

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

ISSUE NO. 10 OCTOBER 2025

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President's Message

The PTSC Council is still discussing whether to eliminate the mail version of the monthly newsletter. We will send out a survey for you to pick which version you prefer – please respond! We want to know what you find to be most useful.

We had beautiful weather for the Labor Day weekend picnic at Occoquan Regional Park. I hope you were one of the 54 people who joined us for a delicious picnic in a lovely setting. FYI, the cost to rent that shelter was \$220. Thank you to the Social Committee for hosting our final picnic of the summer!

We are so grateful to the wonderful members who serve on the various PTSC committees! They plan activities, pick restaurants, take reservations, write descriptions for the newsletter, and make everyone feel welcome. Prime Time would not exist without their efforts!

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OCTOBER EVENTS

October 3, Friday: RSVP for October 5 Mass at St. Louis Church / Poor Clares Monastery Visit

October 5, Sunday, 10:15 a.m.: Mass at St. Louis Church / Poor Clares Monastery Visit

After the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Louis Church in Alexandria, we will visit the nearby monastery of the Poor Clares. (Meet us in front of the church at 10:15 a.m.) In 1977, the Poor Clares came to our diocese at the request of Bishop Welsh. According to the Arlington Herald, they are “a praying heart in the diocese,” receiving many requests for prayers every day. The order was founded by St. Clare and St. Frances of Assisi on Palm Sunday in the year 1212. Of course, we can't go inside the monastery, but we can see it from outside and there is a chapel we can enter.

RSVP to Anne at 703-751-0739 by **9:00 p.m.** on **Friday, October 3.**

Location: St. Louis Church is at 2907 Popkins Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306.

Directions: From the Beltway (I-95/I-495) – Take Exit 177, Route 1, south toward Ft. Belvoir (you must be in the local lanes on or near the Wilson bridge). Go about two miles and look for Beacon Center (large shopping area) on the right at the top of a hill. At four blocks past the end of the shopping center, turn left at the second light (lights are very close together) onto Popkins Lane. The church will be on the right.

October 7, Tuesday: RSVP for October 9 Lunch at American Legion

October 7, 14, 21, 28, Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.: Square Dancing at Greenspring Village

You are invited to join other PTSC members at Greenspring Village Retirement Community on Tuesdays 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 **\$5.00** per week to compensate our caller for his time and travel. We also request **\$1.00** for snacks.

RSVP: Please contact us at ptscnva@gmail.com for more information.

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

October 8, Wednesday: RSVP for October 11 Roving Restauranteers – Home Thai Bistro

October 9, Thursday, 12:00 noon: Lunch at American Legion (Note different time!)

Our new lunch organizer would like to celebrate Columbus Day early, to honor the explorer who discovered the land that would become our nation. We will enjoy lunch in the Warrior Cafe of the American Legion post in Springfield. Note that we are meeting earlier than our normal time because the kitchen closes at 2:00 p.m.

RSVP to us at ptscnva@gmail.com by **9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7**. We may have a limited reservation. 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: American Legion Post 176 is at 6520 Amherst Avenue, Springfield, VA 22150 (703-440-0336; <https://post176.org/cafe-and-social-quarters>).

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). After passing under a bridge, turn right onto the next street (Bland Street). At the next light, turn right onto Amherst Avenue to cross over Old Keene Mill Road. Immediately after the first light, look for the American Legion post on the right. Use the main entrance on the first floor; turn right for the Warrior Cafe.

October 11, Saturday, 4:00 p.m.: Roving Restauranteers – Home Thai Bistro in Ashburn

We will try a new ethnic eatery, a delightful Thai restaurant in Ashburn, VA. It features fresh, delicious, well-prepared food, extensive menu choices, and a pleasant, attractive atmosphere. You are encouraged to bring small bills to make paying easier, in case we don't get individual checks.

RSVP to us at ptscnva@gmail.com by **9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8**. We have a limited reservation for 20 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: 19890 Belmont Chase Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147 (<https://www.myhomethaibelmont.com>; 703-272-4555).

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 to the first light and turn right onto Aspen View Blvd., then take the next left onto Belmont Chase Drive. Go about 0.1 mile and the restaurant will be on the left and the parking lot on the right.

October 14, Tuesday: RSVP for October 15 Walk at Leopold's Preserve in Broad Run, VA
RSVP for October 18 Tour of Rippon Lodge Historic Site / Walk to Follow

October 15, Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.: Walk at Leopold's Preserve in Broad Run, VA

Join your fellow PTSC walkers at this 380-acre privately owned preserve that is open to the public and is part of the Virginia Bird and Wildlife Trail. The preserve has diverse habitats with scenic overlooks and historical sights. Please note that the site has no running water or waste cans; there is one portable toilet in the public parking lot, so please plan accordingly! Following the walk, and at the discretion of the attendees, we can dine at a nearby restaurant.

RSVP to us at ptscnva@gmail.com by **9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14**, to let us know you are coming.

Location: 16290 Thoroughfare Road, Broad Run, VA 20137 (www.leopoldspreserve.com).

Directions: From the Beltway (I-495) – Take I-66 west, then Exit 40 for Haymarket/Route 15. Keep left to go onto Route 15 south. Turn right onto Route 55 west (John Marshall Hwy.), go almost two miles, and then turn left onto SR-682/Thoroughfare Road. Go for 0.3 mile (the paved road turns to gravel, and you will cross railroad tracks). Look for the public parking lot on the left where we will meet (Parking Lot East).

October 18, Saturday, 10:45 a.m.: Tour of Rippon Lodge Historic Site / Walk to Follow

Join us for a guided tour of Rippon Lodge, one of the oldest homes in Prince William County. Take this chance to visit a home and setting that has been around since 1747. The building began as a colonial dwelling with restorations throughout the years resulting in today's Colonial Revival building. Cost of the tour is **\$5.00**. After the tour, we'll drive downhill for a scenic walk on the Neabsco Creek Boardwalk, which stretches 0.625 mile over tidal wetlands. Lunch will follow for those interested. NOTE: Please be sure to meet us by 10:45 a.m., as **the tour will start promptly at 11:00**.

RSVP to us at ptscnva@gmail.com by **9:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, October 14**. If you miss the deadline, please check with us to see if space is still available or to be put on a waitlist.

Location: Rippon Lodge Historic Site, 15520 Blackburn Road, Woodbridge, VA 22191 (703-499-9812; www.pwcva.gov/department/historic-preservation/rippon-lodge).

Directions: From the Beltway (I-95/I-495) – Take I-95 south to Exit 156, Dale Boulevard, toward Rippon Landing. Follow Rippon Boulevard across Jefferson Davis Hwy/Route 1. Turn right onto Blackburn Road. Travel 1/4 mile and turn right onto Admiral Black Drive. If you take Route 1 from the Beltway, follow Route 1 for about 20 miles, turn left onto Rippon Blvd., right on Blackburn Road, and right onto Admiral Black Drive.

October 21, Tuesday: RSVP for October 23 Lunch at Ted's Montana Grill

October 23, Thursday, 1:00 p.m.: Lunch at Ted's Montana Grill

Enjoy lunch with your PTSC friends at a "buffalo" steakhouse, Ted's Montana Grill in Alexandria. Bison burgers are thought to be more healthy than regular beef hamburgers!

RSVP to us at ptscnva@gmail.com by **9:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, October 21**. 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: 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (phone 703-960-0500).

Directions: From the Beltway (I-95/I-495) – Take Exit 174 for Alexandria/Eisenhower Avenue. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto the Eisenhower Avenue Connector (if coming from Alexandria, turn right onto the connector). After 0.2 mile, turn right onto Eisenhower Avenue. Go about two miles, pass over Telegraph Road, and then at the second light, turn left onto Hoffman Street. Take the second left onto the circle; the restaurant will be on the right. If there is no parking in front of Ted's, continue on the circle to the sign for additional parking at Carlyle Towers.

October 24, Friday: RSVP for October 26 Sacred Ground (Cemetery) Walk and Dinner

October 24, Friday (to Monday, October 27): Annual Ocean City Beach Days

The original deadline for reserving was September 20 but, as you read this, we may have some rooms left. If you are interested in joining us, please contact us at ptscnva@gmail.com. As of September 20, **no more refunds** are being given. This event is limited to **PTSC and CSGW/CAC members only**.

Please note that the price for the "base" three nights have been adjusted; changed prices shown below are in **bold**. The base price on the reservation form has been revised, so use the form in *this* newsletter and ignore previous versions! The price includes your lodging for three nights (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), access to our hospitality room, and Saturday night dinner. Prices per person are: **\$720** single and **\$390** double. All rooms are oceanfront. If you **arrive on Thursday**, and/or **stay on Monday**, please include the appropriate total amount from the table below so the hotel can plan for the extra night(s). Please note that no breakfasts are included.

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>
"Base" (3 nights)	\$720	\$390
Base + Thursday night	\$940	\$500
Base + Monday night	\$940	\$500
Base + both extra nights	\$1,160	\$610

If you are told that there is an opening, complete the reservation form which can be found in this newsletter (after the event listings), make your check for the full amount payable to “PTSC,” and send your check and completed form to John Caldwell at 9051 Golden Sunset Lane, Springfield, VA 22153-2456.

October 25, 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 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 for more information.

October 26, Sunday, 2:45 p.m.: *Sacred Ground (Cemetery) Walk and Dinner*

Just prior to Halloween and All Souls Day, we'll honor our ancestors, as we slowly traverse Alexandria's ancient and historic Wilkes Street Cemetery Complex. Active since 1796, the Complex contains twelve cemeteries, with over 35,000 burials. Afterwards, we'll walk across Jamieson Avenue to the Executive Diner, which “serves classic American comfort food and all day breakfast” (visit their website at <https://www.theexecutivediner.com>). Join us for the walk, the dinner, or both.

RSVP to us at ptscnva@gmail.com by **9:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24**. If you plan to go on the walk only, let us know by **10:00 on Sunday morning, October 26**.

Location: For the walk, meet us at the entrance to the Cemetery Complex on Jamieson Avenue in Alexandria (at about the street's halfway point); the metered parking spaces on Jamieson are free on Sunday. The Executive Diner is at 1400 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (phone 703-299-0894). Park for free in their lot, or on Jamieson Avenue. For more information, visit the restaurant's website, or call 703-299-0894.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 8, Saturday, 11:00 a.m.: *Annual Memorial Mass*

Our annual memorial Mass in remembrance of PTSC deceased members, former members, and alumni will be held at Missionhurst in Arlington. More details will be in the November newsletter.

November 15, Saturday, 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.: *Annual Dinner-Dance*

Mark your calendars. Plan to join us in the Banquet Room of P.J. Skidoos Restaurant in Fairfax, Virginia, for our 48th Annual Dinner-Dance. We'll enjoy a social hour, a sit-down dinner, and dancing to the music of DeeJay Russell Acosta. We are again co-sponsoring this event with Catholic Singles of Greater Washington (CSGW). All current and former members of PTSC are welcome to attend and to bring PTSC-eligible guests. We will email the flyer with the reservation form and other details to you starting this month, and will publish it in the November newsletter. For any questions, please contact us at ptscnva@gmail.com.

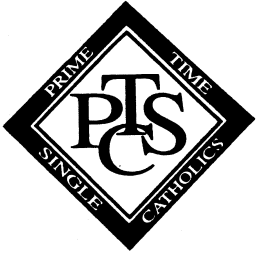
PTSC ORGANIZATION STATEMENT:

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, or <https://ptscnva.wixsite.com/website>.



2025 OCEAN CITY MARYLAND "BEACH DAYS"
RESERVATION FORM

Dates: Friday-Monday, October 24-27, 2025 (Fri./Sat./Sun. nights)
Optional extra nights: Thursday, Oct. 23, and Monday, Oct. 27

Place: The Hilton Garden Inn
2800 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842
410-289-1100

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO PTSC AND CSGW/CAC MEMBERS ONLY.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ PHONE: (____) _____

CELL: (____) _____ E-MAIL: _____

SPECIAL ROOM NEEDS: _____ ***(NOTE: Hotel is entirely non-smoking.)***

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY ROOMMATE: _____

(Please see NOTE ON CHECK-IN AND ROOMMATES below.)

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

_____ I will drive. _____ I am willing to provide a ride. _____ I will need a ride. [Drivers list will be provided.]

PRICES PER PERSON: All rooms are oceanfront. Base price (please check one) includes your room for three (3) nights (Fri., Sat., Sun.), access to our hospitality room, and the Saturday night dinner. Breakfast is not included. There is no charge for parking. Bring extra cash and/or a credit card to cover your meals and other personal expenses. Extra nights (Thurs. 10/23, Mon. 10/27) will cost extra (please check only one in the appropriate column).

"Base" three nights (all prices are per person):

_____ \$720 Single Occ. _____ \$390 Double Occ. (two in a room)

+ extra nights: _____ \$220 Thursday _____ \$110 Thursday
_____ \$220 Monday _____ \$110 Monday
_____ \$440 both _____ \$220 both

*** ***Please fill in total enclosed: \$ _____ Please check additional night(s): Oct. 23 ___ Oct. 27 ___***

For more information, contact us at ptscnva@gmail.com. To reserve, send this completed form and your check, payable to "PTSC," to John Caldwell at 9051 Golden Sunset Lane, Springfield, VA 22153-2456, to be received by **Saturday, September 20, 2025**. NO REFUND after that date. After the deadline, contact us first to see if space is still available. Partial payments of 50% are acceptable with your reservation. Full payment must be received by September 20, or your reservation will be cancelled.

NOTE ON CHECK-IN AND ROOMMATES: 1) Check-in is on Friday after 4:00 p.m., and check-out is on Monday by 11:00 a.m. 2) For double occupancy, we will try to match up those who wish to share a room, but don't have a roommate. If a roommate is not found, the attendee will be responsible for the full price of the single room.

NEW AND RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC) OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

To receive a weekly e-mail of PTSC events (if you don't already), check HERE _____, and remember to provide your e-mail address below (published only with your permission).

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 (PTSC) of Northern Virginia 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)

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.) DUES: For current or recent (in last 3 years) members: **\$27**. For everyone else: If we receive your application in Jan.-Feb., **\$27**; Mar.-May, **\$20**; June-Aug., **\$14**; Sep.-Oct., **\$7**; Nov.-Dec., **\$27**, credited as full payment for current and following year.

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.)

FOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON ONLY:

AMOUNT PAID: _____ CHECK NUMBER/DATE: _____ / _____ DATE RECEIVED: _____ INITIAL: _____