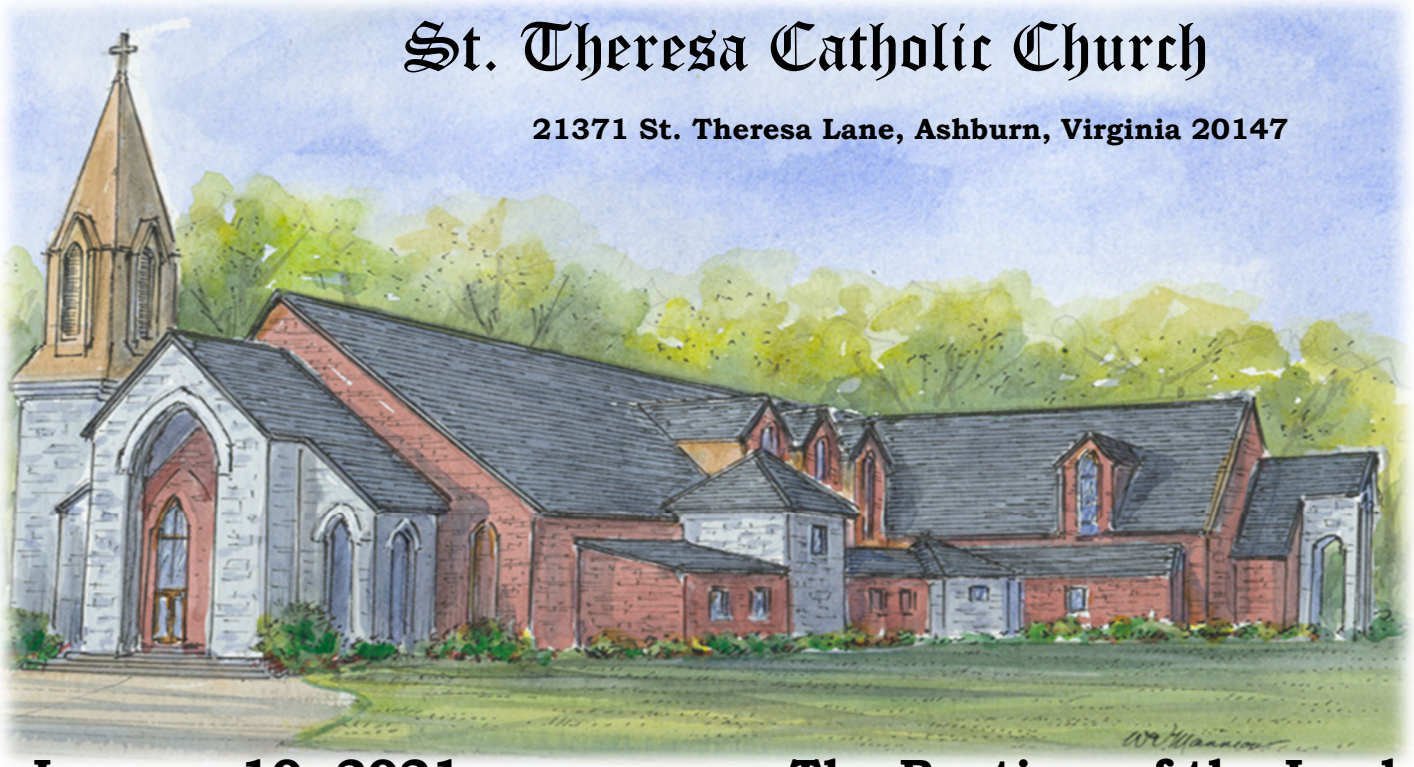
St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



January 10, 2021 **The Baptism of the Lord**

Masses for the Week

Mon, Jan 11	6:15— NETS 8:30— Augustine Huynh+
Tues, Jan 12	6:15— Kate Bresnahan+ 8:30— Joseph Maresca+
Wed, Jan 13	6:15— Estela Scully+ 8:30— Edgar Peter Joseph Tellis+ 12:15— David Dodd+
Thurs, Jan 14	6:15— David Miles+ 8:30— Michael Minh+
Fri, Jan 15	6:15— Grandparents: Daniel & Valeria Scully, Raul & Teadora Lopez+ 8:30— All Souls in Purgatory+
Sat, Jan 16	8:30— Marion Rose Peters+ 5:30— Bob & Pat Warakomsky
Sun, Jan 17	7:30— Jerome Miles 8:45— Joseph W. Marx+ 10:30— Deceased Members of the Keane & Bianchet Families+ 12:30— Diane Murtha+ 5:00— St. Theresa Parishioners

Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday:	8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am (+ live stream); 12:30 & 5:00pm
Weekdays:	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday Wednesdays: 12:15pm
Holy Days:	As announced
Holy Hour:	**Wednesdays, 7pm*** **(New day and time)**
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

Prayers For The Sick: Kate Bresnahan, Leah Monteiro, Marcela Garcia, CJ Buechner, Rosemarie Setzer, Nancye Pochick, Quinn Gorman, Michael Robertson, Nickalus Shalin, Lisa Barrett-Handley, Celeste Hall, Donna Caulfield, Ethan Falciani, Mary Ann Lyons, Rosario Acot, Keith Waltower, Chris Handley, Ben Thede, Eugene Prosack, Lynn Petrara, John Spriggs, George Morelos, Carol Logue, MaryEllen Back, Apryl Binder, Carole Davidson, Cheryl Grieve, Rita Giunta, Maria Giunta, Danny Bessette, Fred Beverly, Jesse Michl, Erick Pollock, Jillian Reilly, Laurie Gessaman, Jordan Windsor, Tony Rodrigues.

Prayers For Our Military: Alex Young, Caleb Heffern, 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 Seliquini, 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, Meghan E. Fitzgerald, Bill Short, Griffin Spencer.

Are You a Man...or a Mouse ?

A priest I know, while still in the seminary, once had this discussion of about the nature of the sacraments and the Eucharist. Imagine a Mass in bygone years in a small country parish. A tiny church mouse appears out of nowhere, scurries rapidly across the altar, steals a host from the ciborium, and races back to his hole where he promptly consumes the host. Now consider two questions:

1) *Has the mouse eaten the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist?* Yes. The Eucharist is the real presence of Christ once it is consecrated at the altar. This remains true until it has lost its material substance, which happens when it is eaten and digested.
2) *Has the mouse received the grace of God from the Eucharist?* No! A mouse has no intellect to know, no heart to love, and no immortal soul to receive God's grace. Despite the reality of the Eucharist, a mouse cannot benefit from a sacrament like a human being can.

A question then arose—if a mouse can scurry up to the altar and race away without any benefit whatsoever…how do you receive the Eucharist? Do you receive like a man (or woman) made in God's image? Or do you dash away like a mindless, bustling rodent? Do you realize that the grace God offers in the Blessed Sacrament is unlimited, and that we ourselves restrict the blessings we are offered by the manner in which we receive? Let's take a moment to ask ourselves…

--Do I make the effort to get to confession regularly to receive God's grace more fruitfully in this Sacrament?

--Do I make sure to go to confession if I have a serious sin, before receiving the Eucharist?

--Do I take a moment before Mass to prepare myself in prayer for the Sacrament I am about to receive?

--Do I take a moment after receiving the Eucharist to give thanks to God for what he has given me?

--Do I believe that the Eucharist is an intimate encounter with Christ, or is it just a ritual I perform from sheer habit?

--If I could receive this Sacrament today for the last time in my entire life, how would I receive it differently?

We all need to deepen our faith in the Lord present in the Eucharist, and acting through his sacraments. Routines have dulling effects on our minds and behavior, but with regard to the Blessed Sacrament, we must not let them. Let's remember what we celebrate, always, and receive the grace God wishes to give us.

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



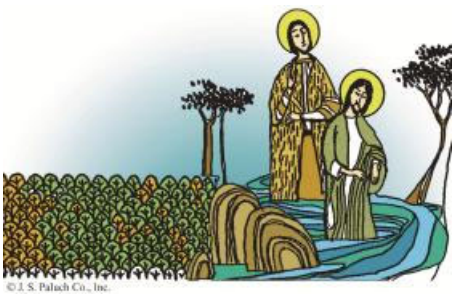
Fr. Hudgins

The Waters of Baptism

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this "knits" the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he "knit" himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary's womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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Youth Education and News

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 (i.e. fall picnic, school functions)? St. Theresa's encourages and welcomes your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. A Volunteer Welcome letter will be sent to your email address along with a link to fill out the electronic forms online. For further details please contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Safety Coordinator, at connie@saintttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.

Volunteers will also have to register and sign up for the original VIRTUS course. Please go to www.virtus.org.

Youth Ministry

ymoffice@saintttheresaparish.com

URS—The High School Youth Group (9th graders - 12th grade)

A **weekly Monday Night** gathering for High Schoolers is being held in the outside school courtyard from 7 to 8:15pm - all High Schoolers are encouraged to join – masks are welcome - just contact Paul Dwyer at ymoffice@saintttheresaparish.com

URS and Rock Squad will be all outside so it is weather dependent. All are encouraged to join – masks are welcome - just contact Paul Dwyer at ymoffice@saintttheresaparish.com

To participate in Upper Room Squad & Rock Squad all attending will need to download the 'Arlington Diocese Waiver to Participate in Youth Ministry' from the Youth Ministry page on the Parish Website. Please print out the form, sign it, and hand it in or scan and email. This needs to be done before participating.

To keep up with Youth Ministry just check us out on Instagram at ' sttheresayouth '

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Upcoming Application Dates
2021-2022 School Year

Monday, January 11 -- begin accepting applications for NEW in-parish students/families & continue current students' sibling registration

Monday, January 18 -- begin accepting applications for out-of-parish Catholic students

Get details and view our Virtual OPEN HOUSE on www.stsashburn.com (click 'Admissions')

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STCS Parents, watch your email for the latest school news & updates! Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

Monday, January 18: No School -- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wednesday, January 27: No School – Teacher Work Day

Monday, January 31: Start of Catholic Schools Week

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins homilies?
You can find all of Fr. Hudgins homilies recorded on Fatherhudgins.com

News from our Parish

January Latin Mass
Saturday, January 23 8:30am Mass will be this month's Latin Mass.

Monthly Rosary to End the Pandemic
Please join us on the first Sunday of each month as we pray the rosary as a parish community, for the end of the Covid-19 pandemic. This entirely online event can be joined through our "Google Meets" meeting at the following link https://meet.google.com/tin-xztd-btz. The rosary will start at 7pm with the online venue opening 15 minutes earlier. We will be accepting donations during each session for a particular pandemic related cause. The next sessions are Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 4, and May 2. Please share any special intentions or comments in the chat during the event.

Legion of Mary
We offer parish families important opportunities such as Pilgrim Virgin Statue visits and Sacred Heart Enthronments.

Please check us out on the parish website under Activities to see our meeting times and how to sign up for a Legion visit.



St. Theresa Catholic School

Saint Theresa Catholic School has the following open positions:

Long-term Substitute Teacher
Substitute Teachers
Part-time Extended Day Care Monitors

TO APPLY: Send cover letter, resume, and references to **HR@saintttheresaparish.com**.

Knights of Columbus

Youth Christmas Poster Contest Awardees:
5-7 Age Group:
1st Place - Elizabeth Peretti,
2nd place - Thomas Slowe.
8-10 Age Group:
1st Place - Katharine Tellis,
2nd Place - Emma Moore and Vance D'Souza (2nd Place was tied).
11-14 age group:
1st Place - Madeline Tellis,
2nd Place - Vern D'Souza.

The first-place awardees from each age group will advance to the District competition.

Congratulations to all awardees.

Catholic Charities Food Drive: Our next collection is coming up. Bags will be available on January 16th and 17th, and food collection will take place the weekend of January 23rd and 24th.

Interested in learning about the Knights of Columbus? Read-up on our most Frequently Asked Questions at https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs

Keep up to date on our charitable works and upcoming events – *Council website*: www.st-louismartin-kofc.org. *Facebook*: https://www.facebook.com/Council15256. *Twitter*: https://twitter.com/Council15256.

Pro-Life Corner

March for Life – Friday, January 29
St. Theresa plans to take buses to attend the March for Life this year. **Please note: DC authorities may restrict buses and force us to alter our plans.** However, as of now, we are moving forward with our plans. Therefore, please sign up for the bus by emailing perezm@saintttheresaparish.com or contact Myriam Perez at 703.729.3714. Provide names, phone numbers, and email addresses for those planning to attend.

The buses will depart from St. Theresa to the march and return in the evening. Join us as we peacefully pray for an end to abortion, and for the healing of our nation.

Gift for Life
Give a Gift for Life. Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One participant wrote: "It didn't really hit me until I was at Mass Sunday morning. I felt closer to Jesus than I have ever felt before. I felt truly loved and free! I felt the weight of my sin lifted up to the foot of the cross, and I left it there this time. I didn't realize how heavy it was until I noticed it wasn't there anymore." For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world " -- Pope St. John Paul II Evangelium Vitae, 100



An Ancient Baptistery
One of the most ancient and enduring sites for baptism in Rome is the church of San Giovanni in Fonte. This church is in fact a baptistery, and houses the font for the Lateran Basilica, the cathedral of Rome. The Emperor Constantine sponsored its construction in the year 315, and it is therefore the oldest baptistery in the world. It is the model for nearly all later baptisteries, including perhaps the font in your own parish church.
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News from the Diocese

Mornings of Mercy
Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Next retreat is Saturday, February 20, 2021 at St. Veronica in Chantilly. Retreats are led by Very Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. There is no cost to attend, but please register at arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy.

Mass for World Marriage Sunday
Celebrate World Marriage Sunday! Join Bishop Burbidge for 12:30 p.m. Mass on February 14, 2021 to celebrate Marriage at Saint Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn. Couples and families are welcome. Please RSVP at arlingtondiocese.org/wms21!

Puzzling Out Works of Mercy
Guadalupe Radio Network, WMET 1160 AM & 103.1 FM (Falls Church), wishing to assist parish Works of Mercy during the pandemic, is offering Catholic radio fans a chance to collectively gift their own parishes with up to $20,000 to support food pantries, the homeless, the elderly, the sick and the mentally ill, and the unborn, among many other good works. And, WMET 1160 is doing this through a beautiful image of Our Lady of the Assumption, connecting us via a wall-sized puzzle. Sound intriguing? Please visit: www.GRNonline.com/puzzle to learn more! Or, email WMET at WMET@grnonline.com; call 877.636.1160. Our Lady of the Assumption, lift us up, and pray for us!

Gifts for Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)
Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost $45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203. Contact Gretchen Koch at g.koch@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.3819 with questions.

Life is VERY Good Evening of Prayer
Help your family to prayerfully participate in the March for Life! Come to the Life is VERY Good Evening of Prayer at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Thursday, January 28 from 7:30-9pm. Bishop Burbidge will lead a time of Eucharistic Adoration and will be joined by keynote speaker Ennie Hickman and musician Steve Angrisano. All ages are welcome. No cost to attend. Visit tinyurl.com/LIVG21 for more information or to register. (note: capacity limitation in effect).

NAR-ANON Meeting at Christ the Redeemer Parish.
The Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else'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. Meets Mondays, 7pm in the Santa Maria Room.

Annual Men's Conference 2021
Thy Kingdom Come: Restoring All Things in Christ The King
Saturday, March 6, 2021
Victory Christian Ministries International, Woodbridge
8:30am to 12:30pm.
Featuring: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Edward Sri
In a world where the Kingship of Christ is no longer recognized both in the public and private spheres of life, the Church calls on her children to courageously raise the banner of the One King and Ruler of all, to fight for His rights, and to restore all things-individual hearts, families and nations -back to His most gentle rule (Collect, Feast of Christ the King). This can only come about if Catholics, men in particular, are willing to surrender everything to Christ, beginning with themselves.
Register at arlingtondiocese.org/men

Opportunities from Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

Attend a Retreat From Wherever You Are! Virtual Spiritual Retreats
Upcoming dates: Jan 22-24
As we move into the new year, Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center continues to provide virtual retreats so that you can connect with others and feed your soul, all from the safety of wherever you are. Detox from the noise of the media, work demands and Netflix and find new focus in your life through a personal encounter with Christ. Find more information and more upcoming dates on the OLB website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Experience the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises from your own home and for only $75 per person. A Virtual Place to Encounter Christ!

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep In-Person (Registration limitations will be followed when necessary to comply with relevant safety recommendations.)
Jan 28-31, Feb 18-21, March 11-14, April 22-25, May 6-9, June 10-13
Virtual
Feb 4-7, April 8-11, June 24-27
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 and these weekends fill up quickly.

Take a Personal "Retreat" Day
(In-Person Only) Jan 14 | Feb 19
Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat from, 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction, quiet reflection, Mass, Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is $120 per person.

For all the above Our Lady of Bethesda events, Visit our website:
www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612. Reservations required for all. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

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Email:	schooloffice@stsashburn.com
Fax:	703.729.8068

All offices located at 21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA

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.

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The Visitation Ministry
Homebound or want to volunteer to visit the homebound? We have wonderful parishioners who would love to visit you! Maybe you need help with an errand or would like someone to pray with you- let our Ministry know. We are also looking to add to our list of volunteers. Please contact Claudia Lewis at 703.431.8670 or email her at clewis825@gmail.com.

Bringing Hope - Monetary Donations . This has been a challenging year for many families. We've given out over $10,000. in financial assistance, not including beds in November. Your donations make a difference in the lives of those who are close to eviction or utility disconnection. We receive requests from families and organizations working with Veterans, families who are suffering financially due to COVID 19, those who have a medical emergency, disability, or other emergencies that need your help.

No donation is too small. Even a dollar makes a difference. You can donate by giving online, or by mail or drop off to the parish office. Please indicate DMO in the memo of the check or on the envelope. Or go to the parish website http://www.saintttheresaparish.com and click on Donate tab to make a donation online! Thank you for helping us to bring Christ's love to others by helping them in their time of need.

Volunteers needed for Holy Haulers Furniture Ministry
We receive many calls from folks who want to donate furniture. Una Giachinta has been coordinating this ministry and needs help. Please consider offering your time and strength to assist Una and the families in need. You can make a huge difference in someone's life just by offering a couple of hours a month.
To help or donate furniture, contact Una Giachinta at 571.217.7551 or furniture@saintttheresaparish.com.

Volunteers for the Bed Ministry also needed
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. New boxed mattresses and boxed platforms fit into a midsize vehicle.
•The mattress box is less than 4' H x 2' W x 2' L
•The platform (bed frame) eliminates the need for a box spring
Interested in helping contact Bea Craig at 571.439.0364 or beds@saintttheresaparish.com

Daily Bread Ministry
Ministry in need of large, creamy peanut butter jars and grape jelly. Sandwiches are taken to the shelter on the weekends for the homeless. To help, drop off in the Outreach boxes. Mark Daily Bread on the bag. Questions? Bernadette Miller
bernadettefmiller@yahoo.com
or 703.726.9163

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

Looking for ways help? Consider signing up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. If you would like to sign, 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
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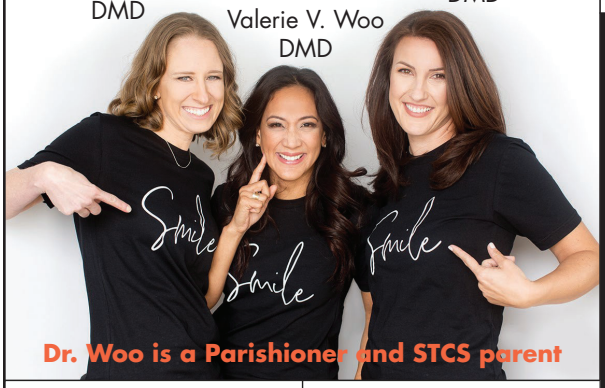
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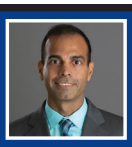
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