

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week

Mon, Feb 22	6:15— The marriage of Joseph & Jamie Scully 8:30— Mark Nylec+
Tues, Feb 23	6:15— Pothén Joseph+ 8:30— Donna Manzer
Wed, Feb 24	6:15— Erin Byrne 8:30— Ancestors of the Benny Family+ 12:15— Helen Mazzoni+
Thurs, Feb 25	6:15— Suzanne Marron 8:30— Ava Marie Cashman
Fri, Feb 26	6:15— Marisa Marsicano 8:30— KT Jacob
Sat, Feb 27	8:30— Danilo Reys Go+ 5:30— Marlene Andrus+
Sun, Feb 28	7:30— Henry Joseph Dec+ 8:45— St. Theresa Parishioners 10:30— Piera & Guiseppe Carnovale+ and Carmela & Joseph Diniatale+ 12:30— Salo Guillermo Korn+ 5:00— Frank Walsh+

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: Jeff Peters, 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, 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 Besette, Fred Beverly, Jesse Michl, Erick Pollock, Jillian Reilly, Laurie Gessaman, Jordan Windsor.

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.

Why Do We Light Candles In Church?

In response to a question from one of our parishioners, let's take a closer look at an especially "Catholic" tradition—the use of votive candles.

There's just something about votive candles that everyone loves. Have you noticed that—without fail—if a movie depicts the interior of a Catholic church, it is always bathed in the glow of hundreds of votive candles? When I was a little boy, all I wanted to do after Mass was go to the candle racks, offer a prayer, and light a candle. Why are candles so beloved? The reasons are many, and run deep in our Catholic tradition.

First and most important of all, a candle always symbolizes Christ. "I am the light of the world," Jesus says, "No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (Jn 8:12). As a candle spends itself down to nothing, giving off light and warmth to all, we are reminded of Christ who also spent himself to nothing—giving his life as a ransom for the sins of the world.

Historically speaking, candles were first lit over the tombs of the martyrs in the ancient catacombs. Candles served as a sign of solidarity between the soul of the martyr, now united with Christ in heaven, and the souls of those still keeping the faith on Earth. Because the candles burned for days in silent vigil, they became known as vigil lights. Before long, the solidarity with the saints was accompanied by prayer intentions, *vota* in Latin, and hence became known as votive candles.

When the Christian faith was first made legal in the Roman Empire, votive candles burned no longer in hiding, but openly before icons, sacred images, statues, and relics. St. Jerome (d. 420) notes this practice was well established in his time. Essentially, this is the very practice that has come down to us in our churches today.

When we observe a glowing rack of votive candles, we know our prayers stand in solidarity with those of all those who have taken a moment to light a candle. Of course, we do not honor the statue or the image itself, but rather the prayerful intercession of the saint whom the statue represents. Each candle symbolizes a prayer, continually offered to Christ long after we have gone back to our daily business. As Catholics, we are one body in Christ, and votive candles are a beautiful, reverent tribute to our oneness with one another, and with the saints who have gone before us.

This rich symbolism, as well as the great beauty of the candles themselves, is the reason we love votive candles. Just like each votive candle, may our souls burn with the beauty of God's grace in all that we do, long after we have left Mass.

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



Fr. Hudgins

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment



The second quarter of the ICC curriculum year, beginning with Christmas and concluding with Easter, focuses on the revelation of Jesus Christ, the history of the apostolic and patristic age, the fundamentals of Christian morality, the Church, and the Sacramental system.



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Most Rev. Michael Burbidge
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The Divine Eagle: A Study of the Gospel of John

Matthew Tsakanikas, Ph.D.,
Tuesdays, February 23 - March 23
Pre-class Discussion, 7:30pm,
Lecture, 8-9pm

Live Webinar Series: Register at
www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." — John 1:14

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/ events)? 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@sainttheresaparish.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.



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.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@sainttheresaparish.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@sainttheresaparish.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'



Please clip & save Box Tops for STCS! We're collecting them on Monday, February 22, in the school foyer or you can drop them off in the vestibule at

Church anytime. *Thank you for your support!*

Congratulations!

Catholic Schools Week Spelling Bee Class Champs

Vivienne B.
Sesinam G.
Zelie R.
DJH.
Maria B.
Preston C.
Eleanor S.
Nathan H.
Lucas deV.

Daniel M.
Cameron H.
Peace V.
Olivia LeB.
Izzy M.
Caroline G.
Julia N.
Perry McK.



STCS Parents, mark your calendars for these upcoming events, and watch your email for details:

Monday, February 22:
Box Tops collection



Save the date and join us for the STCS Annual Auction on May 22, 2021! Can you sponsor the event or donate an item? Visit the STCS website for details, www.stsashburn.com, click 'Support/Auction.'

Have your read the latest STCS Alumni & Friends Newsletter? Visit the school website, www.stsashburn.com, click "Alumni/Information." To sign up for the e-newsletter and update your alumni/family information contact us at alumni@stsashburn.com



Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

News from our Parish

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 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 Enthronements.

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



Save the Date

for the STCS annual auction **May 22, 2021**. This is the year to show your support! We have many blessings within our community & we want to showcase these at this year's auction; be



St. Theresa Catholic School

We're hiring!

Middle School Spanish Teacher
Special Education Teacher
Administrative Assistant (12 month)
Resource Aide
Substitute Teachers

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creative & have fun. STCS did not have an auction last year so it is very important that we come together as a community and raise money for our school: stsauction@stssashburn.com



Knights of Columbus

Combined Exemplification

Ceremony: Council 15256 will hold a combined Exemplification Ceremony on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 3pm in the Church. The new degree ceremony is open to all, and family members are invited to attend this 40-minute event. In addition to new brothers joining the order, all 1st and 2nd degree brothers wishing to become full (3rd degree) Knights should attend. Sign-in starts at 2:30pm in the narthex.

Lenten Retreat: St. Theresa will be offering a Lenten Retreat, open to all parishioners, on Saturday March 13, 2021. The general theme will be Deeper Conversion and Closer Discipleship. The retreat will be held in St. Theresa church and will be live streamed on the parish's Facebook page. Schedule is as follows:
8:30 am – Mass
9:00 am or so – light breakfast with coffee in the vestibule
9:30 am – opening and First talk
10:15 am approximately – quiet / meditation time
10:45 am – Second talk
11:30 am – closing

Food Drive: St. Theresa's parishioners donated 4,525 lbs. of food in January. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Your actions and the volunteers from the Knights of Columbus and Youth Group make this program successful.

The next collection will take place on Feb 27 and 28. Please pick up the blue donation bags this weekend (Feb 20/21) in the narthex and return them full next weekend. If you forget to pick up a bag, bags can still be picked up during the week in the narthex and full grocery bags are also accepted. Thanks for your support.

Flag Collection: Do you have an old or damaged U.S. flag and wondering what to do with it? The Knights will be collecting these old flags on the weekends of Feb. 20 & 21 and 27 & 28. There will be marked boxes in the narthex for the collection. The flags will be taken to the VFW Lodge in Leesburg for their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony.

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

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

Why become a Knight? We challenge the world's status quo with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We share His unlimited Love and unfathomable Mercy with everyone. We support our Church, help our local community, and defend all life, especially those most vulnerable. We encourage each brother knight to grow in their Faith. We aspire to become better husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers. We want to be like Jesus. We want to bring the entire world to Our Heavenly Father.

Despite a pandemic, we have donated over \$5,000 to the parish's ministry to the less fortunate. We helped renovate Serenity House, the first shelter in Loudoun County for women recovering from drug and alcohol dependency. We have also collected over 30,000 lbs. of food for the Leesburg Food Pantry this past year. That is over \$45,000 worth of food. And that is just the beginning.

If you have any questions, contact our Grand Knight directly at gk15256@vakofc.org.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

John Cirillo, Roel Vera, Jacqueline Xavier, Angelo Carresa, John Fitzgibbons, Leo Laparan and Hycinth Monica Saldanha

News from the Diocese

2021 Bishop's Lenten Appeal Begins!

The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making BLA pledge. Every donation is vital to the success of the BLA.

You may go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org scan the QR code here, or text "BLA" to

703.260.9800 to make a donation. Please help our parish reach our BLA goal!



Mass and Lenten Reflection for Men Thy Kingdom Come: Restoring All Things in Christ The King

Saturday, March 6, 2021, 8:30am-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. Cost:\$55. Location TBA. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/men

Mass and Lenten Reflection for Women Chosen From All Eternity For This Moment In Time

Featuring Dr. Mary Healy - Biblical scholar, author and international speaker on topics related to scripture, evangelization, healing and the spiritual life along with Sister Gaudia Skass, OLM - Sister currently resides in Washington, D.C. and spreads the message of God's mercy at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. Saturday, March 13 from 8:30am-12:30pm. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with coffee and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15 a.m. Cost is \$50. Location TBA. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/women

Day of Prayer and Healing

Saturday, March 20, 2021. The abortion recovery retreats are confidential group healing events open to any

woman who has experienced abortion trauma and grief. Lead by a specially trained team, they are held on a Saturday in a private and peaceful setting. During the day, there is an opportunity to hear from a past participant, and additional testimonials from those attending the retreat. In addition, there is time after lunch for more sharing, prayer, quiet reflection and Mass. To learn more, please call our helpline at 703.841.2504 or email info@helpafterabortion.org.

Do You Love Someone Who Has a Drug Problem? Nar-Anon is a twelve-step program for friends and family members who are affected by someone else's addiction. We carry the message of hope by letting others know that they are not alone, sharing our experiences and strength, and respecting each other's anonymity. Please join us on Mondays, 7pm via ZOOM and Thursdays in person 7pm at the Leesburg Presbyterian Church. Visit <https://www.naranonmidatlantic.org/> or call Carole at 703.728.1540.

The Laetare Benefit, to support the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden, will be held virtually this year on Sunday, March 14, 2021. Tickets may be purchased through "Faith Direct" <https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/details/6090> Tickets are available for \$175 each and at the sponsor level, ranging from \$1,750 to \$10,000. Tickets and sponsorships are fully tax-deductible. All ticket purchasers will receive a link to a short video program and Angel Auction which will go live at 5pm on Laetare Sunday. RSVP by March 10. It is our hope that through your generosity we can raise enough funds to support the nuns until we can gather in person next year.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

As we journey during this Lenten Season, let us take time to reflect on our marriage. What can we do to make our marriage even better? Learn how on an upcoming virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Sep 24-26, 2021 in Warrenton, VA and Apr 6-May 4, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703.646.1521.

Bishop O'Connell High School cordially invites you to a virtual benefit concert on Friday, March 26, 2021. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon of musical performances, featuring students, alumni and professional adult musicians. Proceeds from the concert will be used to establish the endowed Andriko Bilaniuk '22 Memorial Scholarship. Andriko was a 2018 graduate of St. Mark Catholic School. He lost his battle with cancer days before his sixteenth birthday. For more information about the concert, scholarship and Andriko's legacy, please visit bishopoconnell.org/forandriko or contact TLacrosse@bishopoconnell.org.

Opportunities from Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

Attend a Retreat From Wherever You Are! Virtual Spiritual Retreats Feb 26-28 ~ Lessons from St. Joseph's Workshop

Mar 26-28 ~ Virtual Lenten Retreat Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center continues to provide virtual retreats that allow you to 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. 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 (limited registrations)

March 11-14, April 22-25

Virtual: April 8-11

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.

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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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.



Learn more, visit
www.sainttheresaparish.com

Car Raffle Update

Thanks to all those who have returned their car raffle tickets—special thanks to those who have requested extras to sell to their relatives, friends, co-workers, etc. Sales are off to a great start! Please note that raffle tickets must be processed at All Saints. Please mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. The raffle continues to benefit our parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese, as it has in the past. The proceeds we receive benefit families in need in our community through Divine Mercy Outreach. See the photos of the vehicles on the parish website under Outreach—Car raffle at www.sainttheresaparish.com

Questions about the raffle? Want extra tickets? Contact Loan Jella at dmoassis-tant@sainttheresaparish.com or 703.729.2334.

Want to help but not through the raffle? Consider making an online donation. See below for more details on how.

Monetary Donations . Your donations make a difference in the lives of these families. We receive requests from 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. Indicate DMO in the memo of the check or on the envelope. Or go to the parish website <http://www.sainttheresaparish.com>, 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.

Furniture Ministry—accepting kitchen tables & chairs and smaller dressers only. 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.

Items needed for Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies provides weekend meals for low-income students in local schools. They are in need of these items: Shelf-stable white milk drink boxes (Horizon brand or Wegmans brand is best) and Hormel

Compleat meals. If you can help, please place them in the Daily Bread/Backpack Buddies box at church. Questions? Contact Beth Renzette at 703.507.8575 or bd@renzette.org

Items needed for the Parish Pantry

Please help us continue to assist families in need. We are low on gran-protein/breakfast bars, pasta, hearty soups, pancake/Bisquick mix and syrup, mac & cheese, taco kits, canned fruit, men's and women's deodorant, dish soap, bars of soap and baby shampoo. Items can be dropped off in our outreach boxes at church or to the parish office.

Daily Bread Donations

Daily Bread is in need of breakfast bar donations and large peanut butter and grape jelly. Please drop off in the Daily Bread/Backpack Buddies donation box at church near the elevators. Questions, Contact Bernadette Miller bernadettefmiller@yahoo.com or 703.726.9163

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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