St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



March 7, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week

Mon, March 8	6:15— Dennis & Lu Taylor+ 8:30— Steven M. Hockenbury+
Tues, March 9	6:15— NETS 8:30— Jennifer Tellis
Wed, March 10	6:15— Agnes Cummings+ 8:30— Carola Kha & Augustin Cuc+ 12:15— Luis Go+
Thurs, March 11	6:15— Maurice & Bessi Denby+ 8:30— Joan Kelso+
Fri, March 12	6:15— John F. Klein+ 8:30— Carola Kha & Michal Mink+
Sat, March 13	8:30— John Heavy+ 5:30— Robert Mica+
Sun, March 14	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Konrad Bilinski 10:30— Edgar Tellis+ 12:30— Henrietta Kendall+ 5:00— Mary Ahlhauser+

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
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

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 Bessette, Fred Beverly, Jesse Michl, Erick Pollock, Jillian Reilly, Laurie Gessaman, Jordan Windsor.

Prayers For Our Military: 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.

What's a Godparent?

In response to a question from one of our parishioners, let's take a look at the role of godparents for Baptism, and while we're on the subject, sponsors for Confirmation as well.

For the sacrament of Baptism, the term "godparent" can be used interchangeably with the term "sponsor." For Confirmation, we use the term "sponsor" only. The role of a sponsor dates to the time of the Christian persecution in the Roman Empire. In those days, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist were given all at once. Anyone seeking admission to the Church would bring a witness who could both attest to the maturity of the person's faith, and act as an example of Christian living.

The word "godparent" was not used until about the year 800, and became associated with Baptism only. Much of the known world had been Christianized, and for the first time, infant baptisms to the faith were more common than those of adults. Sponsors for infants became known by the affectionate terms *patrinus* and *patrina*, or "godfather" and "godmother." The term itself suggests a spiritual fatherhood and motherhood.

In our own time, many people believe (mistakenly) that godparents have a legal obligation to care for a child should something ever happen to their parents. In fact, godparents have an entirely spiritual role to fill. A godparent for Baptism is meant to be a role model of Catholic living, and to assist the parents of the child in teaching the ways of the faith, if needed. The Code of Canon Law states:

> Insofar as possible, one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the Baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with Baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it. (CCC 872).

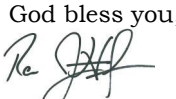
It is impossible for anyone to be a perfect role model of Catholic living, but there are a few basics that any Catholic role model should have. Any sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation must:

- Be at least 16 years old (Sixteen is assumed to be the minimum age of maturity)
- Have themselves been Baptized, Confirmed, and received the Eucharist
- Attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation
- If married, be validly married in the Catholic Church

The same requirements are asked of any sponsor for Confirmation, since a sponsor serves the same role—an example of Catholic living.

How many godparents are needed for Baptism? Only one, and not more than two—a man and a woman. How many sponsors are there in Confirmation? Only one, and never more than one. Can anyone other than a Catholic serve as a godparent at a Catholic baptism? Strictly speaking, no. However, non-Catholics may stand in as a "Christian witness" to baptism, so long as there is at least one Catholic godparent present. Can anyone other than a Catholic be a sponsor at Confirmation? No. Confirmation sponsors, by definition, are witnesses to a Catholic life.
In all, a sponsor serves a special role for a Baptized or Confirmed person. That's why we must not simply choose relatives or friends for this role, but those whose lived Catholic example is the best we can find!

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



Fr. Hudgins

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

March 28th bulletin submissions due by 12pm Wednesday, March 17th
April 4th bulletin submissions due by 12pm Tuesday March 23rd

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Hycinth Monica Saldanha

Youth Education and News

Office Hours:
Mon–Thurs. 9am-4pm;
Fri. 9am-noon

March 28th—April 10th—
No RE Classes, Easter Break. Classes resume on Sun, April 11th.

RE Office is closed Good Friday

St. Theresa Parish VBS 2021
Marvelous Mystery: The Mass Comes Alive! Save the Date: June 21st - 25th. Ages: 4 Yr. Olds through Rising 5th Graders. Hours: 9am to 12 noon. *Online Registration began Friday, **March 5th at 10am**! We expect to fill up quickly - registration will close once we reach capacity. See the parish website for more details and the registration link. For volunteer information/questions, please email Kelly Rush at Kelly4VT@gmail.com



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 '



Saint Theresa Catholic School

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

Friday, March 12:
End of 2nd Semester
Wednesday, March 17:
Dress Out Day
Friday, March 19:
No school, teacher work day
Monday, March 22: THUNDER
Reading Celebration Week

New sponsorship opportunities! 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.'



St. Theresa Catholic School

We're hiring!

Join our joyful team! St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for a Middle School Spanish Teacher, Special Education Teacher, Administrative Assistant (12 month), Technology Specialist, Extended Day Care Director, and Resource Aide. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references (for teaching positions, also include sample lesson plans) to HR@saintttheresaparish.com.

News from our Parish

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph
We will begin a parish-wide novena to St. Joseph starting on Wednesday, **March 10th**. It will end with an Act of Consecration to our beloved saint after all Masses on March 20-21. Go to the parish website to find both the novena and consecration prayers.

St. Theresa Lent Retreat
Sat. March 13th in the Church

This retreat is open to all parishioners; please spread the word.

Theme: Deeper conversion and Discipleship.

Planned schedule
8:30 - Mass
9:00 - stand-up breakfast and coffee in narthex or just outside the doors (wrapped snacks, water, coffee)
9:30 - Reflection by Deacon Renzette
10:15 - Quiet and meditation time with music
11:00 - Reflection by Deacon Noah
11:30 - Closing Prayer

This event will be streamed on the parish's Facebook page at this link - https://www.facebook.com/saintttheresaashburn/videos/248572776880678

To help with the count for the breakfast, please go to the Sign-up Genius to let us know that you will attend - https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4AA4A822A0FF2-sttheresa1

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross will be offered on the following days at 7:30pm: March 12, 19 and 26

Latin Mass
The next Latin Mass will be offered Saturday, March 20th, 8:30am

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Whenever you feel overwhelmed by the chaos and difficulty of life, you can turn to God in prayer for peace and inspiration…

Join us for a Spiritual Virtual Journey – Life in Christ Seminar on March 21, 1:30-5pm and March 27, 1-4pm via Zoom.

Open to all young individuals, singles, ages 21 and up. There are no fees required of participants to attend. The only requirements are your time, openness, and commitment to attend and complete the 2-part series of the seminar.

To register or for more information, please email Jerry Osmena at mfc.virginia.us@gmail.com.

God has been calling your name. Would you respond to His call?

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 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 homebound visits, Pilgrim Virgin Statue visits, and Sacred Heart Enthronements.



New dates have been added! Please look for the PVS Signup Box on the parish website to sign up for a 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 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@stsashburn.com

This is our final month to collect donations & sponsorships for the auction (due 3/31)! **The auction committee is in need of a Vacation!!** We have always had a trip featured in our past auctions & this generous item really helps us meet our fundraising goals. If you or someone you know has a second home and would be willing to donate a week/several days there, please let us know, stsauction@stsashburn.com! Thank you for your continued support of the STCS auction. We can't wait to "Hit the Jackpot" with you on May 22nd!! stsauction@stsashburn.com

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

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!

St. Joseph Adoption Novena
Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19, you are invited to join in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all who travel on the path of adoption. Visit usccb.org/adoption-novena for the novena, which begins Sunday, March 10 and ends on March 19.

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me." Do we have zeal to honor God through our marriage?
The next virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Sep 24-26, 2021 in Warrenton, VA and Apr 6-May 4, 2021 in VIRTUAL 3RE, MD. 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@bishopooconnell.org.

Knights of Columbus

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: Our next food drive collection will be March 27 and 28. Please pick up the blue food donation bags in the narthex the weekend of March 20 and 21.

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.

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

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 additional questions, contact our Grand Knight directly at gk15256@vakofc.org.

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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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www.saintttheresaparish.com

Car Raffle Update
The proceeds we receive benefit families in need in our community through Divine Mercy Outreach. Please help us make this raffle even better than last year. Thanks to all those who have returned their car raffle ticket and special thanks to those who have requested extras to sell to their relatives, friends, coworkers, etc. Please note that raffle tickets must be processed at All Saints. Please mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. See the photos of the vehicles on the parish website under Outreach-Car raffle at www.saintttheresaparish.com

Questions about the raffle? Want extra tickets? Contact Loan Jella at dmoassistant@saintttheresaparish.com or 703.729.2334.

Want to help but not through the raffle? Consider making an online donation.

Monetary Donations. Consider donating to Divine Mercy Outreach this Lent for your almsgiving. Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling 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.saintttheresaparish.com, click on Donate tab to make a monetary donation! Thank you for helping us to bring Christ's love to others.

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.

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.

Furniture Ministry—accepting kitchen tables & chairs and smaller dressers only. Please contact our furniture coordinator, Una Giachinta at 571.217.7551 or furniture@saintttheresaparish.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

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@saintttheresaparish.com

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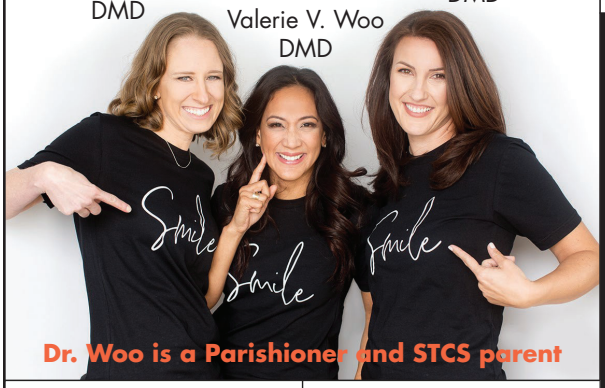
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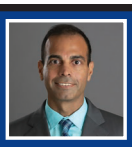
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