

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Masses for the Week

Mon, March 27	6:15— Tony Kulenek+ 8:30— Elsa Llinas+ 12:15— Susanne King+
Tues, March 28	6:15— Robert Turpin 8:30— Patricia & Joseph Voss+
Wed, March 29	6:15— Dale Goldback+ 8:30— Dr. P. P. Mathew+ 12:15— Andrew D'Andrea
Thurs, March 30	6:15— Carl Haberland Jr.+ 8:30— John Paul Tellis
Fri, March 31	6:15— Doris Bradshaw+ 8:30— Pam & Joseph Voss & Family
Sat, April 1	8:30— Le Kha & Minh Nguyen 5:30— Robert D'Souza+
Sun, April 2	7:30— Members of the Stammen Family, L & + 8:45— Mario C. Lirag+ 10:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 12:30— Don Smaltz, Sr.+ 5:00— Joseph, Laura & Carlo Maresca+

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.

Why Did We Veil the Statues?

Why are all of the statues covered in purple cloth? Even the crucifix is covered. Shouldn't we all be looking at the crucifix while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday? There are four reasons we veil the statues:

First: The Church encourages it. The Roman Missal states, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

Second: The fact that the statues are veiled immediately grabs your mind's attention. One cannot help but think, "This is very different. What's the explanation?" The church does look different because these final days of Lent are special, and the veils make that difference visible. The final two weeks of Lent are meant to heighten your awareness of the upcoming Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) which is the most sacred time of the year.

Third: The veiled images are meant to be a subtle suggestion that, for now, we should pay extra-close attention to what is not veiled, namely the spoken word at the pulpit and the Eucharist at the altar. Nothing is wrong with statues, but the last days of Lent are supposed to ask of us an even deeper focus on the two basic elements of prayer at Mass.

Finally: The Church uses these veils to heighten your anticipation for Easter. You don't want to see those veils there. "Get them off," you imagine to yourself, "it's unnatural for those statues to be covered." Believe it or not, that instinct is one of the main reasons the veils are there in the first place. The statues are meant to be unveiled, and Easter is when all will finally be set right.

The unveiling at Easter is a great reminder of the truth of our own lives on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from heaven, our true home. It is only through death (Good Friday) that the veil is finally lifted and at last we come to heaven (Easter Sunday), the land of eternal truth and beauty.

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

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadline

Due to Easter, here there is an early bulletin deadline:

April 9 bulletin deadline—due by **Wednesday, March 29** noon

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

March

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

Thursday, the 30th-Teen Led Bible Study-8th-12th grade, 6-7pm

Calling All Middle Schoolers to the Diocesan BASH:

See the parish section for details!

Adult Volunteers Needed - We are looking for sincere, motivated, and willing adults who would like to help out with our Parish youth. All volunteers need to be compliant - having a background clearance check and having completed a mandatory Child Protection Course (Virtus). Contact Paul Dwyer, ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com.



Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

Adults Plan Ahead to Volunteer

Want to volunteer at the many St. Theresa's children based programs/events? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. For details contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at connie@sainttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.



We're Hiring!

We are looking for faith-filled, energetic, and dynamic educators and staff to join our school family for the 2023-24 school year!

STCS is accepting applications for:

Elementary Teacher
Middle School Language Arts Teacher
Resource Teacher
Teacher Aides
Lunch/Recess Monitors
Extended Day Care Staff

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

Join our joyful team!



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Tuesday, March 28—

8th Grade Vocations Mass with Bishop Burbidge

Thursday, March 30—

Middle School Science Fair

Thursday, April 6 (Holy Thursday)—

No School, Easter Break Begins

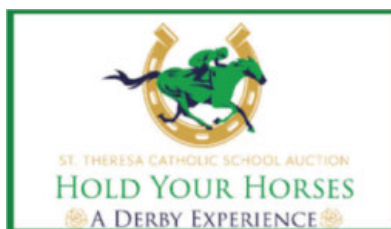
Monday, April 17—

Students Return

Monday, April 24—

D.A.R.E. Graduation

Save the date to join us for St. Theresa Catholic School's Annual Auction, "Hold Your Horses -- A Derby Experience!" on Friday, May 5, 2023! Can you sponsor the event or donate an item? Visit the STCS website for details, www.stsashburn.com, click 'Support/Auction.' Thank you!



Calling all St. Theresa Catholic School Alumni & Alumni Families! We would love to hear from you, and add you to our **Alumni & Friends News-**

letter 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.

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

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

News from our Parish

Lenten Soup Suppers

NO LENTEN SOUP SUPPER FRIDAY MARCH 31 !!!! The Cafeteria is being used for the Knights of Columbus Annual Fish Fry Dinner. Come and enjoy a catered Fish Fry Dinner in the School Cafeteria. Details are in the Bulletin. Many thanks to our Parishioners for supporting our Parish Lenten Activities and for giving alms to the Poor. May Our Risen Lord Bless you and all your loved ones.

April Baptism Class

The April Baptism class will be held on April 13th since the 7th is Holy Thursday.

St. Theresa Catholic School is hiring for the 2023-24 school year!

STCS is accepting applications for the following positions: Elementary Teacher, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, Resource Teacher, Teacher Aides, Lunch/Recess Monitors, and Extended Day Care Staff. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@sainttheresaparish.com.

Calling All Middle Schoolers to the Diocesan BASH:

BASH is the Diocese of Arlington's largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! Students from all over the Diocese will gather on **Saturday, April 22nd**, at O'Connell High School in Arlington for faith, fellowship, and fun! We will depart as a group from the upper parking lot at 2:45pm and return at 9:00pm. Adult chaperones will be the drivers.

This event includes music, games, free t-shirt, inspirational speakers, confessions, and Vigil Mass and transportation. Bishop Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass. BASH is open to any Middle School aged youth that want to attend. Please follow this link for more details and to grab a spot for your child - spots are first come - first serve so please act quickly! The cost of the ticket is \$20. You can also sign up to be a chaperone & driver if you would like to be a part of this great evening. We could always use the help! Signup Genius for the Middle School Bash: <https://tinyurl.com/STMSBash> Or use this QR Code



The Bible Timeline for TEENS with Deacon Noah

The 'Venture: The Bible Timeline for High School' by Ascension Press & Mark Hart is a Bible Timeline study that can help teenagers to make sense of the Bible and experience the life-changing power of God's Word. A quote from Mark Hart - "I created 'Venture: The Bible Timeline for High School' to help teenagers all over the world learn about the Bible. With resources like this, teenagers encounter a love for Scripture that they will carry with them into their college years and beyond."

Every Thursday 5-6:30pm, Starts April 20th and continues through Thursday, June 8th - (8 Sessions). There is a \$20 fee for study materials. Contact: Paul Dwyer, yoffice@sainttheresaparish.com or Deacon Noah,

dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com for information on how to signup!!!! Or use this QR Code to access the Signup Genius or this link www.tinyurl.com/bible4teens:



Red Cross Blood Drive -

Please consider supporting the American Red Cross at our next St. Theresa blood drive on FRIDAY, May 5th, from 10am-3:30pm. (Please note this drive is NOT on a Saturday). As always, your help will save lives!

To register online: Please go to <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=StTheresaChurch>. If you have ANY difficulty, please e-mail Colleen Dwyer at colleen-home87@gmail.com or call/text 703.969.3667 & she will register you. The Red Cross is extremely grateful to the very generous St. Theresa parishioners for their continued support in these blood drives. Thank you!!

GABRIEL PROJECT Pregnancy Assistance ministry provides support to pregnant women in crisis from our community. Mentor Volunteers assist these women one-on-one to provide the love, care, physical, material, emotional and spiritual support she needs throughout her pregnancy, as well as, connects her to community resources for ongoing support.

Please join Us! We are looking for a Co-coordinator and Volunteers. Make a commitment to help build a society in which both mother and child can flourish. Contact Marianne Mazzatenta at sttheresagp@outlook.com

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

Vigil Mass, Saturday April 1—5:30pm
Sunday April 2—
7:30, 8:45 and 10:30am, 12 and 5pm

Monday-Wednesday, April 3-5

Mass-6:15 & 8:30am
(12:15pm Monday & Wednesday)
Confessions, 9am Wednesday and Mon-Wed evenings, 7pm

**Adoration Chapel closes 9pm Wed,
April 5: reopens 9am Mon, April 10**

Holy Thursday, April 6

Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm
Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

Good Friday, April 7

Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Confessions, 9am
Midday Prayers at Noon
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, 3pm

Good Friday, Continued

Stations of the Cross, 7pm
Confessions, 7pm

Holy Saturday, April 8

Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Confessions, 9am
Blessing of Easter Food, 10:45am
No Confessions, no 5:30pm Mass
Easter Vigil, 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 9

7:30, 8:45 and 10:30am, 12 and 5pm



Knights of Columbus

FISH FRY – March 31st! The Knights of Columbus will be hosting our annual Lenten Fish Fry on Friday, March 31st, in the St. Theresa School cafeteria, from 6 pm - 9:00 pm. Ford's Fish Shack will fry the fresh fish in the school parking lot! Menu items will include fried cod, shrimp, hush puppies and coleslaw. Tickets will be \$33 for adults and \$17 for kids 11 and under. Beer and wine will also be available for purchase. Proceeds go to Divine Mercy Outreach. You must purchase tickets in advance and space is limited. See the flyer on our K of C website (<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/>) for details and to purchase tickets or use the QR Codes:

Kids 12 and Under:



Adults and Kids over 12:



Food Drive: Last month the generous parishioners donated 6,158 pounds of food.

Thanks 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 a successful one.

The next collection will take place on the weekend of March 25-26. If you missed picking up a blue bag, grocery bags and cash donations are accepted. Thanks for your support.

KOVAR: The Knights will be handing out tootsie rolls for KOVAR donations at all Psalm Sunday Masses April 1 and 2. KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus Charity that provides financial assistance to people with intellectual disabilities. These past few years, KOVAR has awarded thousands of dollars in grants to numerous special needs organizations including Special Olympics of Virginia, Marian Homes, Jill's House and Hope Tree family Services. See the flyer on our K of C website (<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/>) for more details or to donate on-line.

April 15 Shredding Event for Marian Homes

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a fundraiser from 10:00 to 12:00 on April 15th for Marian Homes, a local charity providing homes for adults with intellectual disabilities. Come shred those documents you need to get rid of, in a secure mobile shredding truck that does this right before your eyes! This will be done in the St. Theresa Middle School parking lot; just drive your car up, hand over your documents and watch them get destroyed. The service is free, and you can provide a donation to Marian Homes while you are there. See the flyer on our K of C website (<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/>) for details.

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. Please submit your request on our website at: <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.



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

That Man Is You: A Parish program for Catholic Men

At our April 1 session, Michael Gormley, a well-known lay evangelist takes a unique dive to discover the sacramental, incarnational identity embedded into the mission of Christ and into the Paschal Mystery as the foundation for the Church and our daily lives. Come join us Saturday morning at 6:30 – we'll have you out at 8:00. For more information, con-

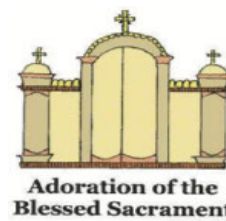
tact: Jack Hayes at: jack.hayes422@aol.com, Ralph Leon at: dralphfp@yahoo.com, or Tony Gizzi at: aggizzi@gmail.com.

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.

“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?

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. To sign up, go to: <http://sainttheresa.letusadore.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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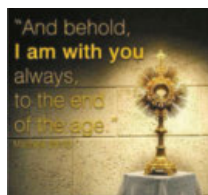
Second Adorer Needed

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	12:00am	12:00am	12:00am	12:30am	12:30am	12:00am
1:30am	1:00am	1:00am	1:00am	2:30am	1:30am	1:00am
2:30am	2:00am	2:00am	2:00am	3:30am	2:30am	2:30am
4:30am	3:00am	3:00am	3:00am	4:30am	3:30am	3:30am
6:30am	4:00am	4:00am	4:00am	1:30pm	7:30am	4:30am
8:30am	12:30pm	6:00pm	11:00am	2:30pm	11:00am	5:30am
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5:00pm						6:00pm
8:00pm						7:00pm
11:00pm						8:00pm
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						10:00pm
						11:30pm

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 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:



Stations of the Cross

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7, 2023, Noon
Join us for Stations of the Cross with Fr Tom Ferguson, Pastor of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, at Alexandria Women's Health Clinic, Northern

Virginia's busiest abortion mill, at 2616 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA.

Come pray for one hour at this modern day Calvary where innocents are brought to slaughter. For more information call Larry Cirignano at 202.306.6863

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

Witness the Ordination to the Diaconate of our Seminarians

—The ordination of men to the diaconate is a beautiful and inspiring event for our entire diocese, and all are welcome to witness them. The Mass of Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate for seminarians James Joseph and Sean Nypaver is Sat., April 15, 11am at St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax. Pray for our future priests! The ceremony will also be livestreamed. Learn more at www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations.

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

"Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at 703.841.2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

Marian Symposium

Please join as a diocesan family as we honor the Blessed Virgin in Year Two of our Golden Jubilee, "My Soul Rejoices in the Lord." The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services USA, and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), will be the guest speaker at a Marian Symposium on Saturday, April 29, at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Springfield. The day will start with Mass at 9 a.m., followed by a coffee break, a talk and Q and A session at 10:30 a.m. and conclude with the recitation of the Rosary. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women

Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is Friday-Sunday, June 16-18. Sister Maria Gonzalo, OCSO, from Our Lady of Angels Monastery in Crozet, VA, will lead the retreat this year. It will also include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, as well as opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual direction, and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$100 (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday June 5.

The Associates of St. John Bosco is pleased to offer three \$4,000 scholarships and one \$6,000 scholarship (the Vincent T. Vaccaro Education Scholarship) to undergraduate students who demonstrate an intense desire to live out their faith on their college campus and who seek to serve the Church in some capacity after graduation. Freshman scholarship funding may continue into the next three years if certain criteria are met and, if funding is available, for potentially \$14,000 to \$20,000 in total scholarship funding! Please apply by May 22 at asjb.org/scholarship-program

Married Couples. It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide

Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. 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: 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

Apr 13-16, May 11-14, Jun 8-11
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!

Lenten Retreat Weekend for Women

Mar 30-Apr 2 (Palm Sunday Weekend)
Explore your mission in life and accompany Christ this lent in the Silence of a retreat! These retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Registration is required. Cost: \$400 per person for 3-night retreat.

Easter Reflection for Couples

Wednesday, Apr 19, 2023
Married and Engaged couples, you are invited to an Evening of Reflection especially for you! The evening will begin with mass and include a delicious dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$75 per couple.

We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Visit us at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612.

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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) 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

Daily Bread Ministry—We are still 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 dmoassistant@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.

The Visitation Ministry

Are you HOMEBOUND? We have wonderful parishioners who would love to visit you or if you are not comfortable with a home visit at this time, they will call you! If you need help with an errand or would like someone to pray with you, let us know. If you are looking to volunteer, please contact us as well. Claudia Lewis at 703.431.8670 or email her at clewis825@gmail.com.

Looking for more ways help? Sign up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. If you sign up you will learn about what we do and how you can become more involved in touching the lives of families who are struggling. Contact Marianne Guidos 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com.

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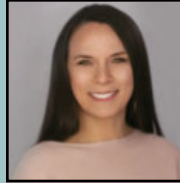
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