

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

October 22, 2023

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses for the Week

Mon, Oct 23	6:15— The Stucke Family (L & +) 8:30— George Murray 12:15— John Josephine O'Day+
Tues, Oct 24	6:15— Deacon Pete Faler+ 8:30— Adilia Lupetaliaami+
Wed, Oct 25	6:15— The Stamen Family (L&+) 8:30— Edna Pietrucha+ 12:15— Frances Maria Pilaro+
Thurs, Oct 26	6:15— Chacko Thomas 8:30— Tony Lupe+
Fri, Oct 27	6:15— AREVONIN 8:30— Minh Nguyen & Cue Huynh+
Sat, Oct 28	8:30— Jerome Miles+ 5:30— Antoine Tong Nguyen+
Sun, Oct 29	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Theresa Oltmans+ 10:30— Dale & Phyllis Stucke 40th Anniversary 12:30— Jon Walker 5:00— The Lyle Tulloch Family (L&+)

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, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Jack LaFave, Catherine Feeney, Barney Smith, Kathleen Mikszan, Ron Crick, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Prance 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.

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 “Cheat Sheet” on Ecclesiastical Ranks

(In response to a question from a parishioner)

Our church has a hierarchy of three ranks: deacon, priest, and bishop. But what about all the other “ranks” of clergy out there? Archbishop? Cardinal? Monsignor? There exists a bewildering strata of ranks within the church hierarchy, but a very simple ordering, from lowest to highest, looks like this:

Deacon: According to our catechism, deacons are ordained “not to the priesthood, but to the ministry.” Deacons are tasked with assisting bishops and priests in the service of a parish. A deacon answers to a pastor.

Parochial Vicar: A priest assigned by the bishop to be a co-worker with a pastor in the service of a parish. A parochial vicar answers to a pastor.

Parochial Administrator: A priest assigned by the bishop to direct a parish, with the same duties as a pastor, but with limited authority. Bishops appoint administrators to test their suitability for the role of pastor. A parochial administrator answers to a bishop.

Pastor: A priest appointed by the bishop to be the “proper shepherd” of a parish, who exercises authority as an extension of the bishop, and in cooperation with him. A pastor answers to a bishop.

Dean: A priest appointed by the bishop to coordinate and promote pastoral activity among a grouping of several parishes, known as a “deanery.” A dean answers to a bishop.

Auxiliary Bishop: An additional bishop assigned by the pope to a diocese so extensive that it requires more than one bishop to administer. An auxiliary bishop answers to the pope.

Bishop: An ordained minister who has the fullness of the priesthood, and acts as a successor to the apostles. A bishop is the “proper shepherd” of an entire diocese. A bishop answers to the pope.

Archbishop: A bishop who governs an “archdiocese.” An archdiocese is a diocese that is either heavily populated, geographically vast, or historically important. An archbishop answers to the pope.

Metropolitan: A bishop who has oversight, but not authority, over a grouping of dioceses known as an “ecclesiastical province.” A metropolitan answers to the pope.

Cardinal: A bishop, personally chosen by the pope, to serve as a papal advisor and as a potential elector of a new pope. A cardinal answers to the pope.

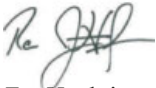
Primate: Found only in older Catholic countries, a primate is a title that gives “primacy” to an archbishop. It once carried special authority, such as the right to crown the sovereign, but is now purely honorific. A primate answers to the pope.

Patriarch: A term with more meaning in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church than in the Latin Rite. Eastern Rite Patriarchs have authority and jurisdiction over all the dioceses in their church, yet are still in union with the pope.

Pope: The Bishop of Rome, the successor of St. Peter, the Vicar of Christ, and the Servant of the Servants of God, the pope shepherds the entire church, just as Jesus did, until he comes again. The pope answers to God!

...What about “monsignor?” “Monsignor” is not a rank, but an honor bestowed on a priest by the pope. There really isn’t any difference between a monsignor and a priest...but don’t say that to a monsignor!

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

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.

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

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

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

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

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 deter-

mined 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 22nd–Diocesan High School Rally, 11:15am to 8:30pm

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



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.

STCS Living Rosary

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:

Saint Theresa Catholic School

Thursday, October 26—

Partnering with Parents Speaker Soren Johnson, Trinity House

Friday, October 27—

No School for students; Trunk or Treat

Monday, October 30—

Vocation Awareness Week

Tuesday, October 31—

Fall Festival; Early Dismissal

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.

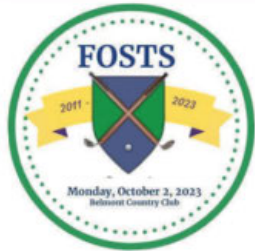
STCS Open House – Register Now!

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.



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@sainttheresaparish.com.



Friends of St. Theresa School 13th Annual Golf Tournament for tuition assistance

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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.



New Knights: Congratulations and a warm welcome to Chester Starowitz,

who transferred to our Council this month. We look forward to Chet's, fraternity and involvement in our Council activities.

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.

The next collection will take place on the weekend of October 21-22. If you were unable to pick up a blue bag, you can always return food in a reusable, paper, or plastic bag. Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items. Thanks for your support.

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.



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.

News from our Parish

Assistive Listening Devices. Did you know one out of every 8 adults in the U. S. has some difficulty hearing even when using a hearing aid? That means that on any given weekend, hundreds of our congregation are missing much of what is being said at Mass. To help them, St. Theresa's has an assistive listening system in the church that can be accessed by wearing compatible headphones (or an ear-piece) with a receiver that amplifies the voices heard over the sound system. A neck loop is also available for people who have hearing aids or cochlear implants with the telecoil (t-coil) function. These assisted listening devices can be checked out from an usher before Mass. Talk with an usher for more information.

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.



Saint Theresa Donut Program

We are in need of donations and volunteers for November 19th, December 10th and December 24th. Please

sign up, if you can <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4EA4AA2D6-saint> This program can't run without volunteers and donations. Thank you and God Bless. Any questions, please contact Angela Haberland, angela.haberland@gmail.com or 703.407.1204

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.

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....November we will be meeting on **November 10** at 6:30 pm. St Theresa School in the Saint Louis Martin Room. Questions, contact Mirella McAleer 703.463.0847.

Our Parish Choirs
New members welcome! Contact us at music@sainttheresaparish.com
Children's Choir: Rehearses on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30.
Youth Choir: Rehearses on Saturdays from 4:00-5:00. This choir will learn more challenging music and learn to serve as cantor.
Parish 10:30 AM Choir always welcomes new members. We especially are in need of more men singers and "that man is YOU". This choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-9:00.

Parish Social Events Coming Soon

Trunk or Treat—**October 27th**

KofC Pancake Breakfast—**November 12th**

Donut Sunday—**November 19th**

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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. During our October 7th meeting we reviewed the 5 essential leadership traits men should provide, with a detailed discussion from Genesis on Adam's failure to follow them during the temptation in the Garden of Eden. During our group discussions we talked about how we as individual men have, at times, failed to take responsibility for our actions and ways to change this and own our ac-

tions. It's not too late to become part of our group strengthening faith and fatherhood. Please join us Saturday October 28th 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.

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

News Around the Diocese

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.

St. John Prep Open House—You are invited to attend an open house at Saint John's Catholic Prep located in historic Buckeystown, MD on Sunday, **November 5th** from 12-2:30pm. The open house is a wonderful way for prospective students and their families to experience the school's community, meet students, faculty, and staff and learn more about a faith-based, college prep education. There will be tours of the campus as well as information about financial assistance. We will be offering Mass at 11am, before the program starts. Saint John's is a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory

high school located at 3989 Buckeystown Pike in Buckeystown, Maryland. Prospective families can register at <https://www.saintjohnsprep.org/admissions/visit>

For more information about admissions or the open house, please call the school at 301.662.4210 or e-mail mjames@saintjohnsprep.org.

JP's Volleyball Middle School Night— October 27th

John Paul the Great invites all middle schoolers to join us for the Varsity Girls Volleyball Game at JP on Friday, October 27th at 5:30pm. Free entry for middle school students! No RSVP required!

John Paul Open House— on Nov. 5th

Getting ready for high school? Join us at John Paul for our Open House on Sunday, November 5th from 1-4pm! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities! We look forward to introducing you to our unique Bioethics program as well as our beloved House System and robust Spe-

cial Services! Meet students, faculty, and coaches to learn more about the programs you love. RSVP at jpthegreat.org!

How to High School - January 6th

JP's hit readiness and skills workshop is back! Open to all 7th & 8th graders, How to High School will be held on Saturday, January 6th from 12-4pm! Register at jpthegreat.org under Upcoming Events on the Admissions tab!

A Jubilee Journey with Mary

Did you know there are 11 churches in the Diocese of Arlington which are named for Our Lady? During this second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to focus upon Mary and her role in pointing us to Jesus. To this end, Bishop Burbidge has invited all of us to visit as many of those 11 churches as possible and spend time in prayer at each! Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/ for more information about this Jubilee Journey with Mary! We hope that this initiative encourages you to grow in your understanding of Mary and your devotion to her!

More News Around the Diocese

Embrace the Pope's Missions with "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move" this World Mission Sunday!

Today, Pope Francis echoes the universal call of our Baptism – to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As we gather with global Catholics on this World Mission Sunday, our prayers and contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith bolster the Pope's missions, enabling:

- Over 844,000 catechists to share the faith
- 258,540 Religious Sisters to tend to families and children 38,140 seminarians to journey towards the priesthood Education for 26 million children
- Medical assistance in 12,000 clinics
- Comfort in 8,750 homes for the orphaned and elderly

By supporting this cause, we truly live out the call to be the spark that transforms lives. May your prayers and gifts create ripples of love and transformation. Thank you for your missionary zeal!

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!

Annual Mass in Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

The Mass in Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) will be held on **Thursday, November 2** at 11am at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax. The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Included in this beautiful liturgy will be the traditional blessing of the gravesites of deceased priests. Please join us as we pray for our loved ones who have gone on to their eternal reward. Rain Site: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale.

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 5pm at Saint Raymond of Peñafort in Springfield. RSVP to events@arlingtondiocese.org.

Advent Retreat Weekend for Women Dec 1-3, 2023

Are you looking to deepen your understanding and connection with God? Look no further than a retreat at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. Our retreat weekends are based on the Spiritual Exercises crafted by St. Ignatius and offer a unique opportunity to cultivate a deeper understanding of yourself, your relationship with God, and the world around you. Explore your mission in life and Experience Christ's Presence in the Silence of a retreat! Registration is required. Cost: \$300 per person. 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!

National Eucharistic Congress 2024 - Registration is Open

<https://saintthereseparish.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?

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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.



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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-

ties, 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.

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

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

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Friends in Need

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

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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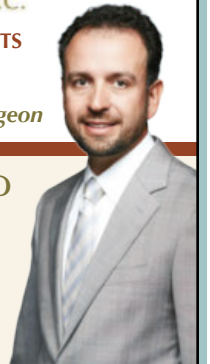


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