



**NEWSLETTER OF PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)  
OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS, AGE 40 AND OVER**

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## Outgoing President's Message

Farewell, 2025! Thank you for joining us for so many PTSC events this past year – picnics, dances, walks, Masses, plays, Beach Weekend, lunches, and dinners. A huge thanks to the 2025 Council members who made it all possible.

Now we happily hand the reins to the 2026 PTSC Council and our new President, Tom. Many thanks to the new Board for stepping up to give us another year of opportunities to strengthen our faith, grow our friendships, and share good times together.

*Myra*

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## Incoming President's Message

I'm BACK, and happy to be PTSC President again (a record 7<sup>th</sup> term – thank you all). Who wouldn't be happy with a gig that comes with a villa on Lake Como? Or, even better, that affords the incumbent a needed break from the hard work of the Council!

That last sentence is “a joke, son,” as Foghorn Leghorn, he of the chicken heart and orotund voice, would fatuously declare. Not a joke to my liking, but, nevertheless, a salutary and humbling reminder that, as the late Pope Benedict said, “*The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.*”

In all seriousness, I thank Myra, the 2025 Council, and you, our precious members, for handing on to me, and to all of us, a growing and vigorous club, one fulfilling the vision of greatness set forth by our founders some 49 years ago. (But, of course, I am even more grateful to Myra for graciously surrendering the keys to that villa on Lake Como. Ciao!)

*Tom*

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## LATE DECEMBER RSVP

**December 29, 2025, Monday: RSVP for January 1 Lunch at Chadwicks**

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## JANUARY EVENTS

**January 1, 2026, Thursday, 2:30 PM: Lunch at Chadwicks**

Located on the waterfront in Old Town Alexandria for almost 40 years, Chadwicks offers traditional American food – burgers, sandwiches, salads, soups, and more – in a warm, inviting atmosphere. Chadwicks will provide us with individual checks, but, as a precaution, please bring enough cash in smaller bills (ones, fives, and tens) to cover your check and gratuity. We may not be able to expand our reservation, so do not hesitate to RSVP. Note that we will probably be seated upstairs (Chadwicks has no elevator).

We are hoping to continue our New Year's Day tradition, weather permitting, of walking to Market Square to see the beautifully decorated huge Christmas tree after our meal.

**RSVP** to us at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com) by **9:00 p.m. on Monday, December 29** (after that, check with us).

**LOCATION:** Chadwicks is at 203 Strand Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (<https://www.chadwicksoldtown.com>, 703-836-4442). There is plenty of on-street and facility parking nearby; a pay parking lot is across the street from the restaurant. The free King Street Trolley provides easy access from the King Street Metro Station on the Blue and Yellow Lines.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-95/I-495 (Woodrow Wilson Bridge/Northern VA) – Take Exit 177 (Route 1 north) **using the local lanes** and follow the signs to Alexandria. You should be on Patrick Street. After the light at Franklin Street, go four blocks and then turn right onto Duke Street; go nine blocks, cross Union Street, and then turn left onto Strand Street. The restaurant will be on the left.

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**January 6, 2026, Tuesday, 1:30 PM: *Square Dancing at Greenspring Village***

You are invited to join other PTSC members at Greenspring Village Retirement Community on one Tuesday each month for square dancing from **1:30 to 3:00 p.m.** The dancing, open to the public, is for everyone, and no dance experience is required. The cost is FREE for your first visit. After that, we ask for **\$10.00** each time to compensate our caller for his time and travel. We also request donations for snacks.

**RSVP:** Please contact us at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com) for more information.

**LOCATION:** Hunters Crossing building at Greenspring, 7430 Spring Village Drive, Springfield, VA 22150 (subject to change).

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**January 8, 2026, Thursday: *Lunch***

We did not find a host for lunch today, but check with us at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com) for any updates.

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**January 9, 2026, Friday: *RSVP for January 11 Installation Mass***

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**January 11, 2026, Sunday, 12:45 PM: *Installation Mass***

PTSC members are invited to the installation of the 2026 Council at the Church of the Nativity in Burke. We will meet in the narthex at **12:45 p.m.** to attend the **1:00 Mass**. Afterwards, our Spiritual Advisor will bless the incoming Council in the small chapel at the back of the church. After the Mass and the blessing of the Council, we will have lunch at a restaurant to be determined.

**RSVP** to Anne at 703-751-0739 by **9:00 p.m.** on **Friday, January 9**.

**LOCATION:** Church of the Nativity is at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-395 or the Beltway (I-95/I-495) – Take Exit 1B (*I-395 South from Arlington/Alexandria*), Exit 169B (*I-95/I-495 from Woodrow Wilson Bridge*), or Exit 57A (*I-495 South from Tysons Corner*) to Springfield onto Old Keene Mill (OKM) Road (Route 644 west). Proceed almost 6 miles, cross Lee Chapel Road (bearing slightly left to stay on OKM Road), go about 0.2 mile, and look for the church on the right, at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke, VA 22015. If you miss the first entrance, there is a second entrance about 100 yards farther on OKM Road.

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**January 13, 2026, Tuesday: *RSVP for January 14 Walk at Rutherford Park***

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**January 14, 2026, Wednesday, 11:00 AM: *Walk at Rutherford Park***

Walk on the Long Branch Trail at Rutherford Park in Fairfax. Our knowledgeable PTSC member will lead us on the trail which is mostly paved and level, scenic, and easily traversed. We will meet in the parking lot at Rutherford Park, cross Guinea Road, and walk east on the trail.

**RSVP** to us at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com) by **9:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, January 13**, to let us know you are coming.

**LOCATION:** Rutherford Park is at 4710 Guinea Road, Fairfax, VA 22032.

***DIRECTIONS:*** From the Beltway (I-495) – If coming from Springfield and points south, take Exit 54A, Route 620/Braddock Road west. Go about 2.5 miles and then turn right onto Guinea Road (Route 651). Proceed about 0.7 mile to the Rutherford Park sign and parking lot on the left. If coming from Maryland or Tysons, take Exit 52A, Route 236/Little River Turnpike west. Go about 1.8 miles and then turn left onto Guinea Road (Route 651). Proceed about 1.4 miles to the Rutherford Park sign and parking lot on the right.

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**January 15, 2026, Thursday: RSVP for January 16 Social Dance at Greenspring Village**

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**January 16, 2026, Friday, 6:45 PM: Social Dance at Greenspring Village**

Greenspring Village in Springfield hosts a **free**, open-to-the-public, social (ballroom) dance on most Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. PTSC plans to attend one of these dances every month; our first dance will be on this date. There is no admission fee, but there will a refreshment table where you may bring a snack to share.

**RSVP** to us at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com) by **9:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, January 15**, to let us know you are coming.

**LOCATION:** Accotink Room in the Village Square building at Greenspring, 7410 Spring Village Drive, Springfield, VA 22150 (subject to change). Meet us at the building's reception desk at **6:45 p.m.**

***DIRECTIONS:*** Take the Franconia-Springfield Parkway (Route 289) to Spring Village Drive. Once on Spring Village Drive, go to the stop sign, then proceed straight ahead to the Greenspring Village gatehouse. Tell the guard that you are going to the dance at the Village Square building. Then, after stopping at two stop signs, turn right and go all the way down the hill; the Village Square building will be directly in front of you. Park for free in any of the visitor spaces in the nearby parking lots.

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**January 20, 2026, Tuesday: RSVP for January 22 Lunch at Villa Bella Italian Restaurant**

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**January 22, 2026, Thursday, 1:00 PM: Lunch at Villa Bella Italian Restaurant in Burke**

We will try a new place today, Villa Bella in Burke. (Actually, PTSC was there about 8 years ago, but who remembers?) See their menu at <https://www.villabellaristorante.com>.

**RSVP** to us at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com) by **9:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, January 20**. Please do not show up without making a reservation! If you respond after the deadline, we may be able to accommodate you, or place you on a waiting list.

**LOCATION:** 6050-C Burke Commons Road, Burke, VA 22015 (phone 703-239-3580)

***DIRECTIONS:*** From I-395 or the Beltway (I-95/I-495) – Take Exit 1B (*I-395 South from Arlington/Alexandria*), Exit 169B (*I-95/I-495 from Woodrow Wilson Bridge*), or Exit 57A (*I-495 South from Tysons Corner*) to Springfield onto Old Keene Mill Road (Route 644 west). Proceed about six miles; turn right onto Lee Chapel Road; cross Burke Lake Road; (Lee Chapel Road becomes Burke Center Parkway here); go another mile and then turn right onto Burke Commons Road. Turn left into the shopping center (there is another shopping center on the right). Walmart will be on your right. Go to the end of the Walmart garden center. Villa Bella is in the strip of businesses on the left.

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**January 23, 2026, Friday: RSVP for January 25 Roving Restauranteers – Clyde's Willow Creek**

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**January 24, 2026, Saturday, 3:00 p.m.: Christ House**

PTSC continues its long-standing commitment to feed the hungry at Christ House in Alexandria. Volunteers interested in serving this month, please email us at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com) on the **Thursday** or **Friday** before Christ House Saturday to see whether extra help is needed. Needs will be filled on a first-call basis. The serving and cleanup usually end by 6:15 p.m., with optional dining-out afterwards.

**LOCATION:** 131 S. West Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**Another way you can help:**

We welcome donations to help us buy the food for the meals served at Christ House. Please consider giving a modest amount regularly if you can. Contact us at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com) for more information.

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**January 25, 2026, Sunday, 2:00 PM: *Roving Restauranteers – Clyde's Willow Creek Farm***

We are returning to the popular Clyde's in Ashburn. Besides specializing in American fare, the restaurant sports a collection of American folk art, antique carriages, furniture, sleighs, and harnesses.

Separate checks will be provided. You are encouraged to bring small bills (ones, fives, and tens) to make paying your check easier.

**RSVP** to us at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com) by **9:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23**. We have a limited reservation for 18 people, so be sure to let us know as early as possible if you want to join us! Please do not show up without making a reservation! If you respond after the deadline, we may be able to accommodate you, or place you on a waiting list.

**LOCATION:** 42920 Broadlands Blvd., Broadlands (Ashburn), VA 20148 (phone 571-209-1200).

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Beltway (I-495) – Take Exit 47A, Route 7/Leesburg Pike west. Go about 18 miles (you will pass Route 28) until you reach the cloverleaf exit for Claiborne Parkway (Route 901 south). (NOTE: If using the Fairfax County Parkway/Route 286, take Route 7 west and after about 7 1/2 miles you will come to the Claiborne Parkway cloverleaf.) Proceed about four miles on Claiborne Parkway, cross the Dulles Greenway, and then turn right at the light onto Broadlands Blvd. Go about 0.4 mile, and the entrance to Clyde's will be on the right.

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**PTSC ORGANIZATION STATEMENT:**

PTSC is a Club organized to serve the needs of single Catholics, age 40 and over, who are free to marry by Catholic standards. This includes those widowed or with annulments. The objectives of PTSC are to share in Christian fellowship with one another through religious, social, cultural, community and recreational activities, and to promote greater participation in our Catholic parishes.

**NON-MEMBER POLICY:**

We welcome prospective members to attend our events as non-members to become acquainted and learn more about PTSC. Non-members are permitted to attend a maximum of three (3) events (excluding events that may be limited to members only). Further participation requires such non-members to apply for membership.

**PTSC PUBLIC WEBSITE (OPEN TO ALL):** Visit [bit.ly/ptsc](https://bit.ly/ptsc), or <https://ptscnva.wixsite.com/website>.

## NEW AND RENEWAL PTSC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(To apply or renew online, download the fillable form at [tinyurl.com/PTSCmem](http://tinyurl.com/PTSCmem); email form back and pay with ZELLE® using [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com).)

### Type of newsletter desired (mark X):

Paper, sent by U.S. Mail \_\_\_\_ (annual dues = \$30; includes a no-cost, emailed copy as well).

Online ONLY (no paper copy), in an email attachment \_\_\_\_ (annual dues = \$15) – please provide your email address below.

Note: 1. Annual dues are prorated for new members; see “ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES” below.

2. Regardless of above choice, please provide your email address below.

### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

APPLICATION TYPE: NEW: \_\_\_\_ RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME FIRST NAME: M.I. Birth month/day  
as you want it shown in the PTSC Directory (optional) (optional)

### ADDRESS:

NUMBER, STREET, APT. #: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP+4: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/E-MAIL: (PUBLISH = OKAY TO PUBLISH IN MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY AND TO GIVE TO OTHER MEMBERS)

PRIMARY PHONE #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ PUBLISH PHONE #? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PUBLISH E-MAIL? YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

### EMERGENCY CONTACT(S):

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE #(s): \_\_\_\_\_

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT PTSC? (new applications only) \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** I am a single Catholic, 40 years of age or older, who is free to marry in the Catholic Church because I am either single, widowed or, if divorced, have an annulment. I agree to abide by such rules and regulations as stated in the Bylaws of **Prime Time Single Catholics of Northern Virginia** (“PTSC”) and/or as adopted by the Executive Council. Membership may be revoked or suspended in accordance with the PTSC Bylaws. I waive and release any claim or cause of action that I may have against PTSC, its officers or directors, and/or its members for any damages, injuries, or losses sustained by me while participating in events and functions sponsored by the PTSC, except when caused by gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the PTSC, or its officers and directors.

I certify that I meet the above membership requirements and hereby apply for membership. (NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED & DATED)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE (Required)

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DATE (Required)

### PLEASE MARK (X) FOR EACH AREA YOU ARE WILLING TO ASSIST US IN:

COMMUNITY SERVICES: \_\_\_\_ CULTURAL: \_\_\_\_ DANCES: \_\_\_\_ HOSPITALITY: \_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP: \_\_\_\_ NEWSLETTER/EDITORIAL: \_\_\_\_

PARISH REP.: \_\_\_\_ PUBLICITY: \_\_\_\_ RECREATION: \_\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS: \_\_\_\_ ROVING RESTAURANTEERS: \_\_\_\_ SOCIAL: \_\_\_\_

**ANNUAL (Jan.-Dec.) MEMBERSHIP DUES:** 1. To receive a paper newsletter: For current or recent (in last 3 years) members: **\$30**. For everyone else: If we receive your application in Jan.-Feb., **\$30**; Mar.-May, **\$22**; June-Aug., **\$16**; Sep.-Oct., **\$8**; Nov.-Dec., **\$30**, credited as full payment for current and following year. 2. To receive an online newsletter **ONLY (no paper copy)**: pay half (**50%**) of corresponding amount above. *Any questions on dues, call 703-402-1333.*

### MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO “PTSC” TO:

**JOHN CALDWELL, 9051 GOLDEN SUNSET LANE, SPRINGFIELD, VA 22153-2456**

(Note that, in lieu of a check, you may pay dues online with ZELLE® addressed to [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com).)

FOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON ONLY: AMOUNT PAID: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER/DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_ INITIAL: \_\_\_\_