



St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

Parish Mass Schedule

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



Ash Wednesday
February 10, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

The season of Lent will be different this year, because it occurs during a unique time: the Jubilee Year of Mercy. In itself, mercy means a generous, faithful and compassionate goodness. Mercy has a face! According to Pope Francis, “Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy” (cf. *Misericordiae Vultus*, no. 1). When he announced the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asked that “the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy” (ibid., no. 17). So, this Lent, we are to experience God’s mercy ourselves from God’s own Son Jesus Christ and to offer mercy to others, especially to those in real need, whatever the nature of their need. Mercy, then, has another face: the compassion, forgiveness, assistance and care given to our brothers and sisters.

Through more intentional and sustained prayer, we encounter Mercy Incarnate in His Word and through an outward sign in each of the sacraments, especially in Penance and the Holy Eucharist. The Sacrament of Penance is more available in each of our parishes each Wednesday during Lent from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. through our participation in The Light is ON for You initiative. Moreover, through the works of penance or mortification, including fasting, we become more freed and more disciplined in order to listen to Christ’s Word and to embrace Him in prayer and the sacraments. Almsgiving —giving generously to those in need —takes on a key focus this Lent, because, in giving alms, we manifest God’s mercy. As Pope Francis states so clearly in his message to us this Lent: “In the corporal works of mercy we touch the flesh of Christ in our brothers and sisters who need to be fed, clothed, sheltered, visited: in the spiritual works of mercy —counsel, instruction, forgiveness, admonishment and prayer —we find more directly our own sinfulness. The corporal and spiritual works of mercy must never be separated” (cf. Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2016, no. 3). One tangible way to practice the corporal works of mercy is taking part in the Rice Bowl initiative sponsored by the United States Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. It is one way in which we can help to alleviate the scourge of global hunger.

Lent is given to us disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His Body the Church so that we can reclaim our Baptismal dignity and live more authentically as Christ’s followers. Lent is the season for us to draw closer to Jesus Christ, Mercy Incarnate, so that we can become and remain “convincing heralds of mercy” (cf. *Op. Cit.*, no. 25) all year long, all life long. Yes, Lent is different this year, as each one of us encounters Jesus Christ, Mercy Incarnate, and, thus transformed, becomes mercy incarnate to everyone we encounter. Joining you on the road of Lent, I remain,

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde
Bishop of Arlington

Youth Education and News



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School Year Office Hours:

Mondays & Wednesdays: 10am-7:30pm
Tuesdays: 10am-6:00pm
Thursdays: 9am-4pm
Fridays: 9am-Noon

Note: When RE classes are NOT in session, we are open 9am-4pm.

Sunday, February 7th

—No RE Classes (Super Bowl)

Wednesday, February 10th

—No RE Classes,
Ash Wednesday

Sunday, February 14th to Tuesday, February 15th

—No RE Classes,
President's Day Holiday

The **VIRTUS update video** is being revised. Stay tuned for further instructions on recertification process.

St. Theresa Church will be hosting an **original VIRTUS training program** on Saturday, **February 20th**, from 9am to 1pm in the school cafeteria.

Please be prompt as the program starts on time. Go to www.virtus.org to sign up today if you have never taken the course.

ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

URS—The High School Youth Group (rising 9th graders - 12th grade) meets Sundays **6:00-8:00pm**. It is teen led and teen organized, with food, fun, fellowship and faith. Starts in the school cafeteria with snacks and games, then moves to the Upper Room (the choir loft of the church) for prayer and discussion of a Gospel passage lead by peer-mentors. Concludes with a talk by Fr Thomas or another leader, closing prayer, and Pizza and dessert!

According to Diocesan policy, all new volunteers to the RE and School programs are required to submit the necessary Diocesan paperwork prior to volunteering. Paperwork should be processed and *cleared* before anyone can begin his or her service in the Church and School. Individuals are not permitted to volunteer until these requirements are met. Also required is the VIRTUS course. Sign up and register at www.virtus.org today!

Saint Theresa Catholic School



School tours every Wednesday in February at 9:30 AM
Consult our website under Admissions to sign up.



Did You Know? . . .

Just this school year, our parents have volunteered close to 4,000 hours.

Strong Parental involvement . . .

That's the St. Theresa Difference!

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Save the Date-Altar Servers

Our excursion will be on **February 15, 2016**. The bus will depart Saint Theresa at 8:30am for Mass and a Tour at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington D.C. Lunch and a

sightseeing attraction following. Contact the Religious Ed office for permission slips.

Parish Happenings

Lenten Soup Supper

Our First 2016 Lenten Soup Supper will be **Friday, February 12**, 6:00-7:15pm in the School Cafeteria, followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church. All Parishioners are invited to join the Legion of Mary members as they will be offering their best meatless soups, sandwiches, pasta, salads and desserts. Come share this Supper with your fellow Parishioners and give alms to the Needy of our Parish. All donations and proceeds will benefit our Parish Poor Box.

Car Raffle

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited us to participate in their 5-car raffle. Prizes include five 2016 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Verano, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. Car raffle tickets have been mailed to each family. You should receive them soon! We are participating with All Saints; a more gen-

erous venture than purchasing a vehicle on our own and each purchaser has a chance to win five cars! This makes "selling" at work or to family and friends more like an opportunity – just show them the ticket – it will sell itself!

Please note: The proceeds that come to us from this raffle goes to Divine Mercy Outreach to assist families in need. Last year we earned \$39,816.00. Help us to surpass this amount by participating! Many thanks!

Opportunities to Help

2016 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!

Go forth as heralds of God's mercy! This weekend every family in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. If you have already donated through the mail or online or are not able to participate, there will be places to note that on the form. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs, offices and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese.

Catholic Charities Food Drive - February 20-21

The rate of food insecurity (the inability of a family to confidently know where their next meal is coming from) affects more than 236,000 people in our diocese. You can help those in need by donating food during the upcoming Knights of Columbus food drive. The food will be delivered to the Catholic Charities pantry in Leesburg and the following items are needed to restock the pantry shelves:

- Canned Chicken Breast
- Cereal
- Prepared Meals
- Pasta and Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Small Bags of Rice
- Small Bottles of Cooking Oil

The blue Catholic Charities tote bags will be distributed after Masses on the weekend of February 13-14. Please return the bags filled with your donations the weekend of February 20-21.



February 7 – **Football Party.** Please join us at 4:00pm, until? and watch a football game on the large TV in the St. Zélie Martin room. We will serve drinks and food (if any is left) from the February 6, 3rd Degree Exemplification (donations accepted to defray their costs) – feel free to bring your own food/snacks to share. This party is open to the entire parish.

February 13 – **Men's Lenten Retreat.** Start Lent off right! All men of the

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Catholic Charities food program.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Our next American Red Cross blood drive at St. Theresa will be **Feb. 20, 6:30-11:30am.** To register: www.redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: St. Theresa Church and choose appointment. Contact Colleen Dwyer, colleenhome@verizon.net or call 703.969.3667. Thank you!!

Help Kids Battling Cancer

Attend The HOPE OPEN Golf Tournament and Family Rally on Monday, April 25, 2016 at Belmont Country Club in Ashburn, VA. You can play a beautiful round of golf or just come to the Dinner/Family Rally for a great meal & a break from cooking! Why? Because unlike most childhood cancers, parishioner Hope Veazey's leukemia has a positive prognosis. THE HOPE OPEN golf tournament began as a way to raise awareness and funds for pediatric cancer research with the goal of giving all families the HOPE that comes from knowing that they can beat childhood cancer. In that spirit, 100% of the funds raised by THE HOPE OPEN will go to pediatric cancer research via the organization TheTruth365.org. Get more details, sponsor & register at: www.TheHOPEopen.org

Job Seekers & Volunteers

Christians are Networking (CAN), a ministry of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, pairs persons

parish are invited. We will begin with an 8:00am, Mass followed by a light breakfast in the Narthex. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration and opportunity for confession, a group rosary, and several talks to help us properly celebrate the Lenten season.

February 14 – **Pancake Breakfast For Your Valentine.** Treat your Valentine to a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast after the 7:30, 8:45, or 10:30am, Masses. You will help support the You(th) vs. Hunger effort in

who are unemployed, under-employed, or, in search of a new career with volunteer professionals who will teach them essential networking, resume writing, and job interview skills. CAN is a tremendous resource, not only for persons seeking new jobs, but for returning military veterans and recent college graduates who are relative newcomers to the employment market. The St. Theresa chapter of CAN meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, 7-9pm @ St. Theresa parish meeting rooms. Contact Raelene Wagoner at can@sainttheresaparish.com for more information or visit our website: www.cdda.net/programs_jobs.php



You(th) vs Hunger:

Congratulations to our raffle winners. 1st Prize:

Ticket #445021 2nd Prize: #580251 3rd Prize: #820186. Thank you to everyone who supported us through ticket sales. We only need \$1,500 more. Donate to our event online at <http://www.crosscatholic.org/StTheresaYvH> (link on Church website)

SAVE THE DATE!

April 9. 100,000 meals. 600 volunteers needed (ages 5+). Sign-up for a 2 hour slot (from 8 am - 4 pm). 12 tables of 12 volunteers, gather your friends and family! Childcare available to kids 5 and under. Check bulletin for sign-up information in the coming weeks. Meals sent to orphanages overseas run by Priests and Nuns.

addition to pleasing your Valentine!

February 15 – **K of C District Basketball Free Throw Challenge** will be conducted in the St. Theresa School gym. Details to follow.

Are you a Knight? If not, why not? Contact us at kofc15256@googlegroups.com to learn the great things that we do to help our parish and community.

Parish Offices

Secretary: Peggy Sullivan, 703.729.2287
Accountant: Mike Hoehn, 703.729.2287
Facilities Coordinator: Jason Campiti
Outreach Coordinator: Marianne Guidos, 703.729.2334
Website: www.sainttheresaparish.com
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Religious Education Offices

Director: Larry Bayne
Youth Activities: Paul Dwyer, 703.729.0426
Secretary: Connie Gilligan, 703.729.3714
Secretary: Myriam Perez, 703.729.3714
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Fax: 703.729.9036

School Offices

Principal: Carol Krichbaum, 703.729.3577
Secretary: Deena Lanier, 703.729.3577
Secretary: Patty Grywatch, 703.729.3577
Website: www.stsashburn.com
Email: schooloffice@stsashburn.com
Fax: 703.729.8068

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

Sacraments

Baptisms

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class, preferably before the child's birth. After you have attended the class, you may schedule your child for the Sacrament of Baptism (Sundays 1:30 pm).

Baptism 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.

Sponsor Certificates

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

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.

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

EPIC—A Journey Thru Church History

Meets the second and fourth Wed. from 7:30 to 9:00pm, in the school. Questions/Register contact Andy Johnson, johnson.andrew@verizon.net.

Bible Timeline—The Story of Salvation

Meets the first and third Wed., 7:30 -9pm in room 315 in the school. Questions, contact Linda DiMuzio, lpdimuzio@gmail.com.

Attention Ladies: SAVE the DATE
Saturday, **February 27th**

Lenten Day of Recollection
• Mass • Confessions • Adoration •
• Inspirational Talks by Our Clergy •

RCIA Meeting

7:30pm on **Wed. evenings** in the Conference Room of the new building. Register online at <https://sainttheresaparish.com/activity/rcia/> or come to a meeting.

Mom's Faith Formation

Join us **Thursday mornings**, 9:30-10:30. Our mission is to bring togeth-

er moms for fellowship and spiritual formation. Gospel readings, book studies, discussion groups and more are planned. Babies and children welcome. Find us in the new admin. building across from the church.

**Thursday Morning Women's
Discipleship Group**

Welcome women of all ages. We meet in the north conference room 9:15-11am with Fr. Thomas. Questions call Jane -703.729.2495 or granp3318@gmail.com.

School of Prayer

Join us for the UNBOUND DVD 8 week series, Thursdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Keeping our New Year's resolutions could be a battle within. Come start your New Year off on the right path and find out what may be keeping you from succeeding. "So whoever is in Christ is a New Creation: the old things have passed away...." (2 Corinthians 5:17). To know more about Unbound check out St. Theresa website or email: Lauren Kelley at schoolofprayersttheresa@gmail.com to register.



**Institute of
Catholic Culture**

Weeds of Heresy & the Early Councils of the Church

Prof. Eric Jenislawski, Ph.D.
Tuesdays, Feb. 16 and 23, 7:30pm
St. John the Apostle Church Hall
101 Oakcrest Manor Drive, N.E.,
Leesburg, VA 20176

Ashes to Ashes: An ICC Lenten Retreat with Compline

Rev. Msgr. Charles Pope
Saturdays, Feb. 20 and 27, 6:30pm
St. Francis de Sales Church Hall
37730 St. Francis Court,
Purcellville, VA 20132

Blood of the Martyrs: Watering the Fields of Evangelization

Fr. Andrew Fisher
Tuesday, March 8, 7:00pm
St. John the Apostle Church Hall
101 Oakcrest Manor Drive, N.E.,
Leesburg, VA 20176

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Pray for ...

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Mon, Feb 8	6:15— Deceased Mountaineer Priests+ 8:30— Francis Via
Tues, Feb 9	6:15— Deceased Mountaineer Priests+ 8:30— Ann Brefka
Wed, Feb 10	6:15— Deceased Mountaineer Priests+ 8:30— Jean Scarola+ 12:15— Stan Plummer+ 4:30— Nancy Stratton+ 7:30— Mary Ann Hasson+
Thurs, Feb 11	6:15— Jay Young+ 8:30— Frank Ferguson
Fri, Feb 12	6:15— Reolandi Diaz+ 8:30— Robert Mica+
Sat, Feb 13	8:00— Margaret Mary Hayes+ 5:30— James Cook+
Sun, Feb 14	7:30— Joseph, Laura, & Carl Maresca+ 8:45— Bill Kauffield 10:30— Lisa Furgal 12:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 5:00— Kim-Mai Ryan

Prayers For The Sick: Gerry Walsh, Victoria Babcock, Aaron Quinn, David Whitaker, Pat Dougherty, Audrey D'Arnaud, Fabriana Dorsey, John McCurdy, Mark Kulyk, Theresa Birch, Frances Prestinari, Peter Kerney, Trevor Schweigest, Haley Morris, Theresa and John Baker, Johanna O'Brien, Braydon Ordway, Paul Ulich, Peter Perry, Krista Marting, Johnna Bass, Kathy Bernota, Evan Solomonides, Gerrie Rodriguez, Debora Vaz, Deborah Ferry, Kelly Poplar, Parker Williams, Cynthia Swanson, Troy Compher, Dottie Woisard, Angela Williams, Philip Schnibbe, Janice Cooney, Bill McLaine, Margaret Bever, Lisa Grealish, Caroline Divone, Larry Emerson, Robert Slaughter, Eric Hodges, Regan Wright, Ryan Theriot, Charlene Lawlor, Ryan Diviney, and Christine Krebs.

Prayers For Our Military: Sean Spurr, Jack Hayes, Katherine Bergeron, Christopher Martin, Thomas Gleason, Tony Mattice, Megan Jameson, Greg Lee, David Lakey, Jim Murray, Keith Bittle, Michael McCurdy, Steven Digangi, Michael J. Pruden, Robert Scheuerer, Meghan E. Fitzgerald, Tom Short, Bill Short, Griffin Spencer, Peter Santini, Eric Curcio, Steven Curcio, Matthew Slaughter, Joseph Alexander, Christopher Sheehan, Clayton William Abel, Matthew Ervin, David Nelson, Ryan Angelo Molina, Sarah Shaw, Mickey Shaw, Mary Kate Shaw, Heidi Harapko, Steve McGlynn, John Wade, David Seliquni, Brett Farmer, Reid Farmer, Shelley Farmer, John Daniel Wohdford, Neal Corson, Nick Nelson, Christopher Gray. To add a name, call Rosemary Pinney, 703.729.2017.

DIVINE MERCY Learn more, visit
www.sainttheresaparish.com
OUTREACH

Spring Sale- March 12th

Consider volunteering, consigning, and donating items to this children's consignment sale held every Spring and Fall. Spread the word too!

All proceeds from this sale benefit Divine Mercy Outreach. The Fall 2015 sale raised \$17,099.11. This helps us to help families in need in our community! Many thanks to all the sale volunteers and shoppers!!

For more information about the sale go to: <http://www.littleflowerconsignments.org/>

Have items but don't want to consign? Please donate gently used children's clothing, books, baby items... Contact Robin Lillis rmlillis@gmail.com, 571.283.7121.

Did you know that we delivered 30 beds in December to families in need?

Be a part of this wonderful work of Mercy. Sign up to help take mattresses, kitchen tables & chairs and other household items to families coming out of shelters and to other families in need of assistance. If you have an SUV, mini-van, or trailer hitch—we have a trailer that can be used, please consider donating your time to help! If you do not have vehicle which will hold the items but can offer to help with moving items, please let us know. You can make a difference in someone else's life. Contact Eric Baird 703.300.8720 or furniture@sainttheresaparish.com.

Clothing Drop Off

If you would like to donate adult & children's clothing, please contact

Mara Heppes (Farmwell Hunt) 703.729.0170, mlheppes@gmail.com 43788 Haley Ct Ashburn. ****Please Do Not Leave Clothing At Church.****

Help Divine Mercy Outreach by giving a donation online!

Go to the parish website <http://www.sainttheresaparish.com> and click on Donate Now-Divine Mercy to make a monetary donation!

Get the Latest Outreach News

Would you like to help those in need in our community?

Sign up to be placed on our email. You'll learn more about what we do and can respond if able to assist in any way. Contact Marianne Guidos at dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com or 571.332.6533(cell) or 703.729.2334(Office) for more info.