

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

May 3rd, 2026 | Fifth Sunday of Easter



From the Gospel of John

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you know Me, then you will also know My Father. From now on you do know Him and have seen Him.’”

Jn 14:1-12

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 3

- 7:30 a.m. † Mike Mina
(*Carmen Guardia*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Leticia Contreras
(*Elizabeth Shaeffer*)
- 11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners
- 5:00 p.m. Christina Stamper
(*The Bertini Family*)

Monday, May 4

- 6:30 a.m. † John Tuohy
(*The Banks Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Gorgina Tengtio
(*Mariane Dunne*)

Tuesday, May 5

- 6:30 a.m. † Col. Tom Lesan
(*The Hofer Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. Deacon Peter Walsh
(*Lori Hall*)

Wednesday, May 6

- 6:30 a.m. † John Lacy
(*The McKnight Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Mercedes & Jacques DeGrandchant
(*Maria-Isabel Hoyt*)

Thursday, May 7

- 6:30 a.m. John Di Filippo
(*Tom Di Filippo*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Evan Motta
(*Linda McDonough*)

Friday, May 8

- 6:30 a.m. † Bernard Oetjen
(*Christine Walsh*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Joseph Lang
(*Marijo & Thom Galvin*)

Saturday, May 9

- 7:30 a.m. † Souls in Purgatory
(*Anonymous*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Don Donovan
(*James & Karen Berkon*)

Vigil

- 5:00 p.m. Rev. Msgr. John C. Cregan
(*Armelle Tallec*)

Sunday, May 10

- 7:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena
- 9:00 a.m. † Aurea de Angel
(*Carmen Guardia*)
- 11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners
- 5:00 p.m. † Mercedes & Jacques DeGrandchant
(*Maria-Isabel Hoyt*)

† indicates person is deceased

Scripture Readings

Week of May 3rd, 2026

- Sunday** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9;
Jn 14:1-12
- Monday** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21;
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
- Friday** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday** **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

Keep Them in Your Prayers

For those who are sick in our midst:

Walter Quinn, William Thomas, Carol Naill, Marlise Yetter, Paz Speer, Jake Williams, Mary Pace, Jodi Borisinco, David Lounsbury, Caio Rabello, Judy Bosco, Carlos Porras, Patricio Martinez, Seamus Hasson, Audrey Gawda, Alzira Medeiros, Susan Donahue, Joseph Elegido, Marjorie Meyers, William James Hall, Warren Duerbeck, Ava Gloria Laranjeira Wescher, Larry Mead, Brick Quinn, Theresa Van Der Vlugt, Artemia Ayvar, Wade Hoherz, Audrey Thompson, Cynthia Romeo, Joseph Lurito, Alfred Leal, Robert Dolbeare, Michael Halbert, Residents of Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation

The repose of the souls who have recently passed:

Jessie Rossi, William ("Bill") Fitzpatrick



Adoration Schedule

The Adoration Chapel is closed during renovation. There will be ONLY Wednesday Adoration in the Church, which starts after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m.

To maintain the schedule after the chapel reopens, recurring and substitute commitments are always welcome and appreciated. Please contact Vincent Buono at adoration@saintagnes.org.



Saint Agnes Essentials

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

Holy Day – Additional Masses at Noon
and 7:00 p.m.



Sacramental Emergency:

Please call (703) 525-1166 Ext 1.

Infant/Child Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact sacraments@saintagnes.org to learn more about having your child baptized.

Marriage Preparation:

Call the Parish Office for Pre-Cana at least seven (7) months prior to your wedding.

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the Parish Office to request Anointing of the Sick. Anyone with a serious illness should request this sacrament before being admitted to the hospital.

Homebound Visitation:

Call the Parish Office to request visitation.

How to become Catholic:

Interested in joining the Catholic Church or want to learn more? Contact ocia@saintagnes.org.

Holy Orders and Consecrated Life:

Is the Lord calling you? For information about priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or the consecrated life, contact one of the priests or the Diocesan Vocations Office at (703) 841-2514.

Registration/Change of Address:

Forms can be found in the parish office or you can register online on our website. Let the parish office know about any address changes.

Sacramental Records or Sponsor Forms:

Please contact sacraments@saintagnes.org to request copies of your Sacramental records or for Godparent or Confirmation sponsor forms. Please allow five (5) business days to accommodate your requests.

Mass Intentions:

Please visit the Parish Office to request Mass intentions. We are currently scheduling into the month of June 2026.

Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday during Holy Hour 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
and by appointment

Parish Clergy

Pastor • Rev. Msgr. William Saunders

Parochial Vicar • Rev. Michael Folmar

Parochial Vicar • Rev. Richard Malebranche

In residence • Rev. Steven Oetjen

Parish Office

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www.saintagnes.org

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Assistant Principal • Ann Reid areid@saintagnes.org

THE BORGO
 This Sunday! Speaker Series
 presents

Talk on Willa Cather's

Death Comes for the Archbishop

By **Jenny Sullivan,**

parishioner and English professor

May 3 • 12 PM • Parish Hall

Jenny will present on ***Death Comes for the Archbishop*** by Willa Cather (1927), based on the lives of two real French missionary priests. Then, read the classic with **The Borgo Book Club**. Fr. Oetjen will moderate a discussion on the book on June 28.

Baby Bottle Drive for HOPE in NOVA

Step 1. Take a bottle.

Step 2. Fill it with change, cash, or checks

Step 3. Return the bottle on Mother's Day.

This Mother's Day, please join us in celebrating and supporting mothers in our community by participating in our Baby Bottle Drive for HOPE in Northern Virginia. Baskets of empty baby bottles will be available in the church vestibule the weekends of April 25th/26th and May 2nd/3rd.

Please take an empty bottle, fill it with change, cash or checks (**made payable to St. Agnes**). Return it following any Mass on Mother's Day weekend, May 9th/10th.

Every penny donated allows HOPE to continue caring for mothers and their babies by providing compassion, sonograms, material resources and education to women, both during and after their pregnancies. To learn more about HOPE in Northern Virginia, visit friendsofhopeinnova.org

Please email saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com with any questions or call Susannah Tombes at 804-240-5130.

*If you are unable to return your bottle on Sunday, May 10th, please bring it to the Parish Office May 12th-13th, between 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Please do NOT leave filled bottles unattended in the vestibule.

Ministries & Groups at Saint Agnes

Adult Faith Formation

- Bible Study—adultformation@saintagnes.org
- OCIA—ocia@saintagnes.org
- Spanish Bible Study—gvegge@aol.com
- Women's Bible Study—stagneswvp@gmail.com
- Young Adults' Bible Study—adultformation@saintagnes.org

Parish Service

- Arts & Crafts Guild—gveggejr@gmail.com
- Bethany Ministry—bethanyministry@saintagnes.org
- Cherrydale Rehab Prayer Group—biehlerj@aol.com
- Christ House Team—ssyenson@gmail.com
- Gabriel Project—gabrielproject@saintagnes.org
- Gardening Angels—jshirhall@gmail.com
- Homebound Parishioners Visits—homebound@saintagnes.org
- Legion of Mary—LegionofMarySaintAgnes@gmail.com
- Respect Life—saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com
- Saint Agnes Knights of Columbus Council—kofc.st.agnes.council.18572@gmail.com
- Saint Agnes Seniors Group—tpharlow18@gmail.com
- St. Joseph's League—StJosephLeague.StAgnes@gmail.com
- St. Raphael Prayer Group—moshimoshigcs@gmail.com
- The Borgo Gift Store—theborgo@saintagnes.org
- Young Adults—youngadults@saintagnes.org

Liturgy

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—dkcwhelan@gmail.com
- Flower Guild—dfowen@aol.com
- Lectors—lectors@saintagnes.org
- Parish Choir—musicdirector@saintagnes.org
- Sacristans—ruthefoster@earthlink.net
- Ushers—jhall2473@aol.com

Youth Activities

- Challenge Club—kfoley2@pefoley.com
- Conquest Club—kfoley2@pefoley.com
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts—sconroy68@gmail.com
- CYO Sports—treebdonohue@yahoo.com
- Girl Scouts—pamelasnichols@gmail.com
- Youth Group—youth.ministry@saintagnes.org

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

TUESDAYS 7:30 PM | school gym
Join us each week for open gym, community,
and a reflection led by Fr. Ricky

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 Sign up for updates by visiting

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Hallow



Pray with our
Hallow small group



Our Novena of Masses on behalf of our Mothers, Grandmothers, and those who have been a mother to us will start with the 7:30 a.m. Mass on May 10th, Mother's Day. It is proper to remember those who have died and to honor our mothers and grandmothers who are still living.

To do so, please pick up the Mother's Day packets in the Church entrances, inscribe legibly the outer envelope with the names you wish to be remembered, include your offering, and return the envelope to the office or collection baskets **by Friday, May 8th.**

Msgr. Saunders' Bible Study

The Bible Study is on this Tuesday, May 5th. We are studying the Gospel of St. John.

adultformation@saintagnes.org



WorkCamp Tool Safety Training: May 3

Meet after 11 AM Mass. Pack a lunch and change of clothes. Bring your tool kit. **This is a longer meeting!**




Servers & Singers Needed

Men and boys interested in serving at the altar for the First Friday Masses in Latin, and men and women interested in chanting in the schola, please contact Father Oetjen at froetjen@saintagnes.org.

"Whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do." (John 14:12)


Jesus calls us to remain in Him, allowing His love to flow through our lives. In sacramental marriage, couples are like branches rooted in Christ, growing together and bearing fruit for His kingdom through love, support, and service to one another. Pray for guidance in nurturing your vocation and encourage others to recognize God's call. Should you desire some direction, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



THE BORGO

YOUR PARISH GIFTSHOP

May is
Dedicated to
the Blessed
Virgin Mary



Stop in to
find Rosaries
and Marian
Devotionals

Please note: The Borgo will close
for inventory count in June



Catacombs Cafe

open FRIDAYS
after the 6:30 am Mass

serving coffee, espresso drinks and light treats

Want to have the Café open for your meeting?
Email: bethanyministry@saintagnes.org



THE BORGO BOOK CLUB

SPRING READ: DEATH COMES FOR THE ARCHBISHOP

Discussion
Moderated
by Fr. Oetjen

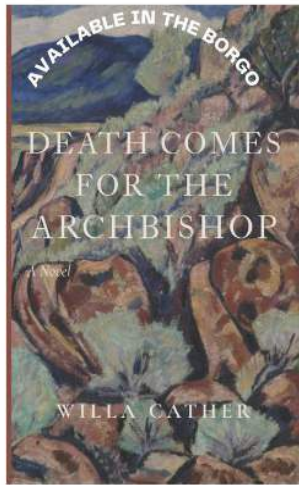
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3:30 PM

PARISH HALL

Questions:

TheBorgo@saintagnes.org



Respect Life Ministry Needs Volunteers

Please offer your helping hands and email
saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com.

Christ House Ministry in need of Volunteer Meal Organizers and Assistants

St. Agnes crew serves a hot meal at Christ House in Alexandria, on the first Tuesday of every month. Volunteers choose which months they are available. We prepare the dinner for Take Out. Hours are 3 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. The Role of Organizer (aka The Chef) creates a simple meal plan, shops & cooks. The Role of Assistant is to help as directed by The Chef, organize and bag all the "To Go" items. Come, have a training session, see us in action before you commit. We need help year round in performing this corporal work of mercy, feeding the hungry. Interested? Please Contact: Sally Yenson at ssyenson@gmail.com or 703 527 2794.

Wednesday Holy Hour in May

As we prepare for Pentecost, please join us for our Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Parish Holy Hour invoking the Holy Spirit.



Next Weekend—Second Collection for Special Parish Needs

Next weekend, May 9th/10th, we will be taking up the Collection for the Special Parish Needs.

Thank you for your generous support!

Private Mass Intentions

We are accepting Unannounced Intentions which are not said at a public Mass. These intentions will be offered privately and published as a list in the bulletin periodically as "Fulfilled Unannounced Masses."

Pregnant? Need Help? Contact Project Gabriel at Saint Agnes

The Gabriel Project is a parish-based pregnancy assistance program, supported by the Arlington Diocese Office for Family Life. Gabriel Project assists expectant mothers with love, care, and spiritual, emotional, and material support. Be an "angel" and accompany an expectant mom through her pregnancy and beyond. Please contact gabrielproject@saintagnes.org.



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

JOIN US FOR AN 8-WEEK STUDY DESIGNED
TO PROVIDE "THE BIG PICTURE" OF THE
BIBLE FROM ASCENSION PRESS

Reading the Bible can feel daunting. This study will walk you through the story of the Bible from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church so you can see how God's plan unfolds and where you fit in.

Saturdays after 9am Mass
Starting 5/30 Through Sat 8/1

The St. Agnes Parish Hall

30 minute video presentation
followed by 30 minutes of discussion

Study Guides available in The Borgo

questions? theborgo@saintagnes.org



Pray for our Confirmandi!

Francisco *Carlo* Arvizu IV
Connor *Michael* Bailey
Natalia *Maximillian* Barbara
Anthony *Henry* Bello
James *Ignatius* Carey
Liam *Catherine* Carr
Desmond *Maximillian* Carr
Peter *Andrew* Chiappetta
Rory *Juan* Conroy
Paul *Francis* Davoli
Graham *Nicholas* Delacourt
Lucia *Teresa* Egge
Reid *John Paul* Engledow
Andrew *Ignatius* Fallon
Grayson *George* Hagarty



Grace *Lucy* Hamaker
Samuel *John Paul* Henderson
Elisabetta *Mary Magdalene* Iasiello
Emma *Catherine* Jimenez
Robert *John Paul* Johnson
Ella *Brigid* Killeavy
Owen *Moses* Langdon
Chloe *Cecilia* Leitmann-Morales
Shelby *Joan* Martinez
William *Thomas* Norton
August *Christopher* Polak
Summer *Joan* Springer
Jovanni *Michael* Tamo
William *Carlo* Woods

SAINT OF THE WEEK | May 3rd | Saints Philip and James, Apostles

Call Philip the gospel's "Answer Man." "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Nathaniel asked Philip, who had proclaimed Jesus "the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets" (John 1:45). Jesus asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" (John 6:5). Greeks brought Philip their request: "We would like to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Philip's answer to each question: bring people to Jesus! At the Last Supper, finally, Philip had a request of his own: "Show us the Father!" (John 14:8). Jesus had three last questions for Philip: "You still don't know me? How can you ask that? Don't you believe?" And an answer: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me" (John 14:10).

Today's James is not John's brother, Zebedee's son, but, tradition says, author of the New Testament Letter of James, who died praying for his murderers in Jesus' words: "Forgive them, for they know not what they do." Few historical details for either saint, but lessons aplenty: Bring every question we have and everybody we meet to Jesus; be, as James' letter challenges, "doers of the word and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

—Peter Scagnelli

'Gardening Angels' Needed

Join fellow parishioners in helping to maintain the churchyard gardens. No special training needed, just a willingness to join and learn as you work. Timing can be arranged. If you have any questions, please call Jean Shirhall at 703-528-2617.



Did you know that the Saint Agnes Legion of Mary coordinates the scheduling of the Pilgrim Virgin (Our Lady of Fatima) to homes in the Parish? Would you consider it?

Your family will receive MANY BLESSINGS!

If you would like to host the Pilgrim Virgin scan the QRC and sign up! You can also contact the Legion of Mary at kenneth.sault@gmail.com or text a request to 808-754-5437



All Young Adult Women are invited for a lovely spring morning



Saint Agnes Tea Party

SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026


after 9am Mass | Pieta Garden behind the Church

Bring a teacup for a teacup exchange!


RSVP via this QR Code :



Please consider bringing a donation!



THE BORGO
Speaker Series
presents



Dr. Andrew Abela
Dean of the Busch School of Business,
Catholic University of America

May 31 • 6 PM • Parish Hall

Dr. Abela will present on how cultivating virtue leads to success, based on his book **Superhabits: The Universal System for a Successful Life.**

Book and Pizza \$25
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To RSVP and to preorder your book, visit the-borgo.square.site



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The pregnancy center, **A Woman's Choice**, is looking for a Client Advocate/Co-Associate Director for its Falls Church office. Qualifications include being Pro-Life, with a Medical or Counseling background and bilingual in Spanish and English. The position is full time, 30 hrs. a week from 9:30 to 3:30, with benefits or part time, 25 hrs. a week from 9 to 2 or 10-3 with a two-hour shift one Saturday per month. A Woman's Choice provides women seeking an abortion, with the compassionate care they need to feel empowered to choose life. For more information or to request an application, please contact Teresa "Tessy" Trissell at AWCFallsChurch@gmail.com.

ST. AGNES PARISH SENIORS!

Next Seniors Group meeting Friday, May 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

Our speaker will be parishioner Donna Owen, who will share her experience in working with seniors in a retirement community as well as consulting with family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues about aging in place. She will share ideas about what seniors can do to make it safer and more comfortable to remain in their homes for as long as possible, and when/if to begin thinking about their next home.

Please join us for our potluck lunch and Donna's presentation. If you are able, bring a dish to share - and a friend! No RSVP necessary.

Questions? Contact Trudy Harlow at tpharlow18@gmail.com or 703-677-6554.

Scholarship Opportunity!



ASSOCIATES OF
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The Associates of St. John Bosco offers up to 5 scholarships for rising and current college students from the Arlington Diocese who seek to serve the Church after college.

- One scholarship (the Vincent T. Vaccaro Education Scholarship) in the amount of \$10,000 for a student who will be engaged in education or work with young adults.

- Four general scholarships in the amount of \$7,500 each.



APPLY TODAY!

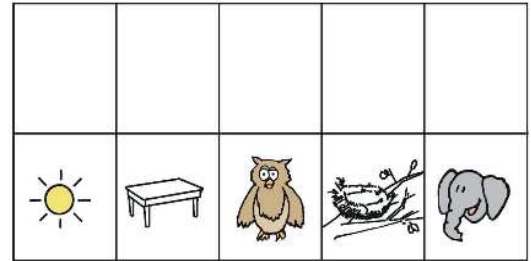
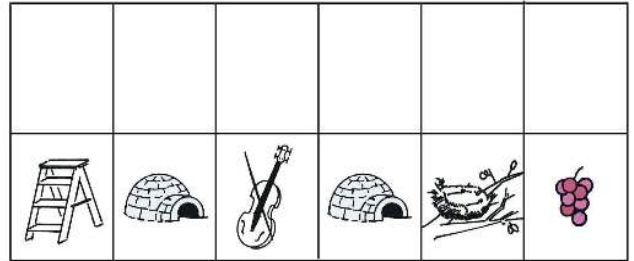


Deadline: May 18, 2026

The Living Stone

Jesus is the living Stone. He was chosen by God and is precious to Him.

Write the beginning sound for each picture.



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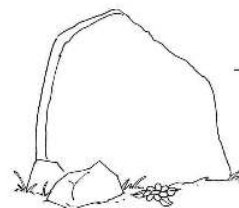
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"Turn Your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue ..."
What does the verse go on to say?

Circle the words in each column as directed. Use the remaining words to fill in the blanks, top to bottom, left to right.

3 ANIMALS 3 DIRECTIONS 3 VEHICLES 3 COLORS

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AGE 7+ May 3, 2026 • Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Saint Agnes Religious Education

Important Dates!

- ◆ **May 6th:** Confirmation Liturgy
- ◆ **May 10th:** First Communion Mass A
- ◆ **May 17th:** First Communion Mass B
- ◆ **May 19th:** Religious Education May Crowning

For more information, contact Lisa Orosa at dff@saintagnes.org.



“Christ made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to Him Whom the angels serve.”

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If there is such a thing as a Catholic “trademark” it is the sign of the cross, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism. As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest’s gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God’s blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life’s burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

—Rev. James Field

SAINT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRACTICE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

WHAT IS THE PRE-HSPT?

The Pre-HSPT is an optional, practice test intended to help students become more familiar with the different sections of the HSPT under timed conditions. The practice test is designed to give the student an idea of how the exam will be administered and what to expect on the actual day of testing during the student’s 8th grade year.

This year, John Paul is hosting the Pre-HSPT for students in the Class of 2031.*

PRE-HSPT & PARENT HOW TO HIGH SCHOOL

**Saturday
May 16, 2026**

Students are invited to sit for the Pre-HSPT at JP on May 16th from 9:00 am-12:15 pm.

Parents are invited to stay for Parent How to High School - a workshop on preparing your student for success in high school!
Cost: \$50 per Student

For more information & to register, please use the QR Code.



*Please Note: This event is only for students who will start 8th grade in Fall 2026.

(703) 445-0246 | admissions@jpthegreat.org

Personal Retreat Day | Friday, May 15th | 9am-4pm

It’s still Easter! Rejoice in the new life of the Risen Lord by setting aside a quiet day for prayer and reflection. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center offers Personal Retreat Day, a peaceful opportunity during the Easter Season to rest in God’s presence and renew your faith. The day includes Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, and the option for spiritual direction, plus lunch and light snacks. You will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$135 per person. Advance Registration is required. Come spend a day with the Risen Christ and grow in the joy of Easter. Register and to find more dates at ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301-365-0612. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for Women and Evenings of Reflection for Men. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.



Saint Agnes Catholic School



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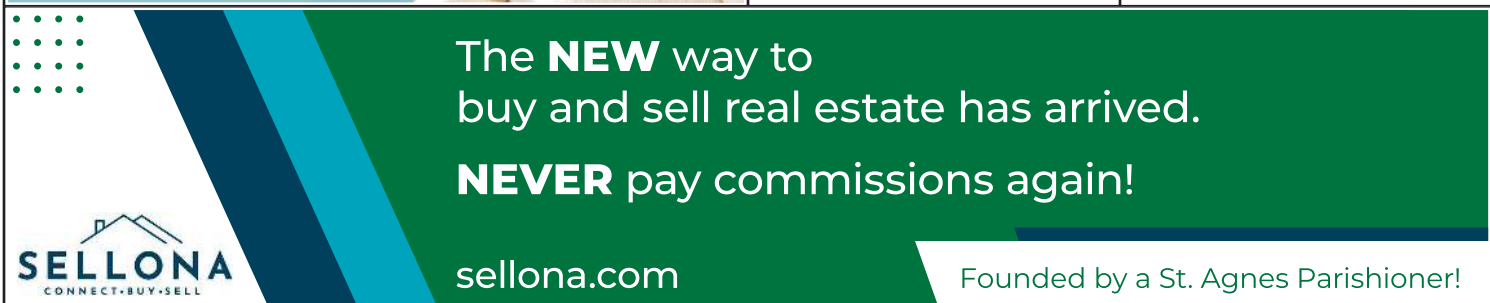
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