St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



November 17, 2019 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

This Saturday we welcome Bishop Loverde (Bishop Emeritus of Arlington) for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Bishop will celebrate two liturgies -- one at 10am, another at 2pm. Nearly 250 of our teens will receive the outpouring of the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit as their initiation into the Faith is completed. Together let us pray for these young people as they prepare to go out into the world -- like the apostles -- witnessing their faith before others!

Our annual "Light Up Someone's Christmas" gift drive has begun. As in the past, we encourage you to take a tag or tags from the tree and purchase the item or items requested. If you return the items on the weekend, we ask that you leave them in the appropriate receptacle in the narthex. If you wish to return them during the week, please bring them over to the administration building across the street from the church. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE GIFTS AT CHURCH DURING THE WEEK! Thank you, in advance for your generosity in responding to the needs of our community.

Finally, each registered household should have received a letter regarding the offertory at Saint Theresa. I am grateful to all those who are responding to my request for a pledge to the coming year's offertory. If you have not responded, please do so when you come to Mass next weekend. Please note that these commitments are non-binding -- they simply give us a better idea of what we can expect in the year ahead. Obviously, none of us can anticipate the unforeseen circumstances that could effect our ability to fulfill such a commitment.

May God bless you all!

Sincerely in Christ,

Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday:	8:30am 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:30, 8:45, 10:30am; 12:30 and 5:00pm
Weekdays:	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday Wednesdays: 12:15pm
Holy Days:	As announced
Holy Hour:	Thursdays, 8:00pm
Confessions:	Saturdays, 4:00-4:45 pm; during Holy Hour; and by appointment

Clergy

Reverend Richard M. Guest, Pastor
Reverend Paul Dudzinski, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Nicholas R. Barnes, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Paul C. Konold
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

December 1st bulletin submissions due by 12pm Wednesday November 20
December 22nd bulletin submissions due by 12pm Wednesday December 11
December 29th bulletin submissions due by 12pm Tuesday December 17
January 5, 2020 bulletin submissions due by 10am Friday December 20

Youth Education and News

Youth Ministry

ymoffice@saintttheresaparish.com

URS—The High School Youth Group (9th graders - 12th grade)

November 17, 24
November 17 is a special 'Reconciliation Night' giving all Confirmandi a chance to attend the sacrament of Confession prior to the Sacrament of Confirmation, 6pm-8pm
November 23 Confirmation
December 8, 15

URS Christmas Tree – every year we enter a URS Tree into the Festival of Trees – every year it is one of the highlights of the event. We cover the tree with gift cards that teens might use – such as Starbucks, Chipotle, Panera, Regal, Subway, Dairy Queen, and on and on. Please consider donating – we will be accepting cards at all URS nights, Rock Squad nights, and in the RE Office. Thank you!

Rock Squad-The Middle School Youth Group
(6th-8th graders)
Saturdays, 6:30-8:30pm
December 14

Evening of Prayer: The Arlington Diocese is having their annual Evening of Prayer on Thursday Night (Jan. 23rd), the day before the March for Life. The Evening of Prayer is an opportunity to pray for the success of the March for Life in changing our hearts and those of others in this country. The speakers / performers this year are an amazing group. An inspiring woman with a most incredible life story, Immaculee Ilibagiza, along with gifted speaker Paul George, and talented musician and songwriter Andrew Laubacher (aka ALOB). We will be taking a group of youth and tickets are also available for parents wishing to take their own group. Details and registration can be found on the Parish Website under 'Parish News'. We have a limited number of tickets available so register early!

Mount 2000: We are accepting registration for the High School Retreat that is put on by Seminarians at Mt. St. Mary's every year. This is from Friday, Feb. 7th to Sunday, Feb. 9th. This is a highlight of the school year. The speakers this year are Fr. Thomas Cavanaugh, Joel Stepanek, Sr. Maria Veritas, and Leonard DeLorenzo. This is open to all High Schoolers but we only have space for 12 males and 12 females so these slots will fill fast. Details and registration can be found on the Parish Website under 'Parish News'.

Religious Education

Office Hours:
Mon–Thurs. 9am-4pm;
Fri. 9am-noon

November 17-20
—Adoration Services
November 19
—Confirmation Rehearsal for 10am Mass
November 21
—Confirmation Rehearsal for 2pm Mass
November 23
—Confirmation Masses, 10am and 2pm

November 24-27
—No RE, Thanksgiving

December 1-4
—Advent Confessions

Saint Theresa Catholic School

OPEN HOUSE...Join Us the Sunday!



St. Theresa Catholic School's OPEN HOUSE is Sunday, November 17, 1:30–3pm, with a presentation at 1:45pm. Please join us to learn more about our wonderful parish school, and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's life! ***Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders*** for over 25 years, we offer strong academics and faith formation, along with engaging electives, arts, athletics, and after-school programs. We hope to see you there!

Put away the pots and pans – it's Spirit Night at Panera! Join us **Wednesday, November 20, 4– 8pm** at Panera, 43670 Greenway Corporate Drive in Ashburn, and they'll donate a portion of the proceeds to STCS.

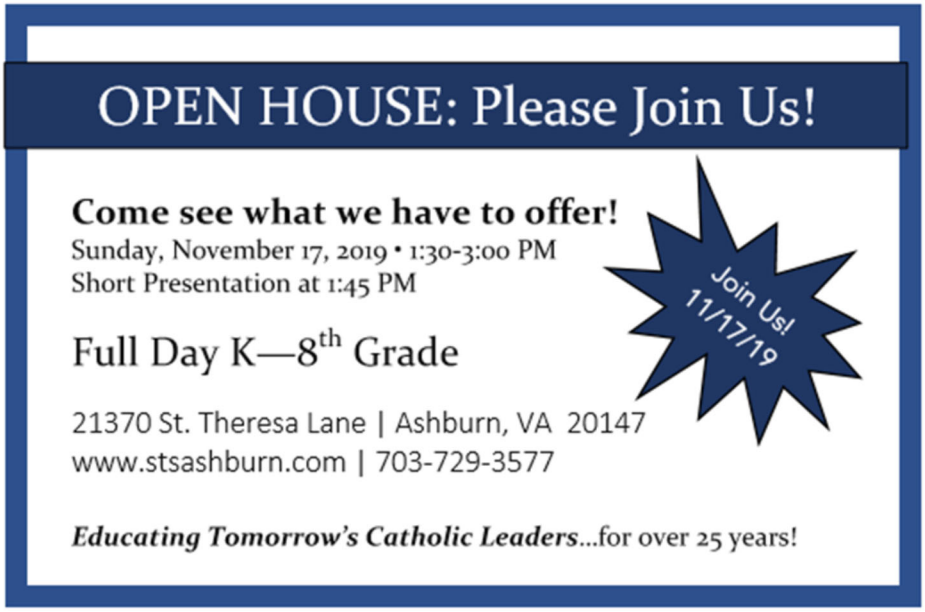
Shopping for the holidays? When you shop on **Amazon Smile**, they'll donate a percentage of your purchase to our school. Go to www.amazonsmile.com, and choose "Saint Theresa Parish School" from the list of charitable organizations. Thank you for your support!

Attention alumni and alumni families: we love hearing from you! Please send us your news (or parents, your child's news) and update your contact information by emailing freschir@stsashburn.com.

Adults Plan Ahead to Volunteer
Want to volunteer at the many St. Theresa's children based programs/events (i.e. fall picnic, school functions)? St. Theresa's encourages and welcomes your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. A Volunteer Welcome letter will be sent to your email address along with a link to fill out the electronic forms online. For further details please contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Safety Coordinator, at connie@saintttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.

Volunteers will also have to register and sign up for the original VIRTUS course. Please go to www.virtus.org.

Parish Happenings



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 on **Nov. 17 and Nov. 24.** Thank you for your support!



Young at Heart Club (YAH)
Men and Women (55 and over)
Wed. Nov 20, after attending the 12:15 Mass we will meet in the Administration Bldg. for a Thanksgiving luncheon. Please bring the side item you signed up for, to add to our food table. This is a FREE. Lunch for YAH Members. RSVP'S are needed for this event. Please e-mail Grace Breighner @ gracejb18@aol.com or call 703.729.7044. by Monday, Nov. 18th. New people are always welcome to join us.

Closed Captions During Mass
Captioning of announcements and Homily available by downloading app onto any laptop, tablet, iPad, Kindle, smart phone such as iPhone and Android. Here is the Nov. Schedule: 17th, 8:45am, 24th, 8:45am. Dec. Schedule: 1st, 8:45am, 8th, 12:30pm "schedule is subject to change" The schedule is also on our website. Contact Donna at CARTsttheresa@aol.com for more information

Padre Pio Prayer Group
La Vergine Maria Immacolata Chapter meets the first Friday of each month,6:30pm in the Louis Room. Meetings include devotion to Padre Pio, prayer intentions, a rosary, and discussion, and First Friday Mass.

Festival of Trees Committee is accepting donations for this Annual Christmas Event taking place on 12/7 and 12/8/19, which raises money for St. Theresa's Divine Mercy Charity. In addition to trees, the FOT Committee is in special need of Themed Wreaths and Gift Baskets for auction. Please contact Dee Lavanty by email: jtrinc@erols.com, for details on how you can be part of making this fundraiser a success.



Bake for Charity: The Festival of Trees needs bakers to help support out Divine Mercy Outreach taking place on the weekend of 12/7 and 12/8. Please consider donating Holiday Treats to replenish the refreshment tables for this fun, family event. If you can help. Please contact Ellen Casale: jfcasale3@verizon.net, or Felicia Nievin: felicia@nievin.com.



Festival of Trees Pre-Sale Ticket sales are taking place the weekends of 11/17-18 and 11/30-12/1, after all Masses. Take advantage of the pre-sales, to avoid lines and earn bonus tickets. Please contact Mary Sinnott at: allthesinnotts@verizon.net with any questions.



Schola Cantorum
We have a very vibrant music program at St. Theresa's. Check it out on the St. Theresa Parish website! New members are always welcome! Contact, anh@gmail.com or 703.723.1308

Opportunities to Help

Job Seekers & Volunteers
Christians are Networking (CAN), a ministry of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, pairs persons who are unemployed, underemployed, or in search of a new career with volunteers who will teach them essential networking, resume writing, and job interview skills. The St. Theresa chapter meets the 1st and 3rd Tues each month, 7-9pm.
For more info contact Raelene Wagoner, can@saintttheresaparish.com or visit: www.ccda.net/programs_jobs.php

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

Often, 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.

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Calling All Men of the Parish to the Men's Discipleship Group—Two Opportunities to Meet
The Men's Discipleship Group is focused on bringing together Catholic men to discuss, share and support one another in our lives of faith. Our members encourage one another to strengthen our faith in Christ and to become better husbands, fathers, sons, brothers and friends.
1—Meetings are 5pm Sundays in the St. Louis Martin conference room in the admin bldg. Contact Deacon Renzette, deacon@renzette.org or see the parish website for more info.
2—Wednesday evenings at 7pm and will be held in the home of Paul Martin. If you're interested in attending the Wednesday meeting and need directions to the Martin home, please contact Paul directly at: paul.martin@pearsonsmithrealty.com.

Saint Theresa Women's Discipleship Group
Meets every Wednesday morning 9:30–11:30am in the Louis Martin Conference Room.
9:30-10:30 Lectio Divina on the upcoming Sunday's Gospel.
10:30-11:30 Book Study The Discernment of Spirits by Timothy Gallagher

This September begins our study of The Discernment of Spirits, An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living. The author presents Ignatius's Rules of discernment with precision, clarity, and insight, using words that are easily understood. Fr. Willard will help us kickoff the book study on Wednesday Sept 11th. Books will be available for purchase. We hope you will join us. Women of all ages are cordially invited. For more information, contact Flo at 719.671.5610 or friddoc@gmail.com

Catholic Charities Food Drive –Food bags will be distributed during the November 16-17 Masses. Food drive will be conducted during the November 23-24 Masses.

Keep Christ in Christmas – Beginning November 16, 2019 the St. Theresa, Saint Louis Martin Council, Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards after all weekend Masses thru December 8, 2019. Please support the theme Keep Christ in Christmas by purchasing your Christmas cards from the Knights.

There will be an assortment of cards to choose from including a St. Theresa Church Christmas card. In addition, we will be offering Holy Family car magnets, pins and Christmas yard signs. All proceeds will benefit the charitable needs of St. Theresa Parish. Visit the St. Theresa St. Louis Martin Knights of Columbus website (https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/keep-christ-in-christmas) to see the items that will be available.

Admissions and Formation Degrees – Both of these Exemplifications will be conducted Monday, November 18 in the St. Zelie Martin Meeting room. The Admissions Degree will begin at 7:30pm: candidates should report at 7pm. The Formation Exemplification will be conducted following completion of the Admissions Degree.

Annual Men's Advent Retreat – December 14, 2019 from 8:30-Noon in the Church. All men (18 or older) are welcomed. Morning Mass, lite breakfast, lectures and spiritual reflections, and lunch.

Knights of Columbus Pancakes with Santa – St. Louis Martin Council invites ALL to attend Pancakes with Santa after the 7:30am, 8:45am and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, Dec. 15th, in the St. Theresa School cafeteria. Enjoy breakfast and please bring a favorite family holiday dessert for all to share. SANTA will be there from 10am-Noon. Come and grab a picture and have a Merry Christmas!

Keep up to date on our work and upcoming events – *Council website*: www.st-louismartin-kofc.org. *Facebook:* https://www.facebook.com/Council15256. *Twitter*: https://twitter.com/Council15256.

Are you a Knight? Contact us at kofc15256@googlegroups.com to learn the great things that we do to help our parish and community.

Around the Diocese

St. John's Preschool Open House November 17th
St. John's Preschool will hold an Open House during Discover Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, **November** 17th from 12-2pm. The Open House will be at the Preschool, which is located in the Parish Center at 101 Oakcrest Manor Drive in Leesburg. Parents of two, three and four year old prospective students are welcome to tour the Preschool and meet with staff members and current parents. St. John's Preschool has three and four year old classes. Students who will be three or four by September 30, 2020 are eligible to enroll for next fall. Additional information is available on the St. John's web site, http://www.saintjohnleesburg.org under the drop down Education and Youth. Please call Director Jane Taylor at 703.777.7873 for inquiries.

Come celebrate Black Catholic Heritage at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, 46833 Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling, VA, with special guests, the St. Peter Claver Gospel Choir on Sunday, November 24th, at the 5:30pm Mass! In the words of St. Peter Claver Church's, motto, come be "Spirit-Led, Gospel Fed, and Mercy Filled, where the joy of the Lord is our strength."

Sip and Shop
Join us at St. Paul VI Catholic High School on Thursday, December 5th from 7-9pm at our annual Sip and Shop in the PVI cafeteria at 10675 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax. There will be a wide variety of crafters, PVI spirit wear, wine and treats.

Run or Walk for a Great Cause
Join the Bishop O'Connell High School community in Arlington for the "Better Together" 5K and Family Fun Run on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 9 a.m. This professionally-timed race begins and ends in the stadium and passes through the neighborhood streets. Proceeds benefit Expanded Services for students with cognitive and intellectual disabilities at the school. Find out more and register at www.bishopoconnell.org/5K.

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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. 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

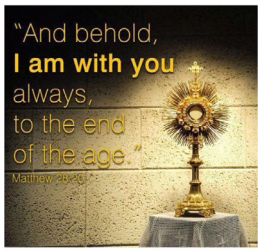
Adults desiring instruction in the Catholic Faith should visit the website to register for RCIA classes.

Hospitalized/Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office to ask for Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.

Adoration News

"What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."– St. Mother Theresa

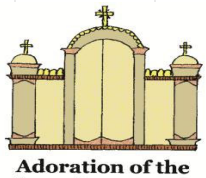


Won't you consider signing up for one hour a week to sit with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel? We have need of committed adorers and people willing to be available to substitute on short notice. To sign up, go to: http://saintttheresa.letusadore.com

As a committed adorer, if you are unable to attend due to planned travel or vacation, just let us know and we will find someone to come in and fill in your hour that week. Please consider spending one hour with the Lord. It will be the best time you will spend on earth.

Current Vacant Adoration Slots

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
1:00am	1:00am	12:30am	2:00am	2:30am	12:30am	12:30am
2:00am	2:00am	2:00am	3:00am	4:00am	1:30am	2:00am
3:00am	3:00am	3:00am	4:00am	3:30pm	2:30am	3:30am
4:00am	5:00am	4:00am	8:00am	6:30pm	3:30am	4:30am
8:30am	7:00am	8:00am	9:00am	10:30pm	8:00am	8:00am
12:00pm	9:30am	2:00pm			5:00pm	11:00am
1:00pm	11:00am	3:30pm			8:00pm	12:00pm
2:00pm	12:30pm	6:00pm				11:30pm
4:30pm	2:00pm	11:00pm				
5:30pm	3:00pm					
7:00pm	10:30pm					
10:00pm	11:30pm					
11:30pm						



Red - No Adorer for this hour

Blue - No Adorer for the first half hour

Black - One Adorer already for this time slot 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://saintttheresa.letusadore.com

Masses for the Week

Mon, Nov 18	6:15— Linda Depew, OCDS 8:30— Rolando Santos+
Tues, Nov 19	6:15— Vincent Paul Whitfield 8:30— George M. Klenk+
Wed, Nov 20	6:15— Nelson Family 8:30— Caden Pochick 12:15— Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary+
Thurs, Nov 21	6:15— Keith Valentine 8:30— Anh Wong
Fri, Nov 22	6:15— Constance Lowery+ 8:30— Francis (Nick) McAndrew+
Sat, Nov 23	8:30— Simone Landolina+ 5:30— Mary Dickerman+
Sun, Nov 24	7:30— Gregory Lee Taylor+ 8:45— St. Theresa Parishioners 10:30— Nader Tashakkori+ 12:30— Joe Mari+ 5:00— Consuela Arias+

Pray for ...

Prayers For The Sick: Nickalus Shalin, Lisa Barrett-Handley, Mary Marsh, Celeste Hall, Donna Caulfield, Ethan Falciani, Mary Ann Lyons, Rosario Acot, Keith Waltower, Chris Handley, Ben Thede, Eugene Prosack, Lynn Petrara, Sr. Mary Claire Frawley, John Spriggs, George Morelos, Carol Logue, MaryEllen Back, Apryl Binder, Carole Davidson, Cheryl Grieve, Rita Giunta, Maria Giunta, Danny Bessette, Fred Beverly, Jesse Michl, Erick Pollock, Jillian Reilly, Laurie Gessaman, Jordan Windsor, Tony Rodrigues, Stephane Papi, Julie Panoussi, Lolita Smith and Family, Ryan SanNicolas, Moe Meeged, Timothy Vandermeer.

Prayers For Our Military: Jonathan Bayly, Russell Escalante, Eric Reilly, John Conrad, Fr. James Hinkle, Andrew Gillespie, Stephen Gilliland, David Seliquini, Brian Reese, 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, Peter Santini, Eric Curcio, Steven Curcio, Matthew Slaughter, Joseph Alexander, Christopher Sheehan, Clayton William Abel.

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Light Up Someone's Christmas
We are getting an early start! Please help families in need as well as other organizations by taking a bulb from the trees at church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Return bulbs by 11/26/19. Just a few helpful instructions: It is very helpful if you write the amount on the gift card. It saves our volunteers time so they don't have to call the stores. Please place monetary donations and gift cards in the lock box on the wall in the Narthex. It is marked Light Up Someone's Christmas. Do not put them in the cardboard boxes or mix with another gift. You may also put them in the collection basket or drop off to the parish office but clearly mark DMO on the envelope and include light bulb. Only wrap the gifts that are indicated to wrap on the bulb. Attach the bulbs to the gift and drop off gift to the boxes outside the parish office during the week and at the church on the weekend. Please do not leave any items at church during the week due to theft. If you have any questions, please contact Marianne Guidos at 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@saintttheresaparish.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.

The Visitation Ministry
HOMEBOUND or want to volunteer to visit the homebound? We have wonderful parishioners who would love to visit you! Maybe you need help with an errand or would like someone to pray with you- let our Visitation Ministry 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.

Clothing- Please do not leave clothing at church.

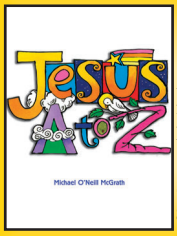
Please note that we are not collecting clothing at church. We are referring all clothing donations to Women Giving Back. They are a wonderful organization where we refer women and children to get free clothing all through the year. Looking to volunteer? They also need volunteers to sort clothing! Women Giving Back 20 Export Drive Sterling, VA 20164 703.554.9386 www.womengivingback.org.

Parish Outreach Pantry
Your assistance goes a long way. There are times when working families an unable to get to the food pantries during the hours they are open and they come to us or we learn about a needy family before the weekend. Please help us to assist struggling families. Currently, we are in need of cooking oil, oatmeal and laundry soap, bathroom cleaning products. Please drop off to the parish office or in our outreach boxes at church. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Teens-need service hours? Think about having a drive to collect needed items Contact Marianne Guidos at dmoutreach@saintttheresaparish.com or 703.729.2334. Many thanks to those who have donated items!

Monetary Donations
Your donations help us to continue to make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering from an emergency financial crisis: those who are disabled, suffer from unexpected medical expenses, unexpected job loss, abuse situations…Go to the parish website http://www.saintttheresaparish.com and click on Donate Now-Divine Mercy to make a monetary donation online!

Want to help others? We are often in need of items to help families or have requests that don't make it to the bulletin due to the timing. To be placed on our Outreach email list you will learn about what we do and how you can become more involved in touching the lives of those in need. Contact Marianne Guidos 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@saintttheresaparish.com

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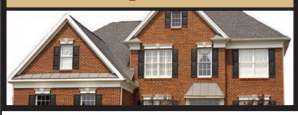
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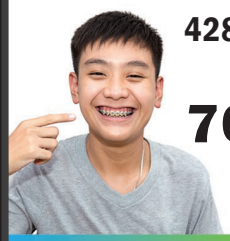
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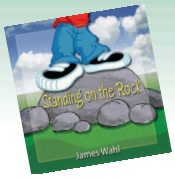
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