St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week

Mon, March 22	6:15— Religious Ed Students 8:30— Daniel Espinoza+
Tues, March 23	6:15— Mary Beth Burke 8:30— Francis Kelly+
Wed, March 24	6:15— For Justin Family Tree 8:30— Francis Kelly+ 12:15— Debbie Thomas+
Thurs, March 25	6:15— Students of the Ashburn Driving School 8:30— Maria Klimenko
Fri, March 26	6:15— Elizabeth Alexander & Family 8:30— Special Intentions
Sat, March 27	8:30— Suzanne King+ 5:30— Suzanne King+
Sun, March 28	7:30— Bridget Byrne 8:45— Steven Gosciminiski+ 10:30— Philip Calcagno+ 12:30— Joyce Dadant+ 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
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

Prayers For The Sick: Barbara Orandello, 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.

Let's Better Understand the Purpose of a Funeral

Recently, I read a magnificent article from Msgr. Charles Pope, of the Archdiocese of Washington, about restoring the proper focus of a Catholic funeral. This is a summary of his main points.

1. The purpose of a funeral is the worship of God, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the celebration of the Eucharist.

The greatest hope that we have for our deceased loved ones is the mercy of God, given in Christ Jesus. That's why the focus of a funeral is not on the deceased, but on God himself. Too often people expect that a funeral should be a tribute to the deceased, focusing on their lives, their personalities, and their accomplishments. These are fine things in themselves, but they are not the focus of the funeral Mass. As Msgr. Pope writes:

> The sacred liturgy exists to glorify God not man; to praise the Lord, not Uncle Joe. No matter how great a guy Uncle Joe was, he doesn't stand a chance if not for Jesus, and lots of grace and mercy. Joe needs prayer more than praise, and whatever gifts he did have were from God. God should be thanked and praised for them.

Where should we focus on the life of the deceased? At the wake before the Mass, or at the graveside afterwards. The Mass is another thing entirely, and its focus is always the death and resurrection of Christ, for our salvation.

2. We must not assume that all deceased loved ones go straight to heaven.

The scriptures tell us that judgment belongs to God alone. Not only is it presumptive to assume that every soul goes to heaven, it is a terrible injustice to the deceased to think so. St. Ambrose once said, "Those whom we have loved in this life, we must not abandon in death, until by the help of our prayers we have carried them safely to the heavenly kingdom." The hope for everlasting joy in heaven is deep within us, but many people die ill prepared for divine judgment. We pray for them, because they might well need it. As Msgr. Pope writes:

> Making such declarations, people sit in the judgment seat that belongs only to Jesus. If I were to say, "Uncle Joe is in hell" people would be rightly angry and say I was being "judgmental." But of course, those who say, "Joe is in heaven" sit in the very same judgment seat and are also being "judgmental."

Reason would conclude that most people need some additional purification after death to be made ready for the perfection of heaven. Purgatory is a temporary state of purification, and exists out of God's mercy and goodness alone. Our deceased loved ones might be there. Let's not forget to pray for them.

3. The funeral is just as much for the living as it is for the deceased.

The celebration of every funeral is a reminder that one day we too will breathe our last. We should be ready for death at all times, and if we are not ready, we should have a plan to get ready. The funeral Mass can be a powerful reminder of this need. As Msgr. Pope writes:

> Pastoral experience tells me that upwards of 80% of funeral attendees are in very grave spiritual condition. Most of them are not serious about their spiritual life, they are not praying, they are not reading Scripture, they are not attending Mass or going to any service on Sundays, and many are in very serious and unrepented mortal sin. This is just a fact.

All these notions should frame our understanding of funerals and our preparation for them. Christ our Lord loved us, even as sinners, and died for us, but wants us to receive his mercy with a spirit of repentance and readiness. Let's remember that the funeral Mass is meant to help the deceased, and ourselves, get ready to be with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

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



Fr. Hudgins

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadline

April 4th bulletin submissions due by 12pm Tuesday March 23rd

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.

Does God Suffer? Reconciling God with the Cross of Christ
Rev. Thomas Weinandy, O.F.M. Cap., Ph.D.
Sunday, March 28
Pre-class Discussion, 6:30pm
Lecture from 7-8pm
Live Webinar: Register at www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org/events

In the Incarnation, the Son of God comes to exist as a man and suffers and dies on the cross. It is this salvific suffering that frees humankind of sin and death, and in the bodily resurrection offers to humankind eternal life. But does God, in His divinity, suffer along with us? Join Fr. Weinandy as he explores the union of natures in Christ and what it means for our salvation.

Holy Week Schedule

Monday-Wednesday, March 29-31
Regular Daily Mass Schedule

Confessions, 7pm

Wednesday
Holy Hour, 7pm

Thursday, April 1
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 2
Confessions, 9am

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm

Stations of the Cross, 7pm

Confessions, 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 3
Confessions, 9am

Blessing of Easter Food, 10:45am

Easter Vigil: 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 4
7:30, 8:45 and 10:30am, 12 and 5pm

Youth Education and News

Religious Education

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



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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

Teen Theology Class
A Teen Theology Class covering the Creed started **Thursday, March 18th**, from 7pm to 8pm for 10 weeks. We will be meeting in the Louis Martin room. We will be using the YDisciple program through the FORMED website and we will be covering the different elements of the Creed and why it is so important for our Faith. The program will be every Thursday except during Holy Week (4/1) for 10 weeks, ending May 27th. Contact Paul Dwyer with any questions 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.

Youth Education and News Continued



Saint Theresa Catholic School

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

Mon, March 22: **Celebrate Thunder Readers Week** begins!
Tues, March 23: Bring a book for the All-School Reading Time.
Fri, March 26: Favorite book character dress-out day & "STCS Literary Peeps" dioramas due.
April 1: No School, Holy Thursday & Easter vacation begins!

THANK YOU! A BIG Thank You to our current "Auction Night Level" Sponsors: Ashburn Asphalt, C2 Operations, Hope Faster, and NOVA Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics! *It's not too late to be a Sponsor* – we have several levels to choose! Please visit the STCS website for details, www.stsashburn.com, click 'Support/Auction.' Ticket information coming soon!

JACKPOT
STCS Annual Auction
May 22, 2021 | Live & Virtual!

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, Instructional Aide 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 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!

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." We must die to self to give more in our marriage. Learn how to be the best spouse possible by participating in a 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: RenewMarriageVANorth.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.

Discerning a Vocation
"He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him" The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is discerned through prayer and grace. Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514.

News from our Parish

Palm Sunday and Good Friday
Since we still have no books in the pews, you will find the readings on the parish website, by scanning a QR Code at the church entrances, or by bringing your own missal.

Looking to learn more about your faith?
This Spring we will be offering a class from the Catholic Way Bible Study on the Letter to the Hebrews. Classes will be done over Zoom from 7 PM to 8 PM on Thursdays. Classes will start on April 29th and run for 10 weeks. Cost is $20. Contact Linda DiMuzio at lpdimuzio@gmail.com to register.

Stations of the Cross
Stations of the Cross will be offered on March 26th at 7:30pm.

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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.

Welcome to the STCS (Virtual) Spring Book Fair!
We celebrate our faith and our readers by offering a wide array of books for all ages. Check out the new Reading Lists from special guests like Fr. Hudgins and Mrs. O'Malley, Easter-based publications, and updated teacher wish lists. Don't forget to support your Summer reader! You can find the Book Fair at https://www.bookwormcentral.com/school-online-store.php?id=7E79BC43-6327-4047-BC02-B0E0E81155F0&pro_id=&school_code=sttheresa. Thank you for supporting St. Theresa Catholic School.

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.

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Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Knights of Columbus

KOVAR: The Knights will be handing out tootsie rolls for KOVAR donations at all Masses March 27 and 28.

KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity that provides financial assistance to people with intellectual disabilities. This past year, KOVAR awarded a grant to the Special Olympics of Virginia in the amount of $448,597.

Monthly Food Drive: February's food drive was huge success. Many thanks to the parishioners, youth group, and Knights for successfully donating, sorting, and delivering 4,833 lbs. worth of food to the Catholic Charities Food pantry in Sterling. Your efforts truly make this program a successful one.

The food pantry is especially very appreciative of all the work that our teens (youth group) do to sort the food by categories and expiration year. Their hard work is greatly appreciated and is a significant contribution to the less fortunate in our community. 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:

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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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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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Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services -Drug Treatment Court has New Participants that are in need of the following items:
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5 Car Raffle plus 20 cash drawings totaling $20,000
Did you realize that each ticket has a chance to win cash drawings and 5 vehicles? When a winner is drawn, their name goes back into the drum for subsequent drawings. 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, co-workers, 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.

Daily Bread Donations
In need of breakfast bar donations for the prepared bags that they take to the shelter. Large peanut butter and grape jelly needed as well. 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

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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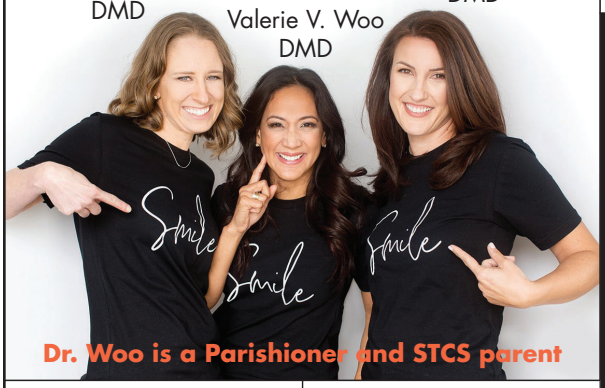
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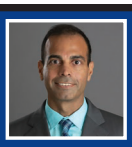
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