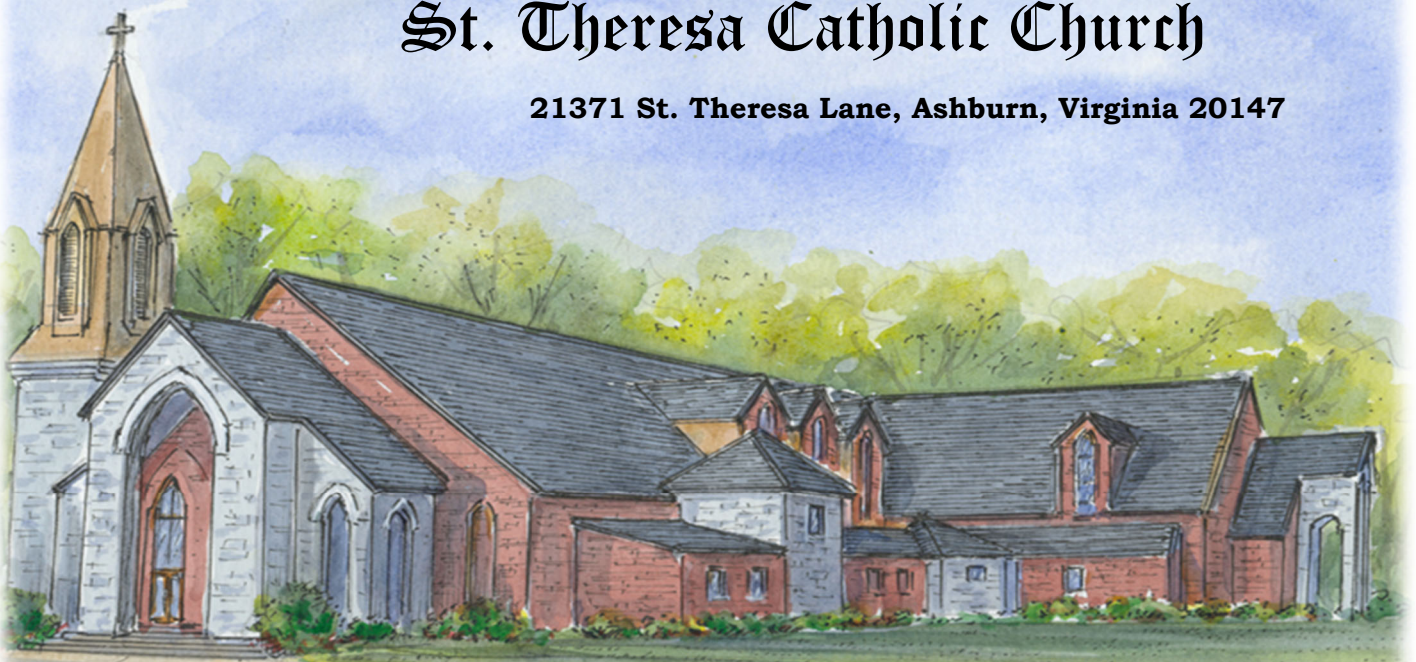


St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

Masses for the Week

Mon, Nov 29	6:15— Albert Urben+ 8:30— Katharine Tellis
Tues, Nov 30	6:15— Albert Urben+ 8:30— Jacques Randonne deVazeille+
Wed, Dec 1	6:15— Miles Family 8:30— Ned Woisard+ 12:15— Jennifer & Sunil Tellis
Thurs, Dec 2	6:15— Alyssa Westerman, OCDS 8:30— Jacques Randonne deVazeille+
Fri, Dec 3	6:15— Thomas J. Miles III 8:30— Anthony Tellis 7:30— Jim Justen+
Sat, Dec 4	8:30— Mary & William Ahlhauser+ 5:30— Jack Fitzgibbons
Sun, Dec 5	7:30— David & Hannah Manzer 8:45— Stan Urynowicz+ 10:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 12:30— Jean & Sal Micari+ 5:00— Joseph & Frances Pilaro+

Parish Mass Schedule

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

Clergy

Reverend James C. Hudgins, Pastor
Reverend Paul Dudzinski, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Nicholas R. Barnes, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Paul C. Konold
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette
Deacon Matthew K. Noah

Prayers For The Sick: Robert Burger, Mark Naftzger, Ann Hannah, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale, Danny Schmude, Jess Williamson, Doug Schmude, Matthew Albert Skubie, Barbara Orandello, Jeff Peters, 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 Petrara, 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.

Does the Church Still Use “Indulgences?”

Is there still such a thing as “an indulgence” in the Catholic Church? The answer is yes. (And by “indulgence,” I do not mean such things as long baths, \$75 truffles, or sleep-ins.) There have always been “indulgences” in the Church and there always will be. To explain why, let’s begin by understanding what an “indulgence” is.

An indulgence is “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain defined conditions through the Church’s help” (*Indulgentiarum Doctrina*, 1). But what does that mean? To answer, let’s imagine a hypothetical situation. You borrow a friend’s car to run a personal errand. In the course of that errand, you accidentally damage the bumper of the car by hitting a lamppost while backing up. You beg your friend to forgive you, and he does. However, one question still remains—who will pay to repair the damaged car?

When we sin, two things occur: we damage our relationship with God, and we also cause real harm to our souls. Consider lying, for example. Telling a falsehood hurts my relationship with Almighty God, who is truth itself, but it also hurts me. (Telling a lie makes it easier to lie again...and again...and again, doesn’t it?) The same is true for every sin one can commit—it hurts the soul who commits it, every time. God forgives our sins, just as your friend forgives you for damaging his car, but how can we repair the damage done to our souls? The answer is what the Church calls an “indulgence.”

The word “indulgence” has a terrible reputation, no doubt. I may need more bulletin columns to explain some of the abuses in centuries past, but the principle behind an indulgence is very simple. Not only can Jesus forgive a sin, but with our cooperation, he can also repair the damage we have done to our own souls.

How is that possible? Through a deliberate choice to do a holy, prayerful, reparative action. The Church simply identifies some of these actions for us, and tells us of their potential value. This is, essentially, what an “indulgence” is. For example, there are indulgences for the extended, prayerful reading of scripture, or for the recitation of the rosary. There are indulgences attached to praying in public, or for visiting a cemetery to pray for the souls of the deceased. There are literally hundreds of such actions, listed in a book called *The Enchiridion of Indulgences*.

How much healing of the soul takes place when we perform a pious action to gain an indulgence? Simply put, what you get out of it is what you put into it. The efficacy of an indulgence depends entirely on the disposition of the soul who receives it. There are two kinds of indulgences: partial and plenary. A plenary indulgence is the complete remission of temporal punishment due to sin, and a partial indulgence is only partial. To make an indulgence “plenary,” one must first have a complete detachment from all sin. Honestly, this is quite rare. Most every indulgence is “partial,” for that reason.

Certainly, this explanation of indulgences leaves many questions still unanswered. Questions like, “did the Church really sell indulgences in the Middle Ages?” “What does it mean when I see a designated ‘time-value’ attached to an indulgence...such as 500 days, 100 days, etc.?” I will take this subject into greater detail, if you’re interested.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

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:

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

December:

Sunday, the 5th – Upper Room Squad – High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 12th– Upper Room Squad – High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 19th– Upper Room Squad – High School Youth Group, 6-7:45pm

Adult Volunteers Needed - Youth Ministry is looking for sincere, motivated, and willing adults who would like to help out with our Parish 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). 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.



Franciscan Sister Marie Benedict spoke with our students for Vocations Awareness Week!



STCS Parents, see the **Thursday**



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Thunder Newsletter for information on important dates and events like these:

- **Wednesday, December 1** – Book Fair begins, thru Dec. 8
- **Thursday, December 2** – High School Placement Test, 8th Grade
- **Friday, December 3** – Early dismissal, 1:30pm
- **Wednesday, December 8** – Mass all classes for Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The **St. Theresa Catholic School Book Fair is Wednesday, December 1 – Wednesday, December 8!** Students will visit the Fair during the school day; parents are welcome to shop immediately after school in the Library. This is a great way to do some Christmas shopping and support the STCS Library! Please note that masks are required for entry.

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

life! For information on the 2022-23 admissions process, visit our website, www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions") or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotelld@stsashburn.com.

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 St. Theresa Catholic School!

When you shop on Amazon, please use Amazon Smile -- they'll donate a portion of your purchase to STCS. Go to www.amazon.com/smile 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.

News from our Parish

Advent Retreat

Knights of Columbus St. Louis Martin Council would like to invite you to an Advent retreat we are organizing to be held in the main church at St. Theresa Parish, in Ashburn, Virginia, on Saturday, December 4, 2021. The retreat will run from 8:30-11:45 (approximate), starting with the regularly scheduled 8:30 Mass, followed by a light breakfast, two talks given by members of our clergy, with a quiet reflection time between the talks. We hope to see you there!

Knights of Columbus Pancakes with Santa— St. Louis Martin Council 15256 of the Knights of Columbus invite ALL to attend **Pancakes with Santa** after the 7:30am, 8:45am and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, Dec. 19th, in the St. Theresa School cafeteria. SANTA will be there from 9am-Noon. Come and grab a picture and have a Merry Christmas!

Young at Heart Club

Men and Women (55 and over)

Wed. Dec. 15th Christmas Party.

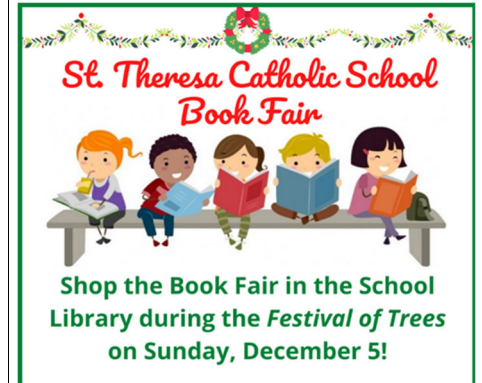
We meet in the Adm. Bldg. after attending the 12:15pm Mass. Our lunch will be subs, chips and beverages at a cost of \$5.00. Please bring 1/2 dz.(6) Christmas cookies to share for dessert. We will have a Christmas gift exchange, if you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10.00. **Must RSVP by Sunday, Dec. 12th** by e-mail to Grace Breighner @ gracejb18@aol.com, or call 703.729.7044. New people are ALWAYS welcome to join us!

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

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Current Vacant Adoration Slots

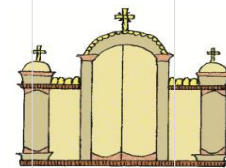
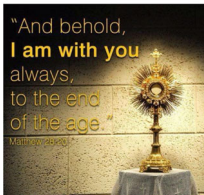
Critical Need

No Adorer	Saturday	2:30am
Scheduled	Monday	12:30pm

Urgent Need

No Adorer for	Tuesday	2:30am
First Half Hour	Friday	5:00am

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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



Knights of Columbus

Welcome New Members: Congratulations and a warm welcome to the following new Brother Knights, and Brother Knights who have recently transferred to our council. Our New Brother's completed their 3rd Degree Exemplification, on November 15, 2021, at Saint Theresa's church, during a ceremony hosted by our Council. We look forward to your fraternity and involvement in our council activities. New brothers: Adam Yozwiak, Rolando De Hoyos, Matt Conners, Troy Wells, Mitch Lindenfelder, Frederick Kyere, Paul Switaj, Dan Brendes, and Paul Miller. The following Council Brothers advanced to the third degree at the November 15 exemplification Ceremony: David Lawlor and James Kotwis. Brothers who have recently transferred to our Council: Martin Sanders, Thomas Small, Wayne Gretencord, Robert Weiner, Randy Rhoads, and Mark Knutson.

'Keep Christ in Christmas' Youth poster contest: For Girls and boys-ages 5 – 14, Entry forms are available at: www.st-louismartin-kofc.org, Or: at the Saint Theresa school office. Submit completed posters with entry forms to the Saint Theresa school office. Deadline for submittal of completed posters and entry forms is: Friday, December 3, 2021. Prizes will be awarded to winners.

Pancake Breakfast: We had a great turnout for the November 14 pancake breakfast. Donations totaled over \$1,200, from which (after expenses) will go to the Military Archdiocese. Thank you for your support! **Our**

next pancake breakfast will be our annual Breakfast with Santa on December 19.

Advent Retreat: The Knights of Columbus would like to invite the entire St. Theresa Parish community to an Advent Retreat, on Saturday morning, December 4, 2021. The retreat will begin in the Church with the regularly scheduled 8:30 am Mass, followed by a light breakfast, and two Advent-related talks by our clergy in the Church, with some quiet prayer time. We expect the retreat to end at about 11:45. This should be a great way to get your Advent spiritual preparation off to a good start. Hope to see you there!

Food Drive: St. Theresa's parishioners donated 4,041 lbs. of food in October. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. Your actions and the volunteers from the Knights of Columbus and Youth Group make this program successful. The final collection of the year will take place this weekend (November 27-28). Please drop off your blue bag this weekend. If you missed picking up a blue bag, grocery bags, gift cards, and cash donations are also accepted. Thanks for your support!

For a complete list of priority items needed, please go to

<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/loudoun-food-pantry-2> or scan here:



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 at the school office. 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)

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

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 Encourage 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, mis-

carriage 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

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Email: schooloffice@stsashburn.com
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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.



Learn more, visit
www.sainttheresaparish.com

Light Up Someone's Christmas

Thanks again to all who participated. If you forgot to drop off your gift, we are still accepting them at the parish office.

Didn't get a chance to take a light bulb? We are in continuous need for gas, grocery, Walmart & Target gift cards to help families in need. Drop off to the lockbox at church or to the parish office or consider making a donation online. Your help to assist others in need is greatly appreciated.

Festival of Trees Dec 4th & 5th

Tickets can also be purchased online until Dec 1st to be eligible for free pre-sale tickets. See the parish website for more details. Tickets will be sold at the event as well. We have 38 beautifully decorated, themed 4 foot trees to raffle as well as wreaths and baskets. We hope to see you there!

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

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

Friends in Need

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

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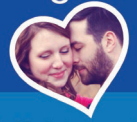
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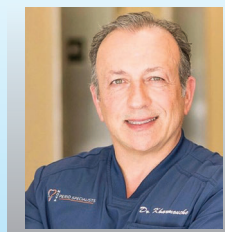
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