

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

October 15, 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses for the Week

Mon, Oct 16	6:15— Joan & Bob Burton+ 8:30— The Lyle Tulloch Family (L & +) 12:15— Joseph & Barbara Wynne+
Tues, Oct 17	6:15— Marilyn Stavely+ 8:30— Laura Leduc+
Wed, Oct 18	6:15— Jianna & Janinna George 8:30— Bernard & Mary Ballard+ 12:15— Pina Pilaro+
Thurs, Oct 19	6:15— Susan Ott+ 8:30— Michael Venkat
Fri, Oct 20	6:15— Joan Burton+ 8:30— Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Fister+
Sat, Oct 21	8:30— Raymond Gordoza+ 5:30— Marc Andre An Nguyen+
Sun, Oct 22	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Neil Simon+ 10:30— Mary & Thomas McGovern 12:30— Viola Speranza+ 5:00— Jija Manalel

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, 9am (until line ends); Holy Hour, 7pm (until line ends); Saturdays, 4pm (until line ends); and by appointment

Clergy

Reverend James C. Hudgins, Pastor
Reverend Paul Dudzinski, Parochial Vicar
Reverend Christopher T. Vaccaro, 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: Steve Smith, Philip Carrescia, Erik Pollock, Michael Williamson, Peggy Burkholder, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Jack LaFave, Catherine Feeny, Barney Smith, Kathleen Mikszan, Ron Crick, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Pranee Hejnarean, 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.

Prayers For Our Military: Tom Short, Bill Short, Sergio Mendez, Geoffrey Galasso, Logan Anna Davis, Stephen Holdorf, Jr. 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, Russell Escalante, Eric Reilly, John Conrad, Fr. James Hinkle, Andrew Gillespie, Stephen Gilliland, David Seliquni, Joseph Auler, Adam Parkinson, Jake Shelton, Patrick G. Fitzgerald, Sean Spurr, Jack Hayes, David and Katherine Bergeron, Christopher Martin.

A Study of the Angels, Continued: The Thrones

Let's continue studying about the angels. First, let's review. As you might recall from previous bulletin columns, there are nine "choirs" of angels in the celestial hierarchy. An angel "choir" is not a musical group. "Choir" refers to the perfection of an angel's being—essentially, a choir is an angelic rank.

Thus far, we've looked at the lowest grouping of the choirs of angels (Principalities, Archangels, Angels), who have direct ministry to human beings. We've also looked at the second grouping of angels (Dominions, Virtues, Powers), who concern themselves with the ordering of material creation. Today, we look at the highest sphere of angels, who are the direct and immediate servants of God himself. These angels are known as the Cherubim, Seraphim, and Thrones. Among these three, the Thrones are the lowest choir.

Whereas the Seraphim contemplate God's glory, and the Cherubim contemplate God's providence, it is said that the Thrones contemplate God's justice. In fact, the name "thrones" derives from the vision of the prophet Daniel:

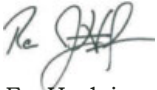
As I watched, thrones were set up and the Ancient of Days took his throne. His clothing was white as snow, the hair on his head like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A river of fire surged forth, flowing from where he sat. Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads stood before him. (Dan 7:9-10)

When the Bible speaks of God as seated "on a throne," it's important to note that we Catholics do not believe there is a mystical, literal "chair" existing somewhere in the universe and that God almighty is using it to rest his tired bones. A "throne," rather, is emblematic of royal authority, and the "throne of God" is a metaphor for God's omnipotence. God delegates his work to his creatures. Only God gives us life, for example, and yet God himself delegates this work to mothers and fathers. Only God forgives sin, for example, and yet God has delegated this work to priests and bishops. Similarly, God's work in the universe employs the delegated assistance of his angels, and the choir of Thrones are instrumental in meting out the justice of God, wherever divine omnipotence wills it to have effect.

Although angels are beings of pure spirit, many angels have appeared to human beings under an assumed human form. Thrones, however, are thought to appear most unlike all the other choirs of angels. In Christian art, they have been depicted as wheels, rotating rings, flames, and even as eyes!

Please remember that the study of mysterious things, such as God and the angels, requires of us an ample measure of humility. There's very little we can know for sure, and so much that will remain a mystery. One day, please God, we will know the angels as our personal friends and companions in God's presence in heaven.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

That Man is You (TMIY)

That Man is You (TMIY) is a Catholic men's program that's made a real difference in our lives as husbands and fathers in St. Theresa's parish, helping us to better understand our Faith and to build friendships with fellow Catholic men. We are into a new TMIY year and met on September 30th with several new participants, discussing the five leadership traits of male leadership: responsibility for actions, clarity of thought, integrity of action, foundation for the future and pay the price. We also talked about developing the relationship between the four leadership roles of men and the five personal traits necessary to fulfill them, and taking personal responsibility for one's

actions as the major moral issue confronting men. It's not too late to become part of our group strengthening faith and fatherhood. Please join us Saturday October 21st at 630am for fellowship and coffee, followed by the start of the program at 7am. We will meet in the Parish building across from the Church. Please contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422@aol.com for additional information and continue to watch the bulletin for upcoming details.

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 read-

ing for the upcoming Sunday and a spiritual book selected by our spiritual director Deacon Matthew Noah. Starting October 11th, we will be reading the book, "Four Witnesses: The Early Church In Her Own Words. 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.

Current Critical Adoration Needs

Critical Need: No Adorer Scheduled

Sunday	Thursday	Friday
12:00am	1:00am	4:00am
2:00am		



Note: 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 provide one-time coverage.

Sign up for one of our open Adoration Time slots – it will change your life, your family’s life, and the life of our St. Theresa Parish!

Visit the Parish website to access the Saint Theresa Parish Adoration Scheduler, or use this short web address:

OR www.tinyurl.com/weadore

Please visit the website to signup, or email letusadore@sainttheresaparish.com, or text to 703.608.4278 or 703.728.0168, or come by the parish office.

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

CYO Basketball Coaches needed: As John Wooden said, “A good Coach can change a game. A great Coach can change a life.” Please consider Coaching for our upcoming 2023/2024 Basketball Season. The Arlington Diocese will be holding training for all CYO Coaches – this is a mandatory training program called ‘Play Like a Champion Today’. All head coaches who have not previously taken the ‘Play Like a Champion Today’ COACH training must attend. The dates of the primary coach trainings will be **Saturday, October 14th at 9am to noon....or Sunday, October 15th at noon to 3pm** at Holy Spirit in Annandale. The session is approximately 3 hours and every coach must attend the entire training to be able to coach after that time. Please contact Paul Dwyer by email at

ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com if you are interested in Coaching. Registration for the CYO Basketball program is currently open.

NVJCYO Basketball Registration is now open: The St. Theresa CYO Basketball program follows the guidelines established by the NVJCYO. It is open to all students currently enrolled in St. Theresa School or the St. Theresa Church Religious Education program in grades 4-8. The program is always looking for volunteers. All coaches & volunteers must comply with the Arlington Diocese Child Protection Program. Registration for the 2023-2024 season opened on **October 6, 2023.**

You can register at <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106557>

Registration will close on October 26, 2023. Cost is \$100 to join a team. Practices should begin on or about November 6, 2023 – by then teams should be formed (enough players registered and a coach identified). Your child’s coach will contact you with specifics. Practice times are determined by gym space availability and the coach’s availability. Practices are generally 60 minutes, twice a week. Information about games can be found at the Arlington Diocese Website. Games should begin December 2nd and are played at gyms throughout the Diocese of Arlington. Venues are determined based on availability. Uniforms are not part of the registration fee and will be handled once practices begin.

If registering – you are agreeing that your athlete will participate and be a part of a team – this means they will commit to their Coaches and their teammates to show up at practices and games.

If you have any questions regarding the program or are interested in Coaching or volunteering, please contact Paul Dwyer at cyo@sainttheresaparish.com.

October

Sunday, the 15th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 22nd-Diocesan High School Rally, 11:15am to 8:30pm (see details below)

Sunday, the 22nd-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 23rd-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, the 24th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sunday, the 29th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

High School RALLY

Bishop Burbidge invites all teens of the Diocese to join him on Sunday, **October 22nd**, at RALLY 2023! This annual event is an opportunity for the young Church in the Diocese to gather to celebrate, pray, and learn the Catholic faith. RALLY includes Mass with Bishop Burbidge, Eucharistic Adoration, inspirational speakers and entertainers, breakout sessions, inflatable games, music, and much more! Open to any high school aged youth wanting to attend, at any stage in their faith journey. We will leave from St. Theresa at 11:15am and return at 8:30pm-transportation will be provided. <https://tinyurl.com/HSRally2023> for details and to register.



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.

Youth Education and News Continued



Our Middle School Pro-Life Club Placed Crosses for the Memorial of the Unborn



We are so grateful! THANK YOU to our Sponsors, Donors, Golfers, and Volunteers -- the 13th Annual Friends of St. Theresa School Golf Tournament was a tremendous success! We had a beautiful day for golf, and a FUN and AMAZING day for St. Theresa School's tuition assistance program! Special thanks to our Tournament Headline Sponsor, GuidePoint Security; Event Sponsors South Capi-



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tol, Thundercat Technologies, Loudoun Funeral Home, RavenTek, ABBTECH, The Amurao Family, Colonial Funeral Home, Contemporary Electrical Services, The deVazeille Family, Dulles Electric Supply, Jack Lawlor Realty, OrthoVA/Dr. Mook & Dr. Switaj, The Prince Family, Steamfitters Local 602, Talentum/Laura & Brian Dwinell, The Severn Group, NOVA Pediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics/Dr. Valerie Woo; and our Contest and Hole Sponsors – *your generosity and kindness makes a difference to our students, and we couldn't do it without you, THANK YOU!*

STCS families, we can't wait to see you this week! Please mark your calendars for the following events, and watch for details in the **Thursday Thunder** email newsletter:

Tuesday, October 17—

First Holy Communion Parent Meeting

Wednesday, October 18—

First Grade Grandparents Day

Thursday, October 26—

Partnering with Parents Speaker Soren Johnson, Trinity House

Friday, October 27—

No School for students; Trunk or Treat

Order Now! Our annual Parish-School White House Christmas Ornament Sale is now open! Orders will be "Pre-Sale

Only" again this year. To place your order online please scan the QR code or visit our parish website, www.SaintTheresParish.com to download a paper form and pay by check. The deadline to order is October 31; ornaments will be available for pickup in mid-November. Proceeds benefit the Friends of St. Theresa tuition assistance program. Email freschir@stsashburn.com with any questions.



STCS Open House – Register Now!

Would you like to learn more about St. Theresa Catholic School, and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's life? Please join us on **Sunday, November 12, 1:45-3:30pm** (presentation at 2:00pm) for our annual Open House! Scan the QR code to register now. For admissions details, please visit our website at www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions") or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotell@stsashburn.com.



Knights of Columbus

KOVAR: KOVAR is a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity. It

works to provide assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations. These organizations give training and assistance to persons with intellectual disabilities. We need your help through donations to fund this vital charity. We will be collecting at all Masses November 18th and 19th or use QR code below. Thank you for your generosity in giving to KOVAR.



Food Drive: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and

transferring 4,030 pounds of food for the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling last month.

Please keep the generosity up by taking a bag (or a flyer if bags are unavailable) on your way out and return it next weekend (October 21-22) with items on the attached flyer.

Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items.

We are successful because of your great efforts. Thanks for your help,

NOTE: Since bags go quickly, the food list can be found at <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/loudoun-food-pantry-2> or scan here:



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 should take no more than 1-2 hours and involve no more than 1-2 men. 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.



News from our Parish

Parish Halloween Bingo! Please join us on **October 20th** for Bingo, Pizza, Chips, Baked Goods, Drinks, Raffles and Prizes and some Fun! This event will take place in Saint Theresa's School Cafeteria. Doors open at 6:15pm, Bingo is from 6:30-8pm. All proceeds will go to future Parish Social Events. Wear your costume and get a raffle ticket to win a prize! (No scary costumes, please) QR Code to Sign Up:



In-House Basketball: K-3

St. Theresa's in-house basketball league for children in Kindergarten thru 3rd grade is open for registration for the 2023/24 season. The league is open to St. Theresa Parishioners and St. Theresa school students. Registration will close on 5 November (or sooner if the league reaches capacity). See the Parish website under Activities/In-house Basketball for details. Contact Rusty Byrne via e-mail at stsk3basketball@gmail.com if any questions.

Young At Heart Club -Men and Women 55 and over

We will meet Wednesday, **October 18, 2023**, after the 12:15 Mass for an Oktoberfest with traditional German foods including beer and wine. After lunch, St. Theresa students will lead us in a fun art activity. RSVP by Sunday 10/15. Cost, \$7 per person. Contact Freddie, wallflower64@gmail.com or 703.625.5715 for information and RSVPs. New people are always welcome!

What are the Crosses outside?

The Crosses outside the church are a Memorial for the Unborn. They serve as a reminder for us to pray for an end to abortion and to pray for those mothers and families hurt by abortion. The most recent data from the Guttmacher Institute says that in 2020 there were 930,160 abortions in the US. So, each cross (of which there are 300) represents about 8.5 babies

aborted every day in the USA. For help and healing after an abortion, contact Project Rachel at <https://hopeafterabortion.com/>. If you are pregnant and need support, contact the Gabriel Project at <https://helpforpregnantwomen.org/> or 703.841.3810.

St Zelig Moms Group

Moms of the parish are invited to join the St. Zelig Moms Group. We have playdates and social events for Catholic fellowship. Please contact christinenkids@gmail.com for more information.

Calling all homeschoolers

We are trying to form a St. Theresa's homeschooling group. If you would like to be added to our contact list, please email christinenkids@gmail.com.

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

STCS is accepting applications for the following part-time positions: Extended Day Care Staff, Lunch/Recess Monitors, and Substitute Teachers. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@saintthereseparish.com.

Padre Pio Prayer Group

St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) is known for his gift of healing. When you become a child of Padre Pio, he also takes into his prayers your entire family. Won't you join us on the first Friday of every month as we pray the rosary and ask Padre Pio to be your helper in heaven. Pray, hope, and don't worry....First Fridays at 6:30 pm. St Theresa School in the Saint Louis Martin Room. Questions, contact Mirella 703.463.0847.

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Parish Social Events Coming Soon

- Donut Sunday – **October 15th**
- Halloween Bingo— **October 20th**
- Trunk or Treat— **October 27th**

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Festival of Trees

Raffle of Christmas Trees, Wreaths, and Gift baskets

Saturday and Sunday December 2nd and 3rd



Join your fellow parishioners for a weekend of family focused activities to celebrate Christmas and bring the community together!

Pre-sales of raffle tickets

November 4-5 and November 18-19
at a discounted rate after masses and online

All Proceeds benefit Divine Mercy Outreach

We help families who are about to be evicted or have utilities cut off and those moving out of shelters who need beds, linens and pillows.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa December 3rd

The Festival of Trees Committee is seeking
volunteers to donate items and help:

Volunteer: Mary Sinnott - allthesinnotts@verizon.net

Donations: Marianne Guidos - dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

For Any Questions contact Co-Chairs:
Angela Haberland – angela.haberland@gmail.com
Mary Sinnott – allthesinnotts@verizon.net

News Around the Diocese

Get Ready to Set Your "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" for World Mission Sunday!

Next weekend, we'll unite with fellow Catholics globally to mark World Mission Sunday. As we reflect on Pope Francis' compelling theme, we're invited to enkindle the flames of Christ's love and spread its warmth to mission territories in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Prepare to support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith with prayers and generosity. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love!

PVI Open House—St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA invites families to learn more about our caring, Catholic community where we inspire the extraordinary in one another. Visit our website www.paulvi.net/admissions to learn more. Save the date for our fall Open House on Sunday, **October 22, 2023** from 1-3pm. There is bus service to and from St. Theresa to PVI every school day. Reach out to our Enrollment Management team at admissions@paulvi.net with any questions you may have.

Loving through Loss Couple's Workshop—Loving Through Loss is a one-day Couple's Workshop for families who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood. The workshop helps couples understand how the trauma of child loss affects the family dynamic, while teaching them how to love each other through the complexity of child loss. The workshop includes personal testimonies from families of loss, time for reflection, spiritual direction, and group discussion based on the age of your loss. The Workshop will begin with Mass at 9 am (optional) on Saturday, **October 28**, at St. Thomas à Becket Church, 1421 Wiehle Ave, Reston, followed by a light breakfast

and registration. The program runs from 10am-4:30pm and includes lunch. Cost is \$80 per couple. Register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/redbird.

Be Not Conformed to the World: Having the Mind of Christ in an Age of Error—How should a Catholic man respond to Christ's challenge to have his mind totally transformed? The 25th Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, directed by The Very Reverend Paul D. Scalia, will be held on Sat. **Oct. 28** from 9:15am--1:15pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church, 8750 Pohick Rd., Springfield VA 22153. There is no charge for this event, but you must register before Oct. 22 to attend. Donations gratefully accepted. To register go to www.waywomen.com/mensretreat For more information, contact Robin Maas at rmvlmaas@gmail.com.

Mass in Celebration for Respect Life Month—Please join the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, on Sunday, **October 29** at 11am at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Alexandria, for the Mass to Celebrate Respect Life Month. All are welcome!

Ladies: Discover the Gifts You Have Been Given—You are invited to a GIVEN Gathering event on Saturday, **November 11** from 9am-4pm at Saint Thomas à Becket Catholic Church, 1421 Wiehle Ave, Reston. The event, hosted by the Diocese of Arlington's Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and created by The GIVEN Institute, is designed to inspire you to receive the gift you are, to realize the gifts you have been given, and respond with the gift that only you can give. The event includes talks by Sister Mary Gabriel, SV, Mary Lenaburg and Katie Weiss as well as opportunities for Mass, Confession and Adoration. Coffee, light pastries available in the morning and lunch provided in the

afternoon. Cost is \$55. To learn more and to register visit <https://giveninstitute.com/arlington-given-gathering/>.

Solemnity of Christ the King—Bishop Burbidge cordially invites you to join him for the celebration of Solemn Vespers with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, **November 26, 2023**, the Solemnity of Christ the King, as he inaugurates the Diocesan Golden Jubilee Year. Solemn Vespers will be held at 5:00PM at Saint Raymond of Peñafort in Springfield. RSVP to events@arlingtondiocese.org.

National Eucharistic Congress 2024 - Registration is Open

<https://sainttheresaparish.com/wp-content/uploads/NEC-Diocese-of-Arlington-Brochure.pdf>

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: 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7-8pm, Cascades Library; 1st, 3rd & 5th Mondays, 7-8pm via Zoom; Thursdays, 7-8pm, Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

November 19 bulletin--due by Tuesday, November 7th, 2pm

November 26 bulletin--due by Monday, November 13, 2pm

Parish Offices

Secretary: Kelly Cosenke, 703.729.2287
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Religious Education Offices

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Youth Activities: Paul Dwyer, 703.729.0426
Secretary: Connie Gilligan, 703.729.3714
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Fax: 703.729.9036

School Offices

Principal: Erin O'Malley, 703.729.3577
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Website: www.stsashburn.com
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) 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

Festival of Trees 2023

Please consider donating a decorated & themed 4ft trees, wreaths or basket for the Festival. More than one family or groups can donate a tree... together. Proceeds from this fun, festive event go to help families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach.

See more information about the Festival of Trees on the parish website under Outreach- Festival of Trees. Last year we raised over \$21,600. from this beautiful, fun family event. Please contact Marianne Guidos if you would like to donate dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com or 703.729.2334 . Questions about the Festival of Trees please contact the co-chairs Mary Sinnott at allsinnotts@verizon.net or Angela Haberland at angela.haberland@gmail.com

Monetary Donations—Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling families! We assist struggling veterans, individuals and families due to domestic violence, disabili-

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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.

Bed Ministry—Volunteer for the Bed Ministry –volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! Great to do this with your teenager too!

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