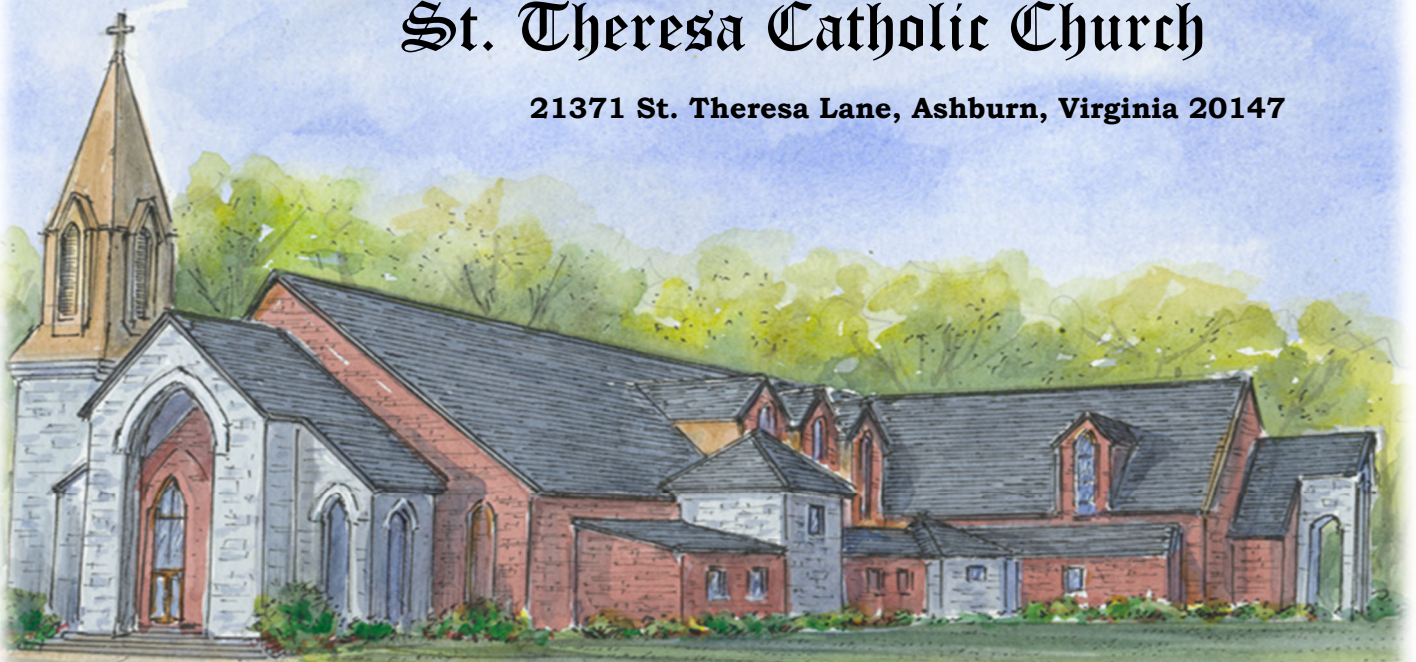


St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



November 14, 2021

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Mon, Nov 15	6:15— John Lanh & Carola Kha+ 8:30— Michael Ferrier+
Tues, Nov 16	6:15— Bridget Miles 8:30— Laura Manzer
Wed, Nov 17	6:15— NETS 8:30— Isabella Hammer+ 12:15— Attahasio Iachetti+
Thurs, Nov 18	6:15— Rolando Santos+ 8:30— Joseph H. Boss+
Fri, Nov 19	6:15— John & Donna Manzer 8:30— Marilyn Anzelmo+
Sat, Nov 20	8:30— Carola KHA for all souls+ 5:30— Anh Wong
Sun, Nov 21	7:30— Carla Ashton+ 8:45— Handmaid of the Lord Praesidium 10:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 12:30— Frank J. DeMeo 5:00— Frank & Margaret Tesoriere+

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: Ann Hannah, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale, Danny Schmude, Jess Williamson, Doug Schmude, Matthew Albert Skubie, Barbara Orandello, Jeff Peters, Leah Monteiro, Marcela Garcia, CJ Buechner, Nancye Pochick, Quinn Gorman, Michael Robertson, Nickalus Shalin, Celeste Hall, Donna Caulfield, Ethan Falciani, Mary Ann Lyons, Rosario Acot, Keith Waltower, Ben Thede, Eugene Prosack, Lynn Petrarra, John Spriggs, George Morelos, Carol Logue, MaryEllen Back, Apryl Binder, Carole Davidson, Cheryl Grieve, Rita Giunta, Maria Giunta, Danny Bessette.

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 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.

The Mass in Slow Motion, Concluded... The Prayer After Communion, Dismissal, and Final Blessing

Let's continue looking closely at the Mass, as we have in past weeks. Last time, we looked at the basic guidelines for receiving the Eucharist. This week, let's finish up by looking at the Prayer After Communion, the Dismissal, and the Final Blessing.

Prayer After Communion

If you have gathered together in God's name as a part of the family of the Church...heard the Word of God proclaimed from the pulpit and explained in the homily...offered your life to God's care and protection on the altar during the Eucharistic Prayer...prayerfully received the Eucharist, which is no less than the person of Jesus Christ himself—if you have done all of that at the Mass, you're still not quite ready to leave yet. Not without saying "thank you" to God, and asking him to extend his grace from the body of the Church to the whole of your life. That's the intention the priest prays for when he offers the Concluding Prayer, also known as the Prayer after Communion. Personally, our experience of Mass is never the same from one week to the next. Some weeks the readings, the music, or the homily will move us, and other weeks we may feel little to nothing at all. During the Prayer After Communion, the priest places the entire Mass in God's hands—everything we've prayed for—and asks that the grace we have received will bear fruit in our lives. For this reason alone, it's worth paying careful attention to the Prayer After Communion. It puts into God's protective care the love and grace we take with us as we leave the Mass, regardless of how well we have prayed up until that moment.

Dismissal

Have you ever wondered where the word "Mass" comes from? The word has its origin in the in the old rite of the Mass, in which the final words the priest speaks to the people were, "Ite missa est." Literally, the words mean, "Go, it's a mission!" So, the word "Mass" means "mission." In the new translation of the Mass, the words of dismissal may take any number of different forms, (my personal favorite is, "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life,") but regardless of the words the priest chooses, we should remember the reason for the dismissal. Christ has given us a "mission" to go out the doors and put into practice the truth we have heard and the grace we have received.

Final Blessing and Recessional

A "blessing" is a solemn act by which a person is consecrated to God's care and protection. In the final blessing, the priest effectively tells us, "your soul belongs to God, and your life is under his care." That's why the final blessing at Mass is so badly needed in our lives. The blessing is doubly helpful when we receive it devoutly and prayerfully. This is the reason you must never leave Mass early. Anyone who leaves Mass early misses the blessing. We live in a world of spiritual danger, in which we are at war with forces beyond our human strength. The blessing of a priest at the end of Mass is a kind of strong spiritual armor we can't afford to live without.

And now, I've finally come to the very end of my explanation of the Mass. I hope you've enjoyed this little instruction, but more importantly, I hope it helps you to pray better every time you come here.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

November 28th bulletin submissions due by 12pm Tuesday November 16

December 19th bulletin submissions due by 12pm Tuesday December 7

December 26th bulletin submissions due by 12pm Monday December 13

January 2, 2022 bulletin submissions due by 12pm Monday December 20

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:

November:

Saturday, the 20th – Rock Squad– Middle School Youth Group led by High Schoolers. 2-3:45pm

Sunday, the 28th– Parish Food Transport & Sort after 8:45am & 5pm Masses (about an hour)

Monday, the 29th– Complete the Food Sort, 7pm Louis Martin Room, (about 1.5 hours)

Tuesday, the 30th– Load Donated

Food for transport to Food Pantry, 6:30-7pm

Adult Volunteers Needed - Youth Ministry is looking for sincere, motivated, and willing adults who would like to help out with our Parish youth. We have all sorts of roles and we know we can find a great fit for anyone willing to answer the call to work with our Youth. Saint JPII instructed our youth, "young people, do not be afraid to be holy!". We would love for you to join us as we walk alongside the amazing young people of our Parish family. All volunteers need to be compliant - having a background clearance check and having completed a mandatory Child Protection Course (Virtus – Protecting God's Children).

Please contact Paul Dwyer for details at 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.



TODAY!

St. Theresa Catholic School

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021

1:45pm

Presentation at 2:00pm

Learn more about our wonderful Parish school and how Catholic education can make a difference in



your child's life! Please join us for our **Open House on Sunday, November 14**, to see the St. Theresa Catholic School difference! Presentation at 2:00pm followed by tours. For information on our admissions process, visit our website, www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions") or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotelld@stsashburn.com. We hope to see you November 14!

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

•Sunday, November 14:

STCS Open House; Discover Catholic Schools Week

•Friday, November 19:

Picture Re-takes

•Wednesday, November 24 –

Tuesday, November 30:

Thanksgiving Break

STCS is accepting applications for Substitute Teachers and Extended Day Care staff. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.



Shop for the Holidays & Support STCS!

When you shop on Amazon, please use Amazon Smile – they'll donate a portion of your purchase to STCS. Go to www.amazon.com and choose "St Theresa Parish School" from the list of charitable organizations. **Note: no period after "St"**

Link your Harris Teeter VIC card in-store with St. Theresa School using code # 5887.

We are grateful for your support!

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Women's Discipleship Group

Meets every Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:30am on Zoom for Lectio Divina. Our focus is the scriptural readings for the upcoming Sunday

celebration of the Mass.

Parish women of all ages are cordially invited to explore a spiritual relationship with Jesus through the practice

of Lectio Divina and spiritual readings.

For more information, contact Flo Rid-dock at 719.671.5610 or friddoc@gmail.com.

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703.729.2287

News from our Parish

Advent Calendar and Candle Sale!

Prepare for the coming of Christ with your family, and support our teens going to Diocesan WorkCamp, by participating in our Advent Calendar and Candle Sale! The Youth Ministry office will be selling boxed sets of Advent candles as well as chocolate and paper Advent calendars after all Masses **this weekend and November 20/21**. Thank you for your support!

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Sweet Treats are Needed for Festival of the Trees on December 4th and 5th. Please join us for a weekend full of fun Christmas Activities-Raffle of beautifully appointed Trees, Wreaths, and Gift Baskets, as well as Live Nativity and Choral Music by St. Theresa School Children's Choir, and St. Nick Treats. To add to the fun, The Festival Committee is gathering

donations of Pre-packaged Christmas Treats for the St Nick gift bags. Donations are being collected the weekends of 11/13 and 14, and 11/20 and 21. The collection box will be located at the Ticket Sale Table at Church. Any questions contact Mary Sinnott-allthesinnotts@verizon.net

Young at Heart Club

Men and Women (55 and over) **WEDNESDAY, NOV 17th – Thanksgiving Meal and Social.** We meet in the admin building after attending 12:15 Mass. Everyone brings a dish to share. If you do not want to bring an item, you can pay \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the ham and turkey. Entertainment by St. Theresa School Students out in the courtyard. **RSVP BY SUNDAY NOV. 14th** by emailing Grace Breighner at gracejb18@aol.com or call 703.729.7044. New people are Always welcome to join us!!!

Pro-Life Green Sale

The annual Pro-Life Green Sale in support of A Woman's Choice will be held following all Masses on **November 27 & 28**. Decorate your home and doors with beautiful and fragrant large wreaths and sprays. Advent candles and candle holders will also be available. A Woman's Choice is a non-profit pro-life organization that provides many services to women concerning their pregnancy, e.g. information on abortion, adoption and

pregnancy; providing infant through toddler clothing/supplies; counseling for women of past abortions. They now have 2 locations in Falls Church and Herndon. So, beautify your home and at the same time support one of the Church's most important ministries. Only checks and cash please.

Interested in learning about the Legion of Mary?

Three 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; Friday 10am, or Saturday 9:15am.

We're Hiring

St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for Substitute Teachers and Extended Day Care staff. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.

Book Fair

The St. Theresa School Library will be hosting a Book Fair Sunday, **December 4th** in the School Library after all Masses. What a great way to start Christmas shopping, and support our Catholic School at the same time! The Book Fair will be open during the Festival of Trees. Feel free to stop by before, during, or after the Festival. God bless you and thank you for your support!

News from the Diocese

EnCourage: Help for the parents of children experiencing sexual identity confusion

The Diocese of Arlington is starting a support group for the parents of children aged 22 and younger who are reporting gender dysphoria or have embraced a "trans" or "non-binary" identity. The group is part of the En-Courage apostolate. Facilitated by psychologist Dr. Frank Moncher and Fr. Stephen Schultz, the group will meet in person monthly.

Please email encourage@arlingtondiocese.org or call 571.732.1011 to speak with Fr. Schultz and get information about the meetings.

2021 Novena with Bishop Burbidge for Couples Struggling with Infertility, Miscarriage and Infant Loss

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant loss.

The novena begins on **December 4th and concludes on December 12**, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Bishop Burbidge will also be offering a Mass for this intention in his private chapel.

To submit your intentions and to find the novena prayers, visit OurFruitfulLove.com

Nar-Anon

The Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by a friend's or family member's addiction. As a twelve-step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Please join us for an evening of support and recovery; you're only a stranger until you walk through the door.

For more information, contact Deacon Noah at dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com. Weekly meetings are held on Mondays, 7-8pm, Christ the Redeemer Church in Sterling; Thursdays, 7-8pm, Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

Current Vacant Adoration Slots

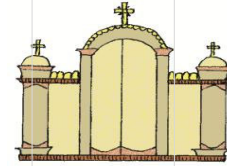
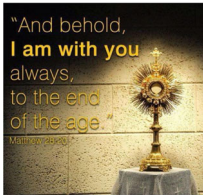
Critical Need

No Adorer	Saturday	2:30am
Scheduled	Sunday	4:30am

Urgent Need

No Adorer for	Saturday	11:30pm
First Half Hour	Tuesday	2:30am

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One Adorer already for these time slots but need one more Adorer.	12:00am	12:00am	12:00am	1:00am	12:30am	12:30am	12:30am
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	2:00am	2:00am	2:00am	3:30am	2:30am	2:30am	2:30am
	3:00am	3:00am	3:00am	5:00am	3:30am	3:30am	3:30am
If you can sign up for one of these available slots, it would be greatly appreciated.	4:00am	4:00am	4:00am	6:00am	4:30am	7:30am	5:00am
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Knights of Columbus

KofC Degree Ceremony: Monday, 15 November 2021: Saint Louis Martin Council is hosting a degree ceremony in St. Theresa Church at 7:30 PM on 15 November. Ceremony participants, Council Knights, family members and guests are invited to observe this 40-minute ceremony. Participants, new Council members and existing members (wanting to advance to third degree) should confirm their attendance ahead of time by contacting the Council Chancellor at kofc15256@googlegroups.com

Our next Pancake Breakfast will be this Sunday, November 14, following all morning Masses. Proceeds will go to our Military Archdiocese. On the menu: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, potatoes, coffee, and juice. Please join us for breakfast along with your families in support of a good cause!

Food Drive: Last month our generous parishioners donated 4,041 pounds of food. Thank you to the parishioners, volunteers, and especially the youth

group for donating food, sorting items, and transferring them to the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling. Your kindness and time make this program highly successful! The final collection of the calendar year will take place on the weekend of November 27-28. Please pick up a blue bag next week and return it the following week. Thanks for your support!

Sweats for Vets program 2021:

Please consider purchasing and donating a set (or two, or more) of sweat suits that will be donated to veterans at the Veterans Administration hospital in Martinsburg, WV. There will be collection boxes in the Narthex and in the admin building. Also, Sweats for Vets is again on the "Light up someone's Christmas" program this year as a donation item, so you can donate that way as well. All donated sweats will be collected and delivered to VFW post 1177 in Leesburg, and then on Monday December 26, we will have the "Wrap and Pack" event at the VFW Post to wrap/box up the sweats for distribution to the veterans. On Saturday January 22, we will

transport the boxed sets of sweats to the VA Medical Center in Martinsburg.

Monetary donations are also welcomed. In a typical year there are optional patient/resident programs and outings that all our veterans might need assistance affording (horse-back riding OR a fishing day trip OR to take in a local play OR a bus ride to a unique historic location OR going apple picking). The donations we bring forth can make a world of difference for these fine men and women.

The last few years our Worthy District Deputy Cole Slattery and I have attended these events, including delivery to the hospital. This is a great event to show the Veterans that people still care about them. Any questions about this program or comments, please contact Joe Potak, PGK (ajpotak@yahoo.com) - Joe Potak, PGK

Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? Find our Frequently Asked Questions: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs>.

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

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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

Light Up Someone's Christmas begins

Please take a bulb(s) from the trees at church and return the items the weekends of Nov 13th & 14th and Nov 20th & 21st to help families in need and other organizations assisting those in need this Christmas. Follow instructions on the bulbs. Questions, call 703-729-2334. Please do not leave items at church during the week due to theft. Drop off to parish office during the week if needed.

Festival of Trees Dec 4th & 5th

Tickets will be sold after the masses Nov 13th & 14th and Nov 20 & 21st. Receive extra FREE tickets at the pre-sale. Tickets can also be purchased online starting Nov 13th.

Furniture Ministry—accepting kitchen tables & chairs, smaller 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.

Monetary Donations

Just this week we purchased close to

\$5000 worth of beds to help children and adults in need of bed. Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling families! There are struggling 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.

Volunteers for the Bed Ministry – volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! 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. We need extra helpers to bring new beds to families moving out of the shelters and other families and children in need. Interested in helping contact Bea Craig at 571.439.0364 or beds@sainttheresaparish.com

The Visitation Ministry—

Homebound or want to volunteer to visit the homebound? We have won-

derful parishioners who would love to call and visit you by phone if you are not comfortable with a home visit at this time! If you need help with an errand or would like someone to pray with you, let us know. We are also looking to add to our list of volunteers to make visits. Please contact Claudia Lewis at 703.431.8670 or email her at clewis825@gmail.com.

Friends in Need

Provides meals on a short term basis for those families or individuals in the parish who are unable to cook for themselves due to illness or a medical situation in the immediate family, arrival of a new baby...Contact Emily Wilsey at emwilsey@aol.com or 703.585.5435 to volunteer to make meals or if you or a loved one are in need of help with meals.

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

Please do not leave clothing at church. We are not accepting clothing donations.

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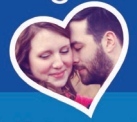
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