

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Masses for the Week

Mon, May 10	6:15— Mother's Day Novena 8:30— Frank J. DeMeo+
Tues, May 11	6:15— Thomas Ashton 8:30— Mother's Day Novena
Wed, May 12	6:15— Ann Taylor 8:30— Mother's Day Novena 12:15— Vernon & Anh Wong
Thurs, May 13	6:15— Mother's Day Novena 8:30— Justin McKay
Fri, May 14	6:15— Mother's Day Novena 8:30— William Ahlhauser+
Sat, May 15	8:30— Mother's Day Novena 5:30— Robert Mica+
Sun, May 16	7:30— Mary Jane Ballard+ 8:45— Betty Schmude+ 10:30— Mother's Day Novena 12:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 5:00— Diane Murtha+

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: Connie Williamson, Doug Schmude, Matthew Albert Skubie, Barbara Orandello, Jeff Peters, Kate Bresnahan, Leah Monteiro, Marcela Garcia, CJ Buechner, 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.

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.

Towards A Better Understanding of the Homily (Part I)

The homily is such an important and misunderstood part of the Mass that I decided it was best to write two bulletin columns on the subject. This week, let's consider what a homily is supposed to be.

A friend from college once boasted to me that he was "an expert homily critic." So I asked him in response, "Can you tell me, then, what a homily supposed to accomplish? What is the purpose of a homily in the Mass?" Suffice it so say, he was no expert! We can understand the purpose of a homily in two simple statements:

1) The purpose of the homily is to prepare the faithful to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with reverence and love.

Pope Francis said this well in *Evangelii Gaudium*: "The homily has special importance due to its Eucharistic context...as the supreme moment in the dialogue between God and his people which lead up to sacramental communion." (109)

Some expect the homily to be the priest's own editorial comment on the current events of the week. Some expect the homily to be a university lecture, fit for a classroom. Some expect the homily to condemn the evils they see in the lives of others, and in the world around them. But the central purpose of the homily at Mass is to help unite your soul to the grace of Jesus Christ, given in the Eucharist.

With that background, let's address another misconception. What should the homily draw from, as its subject matter? The General Instruction of the Roman Missal—the Church's "owner's manual" for how Mass should be celebrated—makes this clear:

2) The homily should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text of the Mass.

Although on occasion, the priest is instructed by the Bishop to preach on a particular subject, the usual subject of the homily is the readings and prayers of the Mass itself.

Can you see how these two ideas flow together perfectly? Drawing from the Word of God, your homilist tries to help you deepen your relationship with our Lord, and to prepare you to the supreme moment of the Mass which is the Eucharist.

There is much more to be said on this subject, but we will leave it until next week.

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



Fr. Hudgins

Pro-Life Corner

Baby Bottle Collection Next Week

Thank you to everyone who took baby bottles home last week to fill for Mosaic-Virginia. Please remember to return them next weekend to the baskets in the narthex. If you didn't get a bottle, don't worry. You can give on-line as well. Simply visit www.mosaic-virginia.org/bbc, click "Give" and then choose "St. Theresa Parish. Mosaic-Virginia is so grateful in our support of helping mothers choose life for their babies. Thank you so much!

Parish Morning of Reflection

On May 15, the Respect Life Committee in coordination with Gabriel Project and Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Morning of Reflection in the church. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Andi Pearson, from Silent No More, and Sr. Gemma Grace Marie, SV, a Sister of Life, will be offering talks regarding our spiritual battle against abortion and the culture of death. Beginning with the 8:30 mass and ending at noon, a full schedule

can be seen on the parish website as well as an opportunity to RSVP. The event will also be live-streamed. You may register at: <https://forms.gle/bGfuPkombbt29r1S7>



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

Mathew Rosenthal, Denise Nusom and Leonard Mello

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

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.

Upper Room Squad for High Schoolers—Sunday • May 16th • May 23rd, from 3-4:30pm All High Schoolers are encouraged to join

For all events:

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.

In-Line Hockey? Is your Middle Schooler/High Schooler interested in participating in a 'just for fun' in-line hockey gathering at Trailside Park? We would gather once every two weeks, sometime in the afternoon, during the summer months. Please use the QR Code below to access our simple interest survey. The details are still being worked out but we would meet at the park, play for an hour, and then gather near the rink and talk for 15 minutes about a faith topic for that day. We will not be providing personal equipment. There will be a small fee to cover the rink rental. This will not be about teaching in-line hockey or skating / game techniques - this is more a time to play, have fun, and show how participating in sports can glorify God. Please contact Paul Dwyer at ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com if you have any questions.



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)? 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 Protection 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.

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."
— St. Therese of Lisieux



Happy Mothers Day to all parish Moms!
St. Theresa Catholic School



Saint Theresa Catholic School

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

- Friday, May 21:** Half-day/ Professional Development
- Saturday, May 22:** STCS Annual Auction (in-person & virtual)
- Thursday, May 27:** Band Concert
- Friday, May 28:** Half-day

ALL are invited to join us virtually for the first-ever "hybrid" STCS Annual Auction! A limited number of in-person tickets have sold out, but we hope you'll join us for a fun and interactive evening from the comfort of your home on Saturday, May 22! Purchase a virtual ticket and view all of the incredible auction items (trips, experiences, dining, & more!) on the school website ("Support STCS"/ Auction)...and get ready for a fantastic evening to support our school

Join our joyful team! St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for a Middle School Counselor (part-time), Middle School Math Teacher (part-time), Middle School Language Arts Teacher, Extended Day Care Director, Instructional Aide, Resource Aide, and Substitute Teachers. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references (for teaching positions, also include sample lesson plans) to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.

News from our Parish

Young at Heart (55+ Older)

Finally, after such a long time, we are going to have a social meeting outside in St. Theresa's Courtyard (located between the Adm. Bldg. and School Front entrance) on Tuesday May 18th from 11:30am to 1:30pm. RAIN dates Wed. May 19th or Thursday May 20th.

Please bring your own lunch. Our Club will provide bottles of water and individually wrapped desserts. It will be FUN to catch up with each other. Not a member, no worries please come as everyone is welcome to attend. There will NOT be a charge for this meeting. Questions, contact Grace Breighner e-mail gracejb18@aol.com or call Grace 703.729.7044.

We're Hiring

St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for a Middle School Counselor (part-time), Middle School Math Teacher (part-time), Middle School Language Arts Teacher, Extended Day Care Director, Instructional Aide, Resource Aide, and Substitute Teachers. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references (for teaching positions, also include

sample lesson plans) to HR@saintthereseparish.com.

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 on-line 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 June 6, July 4, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, and Dec 5, 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.

Latin Mass

The next Latin Mass will be Saturday, May 29th, 8:30am

Financial Peace University (Dave Ramsey) - begins May 13, 2021 at 7pm Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went! Join our virtual Financial Peace University class and learn to make a budget you'll actually stick to. We meet online, so you won't even have to leave home. Visit fpu.com/1137174 to sign up for my class and start your 14-day free trial of Financial Peace! Class starts Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 7pm. Zoom classes are held every Thursday at 7pm to July 8, 2021.

The cost is \$129 to continue through the 9 weeks which includes access to online resources, workbooks, and templates for 1 year. Any questions, contact Deborah at deborahaleben@gmail.com or 703.217.4583. If you are returning for a few refresher classes, contact me for details. More about the program here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fc6XUpVcdg&feature=youtu.be>



Knights of Columbus

Food Drive: Thank you for donating to the April Knights of Columbus Food Drive. Your actions and the volunteers from the Knights of Columbus and Youth Group continue to make this program successful.

The collection for the month of May will take place on the weekend of May 22-23. Please pick up a blue bag on May 15-16 and return it on May 22-23. If a blue bag is unavailable, take a flyer. Grocery bags, cash donations as well as gift cards are accepted. Thanks for your support! Have a great Memorial Day weekend!! Learn more about our food donation program here: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org//st-lucy-project-food-drive>. **Or scan here:**



Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? Read-up

on our most Frequently Asked Questions at <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs>. **Or scan:**



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 depend-

ency. 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. **Join here:** <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Or scan:



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

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>.

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

News from the Diocese

Scholarship Opportunities

The Associates of St. John Bosco offers scholarships to undergraduate students who demonstrate an intense desire to serve the Church in some capacity after graduation. They are pleased to offer three scholarships in the amount of \$3,500 and one scholarship, the Vincent T. Vaccaro Education Scholarship, in the amount of \$5,000 to a student who will be engaged in education or work with young adults after college. The application is due May 18th. For more information, please visit: <https://www.asjb.org/scholarship-program>

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women

Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is Friday-Sunday, June 18-20. The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia will be leading the retreat this year, which will aim to help you know yourself and discover the amazing woman God has created you to be. It will also include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, as well as opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual direction and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$60 (financial assistance is available). For more info or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is Friday June 4.

Summer Fun, Faith, Food in the Park

A Call to Leadership, Sat., May 29, 2021, 9am-5pm. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary to be held at Holy Trinity Jubilee Park Inc. located at 4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin, Virginia 20143. Open to all Catholics ages 19-39. Join us for an exciting day with Holy Mass, Benediction, Confession, uplifting talks, two hours of exciting ropes & obstacle games, bonfire, and group discussion activities. The speakers are: Fr. Francis Peffley and Fr. Joseph Farrell. The fee of \$35 includes food, fun activities, faith-filled talks, ropes activities, group sharing, and other religious activities. Mark your calendar and register before May 15, 2021. For registration forms or to inquire about the retreat, call Dr. Seggy Acosta at 703.392.6420, Maureen Earner 703.622.9293. You may visit www.holytrinityjubileepark for registration forms. See you there!

T.E.A.M. Retreat: Inflaming the Faith Among Teens

Saturday, June 12, 2021, 9am-5pm
The Teenage Enrichment for the Apostles of Mary (T.E.A.M. Retreat) is sponsored by the Legion of Mary to be held at Holy Trinity Jubilee Park Inc. located at 4407 Aldie Road, Catharpin, Virginia 20143. It is open to all Catholics from ages 12 - 18. Come and join us for an exciting day with Holy Mass, Benediction, Confession, Eucharistic Procession, uplifting talks, skits, and three hours of exciting activities. The speakers are: Rev. John Melmer and Rev. Peter McShurley
The fee, which includes lunch and refreshments, is \$30 per person, \$50 per family of 2 or more children, and \$35 for late registration after May 30. Bring a mask, water, rosary and bug spray. Participants will have opportunities to meet new friends, have fun, learn strong Catholic values, and more particularly, be drawn closer to God. Mark your calendar and register early. To obtain registration forms or to inquire about the retreat, call Dr. Seggy Acosta at 703.392.6420, Dr. Christine Wilson at 571.274.6923. Scholarships are available based on financial needs. You may visit www.holytrinityjubileepark for registration forms. See you there!

An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing

for women who have experienced abortion will be held September 25, 2021, 9 am to 5 pm. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. For more info and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: 703.841.2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Upcoming Events at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep

Jun 24-27 (Virtual Only)
May 6-9, Jun 10-13 (In-Person Only)
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.

Take a Personal "Retreat" Day

Jun 11, Jul 23 (In-Person Only)
Are your days overcrowded, jam-packed, and busy, busy, busy? Jesus tells you to "Come away with me..." to Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center where your very own personal retreat awaits. During your personal retreat, from 8:30am-4pm, an experienced retreat director will guide you to a place of rest with Christ. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus continental breakfast and lunch, so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$120 per person. Registration is required.

Attend a Retreat From Wherever You Are! Virtual Spiritual Retreat

May 14-16 ~ Virtual Easter Retreat ~ Led by Fr. Daniel Brandenburg, LC
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 social media, work demands and Netflix to find new focus in your life through a personal encounter with Christ. Experience the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises from your own home for only \$75 per person. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Virtual Place to Encounter Christ!

Marriage Workshop: Strengthening Your Love Marriage Renewal Workshop

May 22-23, 2021 (In-Person Only)
A Christ-centered weekend designed to offer practical tools that can help foster effective communication and emotional closeness in your marriage. Make your marriage thrive, not just survive! The expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests who will offer their expertise and experience, plus they will be on hand the entire weekend to offer individual consultation, upon request. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: \$400 per couple.

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. See our website for more details about measures to limit exposure to illness, details about the program and links to register:
www.ourladyofbethesda.org

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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

Monetary Donations. 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 help.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Volunteers for the Bed Ministry

It's rewarding to assist families in need. Consider taking a short time out of your day to bring some light into another's life. New boxed mattresses and boxed platforms fit into a midsize vehicle.

- The mattress box is less than 4' H x 2' W x 2' L
- The platform (bed frame) eliminates the need for a box spring

Interested in helping contact Bea Craig at 571-439-0364 or beds@sainttheresaparish.com

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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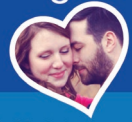
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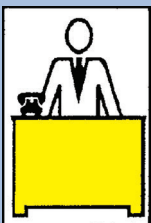


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