

St. Theresa Parish **Parish** **Picnic**



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October 2nd 2:00 – 6:00



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POC:
Bill Lehner
bill99co22@hotmail.com

Masses for the Week

Mon, Sept 26	6:15— Dean & Christine Young 8:30— Mark & Marcy Gonczy 12:15— Ryan Lutton
Tues, Sept 27	6:15— Religious Ed Students 8:30— Anthony Nguyen Tram+
Wed, Sept 28	6:15— Chester Crow+ 8:30— Mary Kathryn Hogan+ 12:15— Paul Tran+
Thurs, Sept 29	6:15—Mark Smego 8:30—Souls in Purgatory+
Fri, Sept 30	6:15— John Bannon+ 8:30—James Manalel
Sat, Oct 1	8:30— Maria Keran+ 12:00— Douglas Kendall+ 5:30— Irene Montemayor Ong+
Sun, Oct 2	7:30— Joseph Michael Begley+ 8:45— Stan Urynowicz+ 10:30— Lance McKay-Berry+ 12:30— Thomas Joseph McGann, Jr.+ 5:00— St. Theresa Parishioners

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
12:15pm, Mondays (except Federal Holidays)
and Wednesdays
Holy Days: As announced
Holy Hour: Wednesdays, 7pm
Confessions: Wednesdays, 9-9:30am
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
Reverend John F. O'Farrell, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Paul C. Konold
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

Prayers For The Sick: William F. Cashman, Keelan Griffen, Evan Sweeney, Helen Atallah, Nick Evers, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Haley Morris, Anabelle Huster, Russell Ramons, Martha Mason, John Forbes, Ruth Carradini, Mark Naftzger, Ann Hannah, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale, Danny Schmude, Jess Williamson, Nancye Pochick, Matthew Albert Skubie, Barbara Orandello, Marcela Garcia, CJ Buechner, Nancye Pochick, Michael Robertson, Celeste Hall, Donna Caulfield, Ethan Falciani, Mary Ann Lyons, Rosario Acot, Keith Waltower, Ben Thede, Eugene Prosack, Lynn Petrara.

Prayers For Our Military: Michael Cinnamon, Matthew Schierling, 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 Seliquini, Joseph Auler, Adam Parkinson, Jake Shelton, Patrick G. Fitzgerald, Sean Spurr, Jack Hayes, David and Katherine Bergeron, Christopher Martin, Thomas Gleason, Tony Mattice, David Lakey, Jim Murray, Keith Bittle, Michael McCurdy.

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Looking to learn more about your faith? This year we will be offering three different classes.

The Bible Timeline

A Catholic Bible study that can help anyone to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. This is a great class foundational class!

Tuesdays 7-8pm. Zoom. Starts Oct. 4th. Contact: Dana Stalcup at stalcupdana@gmail.com

Thursdays 7-8pm. In-Person. Starts Oct. 6th. Contact Deacon Noah at dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com

The Gospel of Matthew

Set in the rich context of Jesus' life, Matthew shows us who Jesus is and what His life and teachings mean for us today.

Wednesdays 7-8pm. Zoom. Starts Oct. 5th. Contact: Mark Scallion at markscallion20@gmail.com

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom

The Compelling Story of the First Christians, Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom, traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem, and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root.

Wednesdays 7-8pm. Zoom. Starts Oct 5th. Contact: Andy Johnson at johnson.andrew7003@gmail.com

For all classes, additional details, sign-ups, and ordering information can be found at catholiceducation-foradults.org

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.

Who Were the Pharisees and Sadducees?

The Gospels we hear each Sunday are replete with historical references to a cultural milieu familiar to Jesus' time, but quite foreign to our own. Prominent among these are frequent references to the "Pharisees" and the "Sadducees." Let's make a brief study as to who these people were.

The Historical Context: To understand Pharisees and Sadducees, we must begin deep in Israelite history. In the year 587 BC, Jerusalem was conquered by the army of the Babylonians (present-day Iraq), and God's chosen people were carried away in chains to Babylon. It was a shocking reversal of the events of the Book of Exodus, in which the Israelites had been freed from slavery in Egypt and given a land of their own. The Israelites remained in exile in Babylon for fifty years before they could finally return home. After this terrible exile, the Israelites were resolute never to allow any such thing to happen again. To this end, two distinct strategies emerged. On one hand—those who believed wealth, political power, and accommodation with neighboring countries could guarantee their safety. On the other—those who believed God himself would protect them if only they strictly observed his commandments. The first group became known as the Sadducees. The second became known as Pharisees.

The Sadducees: The term Sadducee derives from Hebrew *sadduqim*, meaning "the just ones." The simplest lens through which to understand the Sadducees is that they were wealthy, well-connected, and decidedly secular. After the Israelites returned from Babylon, they rebuilt the Jerusalem Temple, which had been destroyed. Those who officiated in the rites of Temple tended to be persons of noble and priestly birth, wealth, and high-status. Generally speaking, these people became the Sadducees. Their wealth and prominence allowed them to hold administrative positions in government, leading to negotiations with the Greek and Roman authorities who ruled the ancient Mediterranean. Because it was expedient and profitable to do so, the Sadducees accommodated to Greek and Roman culture, often at the expense of fidelity to their own Jewish faith and heritage. Sadducees tended to minimize their faith so as to maximize their accommodation to the secular world. They believed only that which was clearly written in scripture, rejecting all traditional interpretations. Sadducees did not believe in angels, demons, or even life after death. The Judaism of the Sadducees ceased to exist in the 2nd century, and has not survived into the modern era.

The Pharisees: The term Pharisee derives from Hebrew *perusim*, meaning "those set apart."

The simplest lens though which to understand the Pharisees is that they were lower class merchants and business owners who wished to preserve their religious identity against foreign ideas. Pharisees believed scripture was to be understood literally, and that the Jewish faith should permeate every possible aspect of one's life. Unlike the Sadducees, the Pharisees believed in the books of Wisdom, the writings of the Prophets, and most especially, the unwritten traditions by which the scriptures should be interpreted. Pharisees believed in such supernatural realities as angels, demons, and life after death. While they believed in free will, they also believed God possessed foreknowledge of human destiny. Simple demographics dictates that because most Jews of Jesus' time were not wealthy or well-connected, most Jews were Pharisees. Although the hypocrisy of the Pharisees earns Jesus' harshest criticism in the Gospels, it shocks most Catholics to learn that Jesus himself was a Pharisee, as was St. Paul and most of the Apostles. Suffice it to say that not all Pharisees were corrupted! The spiritual line of the Pharisees continues to the present day in what we now call Hasidic Judaism.

Personally, I find it fascinating that, despite vast differences in both politics and religion, both Pharisees and Sadducees perceived Jesus as a threat, and conspired together to bring about his death on the cross.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

News Around the Diocese

Pregnancy Coffee Chat at Trinity House Cafe

Wednesday Sept. 28, 10-11:30am
Enjoy a cup of coffee, meet other pregnant mothers, and chat about all things pregnancy, birth, motherhood, and faith. Hosted by Maggie of Visitation Birth Doula. Kids welcome!

Life Chain in Leesburg

Respect Life Sunday is the first Sunday in October and as always the Life Chain in Leesburg will take place the same day. Participants will congregate

on King Street adjacent to St John the Apostle at 2pm on Sunday October 2. They will spread themselves along King Street up to the Court House. Signs will be provided or you may bring your own. The organizers' suggestion is that signs should reflect a loving, prayerful perspective on the value of all Life. We will have plenty of signs and this year have nice shirts for the first 50 children. Lawn chairs are welcome for those who cannot stand for the entire 90 minutes.

After Abortion Retreat

A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, October 15, 2022. This group healing event is held in a private and peaceful setting, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: 703.841.2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

News Around the Diocese Cont'd

Infant Memorial Service

An Interdenominational Infant Memorial Service will be held on Oct 8 at 7 pm at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 3700 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax VA 22030. Anyone who has lost a baby

due to abortion, miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, deceased embryos from fertility procedures, stillbirth, fatal perinatal diagnosis, death of a preemie baby and infant death is welcome to attend. Please email memori-

alservice@tepeyacobgyn.com to register. Registration is not required, but if done by Oct. 1 your baby will be recognized with a special gift.

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

September:

Sunday the 25th—Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am & 5pm Mass)

Monday the 26th—Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday the 27th—Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Wednesday the 28th—Teen Led Bible Study—8th through 12th grade, 6-7pm

October:

Sunday the 2nd—Parish Picnic, 1:30-4pm

Teen Led Scripture Study – 8th-12th graders are welcome to join starting September 14th from 6pm to 7pm. A

VIRTUS compliant adult will be present at each meeting but it will be a teen led scripture discussion. Teens will read and discuss a particular passage from scripture starting at the beginning of the Old Testament to learn more or begin to learn about Catholicism. Meetings will be in the Church Admin Building or in the courtyard (weather permitting). Come discuss current events, school events, or just things that every teen encounters each and every day. Please contact Paul Dwyer at ymofice@sainttheresaparish.com or signup at <https://tinyurl.com/teenledscripture>

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

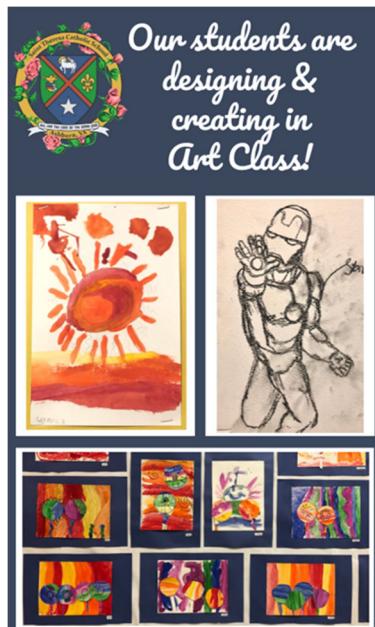
background clearance check and having completed a mandatory Child Protection Course (Virtus). Contact Paul Dwyer, ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com.



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.



Our students are designing & creating in Art Class!

The flyer features a circular emblem at the top left and two examples of student artwork: a colorful sun painting and a black and white drawing of a figure.

Below the artworks is a grid of nine smaller squares, each containing a different piece of student art.

STCS Parents, please read the **Thurs**-



day Thunder email every week for important information and dates, including:

Wednesday, Sept. 28—

PTO Parent Coffee

Thursday, Sept. 29—

All-school Mass & St. Theresa Feast Day celebration;
PTO Movie Night

Friday, Sept. 30—

No school, teacher work day

Saturday, Oct. 1—

Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux

Our annual Parish & School **White House Christmas Ornament** sale is opening soon! The ornaments will be "pre-order" only online or by check; complete details coming soon. The 2022 ornament is a beautiful gingerbread White House, and honors the

tradition of displaying a gingerbread house each Christmas in the State Dining Room. You won't want to miss this one! Proceeds go to the Friends of St. Theresa tuition assistance program.

Please re-link your Harris Teeter cards with St. Theresa Catholic School (STCS)! Parents, grandparents, alumni, parishioners, & friends, don't forget that each summer you need to re-link your Harris Teeter card. Visit www.harristeeter.com/together-in-education and use code #**5887**. You can also stop at the customer service desk in-store for help.

Back to School Shopping? If you shop on Amazon, choose **Ama-zonSmile and designate "St Theresa Parish School"** (Note: no period after "St") and Amazon will give back a portion of your purchase to our school. *Thank you for supporting STCS!*

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

News from our Parish

Parish Bingo!

Please join us for this fun family event on Friday **September 30th** at 6 pm! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and games will start at 6 p.m. Event will be hosted in the school gym. Reserve and pay for your bingo cards, pizza, and more - see parish website. Wear your favorite sports team clothing to receive a raffle ticket for a prize. Please reach out to demariava@hotmail.com should you have questions. Proceeds go to help families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach.

New Altar Server Training

For boys 4th grader and older. New servers, please come to two of the following trainings:

Thursday Sept. 29: 4-5pm

Friday Sept. 30: 4-5pm

Saturday Oct. 1: 10:30-11:30am

Please email Fr. Barnes to sign up.
frbarnes@sainttheresaparish.com

Trip to Ireland Raffle Tickets

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will be on hand in the narthex after all masses next weekend 1-2 Oct with their annual chance to "Win a trip for two to Ireland". Proceeds go to support local Catholic charities including scholarships to St. Theresa's school.

Festival of Trees Dec 3rd & 4th.

It's time again to start planning this fun annual raffle event. Anyone interested in donating a 3- 4 ft pre-lit, decorated, themed tree, wreath or basket please contact Mary Sinnott Email allthesinnotts@verizon.net. The proceeds help families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach. See parish website for more information.

We're Hiring

St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for a **Extended Day Care Staff and Substitute Teachers**.

To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.

The Bible Timeline for TEENS with Deacon Noah

The "Venture: The Bible Timeline for High School" by Ascension Press & Mark Hart is a Bible Timeline study that can help teenagers to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word.

Every Tuesday 7-8:30pm. Starts Oct. 11th and continues through November 19th – (8 Sessions) Contact: Paul Dwyer,
ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com or Deacon Noah,
dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com for

information on how to signup!!!! There is a \$20 fee for study materials.

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Blessing of the Animals

Tuesday, October 4, 2021 at 6:20pm, at the St. Theresa Statue by the church.

Feast of St. Theresa

A 12pm Mass will be offered on Sat Oct 1 in honor of our patroness St. Theresa.

Save the date

Annual Parish Trunk or Treat, October 28th, all are invited to participate. Trunks needed. Contact Katie Tinsley, kegrim99@gmail.com or Julie Pagano juliegrimpagano@gmail.com for questions.



Knights of Columbus

Food Drive: September's food drive takes place this weekend (September 24-25). No worries if you were unable to pick up a blue bag last week, you can still donate by bringing in unexpired items in grocery bags or make a cash donation by today's 5 pm mass.

For a complete list of priority items needed, please go to
<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/loudoun-food-pantry>
-2 or scan here:

You can always donate next month if you missed this month. Thanks for your ongoing support!

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>.

Pancake Breakfast: We had a great pancake breakfast on September 11 thanks to everyone who came out to help make it a success. Thank you! While we thought that the rainy weather was going to hurt turnout, we actually had the opposite, and we were able to collect nearly \$1300 in donations that will go to the Military Archdiocese.

We look forward to seeing you at the next breakfast on October 9!

Eucharistic Adoration: Before any big decision or event Jesus went alone to pray. That is a good example for us. So, before you make that big decision, you should spend some time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. Instead of always asking, take the time to let God speak to you. Sit

in the silence of the Adoration Chapel and wait for the Lord to speak to you. In addition to contemplative prayer, you could practice Lectio Divina, say the rosary, say other favorite prayers, or read a religious book. Our Adoration Chapel is open 24/7. The best time to make an hour commitment or just visit is when it is least crowded and most quiet, giving you a very special time to be alone with Jesus.

Spend an hour with Jesus and improve your mind, body, and spirit.

"Couldn't you watch with me even one hour?" MT 26:40

Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? See our most Frequently Asked Questions at <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs>. See what we're up to...read the latest issues of our Council newsletters by scanning here:



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Parish pantry Items needed—Cereal, soups, mac and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, tuna, rice and men's shavers. Please drop off to the parish office if possible. These items help families we are assisting

Bed ministry needs—If you can help, we are in need of new bed pillows to help families in need. Please drop off or ship to the parish office.

Thank you to those who have donated items! You are making a difference!

Furniture Ministry—accepting kitchen tables & chairs, small dressers and metal bed frames. Contact our coordinator, Una Giachinta, 571.217.7551 or furniture@sainttheresaparish.com to help or donate.

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.

The Visitation Ministry—Are you HOMEBOUND? We have wonderful parishioners who would love to visit you or if you are not comfortable with a home visit at this time, they will call you! If you need help with an errand or would like someone to pray with you, let us know. If you are looking to volunteer, please contact us as well. Claudia Lewis at 703.431.8670 or email her at cewis825@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 arrival of a new baby, illness or a medical situation in the immediate family...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

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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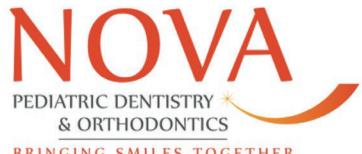
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