

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Masses for the Week

Mon, Jan 10	6:15— Souls in Purgatory+ 8:30— John Beresford Sewall+
Tues, Jan 11	6:15— Jennifer Larkin+ 8:30— Anne & George Klenk+
Wed, Jan 12	6:15— Edward Cassidy, Sr.+ 8:30— Joseph Maresca+ 12:15— Lance McKay Berry+
Thurs, Jan 13	6:15— Mr. & Mrs. William Franklin 8:30— Justin & Anita Family Tree
Fri, Jan 14	6:15— Wendy Delchamps Schmude+ 8:30— Judy Ligos
Sat, Jan 15	8:30— Marie Maccini+ 5:30— Ken Makoutz+
Sun, Jan 16	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Stan Urynowicz+ 10:30— Deceased Members of the Keane & Bianchet Families+ 12:30— Judith DiDomizio 5:00— Fred Schmude+

Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday:	8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am 12:30 & 5:00pm
Weekdays:	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday Wednesdays: 12:15pm
Holy Days:	As announced
Holy Hour:	Wednesdays, 7pm
Confessions:	Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 pm; during Holy Hour; and by appointment

Clergy

Reverend James C. Hudgins, Pastor
Reverend Paul Dudzinski, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Nicholas R. Barnes, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Paul C. Konold
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

Prayers For The Sick: Ruth Carradini, Mark Naftzger, Ann Hannah, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale, Danny Schmude, Jess Williamson, Matthew Albert Skubie, Barbara Orandello, Jeff Peters, Marcela Garcia, CJ Buechner, Nancye Pochick, Quinn Gorman, Michael Robertson, Nickalus Shalin, Celeste Hall, Donna Caulfield, Ethan Falciani, Mary Ann Lyons, Rosario Acot, Keith Waltower, Ben Thede, Eugene Prosack, Lynn Petrarra, John Spriggs, George Morelos, Carol Logue, MaryEllen Back, Apryl Binder, Carole Davidson, Cheryl Grieve, Rita Giunta, Maria Giunta, Danny Bessette.

Prayers For Our Military: Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Colin Freyne, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, Mark Short, Jonathan Bayly, Russell Escalante, Eric Reilly, John Conrad, Fr. James Hinkle, Andrew Gillespie, Stephen Gilliland, David Seliquni, Joseph Auler, Adam Parkinson, Jake Shelton, Patrick G. Fitzgerald, Sean Spurr, Jack Hayes, David and Katherine Bergeron, Christopher Martin, Thomas Gleason, Tony Mattice, Greg Lee, David Lakey, Jim Murray, Keith Bittle, Michael McCurdy, Steven Digangi, Michael J. Pruden.

Indulging the Subject of Indulgences, Once Again...

A few weeks ago, my column on the subject of indulgences provoked as many questions as it answered. With that first column as a necessary background to this one, I hope these brief answers will be helpful to you.

Q: Did the Catholic Church really “sell” indulgences in the middle ages? If they did, were the indulgences “real?” (That is to say, were they efficacious?)

Let’s take the second question first, because it is simpler. Everyone who’s studied high school history knows that Martin Luther launched the Protestant Reformation over the sale of indulgences. What’s never mentioned, however, is that in Catholic teaching, it is impossible to “buy” an indulgence. Such a concept is directly contrary to the Catholic understanding of what an indulgence is. Remember that an “indulgence” is merely a term for the healing of soul that occurs when a person devoutly practices a prayerful, pious, or charitable activity. How much healing takes place in the soul of the individual? That depends entirely upon one’s own personal devotion and disposition of heart. There’s little spiritual benefit to a shallow, mechanical execution of a pious task. A deep devotion, by contrast, can be very restorative. Can you see how the idea of “buying” such devotion is nonsense? No indulgence “sold” ever had any effect whatsoever on the soul of the “buyer.” I hope this is clear.

But did the Church ever attempt to “sell” indulgences in the first place? Some Church officials did, yes. The worst example of these is the infamous German Dominican priest, Johannes Tetzel, who accepted donations for the construction of St. Peter’s Basilica in lieu of an act of charity. Please understand two things. First, priests such as Tetzel acted as independent agents. That is to say, this abuse was localized, sporadic, and never universal. Second, that the “sale” of indulgences was based on the premise that almsgiving was an act of charity. This premise, while true in itself, became the foundation on which every abuse was built.

Q: Where are indulgences found in the Bible?

Although the term “indulgence” is never used, wherever the Bible speaks of atonement for sin and cooperation with God’s grace it speaks of indulgences, because quite simply, that’s what an indulgence is. Some examples include: Ex 22:1-9; Lev 6: 1-7; Num 5: 5-8; Ps 49: 7-9; Job 41:11; Lk 19:8; Rom 11:35...and countless more.

Q: I found an old holy card with a prayer on the back that said “500 Days Indulgence,” in small print at the bottom. What does this mean?

In 1968, when the Church published the *Enchiridion of Indulgences*, it changed its terminology. Rather than speaking of “days” of indulgences, it spoke of “partial” indulgences and “plenary” indulgences. I referenced this difference in my last column. To answer the question, the designation of “days” refers to the penitential practices of the early Church. When a person went to confession in the early Church, they were assigned very big penances—penances lasting sometimes as long as two years! The term “indulgence” has its origin in the idea that one’s (very long!) penance could be shortened by doing certain acts of charity. The bishop could subtract “days” from your assigned penance as an “indulgence” for certain charitable or prayerful actions. Whereas this understanding of “days” of indulgence was helpful hundreds of years ago, it is not clear any longer. Some people erroneously think that “days” refer to time subtracted from Purgatory. Purgatory is not timed on a clock, I promise. For this reason, the Church now speaks of “partial” indulgences rather than “days.”

God bless you, and St. Theresa, pray for us!



Fr. Hudgins

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Women’s Discipleship Group

Meets every Wednesday Morning from 9:30-10:30am for Lectio Divina and from 10:45-11:45am for spiritual book reading. Our focus is the Mass reading for the upcoming Sunday and a

spiritual book selected by our spiritual director Deacon Matthew Noah.

Parish women of all ages are cordially invited to explore a spiritual relationship with Jesus through Lectio Divina

and our current book of inspirational reflection.

For more information contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

Bulletin Deadline: Friday 2pm (9 days prior to publication)

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Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

Upcoming Youth Group Events:

January:

Sunday, the 9th – Upper Room Squad – High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

Monday, the 10th – Prepare Parish Food Drive Bags, 7-8:15pm

Thursday, the 13th – Work Camp Preparation Meeting, 7-8:30pm

Sunday, the 17th – Upper Room Squad – High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

Thursday, the 20th – Life is VERY GOOD Evening of Prayer, 5:30pm-10:15pm

Friday, the 21st – March for Life, 10am-5pm

Sunday, the 23rd – Parish Food Transport & Sort after 8:45am & 5pm Masses (about an hour)

Monday, the 24th – Complete the Food Sort, 7pm Louis Martin Room, (about 1.5 hours)

Tuesday, the 25th – Load Donated Food for transport to Food Pantry, 6:30-7pm

Sunday, the 30th – Upper Room Squad – High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

Adult Volunteers Needed - Youth Ministry is looking for sincere, motivated, and willing adults who would like to help out with our Parish youth. Saint JPII instructed our youth, "young people, do not be afraid to be holy!". We would love for you to join us as we walk alongside the amazing young people of our Parish family. All volunteers need to be compliant - having a background clearance check and

having completed a mandatory Child Protection Course (Virtus – Protecting God's Children). Contact Paul Dwyer, ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com.



Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

Adults Plan Ahead to Volunteer

Want to volunteer at the many St. Theresa's children based programs/ events? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. For details contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at connie@sainttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.

Happy New Year!

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STCS Parents, see the **Thursday Thunder Newsletter** for information on important dates and events like these:

- Monday, January 17** – No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Friday, January 28** – 1:30pm early dismissal (teacher professional development)
- Sunday, January 30** – Catholic Schools Week begins

Learn more about our wonderful Parish school and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's

life! For information on the 2022-23 admissions process, visit our website, www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions") or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotelld@stsashburn.com.

When you shop on Amazon, please use AmazonSmile – they'll give back a portion of your purchase to STCS. Go to www.AmazonSmile.com and choose "St Theresa Parish School" from the list of charities (NOTE: no period after 'St'). At Harris Teeter, link your VIC card to STCS with code #5887 at the customer service desk or online. **Thank you for your support!**



News from our Parish

WorkCamp 2022 — 1st Meeting!

Our first preparatory meeting for WorkCamp 2022 will be held on **Thursday, Jan. 13** at 7pm (promptly - don't be late!). The meeting will be held in the St. Louis Martin conference room. These meetings are required for all teens wishing to attend WorkCamp 2022 with our parish group. To RSVP for the meeting, please email: workcamp@sainttheresaparish.com. Additional details can be found on the parish website.

Young at Heart Club (YAH)

Men and Women (55 and over)
Wed. Jan. 19th after the 12:15pm Mass we meet in the Admin. Bldg. This will be our first meeting of the New Year. Please bring your own lunch today. Our club will provide

tea, coffee, hot chocolate and dessert. We will have a pie baking contest with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, with prizes awarded. We will eat the pies for our dessert. Also, we will have a trivia contest, by tables, with prizes for winners. Scheduled upcoming meetings will be handed out. Dues will be collected, \$20 for year (Jan-Dec 2022). Hope to see you there! Any questions contact Grace Breighner @ gracejb18@aol.com or call 703.729.7044. New people are ALWAYS WELCOME to come visit us, to see what we all about!

Ushers Needed

Would you like to serve the Church as an usher? St. Theresa's Usher Ministry is looking for volunteers. Join this ministry, where you can share in the gifts of hospitality and in serving this

faith filled community of fellowship and family. We are excited and grateful to welcome you, both men and women! Contact StTheresaUshers@gmail.com if you are interested.

Interested in learning about the Legion of Mary?

Three Legion of Mary groups meet at different times. Check the website for information, or be our guest at any Legion meeting held on Wednesday, 7:15pm; Friday 10am, or Saturday 9:15am.

We're Hiring

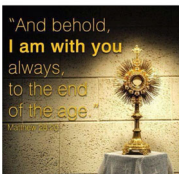
St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for Substitute Teachers and Extended Day Care staff. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.

Current Vacant Adoration Slots

Urgent Need

No Adorer for	Tuesday	2:30am, 5:00am
First Half Hour	Saturday	2:00am, 10:30am

	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
One Adorer already for these time slots but need one more Adorer.	12:00am 1:00am 2:30am 3:30am 4:30am 7:00am 8:00am 11:30am 12:30pm 1:30pm 3:30pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm 8:00pm 9:00pm 10:00pm	12:00am 1:00am 2:00am 3:00am 4:00am 5:00am 6:00am 7:30am 8:30am 9:30am 11:00am 1:00pm 2:00pm 3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 11:00pm	1:00am 2:00am 3:00am 4:00am 5:30am 7:00am 12:00pm 1:00pm 2:30pm 5:00pm 10:30pm	1:00am 2:00am 3:30am 6:00am 7:00am 8:30am 9:30am 4:00pm 6:30pm	12:30am 1:30am 2:30am 3:30am 4:30am 7:30am 1:00pm 6:30pm 10:00pm 11:30pm	12:30am 1:30am 2:30am 3:30am 8:00am 3:30pm 6:00pm 11:30pm	12:30am 1:30am 2:30am 3:30am 4:30am 8:00am 3:30pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 8:30pm 10:00pm 11:00pm



Pro-Life Corner

March for Life Bus Friday, Jan. 21, 2022

Come join us on our chartered buses to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The buses will go directly from St. Theresa parish to Washington, D.C. departing at 10:30am and returning about 5pm. To reserve your seat, contact Myriam Perez at pe-rezm@sainttheresaparish.com. Spaces are limited. Come and peacefully

pray with us for the end of abortion and for the healing of our nation. Coffee & donuts will be served for those attending the March after 8:30 Mass.

Defending Life Day in Richmond

On Wednesday February 9th 2022 please come and advocate for a pro-life Virginia! Virginians will come together in Richmond for prayer – led by Bish-

op Burbidge and Bishop Knestout – and to meet with their legislators to urge them to defend life. Our goal is to assemble advocates from every district in the Commonwealth – and we need you. Talking points, legislative updates and tips for effective advocacy will be provided to make your constituent meetings easy and successful. Please join us! Visit VAProLifeDay.org



Knights of Columbus

Basketball free-throw challenge:

Boys and girls ages 9-14, are invited to participate in our basketball free-throw challenge, (15 free throws from the foul line) to be held on Monday, January 17, 2022 (MLK holiday), at Saint Theresa's school gym. Registration from 9- 9:30 a.m. Competition from 9:35am until noon.

Polar Plunge fundraising:

The Knights are accepting donations for the 2022 Virginia Polar Plunge. The Virginia Polar Plunge is a Knights of Columbus supported charity providing financial assistance to people with intellectual disabilities. Why plunge? We all need you to take the Plunge because thousands of individuals with intellectual disabilities need your help. The funds raised will provide year-

round sports training, competition, leadership opportunities, and health services for as many as 23,000 Special Olympic athletes. More details to follow for when and where to participate or donate.

Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair?

If you need help in completing a small home repair that you cannot complete yourself or that may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! Projects can involve carpentry plumbing, electrical, painting, and/or the installation of a new appliance. Please submit your request on our website at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Call for Handyman Crew Volunteers:

Are you available to volunteer as a handyman for those in need? The vol-

unteers of the St. Louis Martin Council of the Knights of Columbus are available to complete small home repairs for the benefit of those in need who are physically incapable of performing the work, or for whom the hiring of a professional is cost prohibitive. Typical projects include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work alongside brother knights in support of a worthy cause. What do you get in return? A smile and a thank you from the people you helped. Learn more here: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? Find our Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs>.

News from the Diocese

EnCourage: Help for the parents of children experiencing sexual identity confusion

The Diocese of Arlington is starting a support group for the parents of children aged 22 and younger who are reporting gender dysphoria or have embraced a "trans" or "non-binary" identity. The group is part of the EnCourage apostolate. Facilitated by psychologist Dr. Frank Moncher and Fr. Stephen Schultz, the group will meet in person monthly. Please email encourage@arlingtondiocese.org or call 571.732.1011 to speak with Fr. Schultz and get information about the meetings.

Do you love someone with a drug or alcohol problem?

The Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by a friend's or family member's addiction. As a twelve-step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Please join us for an evening of support and recovery; you're only a stranger until you walk through the door. For more information, contact

Deacon Noah at dcnno-ah@sainttheresaparish.com. Weekly meetings are held, Mondays, 7-8pm @ Christ the Redeemer Church in Sterling; Thursdays, 7-8pm @ Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

Help for Troubled Marriages

RETROUVAILLE is a program designed to help couples who are experiencing the loneliness, disillusionment, and pain of a marriage in trouble. If you are thinking of separation or divorce or you are already separated but want to try again - RETROUVAILLE can help. If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if there is little or no meaningful communication, or if you feel disappointment - even despair - we encourage you to contact us. www.helpourmarriage.com or 703.351.7211 or 3044@retrouvaille.org.

Opportunities at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center
Three to Get Married Marriage Prep
In-Person: Jan 20-23, Feb 10-13, Mar

10-13, Mar 24-27

Virtual Only: Apr 21-24

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$315 per couple. Space will be limited,

Women's Mini Retreat

Evening: Jan 26, 6-9pm

Morning: Jan 27, 9:30am - Noon

Join us for a Mini-Retreat in December. Each Mini-Retreat (evening or morning) includes: Mass, adoration, directed meditation, a practical talk, and time for personal reflection, and a meal. Cost is \$20 per person. Advance Registration is required. Babysitting will be available for the Morning Mini-Retreat.

For all the above:

Visit our website to register ourladyof-bethesda.org. Or call 301.365.0612. 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

You can find all of Fr. Hudgins homilies recorded on Fatherhudgins.com

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Sacraments

Sponsor Certificates

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a sponsor certificate prior to a Baptism or Confirmation.

Baptisms

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class, preferably before the child's birth. The classes are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Louis Martin Conference Room in the Administration Bldg. After you attend the class, you may schedule your child for the Sacrament of Baptism (Sundays 1:30pm). Date is confirmed once all paperwork is received in the office. Forms can be found on the Parish website under Faith, Sacraments, Baptism.

Matrimony

The priest must be contacted at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.

Visit the Parish Website under Faith, Sacraments, Marriage and fill out the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire prior to contacting the Parish Office. A priest will contact you.

RCIA

Adults desiring instruction in the Catholic Faith should visit the website to register for RCIA classes.

Hospitalized/Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office to ask for Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.



Learn more, visit
www.sainttheresaparish.com

Happy New Year! Thank you for your continued support to help families in need. Wishing you all many blessings in 2022!

Looking for ways to help in the New Year?

Volunteers for the Bed Ministry – volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! It's rewarding to assist families in need. Consider taking a short time out of your day to bring some light into another's life. We need extra helpers to bring new beds to families moving out of the shelters and other families and children in need. Interested in helping contact Bea Craig at 571.439.0364 or beds@sainttheresaparish.com

The Visitation Ministry—

Homebound or want to volunteer to visit the homebound? We have wonderful parishioners who would love to call and visit you by phone if you are not comfortable with a home visit at

this time! If you need help with an errand or would like someone to pray with you, let us know. We are also looking to add to our list of volunteers to make visits. Please contact Claudia Lewis at 703.431.8670 or email her at clewis825@gmail.com.

Furniture Ministry—accepting kitchen tables & chairs, smaller dressers and metal bed frames. Please contact our furniture coordinator, Una Giachinta at 571.217.7551 or furniture@sainttheresaparish.com if you want to help or if you have these items to donate.

Friends in Need

Provides meals on a short term basis for those families or individuals in the parish who are unable to cook for themselves due to illness or a medical situation in the immediate family, arrival of a new baby...Contact Emily Wilsey at emwilsey@aol.com or 703.585.5435 to volunteer to make meals or if you or a loved one are in need of help with meals.

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lies! There are struggling veterans, individuals and families due to domestic violence, disabilities, layoffs, medical issues and unforeseen circumstances that need help in moving forward.

Donations accepted online, or by mail or drop off to the parish office. Please indicate DMO in the memo of the check or on the envelope. To donate online go to the parish website <http://www.sainttheresaparish.com> and click on "Donate" tab to make a monetary donation online! Thank you for helping us to bring Christ's love to others by helping them in their time of need.

Looking for ways help? Consider signing up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. You will learn about what we do and how you can become more involved in touching the lives of families who are struggling. Contact Marianne Guidos 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

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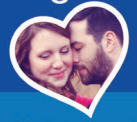
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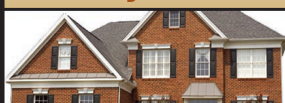
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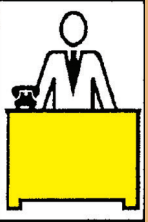
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