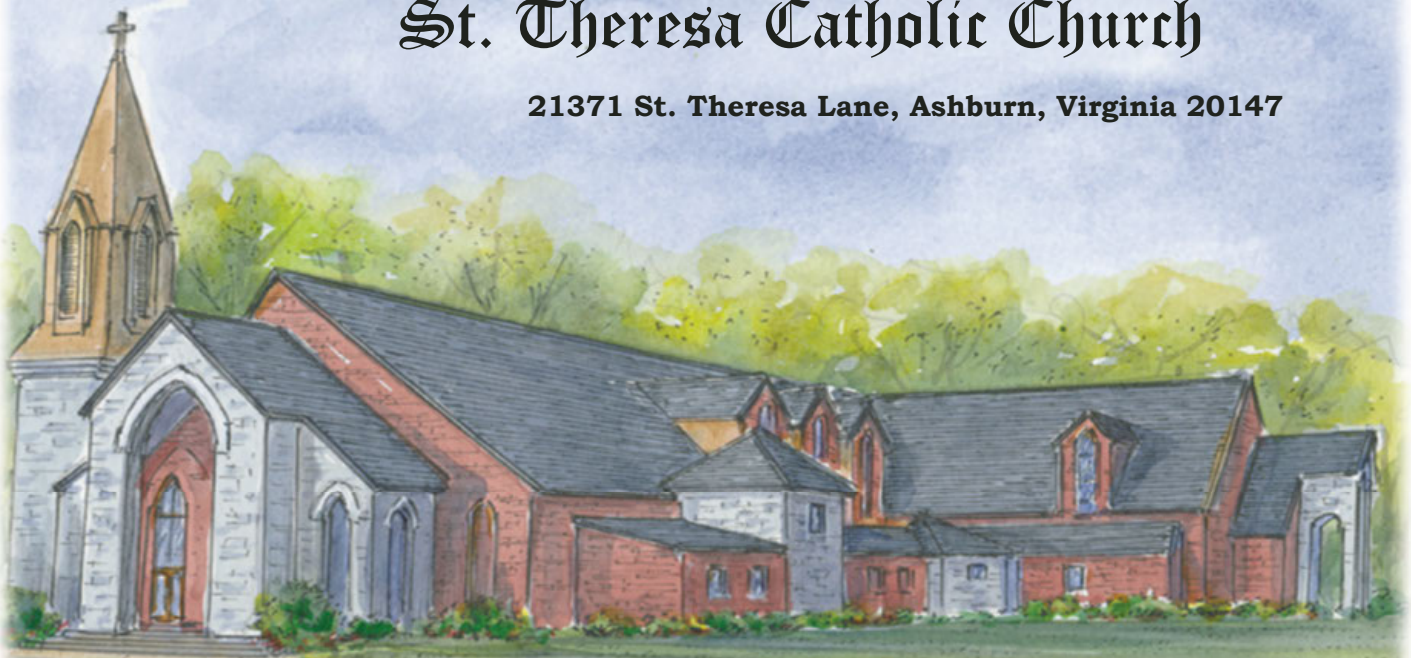


St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147



March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

Masses for the Week

Mon, March 6	6:15— Bill Steeper+ 8:30— Agnes L. Anselma+ 12:15— Owen & Owen Jr. Bradshaw+
Tues, March 7	6:15— Miles Family 8:30— The Ralston Family
Wed, March 8	6:15— Joan & Bob Burton+ 8:30— Elsa Llinas+ 12:15— Steven M. Hockenbury+
Thurs, March 9	6:15— Larry Walker+ 8:30— Jennifer Tellis
Fri, March 10	6:15— Anita Millar+ 8:30— Le Kha & All Souls+
Sat, March 11	8:30— Mary Elizabeth Friedrichs+ 5:30— Delores Ross+
Sun, March 12	7:30— Robert Mica+ 8:45— Geradina Puglisi+ 10:30— Geraldine Bracken+ 12:30— Sandra Belforte 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: Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Prancee Heinjarean, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez, Emma Ciaravino, Keelan Griffen, Evan Sweeney, Helen Atallah, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Haley Morris, Anabelle Huster, Russell Ramons, Martha Mason, John Forbes, Ruth Carradini, Mark Naftzger, Thomas Poerstel, Daniel John Begley, Scott Spitnale, Danny Schmude, Jess Williamson, Matthew Albert Skubie, Barbara Orandello, Marcela Garcia, CJ Buechner, Michael Robertson, Celeste Hall, Donna Caulfield, Ethan Falciani.

Prayers For Our Military: Daniel W. Beverly, 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.

Do Sundays “Count” as Days of Lent?

The short answer is, “yes, they do!” There’s a rumor abuzz that Sundays do not count as days of Lent. Let’s set the record straight.

Everyone knows there are 40 days of Lent, but if you count the number of days from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, you will discover there are 46 days, not 40. Now, there are six Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter. Therefore, according to popular rumor, we should subtract the six Sundays from Lent, treat each one as a “little Easter,” and take a break from our Lenten penance. In this way, we’re left with a perfect 40 days of Lent...correct?

Incorrect. There are three facts we must remember.

Fact #1: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are not days of Lent. According to the *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, “Lent runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday.” Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (known as the Sacred Triduum) have never been part of the season of Lent. The Sacred Triduum is in a class all by itself.

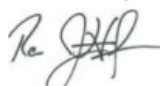
Fact #2: Before the Second Vatican Council (1963-1965), the season of Lent did not begin on Ash Wednesday as it does now, but on the First Sunday of Lent. Back then, Ash Wednesday was not part of Lent. Rather, it was part of a three-week “pre-Lenten” season, which Vatican II abolished. However, when the Church abolished the “pre-Lenten” season, it retained Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday was just too popular to eliminate. As a result, Vatican II actually added four days to Lent. Yes, since Vatican II, Lent actually has 44 days, not 40. There are exactly 40 days from the First Sunday of Lent until Holy Thursday, but since Lent now begins on Ash Wednesday, it’s now 44 days long. The perfect 40-day count no longer exists.

Fact #3: The Code of Canon Law (C.I.C.) tells us:

- 1) That every Christian should do penance during Lent, each in his or her own way (C.I.C. 1249)
- 2) That the entire season of Lent is a penitential time in the Church (C.I.C. 1250)
- 3) Solemnities in Lent, even when they fall on a Friday, are not days of abstinence from meat. (C.I.C. 1251)

Every Sunday is a high feast day known as a Solemnity, but even in Lent, they are still days of penance. They're just not days of abstinence from meat, which you probably weren't doing on Sunday anyways. People sometimes ask, “can you take a break from your penance on a Sunday in Lent?” You may if you wish, because the penance you undertake is personal and binding on your own authority. But as you take a break from penance, please do not forget that the six Sundays of Lent are part of the Lenten season. It's not Easter yet. Personally, I like to press through the whole of Lent without relaxing my penance at all, but it's up to you. Let's treasure these days of Lent as a chance to renew our hearts.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Parish Lenten Activities

Daily Mass Times

6:15 & 8:30am

12:15pm Mondays & Wednesdays

Confession Times

Wednesdays 9-9:30am

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm

(during Holy Hour)

Saturdays 4-4:45 pm

Vespers & Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent:

Vespers at 7:15 pm &

Stations of the Cross at 7:30

Pancake Breakfast – March 12

After 7:30, 8:45 & 10:30 am Masses

NOTE: Date Change
Parish Morning of Recollection –
March 25
9am – 11:30am

Lenten Dinners 6 – 7:10pm in School Cafeteria

March 10 – No Lenten Dinner due to Consignment Sale

March 17 – provided by Parish/RE/School Offices

March 24 – provided by Walking with Purpose

March 31 – KOC Fish Fry Dinner – NO LENTEN DINNER

*Donations will be given to charity

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Youth Education and News



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.



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

February

Sunday, the 26th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 27th-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, the 28th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

March

Wednesday, the 1st-Work Camp Adult Crew Leader Training: 6:30-9:30pm at Holy Spirit in Annandale, VA

Thursday, the 2nd-Teen Led Bible Study-8th-12th grade, 6-7pm

Sunday, the 5th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Thursday, the 9th-Teen Led Bible Study-8th-12th grade, 6-7pm

Thursday, the 9th-Work Camp Preparation Meeting - 7-8:30pm

Sunday, the 12th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Monday, the 13th-Prepare Parish Food Bags

Thursday, the 16th-Teen Led Bible Study-8th-12th grade, 6-7pm

Saturday, the 18th-Work Camp Adult Crew Leader Training: 1:30-4:30pm at Holy Family in Dale City, VA

Sunday, the 19th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Thursday, the 23rd-Teen Led Bible Study-8th-12th grade, 6-7pm

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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.

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Women's Discipleship Group

Meets every Wednesday morning, 9:30-10:30am for Lectio Divina and 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. The

title of our next book is "Praying Scripture for a Change, An introduction to Lectio Divina" by Dr. Tim Gray. We will begin on Wednesday, February 8th. Parish women of all ages are cordially invited. 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.

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.



STCS Parents, please read the **Thursday Thunder** email every week for important information and dates, including:



Thursday, March 9—
End of second trimester
Friday, March 10—
No school,
Teacher Development Day
Friday, March 17—
Early dismissal
Saturday, March 18—
Youth vs. Hunger
Monday, March 20—
Career Week begins



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references to
HR@sainttheresaparish.com.

Calling all St. Theresa Catholic School Alumni & Alumni Families! We would love to hear from you, and add you to our **Alumni & Friends Newsletter** email list. Please send your news and contact information to alumni@stsashburn.com.



Interested in exploring a Catholic education for your child? Applications are now open for St. Theresa Catholic School's 2023-24 school year. Learn more about our wonderful Parish school and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's life! For information on the 2023-24 admissions process, visit our website, www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions") or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotell@stsashburn.com.

Current Vacant Adoration Slots

Critical Need

No Adorer Scheduled	Tuesday	3:30am
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Urgent Need

No Adorer for First Half Hour	Monday	5:00am
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Second Adorer Needed

One Adorer already for these time slots 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://sainttheresa.letusadore.com>



	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
12:30am	12:30am	12:00am	12:00am	12:00am	12:30am	12:30am	12:00am
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Note: We have a very active group of adoration substitutes. The Adoration Schedule online system allows users to cancel commitments from time-to-time to allow for vacation, sickness or other possibilities that may prevent attendance. In those instances, substitute adorers will pro-

News from our Parish

Lenten Soup Suppers

NO SOUP SUPPER this Friday March 10th. The Cafeteria is being used to set up for the Divine Mercy Consignment Sale. Come, peruse, and enjoy our Consignment Sale on Saturday March 11. All Sales benefit the works of Divine Mercy Outreach.

St. Theresa Parish Vacation Bible School 2023

Wilderness Adventure Through the Sacraments. Save the Date: June 19th - 23rd. Ages: 4 yr. olds through rising 5th graders. Hours: 9:00am to 12 noon

***Online Registration begins Monday, March 6th!** We expect to fill up quickly - registration will close once we reach capacity. See the parish website for more details and the registration link.

****For volunteer information/ questions, please email Kelly Rush at Kelly4VT@gmail.com**



The largest non-profit children's consignment sale in Loudoun County takes place

on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Admission is FREE. Little Flower Consignments offers new and gently used baby and children's clothing, accessories, toys, books, videos, games, baby gear, furniture, maternity and much more. All proceeds are donated back to the community via our charity, Divine Mercy Outreach. We accept credit cards, checks, and cash. We invite teachers, military, first responders, healthcare workers, and first time parents to shop our pre-sale on Saturday starting at 8:00 am. Children are not allowed except for infants in carriers. The sale is open to the public from 9am - 12pm with a half price sale from 12:30 - 2pm at St. Theresa's Catholic School in Ashburn, VA. We always welcome new consignors and volunteers! Visit www.lfcsale.org for details.

Young at Heart Club

(Men and Women 55 and over)
Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Meeting in the Admin. Bldg. across from the church after 12:15 Mass. Wear Green to celebrate St. Patrick and lunch will focus on corned beef sandwiches with plenty of sides and green-frosted cup-

cakes. Game day of trivia. \$5 for members, \$10 for nonmembers, RSVP to Freddie, wallflower64@gmail.com or 703.625.5715 for more information. NEW people are ALWAYS welcome to join us!

Women's Workshop: All women of the parish are invited to Made for More: A Workshop for Women on the Journey of the Beloved on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the St. Theresa Parish Center in Ashburn, Virginia. Do you ever feel like the promises of God just aren't for you? Do you long for greater peace and joy? Join workshop leader & author Elizabeth Leon for a morning of prayer, hope, and restoration. Drawing from scripture and Catholic teaching, we will discover how our brokenness can lead to healing, claim God's promises, renounce common lies, and identify barriers to letting ourselves receive Christ's love. \$25 cost includes workshop materials and a light breakfast. Register at www.JourneyoftheBeloved.com Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leon 703.283.4053 or onegratefulgirl@verizon.net

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Assistive Listening Devices Update

The assistive listening system in the church has been enhanced for improved amplification. The system is accessed by checking out from the ushers compatible headphones (or an earpiece) and a receiver, which amplifies the voices heard over the sound system. A neck loop is also available for people using hearing aids or cochlear implants containing the telecoil (t-coil) function. See an usher before Mass for more information.

Help strengthen our faithful priests by praying and fasting for them this year!

*The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call for women to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of our parish priests. It is a "holy wasting" or "lavishing of prayer" for their deeper conformity to Christ. Each woman commits to a Holy Hour on a distinct day of the week, thus covering a complete week. The Holy Hour is ideally prayed in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, either in an Adoration Chapel or in front of a Tabernacle. We are seeking women to offer a weekly Holy Hour for a specific priest.

*Fasting Brothers: Each man will prayerfully discern the unique type of fasting he will offer and commits to fast a designated day of the week (excepting Sunday). We are seeking groups of men to offer various forms of fasting to augment the prayer efforts of our Seven Sisters group.

We ask for a one-year commitment, which can begin at any time, and is renewable each May. If you are interested in committing to this apostolate, or simply wish to learn more, please contact Kelly Rush at Kelly4VT@gmail.com, or visit <https://sevensistersapostolate.org>.



Knights of Columbus

Virtual Rosary: The Knights of Columbus St. Louis Martin Council invites the entire St. Theresa Parish to join us virtually for our monthly Rosary, which will be streamed live from our Church, on the St. Theresa Facebook site - <https://www.facebook.com/sainttheresaashburn/>. Our next Rosary will be at 7pm on Monday, March 6, 2022. The monthly Rosary will typically be held on the first Monday of each month. We look forward to sharing this prayer time with you.

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday March 12, 2023: Our next pancake breakfast (hosted by the Knights) is on Sunday, March 12, in the school cafeteria. Stop by after the morning Masses and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes (regular and chocolate chip), scrambled eggs, sausage and potatoes, along with coffee, orange juice and assorted Dunkin' Munchkins!

Lenten Retreat: We have revised the planned retreat date to Saturday morning (3/25/23) after the 8:30am mass in the church. Father Hudgins and Father Barnes will lead the retreat. Everyone is invited.

KofC Degree Ceremony

(exemplification), on Monday, March, 20, 2023: Saint Louis Martin Council is hosting a combined degree ceremony in St. Theresa Church, at 7:30pm on 20 March 2023. Council members planning to attend should confirm their attendance by contacting the Council Chancellor at kofc15256@googlegroups.com

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)

is a Knights of Columbus program to raise funds to support maternity and pregnancy centers in Loudoun County. Your generous support allowed us to donate \$2000 each to Birthright of Loudoun County and Tepeyac, Divine Mercy Care. Thank you to all who have donated. If you would like to donate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/knights4life>. See QR code below. Your donations will support pregnancy resource centers and in turn pregnant women and their pre-born babies. Thank you for all of the support you have shown to date!



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. Submit your request at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Call for Handyman Crew Volunteers:

Are you available to volunteer as a handyman for those in need? Typical projects include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work alongside brother knights in support of a worthy cause. What do you get in return? A smile and a thank you from the people you helped. Learn more here: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Catholic men: Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? See our most Frequently Asked Questions at:

<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> or to submit a request for more information or to be contacted by our Membership Committee scan the following QR code.



News Around the Diocese

2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA):

The 2023 BLA is underway! The BLA theme this year is "My soul rejoices in the Lord," which is shared with the second preparatory year of the Diocesan Jubilee. After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us joyfully make a pledge to support God's Kingdom in our diocese! You make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code below:



Annual Women's Conference - Love Rejoices in Truth

Join women from around the diocese for an opportunity to be inspired, to connect with likeminded women and to raise our voices together in prayer. Come and hear Nikki Kingsley's re-

markable conversion story. Hear how she, a devout Muslim, was guided by the voice of the Blessed Virgin Mary that would eventually lead her to Jesus and into the Catholic Church on **Saturday, March 11** from 8:30am-2:30pm Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confession, coffee and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15am St. Joseph Catholic Church 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon, VA. \$80 For inquiries, please email fam-lylife@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703.841.2550.

Finding Jesus as Men After Christ's Own Heart Silent Retreat

In these calamitous times... "we need a few good men"... and more than a few! With faith and family and life and love being "re-defined" by our culture of confusion, only Jesus Christ will help us to "stand fast... even at the risk of being heroes." Fr. John Riley will lead a retreat at San Damiano, our Arlington Diocesan Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia from Friday-

Sunday, **March 17-19**. As a "Band of Brothers" we will gather at Christ's feet; single men, husbands, fathers... and a priest, to listen and seek Jesus in deep, quiet prayer. Daily Mass and confessions are on the docket, with spiritual conferences, adoration, and quiet time. For further information visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat-events. To register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

Lenten Evening of Reflection with Fr. Noah Morey

As we prepare for Holy Week, join Fr. Morey for a walk through the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, keeping an eye on the joy soon to come - for Our Lady of Sorrows is also the Cause of our Joy.

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, Sterling, VA, March 22, 2023, 7pm. Adoration and Confession Available from 6:30-8:30pm. This event is for both Men and Women. Please RSVP by March 18th to: TheLittleWay1873@gmail.com

News Around the Diocese Continued

Birthright is Seeking a New Executive Director

Birthright of Loudoun, located in historic Leesburg, VA, is a non-profit organization that provides counseling, resources, and material support for any woman who finds herself in an unexpected or crisis pregnancy.

The Director heads daily operations; recruits, trains and manages volunteers; cares for the needs of our clients; is responsible for fundraising and marketing initiatives; reports to the Board of Directors; and attends regional meetings and an annual international convention. A complete job description available upon request. Position available immediately.

- 20 hour part-time paid position
- Salary commensurate with experience

- Conversational Spanish a plus but not required

For inquiries or to submit a resume, please email: birthrightoflo@gmail.com

The Senior Group at Christ the Redeemer is hosting a FREE St. Patrick's Day Concert featuring CTR's own Tam and his "mostly Irish" band Wed., **March 15th** at 12pm. Bring your own lunch. We will serve cookies and drinks. Questions: Contact Joan Ashdown at Jashdown710@hotmail.com

Live Jesus

Saturday, **March 18, 2023** from 8am to 12:30pm at St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA
Looking for a way to enhance your Lenten experience? Live Jesus is a morning of reflection, fellowship and prayer based upon the spirituality of the "Gentleman Saint," St. Francis de Sales. This year's theme is Be At Peace. Keynote Speaker: Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS, Artist, Author, Storyteller & Retreat Director. Live Jesus is an opportunity in Lent to reflect on the many paths to peace. Don't miss the opportunity to gather in prayer and fellowship with other Catholics in the DMV to reflect on God's gifts. Online registration is required: www.oblates.org and click on the Live Jesus icon.

Separated or Divorced?—St. John's Separated and Divorced Ministry invites all separated or divorced Catho-

lics to their meetings every third Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at St. John's in Leesburg. Email separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com for more information.

Do you love someone with a drug or alcohol problem?—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 at: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7-8pm @ Cascades Library; 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays, 7-8pm via Zoom; Thursdays, 7-8pm @ Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Retreat for Women

After Abortion Retreat: A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, **March 25, 2023**. 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.

Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps Registration Lottery

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current freshmen through seniors) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs from Sunday-Thursday, July 9-13. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters and runs from Sunday-Thursday, July 16-20. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open the month of March. See the videos and photos from past years, get more information and register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or

ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.

Does your Marriage need a boost? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience will help you enjoy life with a new closeness to each other and God. You don't need it - you DESERVE a Marriage Encounter Experience! For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703.378.4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions.

Upcoming dates: March 31 - April 2 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA. Only 10 openings remaining! September 22-24 2023 - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Herndon VA

Events at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. Located at 7007 Bradley Blvd, Bethesda, MD 20817. Visit our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org for more info and to register for the following:

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep Mar 9-12, Mar 23-26—2023

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-Cana program for seriously dating and engaged couples. This marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS administration is included. \$375 per couple. Space will be limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today!

Silent Retreat Weekends in Lent

For Women: Mar 30-Apr 2

For Men: Mar 16-19

Lent is right around the corner. Plan now! Explore your mission in life and Experience Christ's Presence in the Silence of a retreat! These retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Registration is required. Cost: \$300 per person for 2-night retreat; \$400 per person for 3-night retreat. Find more information and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Plan your next retreat today!

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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.



Learn more, visit
www.sainttheresaparish.com

Little Flower Consignment Sale on Saturday, March 11th.

Consign, volunteer, shop or donate items. Proceeds go to families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach. Go to www.littleflowerconsignments.org for more information.

Daily Bread Ministry

We are in need of breakfast bars and granola bars to help feed the homeless on the weekend. Please drop off your donation to the parish office. Please mark "DB" 15 bars are needed each weekend. Questions? Contact Bernadette Miller bernadettefmiller@yahoo.com, 703.726.9163

Car Raffle Fundraiser—All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2023 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Ranger Truck and Bronco Sport). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes. You should have received your tickets by now. Please consider selling/

purchasing the tickets mailed to you. \$34,000 was raised to help families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach last year because of your participation in this raffle last year. Please help us to make this another success. If you would like additional tickets contact Loan Jella at 703.729.2334 on Mondays or email her at dmoassis-tant@sainttheresaparish.com. Thanks to all who are participating!

Bed Ministry—volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! Great to do this with your teenager!

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 and bedding from our storage 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

Monetary Donations—Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling families! We assisted with \$17,000 in January to help struggling veterans, 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.

Furniture Ministry—accepting kitchen tables & chairs, small 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.

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.

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

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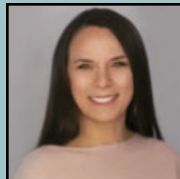
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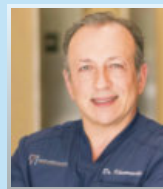
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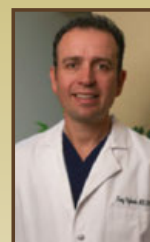
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