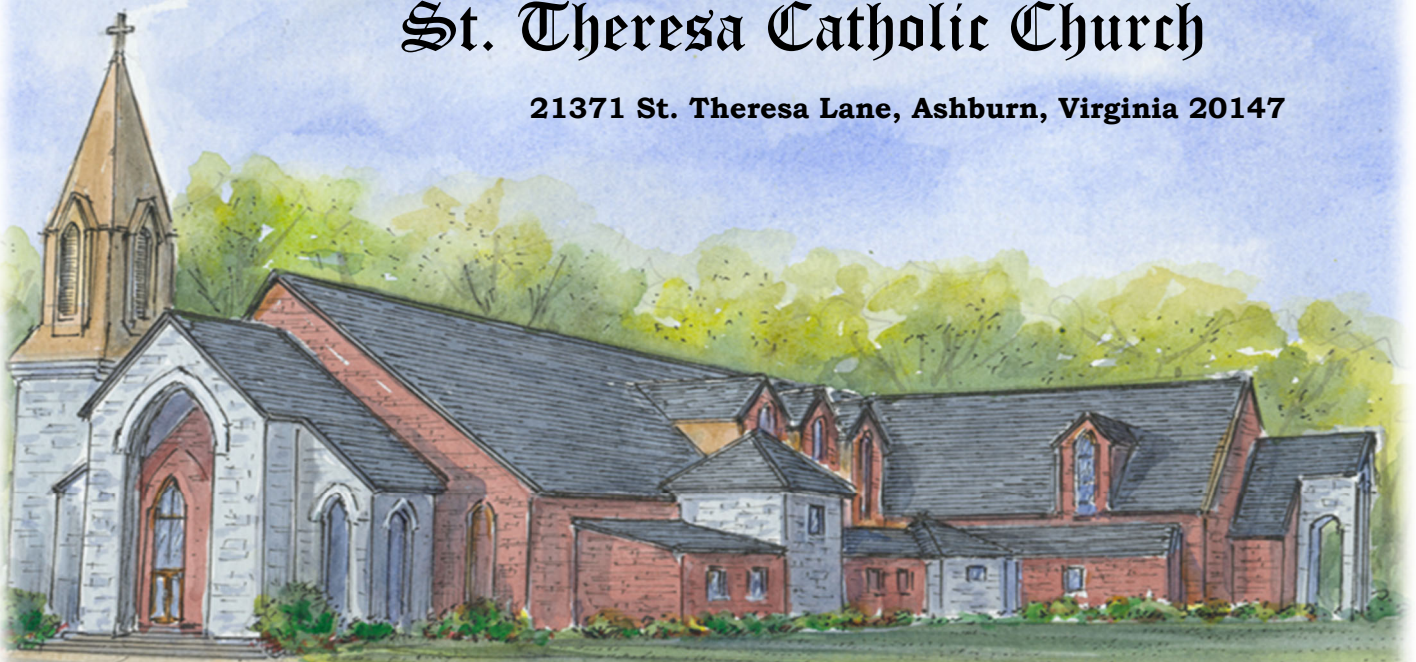


St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Mon, May 2	6:15— Miles Family, L & + 8:30— Joseph Michael Begley+
Tues, May 3	6:15— John Aulgur 8:30— Laurie Baron
Wed, May 4	6:15— Thuan Le+ 8:30— Jerome D'Souza+ 12:15— Go Chu+
Thurs, May 5	6:15—David Miles+ 8:30— Thuan Le+
Fri, May 6	6:15—Thuan Le+ 8:30—Patricia Carey+ 7:30— Kim Eldridge Ollinger+
Sat, May 7	8:30—Susanne King+ 5:30— Gerry Walsh+
Sun, May 8	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Stan Urynowicz+ 10:30— Leo St. Jean+ 12:30— Mothers Day Novena 5:00— Frances-Maria Pilaro+

Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday:	8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am 12:30 & 5:00pm
Weekdays:	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday Wednesdays: 12:15pm
Holy Days:	As announced
Holy Hour:	Wednesdays, 7pm
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: Anabelle Huster, Robert Wingblade, Russell Ramons, Martha Mason, John Forbes, Ruth Carradini, Mark Naftzger, Ann Hannah, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale, Danny Schmude, Jess Williamson, Matthew Albert Skubie, Barbara Orandello, Marcela Garcia, CJ Buechner, Nancye Pochick, Quinn Gorman, Michael Robertson, 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.

Prayers For Our Military: Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Colin Freyne, 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 Seliquni, 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.

A Word About Cremation

A few years ago, Pope Francis directed the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith to reiterate our consistent teaching about cremation, while clarifying certain questions that have arisen in recent years. Specifically, cremation of the deceased is permitted in the Catholic Church, but Pope Francis stressed the need to emphasize these three principles:

1. Cremated remains, must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority.
2. The conservation of the ashes of the deceased in a domestic residence is not permitted.
3. It is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea, or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.

Cremated remains should be treated with the same respect and reverence as bodily remains. For indeed, cremated remains are in fact what does remain of the body. While many people refer to them merely as “ashes,” they are remains of a human body and should be treated as such.

Why should cremated remains be interred? Simply stated, no human being is ever a private possession. Both in life and in death, they remain a member of the human community. To keep cremated ashes in one’s home is to deny this reality, almost as if the deceased has become a private memento. Furthermore, a healthy grieving process involves acknowledging the full reality of the loss of death. Placing the deceased’s remains into a mausoleum or cemetery is an enormous help in accepting the reality of death and moving on, in God’s providence. In a sense, the greatest loss occurs when ashes are scattered with no gravesite whatsoever. A specific grave, with a name and dates of birth and death, is a tremendous help to the grieving process of the living.

This is true not only for the family of the deceased, but for all of us. Try to imagine a world without cemeteries, in which no one interred the deceased. What an incalculable loss to all of us that would be. Cemeteries remind us all of the importance of life, by reminding us of the reality of death. Without speaking a single word, each tombstone teaches the world the deepest wisdom of all—*tempus fugit*. Time flies. The days of our lives are incalculably precious.

If you are planning a funeral, please remember the importance of interring the deceased. It's not only the “Catholic” thing to do, it's the right thing to do.

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



Fr. Hudgins

Bulletin Deadline: Friday 2pm (9 days prior to publication)

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Women’s Discipleship Group

Meets every Wednesday Morning from 9:30-10:30am for Lectio Divina and from 10:45-11:45am for spiritual book reading. Our focus is the Mass reading for the upcoming Sunday and a spiritual book selected by our spiritual director Deacon Matthew Noah.

Parish women of all ages are cordially invited to explore a spiritual relationship with Jesus through Lectio Divina and our current book of inspirational reflection.

For more information contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

Interested in learning about the Legion of Mary?

Two Legion of Mary groups meet at different times. Check the website for information, or be our guest at any Legion meeting held on Wednesday, 7:15pm; or Saturday 9:15am.

How to Register to be a Parishioner of St. Theresa Catholic Church

In the sacramental life of the Church, Catholic faithful will need to prove residency in a parish. Registration with the parish office allows us to track your sacramental data and keep you connected with the life of the church.

In order to register, come to the parish office Monday – Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm to fill out a registration card. Yellow registration cards can also be obtained at all of the Church entrances – these can be mailed to the parish or given to an usher during a church liturgy.

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

Upcoming Youth Group Events:

May:

Sunday, the 1st –Parish Food Transport & Sort after 8:45am & 5pm Masses (about an hour)

Monday, the 2nd –Complete the Food Sort, 7pm Louis Martin Room, (about 1.5 hours)

Tuesday, the 3rd –Load Donated Food for transport to Food Pantry, 6:30-7pm

Adult Volunteers Needed - We are looking for sincere, motivated, and willing adults who would like to help out with our Parish youth. All volunteers need to be compliant - having a background clearance check and having completed a mandatory Child Protection Course (Virtus). Contact Paul Dwyer, ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com.



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? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. For details contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at connie@sainttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.



Saint Theresa Catholic School

STCS Parents, see the **Thursday Thunder Newsletter** for information on important dates and events, including:

- Tuesday, May 3**—
1:30pm dismissal for Professional Development; STCS 2nd grade First Holy Communion practice
- Wednesday, May 4-11**—
Spring Book Fair
- Friday, May 6**—
STCS Middle School Dance

St. Theresa Catholic School's Annual PTO Auction, "The Roaring Twenties" is on Friday, May 20, 2022!

Our auction thrives on the generosity and kindness of our parishioners, parents, and alumni -- and we can't do it without you! Would you like to sponsor, donate, or attend the event? Information is on the school website, www.stsashburn.com (click Support/ Auction) or email stsauction@stsashburn.com. Thank you for supporting STCS!

Openings at St. Theresa Catholic School (STCS): STCS still has openings in a few grades for the 2022-23 school year.

For more information visit our website, www.stsashburn.com, (click 'Admissions') or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotelld@stsashburn.com.

St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for a **School Counselor, Part-time Middle School Math Teacher, Extended Day Care staff, and Substitute Teachers**. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.



STCS Middle School made blankets for Ukrainian refugees



Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

News from our Parish

St. Zelig Moms Group

Mothers of the Parish, we are starting up the St. Zelig Moms Group. Please join us every Tuesday, starting May 3rd, from 9:30-11am for faith and fellowship in Zelig 2&3 in the parish building. All moms welcome, regardless of the age of your children. Contact Christine Brooks at christinenkids@gmail.com for more information.

Ushers Needed

Would you like to serve the Church as an usher? St. Theresa's Usher Ministry is looking for volunteers. We are excited and grateful to welcome you, both men and women! Contact StTheresaUshers@gmail.com if you are interested.

We're Hiring

St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for a **School Counselor, Part-time Middle School Math Teacher, Extended Day Care staff, and Substitute Teachers**. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Please consider supporting the American Red Cross at our next St. Theresa blood drive on Friday, May 6th, from 12-5:30 pm. (Please note this drive is NOT on a Saturday). As always, your help will save lives!

To register online: Please go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StTheresaChurch>. If you have ANY difficulty, please e-mail Colleen Dwyer at colleen-home87@gmail.com or call 703.969.3667 & she will register you. The Red Cross is extremely grateful to the very generous St. Theresa parishioners for their continued support.

Catholic Charities Parish Liaison

Network Meeting on Zoom - May 4 - Shatter the Stigma

All are welcome to join us on Zoom on Wednesday, May 4, from 10-11:30am to hear a panel of Mental Health Professionals from Catholic Charities Office of Family Services demystify the topic of mental health and raise awareness of how you can provide mental health support to the people of

your parish and community. Please register in advance for this free event at: bit.ly/May4PLN. Questions? Please contact volunteer@ccda.net.

Young at Heart Club Social Club Men and Women (55 and over)

Wednesday, **May 18th** after 12:15 Mass. We meet in the Admin. Bldg. Located across from the Church Spring Salad Luncheon and Pie Baking Contest –Please bring your favorite salad, tuna, chicken, egg, potato, tossed green, or fruit salad to share. Our club will provide rolls, bread, condiments, pickles, chips and drinks. The activity will be a "Homemade Pie Contest". So get out those recipes and make a pie. There will be 3 prizes awarded for best overall pies. Fr. Barnes will be one of the judges. After judging is done we will eat the pies for our dessert. Please sign up to bake a pie. The more entries the more pie we get to eat. Good luck to our pie makers! Any questions please contact Grace Breighner @gracejb18@aol.com or call 703.729.7044. New people ALWAYS WELCOME to come visit us to see what we are all about.

Current Vacant Adoration Slots

Critical Need

No Adorer	Monday	2:30am
Scheduled	Friday	4:00am

Urgent Need

No Adorer for	Tuesday	2:30am
First Half Hour	Saturday	2:30am

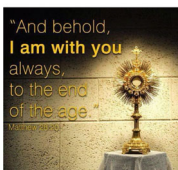
Second Adorer Needed

One Adorer already for these time slots but need one more Adorer.

If you can sign up for one of these available slots, it would be greatly appreciated.

To sign up, go to:

<http://sainttheresa.letusadore.com>



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
12:00am	1:00am	12:00am	12:30am	12:30am	12:30am	1:00am
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Note: We have a very active group of adoration substitutes. The Adoration Schedule online system allows users to cancel commitments from time-to-time to allow for vacation, sickness or other possibilities that may prevent attendance. In those instances, substitute adorers will provide one-time coverage



Knights of Columbus

Support Ukraine: The KofC Ukraine Solidarity Fund is accepting donations that will help provide shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, etc., to the besieged people of Ukraine. One hundred percent of your donations go toward the charity. You can make your check out to "Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc." and write "Ukraine Solidarity Fund" in the memo line. Mail your check to: Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT, 06510-1966. Or use the link or QR code below to donate online. Thank you for your support.

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/ukraine.html>



Food Drive: The Knights are holding the April food drive for the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling. Last month, you kindly donated 6,459 pounds of food and monetary donations. Please keep the generosity up by returning your blue bag this weekend (Apr 30/May 1). Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items.

Thanks for your help, we are successful because of your great efforts. If you did not pick up a blue bag last weekend, no problem, we also accept grocery bags and cash donations, including grocery gift cards. .

The food list can be found at <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/loudoun-food-pantry-2>, or scan:



Pancake Breakfast: Our next Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, May 15. Join your fellow parishioners in the St. Theresa School cafeteria for a hearty breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, potatoes, and sausage. Profits will benefit Work Camp.

Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you need help in completing a small home repair that you cannot complete yourself or that may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! Projects can involve carpentry plumbing, electrical, painting, and/or the installation of a new appliance. Please submit your request on our website at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

[louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services](https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services).

Call for Handyman Crew Volunteers:

Are you available to volunteer as a handyman for those in need? The volunteers of the St. Louis Martin Council of the Knights of Columbus are available to complete small home repairs for the benefit of those in need who are physically incapable of performing the work, or for whom the hiring of a professional is cost prohibitive. Typical projects include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work alongside brother knights in support of a worthy cause. What do you get in return? A smile and a thank you from the people you helped. Learn more here: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? Find our Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs>. Read the latest issue (March 2022) of our Council's Quarterly Newsletter by scanning here:



News Around the Diocese

Infertility Support Ministry

Are you a Catholic couple suffering from infertility and find Mother's and Father's day especially difficult? You are NOT alone and support is here. Join us **Thursday, May 5th**, 7-9pm in Fellowship Hall, in the main church, at St. John the Apostle in Leesburg, for the first meeting of the new Infertility Group at St. John's. For more information and to RSVP contact: infertilitysupport@stjohnleesburg.com

Ukraine Assistance

Direct giving through these organization(s) will provide much needed assistance in a most timely manner.

Links:

Catholic Relief Services: <https://www.crs.org/>

Caritas International: <https://www.caritas.org/>

Catholic News Service: <https://www.catholicnews.com/update-where-to-give-to-help-ukraine/>

Separated or Divorced?

St. John's Separated and Divorced Ministry invites all separated or divorced Catholics in the area to their meetings every third Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at St. John's in

Leesburg. Please email separated@stjohnleesburg.com for more information.

Golf Tournament

St. Joseph Catholic Church 25th Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Save the date for the 2022 25th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 10th, 8:30am at Herndon Centennial. Open to all men, women, single players or foursomes. Registration is \$125 which includes greens fees, range balls, beer, soda, awards luncheon. Skill prizes, raffle prizes and fellowship. Call Tom Madden 703.674.9466 or t_madden@msn.com for details. Proceeds go to Paul McGuinness Memorial Scholarships, Embury Rucker Shelter and Knights of Columbus Programs.

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep

In-Person Only: May 12-15, Jun 16-19, Jul 21-24

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 so reserve your spot today! For more info visit ourladyofbethesda.org.

International Marian Tea

Ladies of all ages & from all parishes are invited Saturday, May 14th, Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, 11am-1pm. Reserve your seat, or a table...Cost is \$15 per person, Ladies under 6 and over 90 are free. Tables are for 6 to 8 ladies. To reserve, please make checks payable to Christ the Redeemer Church. Then mail to: Marie Kennedy, 11403 Fairfax Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066. Join us for...Savory Fare & Sweet Treats, Marian Procession, Rosary, Music, and of course, Tea! For Information: email: TheLittleWay1873@gmail.com or call, Marie Kennedy at 703.433.0864

Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC)

serves single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for various events: dancing; lunches; field trips; talks; dinner; annual picnic. For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

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Email: schooloffice@stsashburn.com
Fax: 703.729.8068

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

Sacraments

Sponsor Certificates

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

Baptisms

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class (preferably before the child's birth) held the first Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in a Conference Room in the Administration Bldg. You may schedule your child for the Sacrament of Baptism (held all Sundays 1:30pm) by visiting the Parish website under Faith, Sacraments, Baptism. Date is confirmed once all paperwork is received in the office (at least 2 weeks prior to the date of desired 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

Items needed: 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: •Deodorant (men & women) •Snacks: Nuts, protein bars, etc. • Body wash • Razors (men & women) •Shampoo & conditioner (Including African American hair products) •Socks-men & women's summer •\$10-20 Walmart/Target or grocery cards

If you are able to help with any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. Items can be dropped off preferably to the parish office. Please indicate LCMH on the item/bag. This program is making a difference in the lives of the participants. Case workers are working with them to be productive in society.

Giving others hope—Monetary Donations Occasionally we hear back from folks we have assisted and it's a blessing to hear how well they are doing. They are so thankful for the help they received to help them move forward. Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling families! We have assisted individuals/

families in need with over \$14,000. in March. There are struggling veterans, individuals and families due to domestic violence, disabilities, layoffs, medical issues and unforeseen circumstances that need help in moving forward.

Donations accepted online, or by mail or drop off to the parish office. Please indicate DMO in the memo of the check or on the envelope. To donate online go to the parish website <http://www.sainttheresaparish.com> and 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.

Parish Pantry Needs—We assisted with 25bags of food/toiletries and cleaning items in March. We are in need of the following items to help families in need: Cooking oil, canned stew, pop top cans of chicken or tuna, spaghetti sauce & pasta, nuts, protein or granola bars, toilet paper, dish-washing soap and toothpaste. Please drop off to the parish office.

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 need of help with meals

Furniture Ministry—accepting kitchen tables & chairs, small dressers and metal bed frames. 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.

Looking for more ways help? Sign up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. If you sign up 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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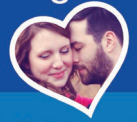
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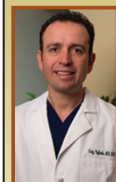
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