

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Masses for the Week

Mon, Nov 27	6:15— Heather Holier+ 8:30— Theresa Oltmans+ 12:15— Mr. & Mrs. George Logue
Tues, Nov 28	6:15— Steve Miles 8:30— Leonard & Mary Catherine Stevens+
Wed, Nov 29	6:15— The Stucke Family L & + 8:30— NETS 12:15— Katharine Tellis
Thurs, Nov 30	6:15— The Stammen Family L & + 8:30— Jen Lausten
Fri, Dec 1	6:15— Ned Woisard+ 8:30— Mr. Gary Martin 12:15— Jennifer & Sunil Tellis
Sat, Dec 2	8:30— Gary L. Clay 5:30— Teodorico Dino+
Sun, Dec 3	7:30— Thomas J. Miles III 8:45— Stan Urynowicz+ 10:30— Rod Huth+ 12:30— Anthony Tellis 5:00— St. Theresa Parishioners

Parish Mass Schedule

Saturday:	8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am 12:30 & 5:00pm
Weekdays:	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday 12:15pm, Mondays (except Federal Holidays) and Wednesdays
Holy Days:	As announced
Holy Hour:	Wednesdays, 7pm
Confessions:	Wednesdays, 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: Stephen Stahl, Steve Smith, Philip Carrescia, Erik Pollock, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Jack LaFave, Barney Smith, Rick & 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.

An Act of Mercy for Your Family—Part II

Last week, I introduced the idea that planning for your own funeral and burial, while never a pleasant task, is an act of kindness for your loved ones because it spares them time and effort, and gives them the peace of knowing they are honoring your wishes. This week, I wish to share a few thoughts to help you plan your own funeral Mass.

Objectively speaking, there's not too much to plan. You'll simply need to choose:

Opening hymn
1st reading
Psalm Response (either spoken or sung)
2nd reading
Gospel reading
Offertory hymn
Communion hymn
Closing hymn

The selection of readings and music should be guided by a deep understanding of the purpose of a funeral. Quite simply, the purpose of a funeral is the worship of God, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the celebration of the Eucharist. After we have passed from this life, our greatest hope is the mercy of God. That's why we must take care to plan our funeral Mass to focus not on ourselves, but rather on God, and his mercy.

Furthermore, music at a funeral Mass should not be secular music. Like any liturgy of the Church, the funeral Mass is a prayer. That's why music at a funeral Mass should be liturgical music, also known as sacred music. The simplest definition of sacred music is music written to assist liturgical prayer, whose lyrics are words addressed to God. Too often, people expect that a funeral Mass should be a tribute to the deceased, particularly their personalities and accomplishments. No matter how great a life a person has lived, the grace and mercy of Jesus is our only hope. We need grace, mercy, and lots of prayer.

Please leave written instructions that your personal remembrance should take place either at the vigil the evening before the funeral, or at the graveside afterwards. Those are the two best times to focus on the life of the deceased. The Mass is always first and foremost a prayer, and its focus is always the death and resurrection of Christ, for our salvation. Rooted in such an understanding, choose every reading, every hymn, and every other option at your disposal to two purposes: the praise of God for his mercy, and the request of prayers for the deceased. Every priest is required to prepare the details of his own funeral, so I write all this to you from firsthand experience.

Whenever our hour comes, those who have loved us will be grateful that we made our preparations in advance. This will help them pass through a grieving process made deliberately simpler and less contentious. Christ our Lord loved us, even as sinners, and died for us, but wants us to receive his mercy with a spirit of repentance and readiness. Let's remember that the funeral Mass is meant to help the deceased, and ourselves, get ready to be with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

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
Saturday
3:00am



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.

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

November

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

December

Saturday, December 2nd-CYO Basketball Games begin

Sunday, the 3rd-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 10th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Sunday, the 17th-Upper Room Squad, 6-7:45pm

Mount2000 - A Retreat for High School Students led by Seminarians

MOUNT2000 is a yearly retreat hosted by Mount Saint Mary's Seminary for 1000+ high school teens. Offers youth an environment to encounter Jesus who is ALIVE and ACTIVE in our day with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, engaging speakers, spirit filled musicians, and breakout sessions led by the seminarians are offered. Held at Mount St. Mary's University Friday, February 2nd to Sunday, February 4, 2024. We depart early Friday afternoon and return Sunday afternoon. Please go to this link for more details and to grab a spot:

<https://tinyurl.com/STCCMount2000>

Email Paul Dwyer at ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com with any questions.




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.


2023 Thunder Appeal
"Anchored in Faith"




Please support STCS with your Giving Tuesday or End-of-Year Gift!

The St. Theresa Catholic School Thunder Appeal is underway! Your gift supports our faculty & students every day:

- Curriculum Enhancements & Classroom Resources
- Faith Formation Opportunities
- Recruit & Retain Outstanding Faculty
- Campus Improvements



Make a gift by check, visit www.stsashburn.com, or scan the QR code.



Thank you for your support!



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, November 28—

Students return

Wednesday, November 29—

Book Fair opens (runs through Wednesday, December 6)

Thursday, November 30—

HSPT, early dismissal (8th grade only)

Wednesday, December 6—

Dress out for Catholic Charities; Feast of St. Nicholas

Stop by the STCS Book Fair! Parishioners, please stop by the **St. Theresa Catholic School Book Fair** during the parish Festival of Trees on **Sunday, December 3**, in the School Li-

brary after all Masses. This is a great way to do some Christmas shopping! *We hope to see you there!*

STCS Alumni & Alumni Families, Send Us Your News!



Email your updates to alumni@stsashburn.com

Calling all St. Theresa Catholic School Alumni & Alumni Families!

We would love to hear from you, and add you to our Alumni & Friends Newsletter email list. Please send your news and contact information to alumni@stsashburn.com

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Holidays, here are the early bulletin deadlines:

December 17 bulletin--due to me by Tuesday, **December 5**, 2pm

December 24 bulletin--due to me by Monday, **December 11**, 2pm

December 31 bulletin--due to me by Monday, **December 18**, 2pm

News from our Parish

Advent Calendar and Candle Sale!

Prepare for the coming of Christ with your family and support our teens going to WorkCamp by participating in our 2023 Advent Calendar and Candle Sale! The WorkCamp teens will be selling boxed sets of Advent candles as well as chocolate and paper Advent calendars after all Masses **this weekend**. Thank you for your support!

Green Sale

The annual Pro-Life Green Sale in support of A Woman's Choice will be held following all Masses on **December 1 and 2**. Decorate your home and doors with beautiful and fragrant large wreaths and sprays. Advent candles and candle holders will also be available. A Woman's Choice is a non-profit pro-life organization that provides many services to women concerning their pregnancy, e.g. information on abortion, adoption and pregnancy; providing infant through toddler clothing/supplies; counseling for women of past abortions. They now have 2 locations in Falls Church and Herndon. So, beautify your home and at the same time support one of the Church's most important ministries. Only checks and cash please.

WorkCamp 2024 -Interest Meetings

Sunday, **December 2nd**, 2pm or Thursday, **December 7th**, 7pm
Meet with seasoned veterans of WorkCamp to find out all the details about this amazing week of service that is set for June 22-28 in Frederick Coun-

ty, VA. Find out why over 800 high schoolers gather together every year for a week long opportunity to serve the less fortunate within the boundaries of the Diocese of Arlington. The meeting is for parents of high school aged teens who are interested in attending or just want to find out about this great program the Diocese offers – which many consider the 'best thing the Diocese has to offer to our teens'. The first meeting will be Sunday, December 2nd at 2pm in the school cafeteria OR attend the second meeting on Thursday, December 7th at 7pm in the school library. If you plan on attending or have any additional questions, please RSVP to: workcamp@sainttheresaparish.com.

VIRTUS Training

St. Theresa will be hosting VIRTUS training on Saturday, December 9th, starting at 9:30am. The session will be held in the Admin Bldg in Zelig rooms 1-3, and last no more than 4 hours. Please be prompt as the doors get locked. Thank you.

Considering Giving Tuesday and End-of-Year Giving? St. Theresa Catholic School's 2023 Thunder Appeal – Anchored in Faith is now underway -- please consider supporting our parish school!

Since our opening in 1994, STCS has been blessed to be part of such a vibrant parish community. Your tax-



deductible gift will impact our students and faculty every day, and help us grow in our mission of *Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders*. Scan the QR code or visit our website, www.stsashburn.com to make a gift online, or mail a check to St. Theresa Catholic School ("Thunder Appeal" in the memo). For more information, please contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com or 703.729.3577. *We are grateful for your support!*

We have extra jackets from the Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS) golf tournament for sale!

They are 1/2-zip windbreakers with the 2023 FOSTS Golf logo. Unisex sizes available: Small (good for kids too!); XL, 2XL, 3XL. They were a big hit at the tournament and are going fast -- email Regina Freschi if you're interested, freschir@stsashburn.com.

Registration for New Altar Boys

Registration is now open for boys (4th grade and older) who are interested in becoming Altar Boys to serve at Mass and liturgies in the parish. Training for new altar boys takes place over four (4) sessions spread over several months. The initial training sessions will be held as follows:

Session 2: Sat., Dec. 9-10- 11:30am
To register for the training sessions or for more information, please contact Deacon Renzette, deacon@renzette.org.

Parish Advent Offerings

**Workcamp Advent
Candle and Calendar Sales
November 25-26**
after all Masses

**Annual Pro-Life Greens Sale
December 2 & 3**

Benefits A Woman's Choice
Beautiful & Fragrant Wreaths Sold
After All Masses

**Festival of Trees
December 2 & 3**
Saturday 2:30 – 7:30pm
Sunday 8am – 2pm

**Pancake Breakfast with Santa
December 3**
After 7:30, 8:45 & 10:30am Mass

**Immaculate Conception –
December 8 -
Holy Day of Obligation**

Thursday, Dec. 7 Vigil Mass: 7:30pm
Friday, Dec. 8: 6:15, 8:30am & 12:15,
4:30 & 7:30pm

**Donut Sunday & Carnival Games–
December 10**

After 7:30, 8:45 & 10:30am Mass
Details and advanced ticket sales,
see parish website

**Advent Retreat – Saturday,
December 16, 8:30-11am**

See parish website for details

Donut Sunday-, December 24
After 7:30, 8:45 & 10:30am Mass

Additional Confession Times

Wednesdays 9am
Mon., Wed. & Thurs. Dec. 18, 20
& 21: 7pm until the line runs out

Christmas Mass Schedule
****Dec. 24: no 12:30pm Mass for the
4th Sunday of Advent****

Sunday, Dec. 24:
Vigil Mass:
4, 6, 8 & 10pm

Monday, Dec. 25:
8 & 10am & 12pm

**Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God
Sunday, Dec. 31**
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Monday, Jan. 1:
6:15, 8:30 & 10:30am, 12:00



Festival of the Trees is Coming

Saturday December 2, 2023 Hours 2:30 PM-7:30 PM

Sunday December 3, 2023 Hours 8:00 AM-2:00PM

Winning Tickets Drawn at 2:00 PM Sunday

Location St. Theresa Parish Center (Across from the Church)

Visit with Santa on Sunday Morning December 3rd at the

Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa

All Proceeds Benefit Divine Mercy Outreach

To Donate a Tree, Wreath, or Basket- dmoutreach@sttheresaparish.com

With any questions or to volunteer

Contact Mary Sinnott- allthesinnotts@verizon.net

Angela Haberland -angela.haberland@gmail.com

Ticket Pre-Sales will be 11/04-05 and 11/18-19

Tickets also for Sale Online.

See Parish Website under Outreach-Festival of Trees

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.

CARNIVAL



Saint Theresa Donut

Sunday & Carnival Games – Dec 10th

Please join us after 7:30am, 8:45am, 10:30am mass for Donuts and Fellowship. We will be serving Donuts, Starbucks Coffee, crumbl cookies, Bagels and Cream Cheese, Fruit Cups, Croissants, Meats & Cheese, Muffins, Crackers, Juice and Water.

Carnival Games include Lucky Duck, Ring Toss, Lollipop Tree, Snowball Throw, Spoon Ball Game and Raffles (Raffle prizes include gift cards to local restaurants and more!)

Please contact Angela Haberland at angela.haberland@gmail.com or 703.407.1204 with any questions. Thank you and God Bless!

Tickets are on Sale now!

Purchase your tickets in advance with QR Code below to Save Time in Lines.



- 1 Ticket = \$2.00
- 3 Tickets = \$5.00
- 8 Tickets = \$10.00
- 20 Tickets = \$20.00



No refunds on tickets.

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 November 11th meeting we discussed manifesting Christian leadership at home, using St. Joseph as our example; during the next meetings we look at current cultural challenges, how we respond to them as Christian men, and other important issues. Please join us next Saturday at 630am for fellowship, vid-

eo and, and discussion (6:30-8am) in the Parish building across from the Church. Please contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422@aol.com for additional information.

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. 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.



Knights of Columbus

Advent Retreat for the Parish:

a Morning of Reflection is planned for Dec 16, 8:30-11:00. All parishioners are invited.

Food Drive: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and transferring the food for the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling in October. We delivered 4,620 lbs.

The next collection will take place on the weekend of November 25-26. 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.



Breakfast with Santa:

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting "Breakfast with Santa" in the Saint Theresa School cafeteria on Sunday December 3.

Stop by after the morning Masses to visit with Santa and enjoy a hearty breakfast of pancakes (plain, chocolate chip and blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausage, tater tots and home fries, along with coffee, juice, and Dunkin' Munchkins! Net proceeds will benefit Divine Mercy Outreach.

Keep Christ in Christmas - Youth

Poster Contest: We invite youth, ages 5 – 14, to participate in the Knights' annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Contest participants can design, decorate, and submit an 11x17" poster reflecting the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas." By engaging the creative talents and imaginations of our young people, we hope they will come to a deeper understanding of the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

Entry forms are available at: www.st-louismartin-kofc.org and the Saint Theresa school office. Please submit completed posters with entry forms to the Saint Theresa school office. The deadline for submission of completed posters and entry forms to the school

office is Friday, December 1, 2022. Prizes will be awarded to winners at the December Pancake Breakfast!

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 Around the Diocese

Serve Those in Need with Your Gift to Catholic Charities

The theme for the 2023 Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection is Behold, I Make All Things New. We can renew our Catholic Faith by sharing it with others in word and deed, through evangelization and spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to this Collection, which allows Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington to serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer. Donate via the special insert in the bulletin at Mass next weekend; or at ccda.net/Christmas; or add this second collection to your parish e-giving account.

Opening of the Golden Jubilee Celebration

Please join us on Sunday, **November 26** at 5pm, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe, at St. Michael Catholic Church, 7401 St. Michael's Lane, Annandale, for the opening of the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Diocese of Arlington. There will be Solemn Vespers with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will be the celebrant and homilist. A reception will follow in the school gym. Please RSVP to events@arlingtondiocese.org

Advent Weekend Retreats— for Women, Dec 1-3, 2023, for Men Dec 8-10, 2023

An Advent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises crafted by St. Ignatius is a wonderful way to prepare your soul for the Christmas season. 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!

Silent Advent Retreat for Women

Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Spirituality Center in White Post, Virginia, from Friday-Sunday, **December 1-3**, and savor the silence with your sisters. We will "treasure and ponder" the mysteries of Advent while we read, think, and pray ... and rest with Jesus Christ. Fr. Riley will lead us in a consideration of the true meaning of the peaceful and solemn

season of Advent and how we might better prepare to welcome the Christ Child with joy into our families and our homes on Christmas morning. Retreat cost is \$285, and financial assistance may be available. For more info or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

2023 Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe led by Bishop Burbidge

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, offered for the intentions of couples struggling with infertility, miscarriage or early infant death. The Novena starts on **Monday, December 4 and concludes on Tuesday, December 12**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. A private Mass will be offered by Bishop Michael Burbidge for this intention during the Novena. To receive the Novena and submit your intentions: OurFruitfulLove.com/Novena.

Advent Evening of Reflection

Wednesday, December 6th at 7pm Christ the Redeemer – Atonement Hall Join us for a beautiful evening as Fr. Jaffe helps us to prepare for Jesus' coming! Talks will center on finding Jesus in our lives and in the Eucharist, and how to better center our lives around our Lord. This event is for Men & Women. Adoration and Confessions will be available in the Church starting at 6:30pm. Please RSVP for this Event by replying to: thelittleway1873@gmail.com

Advent Evening of Reflection for Couples—"No Room at the Inn" Wednesday, Dec 13, 2023

Married and Engaged couples 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. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required. 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.

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2023—Dec 14-17/ Jan 18-20 / Feb 22-25 (virtual)

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! Find more info on the website ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

Marriage Retreat! By offering Married Couples the beautiful experience of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, the Catholic Church is affirming and supporting you in your chosen vocation – Marriage. Take advantage of this great gift to enhance your relationship and enjoy a love-filled weekend away together.

For more info 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. Here are a few upcoming experiences: January 26-28, 2024 - Myrtle Beach, SC; March 1-3, 2024 - College Park, MD; April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA

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.

Parish Offices

Secretary: Kelly Cosenke, 703.729.2287
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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 -next weekend! Location -Parish Admin building across from church

December 2nd: Hours 2:30-7:30pm,
Dec 3rd: Hours 8am-2pm. Winning
Tickets drawn at 2pm Sunday
Tickets available at the event! Plan to attend this beautiful, fun family event! There are beautiful themed and decorated 4ft Christmas trees, baskets and wreaths. If you haven't been to the Festival this is the year to attend. Many wonderful items and it's a great way to meet other parishioners. Go to the parish website under Outreach, Festival of trees to see some of last years pictures.

Questions about the Festival of Trees please contact the co-chairs Mary Sinnott at allthesinnotts@verizon.net or Angela Haberland at angela.haberland@gmail.com

Light Up Someone's Christmas

Many thanks to those who participated to Light Up Someone's Christmas. For those who didn't get a chance to participate, you still can by donating a gift card for groceries, gas or Walmart or by making a donation to help prevent rent eviction, utility cut

off by going online to make a donation on the parish website to help those in need as there is an ongoing need to help individuals and families. We also accept ongoing donations of new bedding (twin, full & queen) God bless you! You make a difference!

Furniture Ministry Coordinator

needed—We need your help. Our furniture ministry needs a coordinator or two. This includes picking up donated tables and chairs and small dressers and delivering them to families in need. It's would be about 2-4 times a month, whatever works for your schedule. This would be great for a couple of friends to work together to help others. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Marianne Guidos at 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.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, disabilities, layoffs, medical issues and unforeseen circumstances that need help in moving forward.

Donations accepted online, by mail or drop off to the parish office. Indicate DMO in the memo of the check or on the envelope. To donate online—<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.

Bed Ministry—volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! Consider taking a short time out of your day to bring some light into another's life. Extra helpers needed to bring new beds and bedding from our storage to families moving out of the shelters and other families in need. Interested, contact Bea Craig at 571.439.0364 or beds@sainttheresaparish.com

Friends in Need—Provides meals on a short-term basis for those families or individuals in the parish who are unable to cook for themselves due to 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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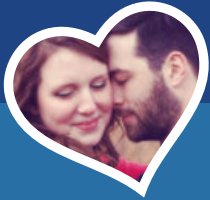

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