

*Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,  
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care,  
bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025



John of Patmos watches the descent of New Jerusalem from God in a 14th-century tapestry  
The Apocalypse Tapestry, Chateau D'Angers, France



**SAINT BERNADETTE**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

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May 18, 2025

welcome



SUNDAY MASS	Saturday Vigil in church 5pm (live-streaming) Sunday 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (Spanish), 5pm
DAILY MASS	Mon.-Fri., 7 & 9am (live-streaming); Sat., 8am (live-streaming) Holy Days of Obligation, as announced
LIVE-STREAMING	Monday-Friday, 9am; Saturday, 8am; Vigil Sat., 5pm and Sundays 9 & 11am
DEVOTIONS	Adoration & Benediction, Fridays, 7-8pm (church) Rosary after 9am weekdays/8am Saturday Masses in church Taizé Prayer Service, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
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BAPTISMS	Saturday, 10am, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturdays in English; 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday in Spanish. Parish registration is encouraged for parents. Class attendance is required. Please contact the parish office to schedule at least four weeks in advance. All required paperwork must be submitted before a baptism may be scheduled.
WEDDINGS	Sat., 12 & 2pm. Parish registration encouraged; contact a priest at least six months in advance of desired date.
JOIN US	You are welcome! Registration forms are available in the church vestibule, office, or online <a href="http://www.stbermpar.org">www.stbermpar.org</a> .  Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. <a href="mailto:bulletin@stbermpar.org">bulletin@stbermpar.org</a> .

# calendar

## may

### 18 Sunday, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

### 19 Monday, Easter Weekday

- Taizé prayer for unity in the church, 8pm

### 20 Tuesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest]

- SBSBNAs: Let's Talk with Fr. Don, 7-8:30pm in Bradican Room

### 21 Wednesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs]

### 22 Thursday, Easter Weekday [Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious]

### 23 Friday, Easter Weekday

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church

### 24 Saturday, Easter Weekday

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

### 25 Sunday, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

### 26 Monday, Saint Philip Neri, Priest

- Parish Offices closed in observance of Memorial Day
- No 7am Mass today

### 27 Tuesday, Easter Weekday [Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop]

- SBSBNAs: Let's Talk with Fr. Don, 7-8:30pm in Bradican Room

### 28 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

### 29 Thursday, Easter Weekday [Saint Paul VI, Pope]

### 30 Friday, Easter Weekday

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church
- Holy Spirit Novena begins today

### 31 Saturday, The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass
- Pick up your blue St. Lucy Food Drive bags at Masses this weekend

## june

### 1 Sunday, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

### 2 Monday, Easter Weekday [Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs]

### 3 Tuesday, Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

- SBSBNAs: Let's Talk with Fr. Don, 7-8:30pm in Bradican Room

### 4 Wednesday, Easter Weekday

### 5 Thursday, Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

### 6 Friday, Easter Weekday [Saint Norbert, Bishop]

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church

### 7 Saturday, Easter Weekday

- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

### 8 Sunday, PENTECOST SUNDAY

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- Solemn Vespers for Pentecost, 6:15pm in the church

## announcements

Religious Education classes have ended for this year. Registration for the 2025-2026 school year will begin in June.

Join us for our monthly (third Monday) Taizé Prayer Service Monday night, May 19, 8–8:45pm. Come for a peaceful moment of simple song, silence and prayer for unity.

Consider joining Fr. Don for one (or more) of three gatherings here at Saint Bernadette called "SBSBNRs: Let's Talk" - if you consider yourself "Spiritual But Not Religious." Invite others to the conversation. Tuesday nights in the Bradican Room, 7–8:30pm, on May 20, 27 and June 3.

Parish Offices will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

This weekend's second collection will support the Diocesan Collection for Retired Priests which funds health care and living expenses of retired priests, brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Arlington. Currently, there are 14 retired priests living in the Diocese. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

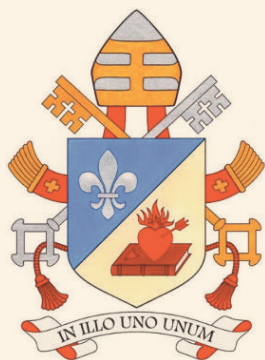
Join us on Pentecost Sunday, June 8 for Solemn Vespers, following the 5pm Mass at 6:15pm. A most beautiful way to close the Easter Season celebrating the birthday of the Church.



## from the pastor

### SBSBNRs: Let's Talk

Spiritual But Not Religious?  
Let's talk about it.  
Tuesdays  
May 20, 27 or June 3  
Bradican Room



Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

With grateful hearts we thank God for our new Holy Father Leo. Let us continue to pray that he will be the instrument the world needs to know the true peace of Jesus and the unity and healing which we know is God's will. Pope Leo described this peace as "unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering," as only can come from God who loves all peoples unconditionally.

His first message to us on the day of election was so simple and sincere. He spoke of dialogue (in his very short first speech he uses the word three times), a synodal Church, a missionary Church that builds bridges and dialogue, with arms always open to receive everyone, all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love.

Maybe this is something that seems common in Italy, since so many popes have been Italians, but I can't get over how many people have spoken of a personal connection with our new pope. "My mother-in-law's mother taught him in grade school." "In Peru, after a long day without stopping to eat, he would call, exhausted, late in the evening, and ask if we had any leftovers..." "He was principal at my high school in Chicago." "I went to the seminary with him and have known him most of my life (Fr. Cedric)."

The fact that an American has been elected Pope by the universal Church is something astounding, something that nobody ever thought would happen. But the fact that he has touched so many people in his life – whether as a parish priest, administrator, Superior General of the Augustinians, missionary, archbishop and, finally, leader of the Dicastery for Bishops appointed by Pope Francis (*photo, below left*), is a powerful reflection on how we, too, have the ability to touch hearts.

Think of the many chapters of your life, from when you were very young to today. All the characters who populated those stories and the ways in which you have been there for others, and others for you. Think of the way in which you have brought all these people into your own story and the impact you had in their lives. It isn't just for popes – you, too have many people who look back to times with you and treasure them.

You know a lot about a bishop by his motto. It is no surprise there is a strong theme coming out of all he says, that God is here for all people and unites us. "*In illo Uno, unum.*" In the One, we are one.

"God cares for us, God loves all of us, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and among ourselves, let us move forward.

"To all of you, brothers and sisters of Rome, of Italy, of the whole world, we want to be a synodal Church, a Church that walks, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close especially to those who suffer."

His election has inspired people of all churches and religions to send messages of joy and congratulations, because they already know in Pope Leo a hopefulness that looks to the future.

The Lord be with you. *Fr. Dom*

## May Crowning ceremony

As Catholics, we hold a special place in our hearts for Mary, the Mother of God. While we have many feast days set aside throughout the year to celebrate her special role in the life of Jesus and the Church, we also dedicate the entire month of May in her honor.

On Friday, May 9, the our school community honored Mary with a beautiful May Crowning ceremony. This ceremony has been a long standing tradition that the community looks forward to each spring. Students, teachers, and families join together in the church to look on as students from our second and eighth grade classes enter in procession.

Our second graders, who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time the weekend prior, don their First Holy Communion suits and dresses, while eighth graders who were confirmed this past fall, enter carrying flowers to be placed at the Blessed Mother's feet. Together, we pray the rosary, led by eighth graders, sing hymns and watch as a crown of flowers is placed on the statue of Mary. A special reception for our second grade classes was held directly after May Crowning so that they could celebrate the gift of the sacrament of First Holy Communion together.

Thank you to our families who joined us in celebration and to our teachers who dedicate their time to ensure that these occasions become special memories.



## cardinal corner



**FORMING  
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& MINDS  
IN CHRIST**

## Now enrolling PRE-Kindergarten

Interested in joining our school community? We focus on faith formation, academic excellence, and community service. We are now accepting applications for the 2025-26 school year. Visit our website: [www.stbernard.org/admissions-process/](http://www.stbernard.org/admissions-process/)



# religious education

## Weekly update

Please contact Lynn Jones, Director of Religious Education, at 703-451-8576, ext 136; Arlyn Agasen, ext 132, or Victor Mendez, Administrative Assistant, at ext 138.

**Congratulations to those who have received their First Holy Communion!**

## RE Program upcoming schedule

SPRED Mass and Reception: May 31

## Living the liturgical year

In today's Gospel reading Jesus gives us a new commandment: "Love one another as I have loved you." It is the greatest commandment to teach our children of authentic love of one another. One such activity that brings together the month of Mary and "the new commandment" is making Heart Rosaries. <https://www.catholicicing.com/sacred-and-immaculate-heart-rosaries-a-fun-catholic-craft/>

## Registration for 2025-2026

Registration will open in June for next year. Continue your child's growth in the faith by signing them up for classes in 2025-26! Our class sessions will be on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and we will again offer our Special Religious Development class on Saturday mornings for students with special learning needs and our Family Faith Formation classes once a month on Sunday afternoons (for grades K-5) where parents take a larger role in their child's faith formation. Registration information will be in the parish bulletin, on the website, and will be sent via Flocknote to all currently registered children in the first week of June. **Who should register?** All currently registered students, including all Confirmation 2025, Confirmation 2026, and students preparing to receive First Eucharist next school year. **Questions about your child's registration?** Call the Religious Education Office or contact us via email.

# youth ministry

## Stay in touch:

Text/Email Updates: Sign-up at [flocknote.com/stbernouth](https://flocknote.com/stbernouth) or text "stbernouth" to 84576.

Follow us on Instagram @stbernouth

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee, at [gmeee@stbermpar.org](mailto:gmeee@stbermpar.org) with any questions you may have.

We had 37 youth attend this year's diocesan BASH

## Middle School Youth Ministry Last gathering May 21

All 6th-8th graders are invited to Middle School Youth Ministry every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Join us for games, snacks & fun from 6:45-8pm in the Gym. All middle schoolers are welcome, bring a friend!

## High School Tuesday Socials

All High Schoolers are invited to join us for games, snacks, fun, and discussions on the faith every Tuesday from 7-8:30pm in the youth room! All are welcome, bring a friend!





## Statement of Bishop Burkhardt on the Election of Pope Leo XIV

With profound gratitude to Almighty God, I join the universal Church in thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV. As the Bishop of Rome and Successor of Saint Peter, our Holy Father is for the entire world the visible principle of Christian unity. I encourage everyone in our families, parishes and schools to offer prayers, sacrifices, and works of charity for Pope Leo XIV and his intentions.

As Bishop of Arlington, I invite all the faithful to join me for a Mass of Thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV, which will take place at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More on Monday, May 12 at 12:05PM. This Mass of Thanksgiving will also be available via livestream, for those unable to attend in person. Through this celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we can support our Holy Father in a special way, asking Almighty God to grant that he may always bear witness to the truth, joy, and beauty of the Gospel with courage, steadfastness, and wisdom.

United in prayer for Pope Leo XIV, may we ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen him daily with divine grace in order that he may bring the light of faith and the unchanging and life-giving word of God to the challenges of our times. Likewise, may our Holy Father be for the Church and the world a sign of hope and an instrument of the peace and merciful love of Jesus Christ.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for our Holy Father and guide us all in fidelity to her Son, our Savior.

## St. Lucy Food Drive for Hungry Kids

Blue St. Lucy bags will be distributed after all Masses next weekend, May 24–25. Please pick up a bag and plan to return it with your donation prior to Mass on May 31–June 1. Flyers listing the most needed items will be attached to the bags.

Monetary donations and grocery gift cards are welcome. Checks should be written to CCDA (Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington) with St. Lucy on the memo line and mailed in the envelope attached to the bag or handed to one of the St. Bernadette food drive team members. You may also contribute online at <https://secure.cdda.net/Give/Give/Donate/Giving.aspx> choosing St. Lucy Project as the specific project.

## Mass for Victims/Survivors of abuse and their families

Bishop Burkhardt will celebrate a Mass for Victims/Survivors of Abuse and their families on Wednesday, June 4 at 6:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. The Mass is for the entire Church, in solidarity with victims/survivors of abuse, as we pray together for healing. The Office of Victim Assistance offers referrals and other programs throughout the year which are not publicly announced and are for victims/survivors only. Anyone interested in learning more about the office or more information, please contact them at 703-841-2530 or via email [victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org).

## Catholic Women's Group Upcoming events

Come and enjoy warm fellowship and great food. No need to RSVP. For more information, please email us at [women@stbernpar.org](mailto:women@stbernpar.org).

Monday, May 19 is our next Dinner with Friends at 5pm, at Saratoga Pizzeria, 8050 Rolling Road. We meet for this casual meal on the 1st and the 3rd Monday of every month.

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Together we  
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## 2025 GOALS

Raise \$70,000 for ingredients 



Pack 150,000 meals

Spread hope through life-changing meals 

**Come help us Rise Against Hunger – June 5-7**

Please plan to join Christ Church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Saint Bernadette Catholic Church and School, Temple B'nai Shalom, Rumi Forum, American Turkish Friendship Association, Rise Against Hunger and volunteers from the community to purchase, pack and distribute life-changing meals. In the midst of much change, we want to continue the tradition of being a shining light for the world's

most vulnerable. **OUR GOAL is to PACK 150,000 LIFE-CHANGING MEALS.**







Learn more about this event and sign-up for one of several volunteer opportunities available between June 5-7.

To sign up click here: <https://www.christchurchva.org/twrah/> Select Donate/ Buy Merchandise or Pack Meals to help support this event. Please see more information on the next page.



## How can you help?

### MONETARY DONATIONS

DONATE	FEEDS	# MEALS
\$3,000	 Classroom of 20 for a year	7,500
\$1,200	 Family of 8 for a year	3,000
\$600	 Family of 4 for a year	1,500
\$150	 A child for a year	365
\$50	 Family of 4 for a month	120
\$35	 A child for 1 month	30

### VOLUNTEER

**WHAT:** Pack meals with us  
**CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/HUNGER**

**WHEN:** **Thursday, June 5**  
 6-7:30pm | 8-9:30pm  
**Friday, June 6**  
 6-7:30pm | 8-9:30pm  
**Saturday, June 7**  
 8-9:30am | 10-11:30am

**WHERE:** **Christ Church, 7600 Ox Road**  
 Fairfax Station, VA 22039

**QUESTIONS:** **Contact Pam Charbonneau**  
[pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org](mailto:pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org)  
 703.425.3580







JOIN OUR CATHOLIC community this month in prayerful thanksgiving for all those who have opened their hearts to provide temporary homes for vulnerable children in need.

Children of all ages enter foster care through no fault of their own – due to neglect or abuse, often related to their caregiver's inability to keep their children safe. Foster families care for these children and provide the time and space needed for the child's parents to engage in supportive services and improve their capacity to meet their children's needs before family reunification.

#### What is the need today?

Today in Fairfax County, there is an acute and specific need for foster families to care for medically fragile newborns, two or more siblings, and teens and there are not enough certified foster homes to meet this need. Lovingly caring for children and allowing healing to begin, while working as a community to re-build broken families is the goal.

#### What is it like to be a Foster Parent?

St. Bernadette parishioners, Scott and Marie K., have been fostering children in our community since 2016 and would be happy to share their experiences with you. They welcome your inquiries at [Kokotajlo.home@verizon.net](mailto:Kokotajlo.home@verizon.net). There are also a lot of great videos and testimonials from families at [Foster Care and Adoption | Family Services](#)

#### What's the next step if I'm interested?

You would fill out a [Fairfax County Foster Parent Interest Form](#) online about yourself and family. A County specialist will review your information and contact you within two business days.

You can email [BeAFosterParent@Fairfax-county.gov](mailto:BeAFosterParent@Fairfax-county.gov) or call 703-324-7639 with any questions.

## ECHO for May and June

ECHO's Food Pantry is now having to purchase as much food as they receive from donors each month to meet the need for food assistance in our community. ECHO is not alone; food banks and feeding programs are feeling the same pressure. Your generosity is always vital and ECHO is thankful for your assistance.

#### What and who ECHO needs now

ECHO has some volunteer openings that require special skills. We are looking for: someone who has the interest and ability to use photo and/or video equipment to capture special events a few people to join the Grant Writing Team which can be done remotely a Client Engagement Chair to work with our counseling volunteers in determining client eligibility volunteers to manage donations or work with clients on a regular weekly schedule. Those interested in finding out more should email [volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@echo-inc.org).

Our clothing department needs baby clothes in sizes 0-18 months, sneakers in child and adult sizes, spring jackets for children and adults, and new athletic socks in all sizes. Our housewares department would like to have gently used shower curtains, shower curtain rings, and hand towels. Please bring donations to our Donation Door at 7205 Old Keene Mill Road on weekdays between 9:30am and 12:30pm, or between 7 and 9pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Receipts are happily provided.

Please help us by assessing your donations carefully. Under the "Donate Goods" tab on our homepage at [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org), find guidelines for what we can and can't accept.

## Parish Offertory

May 11:  
Offertory \$ 33,779  
Special Parish Needs 6,768

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**Text gift amount to  
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## Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

Please call the office also if you would like to request a Mass sooner, that is not announced.

### May

#### 19 MONDAY

7am Mothers' Day Novena

9am\* Mothers' Day Novena

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

#### 20 TUESDAY

7am † Mary "Bette" Kennedy

9am\* † Joey Grimberg

Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

#### 21 WEDNESDAY

7am † Joan Garster

9am\* Fr. Don Rooney

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

#### 22 THURSDAY

7am † Michael Nolen

9am\* † Raymunda Bernardo

Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11

#### 23 FRIDAY

7am † Barbara Server

9am\* † John Kostyak

10am\*\* Deacon Bob Rooney

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

#### 24 SATURDAY

8am † Alex Cruz

Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

5pm\* † Brian Do

#### 25 SUNDAY

7am † Roberto Castro

9am\* Eric Cykoski

11am\* For the parish

1pm † Jimmy Leon Willis

5pm † Thomas Paul Kerester

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-23/Jn 14:23-29

\* live-streamed Masses

\*\* Mass at Greenspring Chapel

### Masses next weekend

May 24 5pm Fr. Cedric

May 25 7am Fr. Don

9am Fr. James

11am Fr. Don

1pm Fr. James

5pm Fr. Jeb

## Parish Prayer List

Jessica Curtis, Sean Duffy, Paul Flapper, Mark Fortin, Shamsun Nahur, Kamden Harriet, Alisa Squatrito, Jerome Furlow, Joanne DeAngelis, Jim Gribschaw, Pierre DesLauriers, Frank Caponegro, Krista Buskey, Helena Larsen, Cristy Perez Ayala, Amy Greenlee, Larry Lawrence, Thomas Fitzgerald, Adrian Vincente, Evan Robish, Kathryn Yeager, Scott Kendrick, Heather Lynch.

## Pro-Life Witness

The Saint Bernadette Pro-Life Committee invites you to pray the rosary and be a witness to the sanctity of life on Tuesday or Saturday mornings in front of the abortion facility at 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane in Alexandria (ample free parking across the street). We legally, peacefully, and respectfully gather for an hour starting at 10am; no sign-up or commitment required. Questions? Email Tom Palumbo at [tompalumbo@outlook.com](mailto:tompalumbo@outlook.com).

## Planned giving: make a gift of appreciated assets

Consider a gift of stock or any other appreciated asset as a donation to Saint Bernadette Catholic Church and School. In exchange for a gift of a long-term appreciated asset, you can receive an income tax deduction for the current market value and avoid capital gains taxes on that appreciation. Your gift will support the Church, School, or the parish hall Capital Campaign. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at [rcaporali@stbernpar.org](mailto:rcaporali@stbernpar.org) or call the office.

### Remember us in your will or trust

The next time you review your will or trust with your attorney consider adding a provision to donate a portion of your assets to Saint Bernadette Church and School. Your gift will be greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact Rick Caporali at [rcaporali@stbernpar.org](mailto:rcaporali@stbernpar.org) or call the office.

## Mary's Comfort update

Mary's Comfort has volunteer opportunities available: We are in need of an experienced accountant or bookkeeper to assist our current accounting team; the

commitment of time is flexible and is completely remote. We are also looking for a Shelter Director to help manage our direct care team; this role can also be flexible and revolve around your skills and time availability. Please provide a brief summary of your interests or experience to: [maryscomfortva@gmail.com](mailto:maryscomfortva@gmail.com). For more information, visit: [www.MarysComfortVA.org](http://www.MarysComfortVA.org).

## High school summer camps

John Paul the Great and Saint Paul VI High Schools announce their summer camps: registration is now open! Sign your elementary and middle school-age children up for a variety of athletic and enrichment camps during the summer months including field sports, band, theater and more. Registration and more details, for John Paul HS, please visit <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/summeractivities>; for Paul VI HS, visit [www.paulvi.net/summercamps](http://www.paulvi.net/summercamps).

## College night dates & locations announced

The Associates of St. John Bosco will be hosting five free College Nights this summer for graduated seniors heading to college this fall.

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)

Rising college freshmen network with other Catholics heading to college, with the tools to navigate the transition to college keeping their faith strong. Students receive personal testimonies and advice from older students with small groups for various universities. Students receive a free bundle of Catholic books to bring to college that will help them while away at school. Pizza dinner included. Registration is FREE! For dates, locations, and more information, please visit: [www.asjb.org/student-registration](http://www.asjb.org/student-registration). Space is limited: register early!







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