacbigio@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

NOVA Young Catholic Married Couples—Calling all young, married, Catholic couples (ages 21-39)! Please join our GroupMe (https://groupme.com/join_group/114486077/hpS3mv47) to help begin this new ministry. We're hoping to build community, host dinner parties, start Bible studies, and glorify the Lord through our vocations. Join us! Disclaimer: "Group Me" is not an official group of any Diocese.

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



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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



Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

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 started 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 just finished a great spring session, and looks forward to summer meetings fellowship. 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.



Knights of Columbus

K of C Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, 17 May 2026:

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their last pancake breakfast of the season on Sunday, 17 May 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 and the fellowship of our parish community with pancakes (regular, chocolate chip, and blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausage, breakfast potatoes, and tater tots, along with coffee, orange juice, and assorted Dunkin' Munchkins! Profits from this breakfast will benefit Foster Care Support in Loudoun County.



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 16-17) 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.

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:



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 Handyman Team, please visit this website to submit your repair project request or to join the team <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

You can purchase your Breakfast Tickets and make a donation in advance by using this QR code.

Adults: \$10, Children (ages 3-11): \$5, Children under 3: Free.

Even if you're not able to attend, you can make a donation—every contribution helps!



Food Drive: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and

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.

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-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> - or scan the QR code learn more about becoming a Knight.



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.

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.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

2026—The Diocese of Arlington is excited to host the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage 2026 on 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. [Holy Hour for Vocations](#), Friday, June 5 from 7-8:30pm; [Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Burbidge and Festival for Parish 70th Anniversary](#), Sun, June 7, 10am-4pm. The theme of the pilgrimage, which runs from Memorial Day in St. Augustine, FL through July 5 in Philadelphia, is “One Nation Under God” in honor of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Register for the events taking place in the Diocese of Arlington here: <https://bit.ly/NEP-26>.

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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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.

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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 Myriam Perez 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

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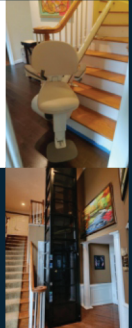
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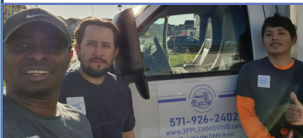
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