

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

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September 2025 at a Glance

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President's Message

We're off to Occoquan Regional Park on August 31st for our final picnic of the summer! Don't miss the fun! Email us at ptscnva@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

Newsletter change: Driving directions will not be provided in the newsletter for every PTSC event. The exact address of the event will always be provided. Most of us use GPS, so it doesn't seem necessary any more to provide turn-by-turn directions (which will be phased out gradually). If this is a problem for you, you can always ask the event host for assistance.

Proposed newsletter delivery change: The PTSC Board is considering changing from a paper newsletter to an e-mail only newsletter. The paper newsletter would not be mailed to you each month. Instead, you would receive the newsletter by e-mail. We could reduce dues if we eliminated the expense of printing and mailing the newsletter. What's your opinion of an email-only newsletter? Send your thoughts to us at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Time to make a decision about attending the Ocean City Beach Weekend in October! Send in your payment so we can firm up the arrangements with the hotel.

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 2, 16, 23, 30, 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. (NOTE: no dancing on September 9 due to a special election!). 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).

September 4, Thursday: RSVP for September 5 *Social Dance at Greenspring Village*

September 5, Friday, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.: *Social Dance at Greenspring Village*

Dance to the music and vocals of Tom Saputo, a multi-instrumentalist and singer. Those who came with us to the Valentine's Day Dance know well his amazing ability to entertain and to fill the dance floor – we had a ball! Cost of admittance, including refreshments, is **\$10**, payable at the door.

RSVP to us at ptscnva@gmail.com by **9:00 p.m.** on **Thursday, September 4**, to let us know you are coming.

Location: Greenspring Village, 7440 Spring Village Drive, Springfield, VA 22150. When you RSVP, we will provide directions to the specific location (building) of this event.

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 Bland Street. At the next light, turn right onto Amherst Avenue to cross over Old Keene Mill Road. At the second light, Amherst Avenue merges with and becomes Backlick Road. After the second light after the merge, keep right for the ramp onto the Franconia-Springfield Parkway (Route 289) west. Proceed on the parkway to the next light and turn right onto Spring Village Drive. Go to the stop sign, then proceed straight ahead to the Greenspring gatehouse.

September 6, Saturday: RSVP for September 7 Slavic Festival

September 7, Sunday, 2:00 p.m.: Slavic Festival

Enjoy the 53rd annual “Slavic American Festival” at Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church in Annandale, VA. Slavic food, music, and cultural events! It runs from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free. See <https://www.slavicamericanfestival.com> for more information. We’ll meet at the entrance to the parish hall at **2:00 p.m.** There is a free shuttle from the parking lot at 3301 Woodburn Road, on the left one long block before the church (please allow enough time to park before meeting us). Carpooling is strongly encouraged!

RSVP by **9:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, September 6**, to us at ptscnva@gmail.com to let us know you are coming.

Location: Epiphany of Our Lord Church, 3410 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003.

Directions: From the Beltway (I-495) – If coming from Maryland/Tysons Corner, take Exit 51, Gallows Road, bear left at the “Y” and cross Gallows Road onto Woodburn Road. Go about 0.4 mile to the second light and bear left to remain on Woodburn (do not take Tobin Road). The church will be on the right. If coming from Alexandria, take Exit 51 and turn left at the end of the ramp onto Gallows Road. At the second light, turn left onto Woodburn Road. Follow Woodburn Road as above.

September 8, Monday: RSVP for September 9 Walk at Silver Lake Regional Park

September 9, Tuesday: RSVP for September 11 Lunch at Clyde’s in Alexandria

September 9, Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.: Walk at Silver Lake Regional Park in Haymarket, VA

Join us at this new (to PTSC) park with easy-to-walk trails and a 23-acre picturesque lake fed by the Bull Run stream. Following our 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 **Monday, September 8**, to let us know to expect you.

Location: 15800 Silver Lake Road, Haymarket, VA 20169.

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.), right onto Antioch Road, and then right onto Silver Lake Road (watch for speed bumps). Follow the paved Silver Lake Road to the end where there will be a parking lot and a small building with restrooms. We will meet in the parking lot.

September 11, Thursday, 1:00 p.m.: Lunch at Clyde’s in Alexandria

Let’s gather for lunch at Clyde’s at Mark Center in Alexandria. Clyde’s menu of classic American food includes entrées, as well as sandwiches, burgers and salads.

RSVP to us at ptscnva@gmail.com by **9:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, September 9**. 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: Clyde’s is at 1700 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311 (phone 703-820-8300).

Directions: From the Beltway (I-95/I-495) – Take the exit for I-395 north. Use the right two lanes to take Exit 4 toward Seminary Road west. Use any lane to merge onto Seminary Road. Use the rightmost of the three left-turn lanes to turn left onto N. Beauregard Street and then, at the second light, turn right into the parking lot.

September 12, Friday: RSVP for September 14 Roving Restauranteers – Hamrock’s

September 14, Sunday, 5:00 p.m.: Roving Restauranteers – Hamrock’s Restaurant

Hamrock’s, located in Fairfax City’s charming and historic Moore-McCandlish House, specializes in “creative American cuisine.” Hamrock’s notes they will allow individual checks, but just in case, please bring enough small bills (ones, fives, and tens) to pay with cash. (Always a prudent move: Examine your bill to see if a gratuity has been included before deciding the amount you want to tip). Their website <http://hamrocksrestaurant.com> has live cooking demonstrations and other interesting facts about this historic building.

RSVP to us at ptscnva@gmail.com by **9:00 p.m. on Friday, September 12.**

Location: 3950 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 (703-385-5433, hamrocksrestaurant.com). Hamrock’s is located in the heart of Fairfax City at the corner of North Street and Chain Bridge Road (Route 123), and diagonally across the intersection from The Auld Shebeen restaurant. There are steps but no handicap ramp available to the restaurant. However, instead of climbing all the steps from the parking lot to the restaurant, you may prefer to walk around to the front of the restaurant on Chain Bridge Road, where there are two small steps up to the main door.

Directions: From the Beltway (I-95/I-495) – Take Exit 54, Braddock Road, west towards Fairfax. Just past George Mason University, turn right onto Ox Road/Chain Bridge Road (Route 123) and drive about two miles, passing the intersection at Main Street/Route 236. Hamrock’s is on the left immediately past the following intersection (at North Street). Take a left into Hamrock’s ample parking lot, which is immediately past the restaurant.

From I-66 – Take Exit 60, Route 123/Fairfax/Vienna, south toward Fairfax. Stay on Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) for about 1.5 miles. The restaurant will be on your right, just before the intersection with North Street. Stay alert as you approach the intersection; the entrance to the restaurant parking lot is immediately before the restaurant. If you overshoot the entrance, turn right at the intersection with North Street, and make a right immediately after the red brick building and a quick right into the long parking lot, which serves both Hamrock’s and businesses in the brick building.

September 18, Thursday: RSVP for September 21 Mass at the Franciscan Monastery in DC

September 20, Saturday: PAYMENT DUE for October 24 to 27 Annual Beach Days

September 21, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.: Mass at the Franciscan Monastery in DC

Founded by Franciscan friars in 1899, the *Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America* is one of Washington’s hidden gems, with a stunning Byzantine-style church; replicas of Holy Land shrines, Lourdes Grotto and catacombs; cloister walk; and beautiful gardens located on 42 acres. We will gather in the vestibule at **10:45 a.m.** for the **11:00 Mass**. After Mass, we may be able to join the scheduled guided tour of the church at noon (if space is available).

We plan to carpool into DC. As people respond, we will decide on a convenient place to meet. We will likely have to meet for carpools by **10:00 a.m.** If you want to go on your own, note that directions to the monastery are not given below, only the address; also, please plan to meet us there by **10:45**.

RSVP to Anne at 703-751-0739 by **9:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 18**, earlier if possible, so that we can arrange carpools.

Location: The monastery is located at 1400 Quincy St., NE, Washington, DC 20017 (phone 202-526-6800).

September 23, Tuesday: RSVP for September 25 Lunch at Bonefish Grill

September 25, Thursday, 1:00 p.m.: Lunch at Bonefish Grill

Join your PTSC friends for lunch at another of our favorite eateries, Bonefish Grill in Kingstowne.

See <https://order.bonefishgrill.com/menu/bonefish-alexandria-va> for their menu and prices.

RSVP to us at ptscnva@gmail.com by **9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23**. 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: 5920 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria, VA 22315 (703-971-3202).

Directions: From the Beltway (I-95/I-495) – Take Exit 173 (“Van Dorn/Franconia”). Keep to the right as you exit. At the light, make a right onto South Van Dorn Street. Go about 0.6 mile and cross Franconia Road (major intersection). At the third light after Franconia Road, turn right onto Kingstowne Blvd. At the second light turn right into the Kingstowne Towne Center. Go to the stop sign; you will see the movie theater straight ahead. Bonefish is on the left side of the same building, towards the back of the row. There is ample free parking both in the surrounding surface lots and in the underground parking garage.

September 27, 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.

UPCOMING EVENT

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

The deadline for reserving a room is **Saturday, September 20**. If you have questions, please contact us at ptscnva@gmail.com.

No refunds will be given after September 20. This event is limited to **PTSC and CSGW/CAC members only**.

The price includes your lodging for three nights (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), hospitality parties in the evenings, and Saturday night dinner. Prices per person are: **\$775** single and **\$450** 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)	\$775	\$450
Base + Thursday night	\$995	\$560
Base + Monday night	\$995	\$560
Base + both extra nights	\$1,215	\$670

Complete the reservation form which can be found on the next page of this newsletter, 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.

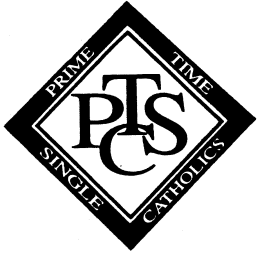
PTSC ORGANIZATION STATEMENT:

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):

_____ \$775 Single Occ. _____ \$450 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, call John Caldwell at 703-402-1333. 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, call John 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.

[approved 5/5/2024]

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: _____