

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025



The Prophet Jeremiah, Michelangelo Buonarroti, 1508-1512
Fresco (before restoration), Sistine Chapel Ceiling, Vatican City



SAINT BERNADETTE
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 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 rd Mondays, 8-8:45pm (church)
CONFESSION	Sat., 3:30-4:30pm, or by appointment. English and Spanish Confessions
PARISH OFFICE	703-451-8576, fax 703-269-1121 office@stbernpar.org Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm Pastor, Fr. Don Rooney frdonrooney@stbernpar.org Fr. Jeb Donelan frjebdonelan@stbernpar.org Fr. James Waalkes frjameswaalkes@stbernpar.org Deacon Orlando Caicedo Pastoral Associate, Rick Caporali rcaporali@stbernpar.org Business Manager, Linda Patterson lpatterson@stbernpar.org Music Director, David Mathers dmathers@stbernpar.org Executive Assistant, Jean Corday jcorday@stbernpar.org Executive Assistant, Evelyn Vargas, evargas@stbernpar.org Secretary, Janet Chávez-España
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YOUTH MINISTRY	703-451-8576 Director, Grace Mee gme@stbernpar.org
BAPTISMS	Saturday, 10am, 1 st and 2 nd Saturdays in English; 3 rd 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 required somewhere; 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 www.stbernpar.org . Articles for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office no later than first thing Friday morning, ten days before publication date. bulletin@stbernpar.org .

calendar

august

17 Sunday, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Pick up blue **Saint Lucy Food Drive bags** for the food collection this weekend.
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

18 Monday, Weekday

- Monthly **Taize Prayer Service**, 8–8:45 in the church

19 Tuesday, Weekday [Saint John Eudes, Priest]

20 Wednesday, Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

21 Thursday, Saint Pius X, Pope

22 Friday, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church

23 Saturday, Weekday [Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin]

- Bring filled **Saint Lucy Food Drive bags** for the food collection, all Masses.
- Live-streaming Mass for Sunday begins with the 5pm Vigil Mass

24 Sunday, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Knights of Columbus **Pancake Breakfast** after 7, 9 and 11am Masses, cafeteria
- Bring filled **Saint Lucy Food Drive bags** for the food collection, all Masses.
- **Rise Against Hunger** parish planning meeting, 10am, Bradican Room
- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish

25 Monday, Weekday [Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest]

26 Tuesday, Weekday

- **Religious Education Classes** begin, Parent Meeting in the Gym, 6pm

27 Wednesday, Saint Monica

28 Thursday, Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor

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29 Friday, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

- Adoration, 7-8pm in the church

30 Saturday, Weekday

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

31 Sunday, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

september

1 Monday, Weekday

2 Tuesday, Weekday

3 Wednesday, Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor

4 Thursday, Weekday

5 Friday, Weekday [Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin]

6 Saturday, Weekday

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

7 Sunday, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- Live-streaming Masses continue at 9am, 11am and 1pm in Spanish
- Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington, Unity Walk, 1:30-5pm, See page 12

announcements

Calling all rising 4th graders who would like to serve at the altar as **Altar Servers!** **Training starts September 8**, so contact Jean Corday in the parish office to sign up.

Pick up your blue **Saint Lucy Food Drive bags this weekend at Masses**, and bring them back for the collection at Masses next weekend, August 23-24. See p. 7 for a list of most needed items.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a **Pancake Breakfast for the parish on Sunday, August 24 following the 7, 9, and 11am Masses** to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. Proceeds will go to KofC charities.

There will be a **Rise Against Hunger planning meeting on Sunday, August 24** in the Bradican Room. Come and see how you can get involved in all the aspects of feeding 250,000+ meals to people who don't have food today.

Join us for our monthly **Taize Prayer Service, Monday, August 18** from 8 - 8:45pm. The perfect, peaceful, prayerful end of the day. Join us as we pray for unity in the world.

Thank you to all who have responded to our request to reduce our parish envelope costs. If you are receiving offertory envelopes but don't use them or no longer wish to receive them, please contact our parish office so that we can remove that service from your registration file. Remember Second and Special Collections can be done electronically through **Faith Direct**.

from the pastor

BEHOLD!
I make
all things

NEW

Dear Good People of Saint Bernadette,

Have you ever daydreamed of living your life in reverse? You'd watch the weight of the future retreat as you walked back into the past, living each year in reverse order: growing younger, having family and friends restored to you, erasing mistakes.

There's something delightful in the dream, however impossible or improper it might be. Indeed, that an adult would entertain the notion of going backward through time suggests the presence of Adam's fall in our lives, of original sin. We know that hope does disappoint; we've seen it happen. The wisdom of age tells us that we have wandered, lost the way, become alienated from some source of renewal and delight. Why not go back?

In the movie "The Passion of the Christ" (2004) a line of Scripture is used out of context and, in that act of artistry, reveals the deepest of truths. Here's the scene. Mary sees her son Jesus fall under the weight of his cross. She remembers running to her child when he fell. Despite the crowd and his captors, she races to her adult son. Raising his bloodied face from the earth, she offers the greatest of comfort, though it is only the words, "I am here."

Jesus sees her and, short of breath, responds, "See, Mother, I make all things new." That's nothing less than inspired. Why?

Because what we call the Way of the Cross is Christ striding through time, Christ aging in the course of a few hours, Christ trampling toward death, making his way to the farthest reach of human sorrow, of our estrangement from God. If the old world, the one in which you and I were born, was one of sin, of alienation, of aging and of death, Christ walks the way of the cross so as to claim it back for God.

In the mystery of his Incarnation, God the Son comes to die. God takes all that is

ugly and old and rotten in this world and draws it into himself. Here death dies. Here the old gives way to the new. Here hope is reborn. This is why Saint John brilliantly records Christ speaking of his passion as his hour of glory.

With equal artistry and genius, Pope St. Leo the Great spoke about the deepest meaning of the Mass, of our very liturgy, when he wrote, "And so what our redeemer made evident (in his presence among us) has passed over into the sacraments (*Tr. LXXIV, 2*)."

In the Mass, the world is young again. In the liturgy, the Word is spoken with a freshness that does not age. In the Eucharist, bread and wine, given to us centuries long past, become food for our journey together. In his body and his blood, like a woman giving birth, Christ makes all things new.

As we enter into the next few weeks coming up on Parish Life Weekend, I ask that everyone seriously consider how important – and vitally necessary – is the life of our worship and community. Liturgy is work, liturgy is life, and everything we do afterward flows from Jesus in his body given and shared, so that we might give and share ourselves.

Make a commitment to this holy and joyful endeavor of being in communion with God and each other, and dream of how we, as the Saint Bernadette Family, in the middle of such noise and chaos, can become like little children again. Jesus wasn't speaking figuratively: he tells us what can happen if we become like little children, because to such as these, the kingdom of heaven belongs.

Commit to this vision. The world is watching. Our neighbors are watching. Being a follower of Jesus is not political, or being better than everyone else. It is Jesus in his humility and innocence living in you. If we truly live our joy, faith will become irresistible to everyone we encounter.

The Lord be with you, *Fr. Dom*

Welcome Back to the Nest

It is hard to believe how quickly summer has flown by, and we are thrilled to welcome our flock of Cardinals back to the nest. Soon our school halls will fill with the happy voices of students eager to share stories from their summer adventures and reconnect with friends and teachers. We are excited to welcome everyone old and new to Saint Bernadette Catholic School.

To kick off the school year, we are hosting our annual Sneak-a-Peek on 18 August 18. This special event invites both new and returning students to meet their teachers, explore classrooms, and catch up with classmates. It is a favorite tradition that helps ease first-day jitters with familiar faces and warm welcomes.

Our school year officially begins the following week for K-8 students. We will celebrate this meaningful first day with school Mass, a cherished Saint Bernadette tradition that brings our community together in faith, gratitude, and unity.

To help our youngest learners feel right at home, we recently hosted Popsicles on the Playground, where our incoming PreK students had the opportunity to make new friends, play on the school playground, and enjoy a sweet, cool treat. It was also a

wonderful opportunity for parents to meet each other and make new friends, too.

In late-August, we will continue the excitement with Back-to-School Nights for PreK-8th grade parents. Parents will meet teachers, tour classrooms, and learn more about what is in store for the year ahead for their children.

The last week in August, our PreK students officially join the Saint Bernadette family as they start their first week of school. We are so excited to see them learn, grow, and shine as they build confidence and independence throughout the year.

As we head into September, we are excited to connect with our new parents at the New Parent Social, hosted by our wonderful P.T.O., as well as at our annual Purple Star Military Pizza Dinner for both current and new military-connected families. Both events offer a wonderful opportunity to meet other families and begin building the strong sense of community that is so important when transitioning to a new school.

Here is to a joyful school year filled with wonder, learning, laughter, and lasting friendships for all of our amazing Cardinals.

cardinal corner



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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.

youth ministry

Email our director of youth ministry, Grace Mee, at gme@stbernapar.org with any questions you may have.

The first day of Religious Education classes will be on August 26/27, 2025 at 6:00-7:15pm. We will have a parent meeting to discuss the upcoming year. Please plan to be there when you drop off your children. Additional questions can be answered then.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

As the CLOW team preps for the new school year, we are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please reach out to Kathryn Melton at yanezka@gmail.com or Lynn Jones at ljones@stbernapar.org.

Volunteers for 2025-2026

We are still in need for volunteers (assistant catechists, teen catechists, and hall monitors)! If interested, please contact the Religious Education Office or fill out the Volunteer Form on the website <https://stbernapar.org/religious-education-volunteers/>.

High School Tuesday Socials - Beginning August 26

All high schoolers are invited to join us for Tuesday Socials every Tuesday from 7-8:30pm! Meet in the youth room (in the parish office) for games, ice cream, and a discussion on the faith. Our first Tuesday social of the school year will be Tuesday, August 26. Contact Grace Mee for more information!

Middle School Youth Ministry - Beginning September 2nd

All 6th-8th graders are invited for games, snacks, and fun every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month! Meet in the school gym from 6:45-8pm, beginning Wednesday, September 2.

High School Saturday Dinner - September 13

All High schoolers are invited for dinner, games, a fellowship on Saturday, September 13. Meet in the Bradican room from 6-8:30pm!

Living the liturgical year

Happy Sunday! This week on August 22 we celebrate the feast day of the Queenship of Mary. The Queenship of Mary falls on the octave of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. According to Catholic tradition, as Christ is king of the world and saves the people from their sins, Mary is queen over the earth because of her role in the story of divine redemption, serving as the mother to the Savior." One delicious way to celebrate the feast day is by creating Coronation parfaits. Instructions can be found here. <https://catholic-cuisine.blogspot.com/2013/08/blueberry-peach-parfaits-for-coronation.html>.



23rd Annual 5K Fun Run and Walk Oct. 4

Registration is open! The Springfield Council Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the 23rd Annual 5K Fun Run and Walk on Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Burke Lake Park. Proceeds from this family-friendly event will be split between the Parish School and KOVAR (a Knights of Columbus charity supporting the intellectually disabled). Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/FairfaxStation/SpringfieldKnightsOfColumbus5K>.



Donations also welcome! Please contact Tom Smith with questions tomsmith6153@outlook.com, 571-308-4672.

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.

Monday, August 18, 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.

"The Car Ministry"

If you have a used car to donate, please consider us. We process and repair donated vehicles which are given at no cost to the working poor who have been referred to us by pastors and social workers. It is a tax break for you and people's lives are transformed by new possibilities. Contact Larry Gordon at 703-237-8479.

ARE YOU CONSIDERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

The proper name for the English RITE is now the ORDER of Christian Initiation of Adults.

"COME, AND SEE"

ORCICA

We invite **YOU** and all who seek a deeper life in **Jesus Christ** to consider becoming members of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office to register. **You are welcome. Begins Sept. 9.**

"VEN, Y VEAN"

ORCICA

Invitamos **todos** que **buscan** a una vida mejor en **Jesucristo** para considerar ser miembros de la iglesia católica por los sacramentos del bautismo, confirmación, y eucaristía. Llaman la oficina para registrarse. **Bienvenidos, el 11 de septiembre.**

Altar server training in September: register now

All boys and girls 4th grade to 12th grade are welcome to serve at the altar at Mass! In the interest of trying to be most accommodating to your schedules, we have put training again for servers on Mondays 5-6pm. This seemed to work best for everyone last year, public school students as well. The dates are September 8, 15, and 22. Register with Mrs. Corday in the parish office, jcorday@stbernpar.org.

St. Lucy Mid-Summer Food Drive

St. Lucy Food Drive: Pick up your St. Lucy bag today after Mass and return it next weekend. Donations will be collected prior to the Vigil and Sunday Masses (August 24/25). The truck will leave the church parking lot at 5:40 PM on August 25.

The most needed Food and Hygiene Items are: canned chicken, canned tuna, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly and jam, mac and cheese, standard size laundry detergent, and toothbrushes.

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.ccda.net/Give/Give/Donate/Giving.aspx> designating St. Lucy Project.

Nativity Church Grief Support Group

Dealing with grief can be a difficult and emotional experience. The Nativity Grief Support Group offers support to all who suffered the death of a loved one and are in need of the comfort that sharing can bring. Led by trained facilitators, the meetings are open to all adults at no charge. The group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 7:30 – 9pm at Nativity School. For further information, contact Rosemary Viani, 703-657-9605, or Ken Eisenhardt, 703-597-9020.

coming up

Parish Offertory

August 10	
Offertory	\$42,407
Facilities/Maintenance	4,935

Thank you for your faithful support!



Consider using Faith Direct to make your parish contributions through either direct debit to your checking account or through credit cards, the same way you make car or tuition payments. Faith Direct also offers personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. You may enroll securely online. Visit www.faithdirect.net or call (866)507-8757. Our parish code is VA70.

interfaith council of DC annual unity walk

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Unity Walk 2025!

Join the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington for its annual Unity Walk on Sunday, Sept. 7 from 12:30-5:30pm. The Unity Walk is a wonderful afternoon of celebrating and lifting up the religious and cultural diversity that exists in the DC metro region. Over 700 participants walk along Massachusetts Avenue in upper NW DC visiting 11 houses of worship and spiritual centers as well as participating in additional programming such as: mini-religious and cultural literacy conversation, a service project to benefit Martha's Table, dance workshops and more. Visit <https://ifcmw.org/2025-unity-walk/> for the full program!

Join one of our choirs!

The choirs on summer break will resume in a few weeks, and all choirs are welcoming new members at this time.

Our Children's Choir, for 1st-6th grade singers, serves at 5pm Saturday Mass once a month. They rehearse every Thursday 5-5:45pm. Our Youth Choir, for 7th-12th grade vocalists and instrumentalists, sings most Saturdays at the 5pm Mass. We have four adult choirs: Sunday Mass at 9am (English), 11am (English), 1pm (Spanish), and third Saturday Filipino Vigil Mass, 7pm.

Please contact David Mathers, Director of Music Ministries, at dmathers@stbernpar.org or (703) 451-8576 x112. Rehearsal days/times, list of instruments that can participate, and guidance on instrumental experience levels can be found at <https://www.stbernpar.org/praying/music-ministry> or by contacting David Mathers.



**back to
school!**

**Sunday
24 August**

 **St Bernadette
Gym**

Springfield Council

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Knights of Columbus Council 6153

Celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage this year?

The Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life will host the 2025 Mass for Marriage Jubilarians at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington on Sunday, October 19 at 2:30pm. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Bur-

bidge. Commemorative certificates will be given out at the reception in the parish hall following the Mass, where Bishop will be available for pictures with jubilarians.

The deadline for registration is October 3! Contact the parish office for a registration form and staff will help you register. For more information, call the office.

Daily Mass Intentions and Readings

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

August

18 MONDAY

7am † James Brambilla
9am* † Susan Akroyd
Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

19 TUESDAY

7am † Carl Smearman
9am* † Marie Lee
Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

20 WEDNESDAY

7am † Mary Jane Alexander
9am* † Bill Friedrich
Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

21 THURSDAY

7am Ricardo Ignacio
9am* Lynn Strobel
Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

22 FRIDAY

7am † Geoffrey Mock
9am* † Vilma Bracamonte
10am** † John Finley
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

23 SATURDAY

8am † Ada Castedo
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
5pm* † Fidelis Drayne

24 SUNDAY

7am † Sara Basti
9am* † John Casill
11am* † Sandra Hays
1pm † Marina Huapaya
5pm For the parish
Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

* live-streamed Masses

** Mass at Greenspring Chapel

Masses next weekend

Aug 23	5pm	Fr. Jeb
Aug 24	7am	Fr. Jeb
	9am	Fr. Don
	11am	Fr. Jeb
	1pm	Fr. Cedric
	5pm	Fr. Don

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, Helena Larsen, Cristy Perez Ayala, Amy Greenlee, Larry Lawrence, Thomas Fitzgerald, Adrian Vincente, Evan Robish, Kathryn Yeager, Scott Kendrick, Heather Lynch, Ron and Karen Dietz, Ted Musialkiewicz, Kathleen Maxwell, Alan Curtis, Glendora Spinelli, Jay Jenc.

Pro-Life Witness

The Saint Bernadette Pro-Life Committee invites you to pray the rosary 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.

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@stbernapar.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@stbernapar.org or call the office.

Mary's Comfort update

Join us for a "Back to School Tea Party" to benefit Mary's Comfort on Saturday, August 23, from 2-4pm in Saint Bernadette's School Gym. Register here: <https://MarysComfortVATea2025.eventbrite.com>. We are still in need of a Shelter Director to join our all-volunteer team. This vital

position oversees our mentors who work directly with our guests. If interested, email us at maryscomfortva@gmail.com. For more information visit: <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/>. Thank you for your prayerful support as we strive to shelter and support expecting mothers in crisis.

Pray daily for a future Priest or Sister

See the parish pamphlet rack for a brochure explaining the Diocese of Arlington's St. Therese Vocation Society. Members commit to praying daily for vocations and pray individually by name for those currently in formation as priests and religious. There are no dues and no meetings! For a prayer calendar or to sign up visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/promote-support-pray-for-vocations/pray/st-therese-society/>.

Golfing with Wolves Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 18, 2025:
Early bird registration available through Please consider sponsoring or registering to support Saint John Paul the Great High School. <https://onecau.se/johnpaulgolf> Please contact golf@jpthegreat.org for any questions

Prime Time Single Catholics

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Accompany us to: Thursday lunches (Aug. 28); brunch (Aug. 17); talk by Dawn Beutner, Editor for Saints at Magnificat magazine (Aug. 21); serving meal at Christ House (Aug. 23); movie/dinner (Aug. 24); picnic (Aug. 31). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Catholic speed dating

St. Timothy Catholic Church is hosting an in-person speed dating event open to all Catholic singles ages 20-39 in the DMV area on Saturday, October 25 at 7pm in the School Cafeteria and Gym. This is an RSVP-only event and registration closes on October 11. To register, go to <https://shenandoahspeeddating.blogspot.com/p/upcoming-events.html>. Questions or more info? Contact Joshua at jtureaud@protonmail.com



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