

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent



Masses for the Week

Mon, Dec 4	6:15— Miles Family 8:30— Jeanette Engel 12:15— Souls in Purgatory+
Tues, Dec 5	6:15— Joan & Bob Burton+ 8:30— Eileen Shanley+
Wed, Dec 6	6:15— Lynnworth, Jessie & James Sweeney+ 8:30— Vincent Letizia+ 12:15— Aileen DiSilvestre
Thurs, Dec 7	6:15— The Lyle Tulloch Family L&+ 8:30— Following Padre Pio Members' Intention 7:30— Harry Bues III+
Fri, Dec 8	6:15— The Stucky Family L&+ 8:30— Fr. Christopher Vaccaro 12:15— Fr. Richard M. Guest 4:30— Rev. Paul M. Eversole 7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners
Sat, Dec 9	8:30— Aquilino & Maria Cruz+ 5:30— Deceased Members of the Fisher, Keane & Bianchet Families+
Sun, Dec 10	7:30— Cuti Family+ 8:45— Henry & Maureen Jacob+ 10:30— Joseph, Laura & Carlo Maresca+ 12:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 5:00— Fr. Richard M. Guest

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, Prancee 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 Spitznale.

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.

Be Counter-Cultural. Celebrate Advent.

Each year, two seasons in our Church calendar are virtually un-noticed outside of the Mass: Advent and Christmas. People celebrate the Christmas season of course, but only by replacing Advent. Their celebration begins after Thanksgiving and ends on December 25. Then, just when the joy of the Christmas season is supposed to begin, they put away the carols and the decorations and return to life-as-normal. We're missing something valuable, and it's worth a fight to keep it.

Advent—The Season of Hope: Advent may be the most beautiful season in the entire year because it is uniquely the season of *hope*. There is great joy in a vibrant, living hope that is certain to be fulfilled. That joy is exactly the spirit of Advent. Human beings cannot live without hope. Without it, we surrender to the interior death of despair. Advent reminds us not only what to hope for, but who alone can fulfill that hope. The Old Testament readings we hear throughout the season tell the story of a people whose prayer was for the heart's deepest yearnings—peace, tranquility in the home, a sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, sadness and misery. We know those hopes are partly fulfilled already in the coming of the Messiah, and that the full measure of hope will be filled to overflowing in heaven, to which Christ calls us with no shortage of urgency.

Skip Advent? That's skipping the message of hope! We need the season of Advent because we need time to reflect on this message: our hope will not be disappointed if it is founded on God. Our Heavenly Father answered the prayers of his people by sending Jesus into the world, and he will answer ours as well if we welcome Him into our hearts.

Let's begin to live differently. If Catholics won't celebrate Advent, who will? Let me offer a few simple Advent suggestions that anyone can do:

Own an Advent Wreath: It's fun to light the Advent candles each night at dinnertime. It reminds you of God's presence and His promises. Isn't every meal somehow more peaceful when we light a candle?

Wait for Christmas: Don't decorate right now. Put it off and make it clear that this is the Advent season. Can you put off sending cards until Christmas season? Can you offer a Christmas party during Christmas, instead of during Advent? You might be surprised how much people appreciate it!

Relish the Readings: When you hear Old Testament yearnings for God's promises, remember—hope in Him, and you'll never hope in vain.

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.

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

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

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

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

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

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

December

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.



The STCS Choir enjoyed singing for the parish Young at Heart Club!

Stop by the STCS Book Fair TODAY! Parishioners, please stop by the **St. Theresa Catholic School Book Fair** during the parish Festival of Trees on Sunday, **December 3**, in the School Library after all Masses. This is a great way to do some Christmas shopping! *We hope to see you there!*



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:

Wednesday, December 6—

Dress out for Catholic Charities; Feast of St. Nicholas

Friday, December 8—

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 11—

Band/Choir Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 12—

STCS Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 15—

Middle School Retreat; Extended Day Care closes at 4pm

Monday, December 18—

Christmas Break

Wednesday, January 3—

Students return

Can you help? St. Theresa Catholic School's Thunder Appeal - Anchored in Faith is now underway!

Your tax-deductible gift will impact 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. *Thank you for your support!*



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



Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

News from our Parish

Green Sale

The annual Pro-Life Green Sale in support of A Woman's Choice will be held following all Masses this weekend. 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 3rd**, 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 County, 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.

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.

Young At Heart Club -Men and Women 55 and over

We will meet Wednesday, **December 13**, after the 12:15 Mass for lunch and a Christmas gift-exchange. The lunch menu includes subs, chips, wine, tea, Christmas cookies, brownies, and other desserts. Lunch is free for 2023 paid members; the cost is \$10 for non-members. Gifts for the exchange game should be new and wrapped, with a value of \$10. Please RSVP with your choice of subs. Contact Freddie, wallflower64@gmail.com or 703.625.5715 to RSVP. New people are always welcome!

Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)

Everyone is invited to the Filipino tradition of Simbang Gabi or night Mass to be held at St. Theresa's on Friday, **December 15**, 7pm with Fr. Mel Portula as the main celebrant. Please visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/simbanggabi/> for the full list of the 9-

day Novena of Masses and to learn more about the tradition.

Save the date- Chili cook off **Feb 10, 2024** - all proceeds benefit Workcamp. Stay tuned!

Considering End-of-Year Giving? St. Theresa Catholic School's 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!*



Ornaments for sale! We have a few White House Christmas ornaments left for sale - but they're going fast!

Please email Regina Freschi for availability, freschir@stsashburn.com, or call the school office at 703.729.3577. The ornaments are \$27/each, with proceeds benefitting the Friends of St. Theresa School tuition assistance program.



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.

Parish Advent Offerings

Annual Pro-Life Greens Sale December 2 & 3

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

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 18th meeting we discussed responding to modern cultural challenges as Christian men; during the small group sessions we looked at facing these challenges as Christian fathers and husbands. Please join us next Saturday at 6:30am for fellowship, video 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. Start-

ing 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.

**National
Eucharistic
Congress**

**INDIANAPOLIS
JULY 17 - 21, 2024**

Diocese of Arlington

We are inviting you to participate in this pivotal moment in the Church! Join our diocese at the National Eucharistic Congress and draw into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. Scan the QR Code at the right for more information.



[Learn More](#)



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.

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.

KOVAR: Last month our generous parishioners donated over \$3000 to KOVAR! This Virginia Knights of Columbus charity provides assistance through grants and home loans to special needs organizations. These organizations provide support to persons with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your generosity.

K of C Financial Seminar: All parishioners are invited to join a financial seminar hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The seminar will be in the Zelle room on December 7th at 7pm. Learn how the Knights can help you invest, provide for your family, and prepare for retirement without violating your Catholic faith.

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>.

Call for Handyman Crew Volunteers: Are you available to volunteer as a handyman for those in need? The volunteers of the St. Louis Martin Council of the Knights of Columbus are

available to complete small home repairs for the benefit of those in need who are physically incapable of performing the work, or for whom the hiring of a professional is cost prohibitive. Typical projects include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work alongside brother knights in support of a worthy cause. What do you get in return? A smile and a thank you from the people you helped. Learn more here: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Catholic men: Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? See our most Frequently Asked Questions at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> or to submit a request for more information or to be contacted by our Membership Committee scan the following QR code.



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Learn more about our faith-based investments at our upcoming **Financial Seminar and Social**.

December 7, 2023 7:00 p.m.

St. Theresa Catholic Church – Zelle Room
 21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA 20147



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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 Around the Diocese

Please Consider a Generous Gift to Those in Need—Through a gift to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, you are serving the poor, protecting the vulnerable, and welcoming the newcomer. Your support helps maintain ministries that serve neighbors in need throughout the 21 counties and seven cities of our diocese. If donating with check or cash, use the special bulletin insert/contribution envelope. You may also make an online gift at ccda.net/Christmas.

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.

Apostolate of Family Consecration (AFC) Mass and Reception—Monday, **December 4th** at 6pm, the AFC, also known as “Catholic Familyland”, will be visiting St Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Purcellville to celebrate Mass with a reception to follow at Our Lady of Victory Hall, to include a brief presentation about the AFC. See www.afc.org for details about the Apostolate, Holy Family Fests and their various retreats. Please join us by registering at: <https://forms.office.com/r/eXf31EBRjv>

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

Popular and Precarious: the Science, Silence and Solutions with IVF.” December 6th, 7pm, Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church will be hosting a presentation by Dr. John Bruchalski as well as Daniel and Michelle Jacobeen entitled, “Popular and Precarious: the Science, Silence and Solutions with IVF.”

Come learn about the scientific and spiritual issues associated with in-vitro fertilization and its impact on families and society. The talk will be held in the Parish Hall: 46639 Algonkian Parkway, Potomac Falls, VA. RSVP for this event via the Sign Up Genius on the Our Lady of Hope parish website (ourladyofhope.net) or on the parish Facebook and Instagram sites. Or feel free to just show up!

Cooking up some fun with FIAT

The Little Sisters of the Poor are cooking up some fun for FIAT high school girls interested in growing spiritually and exploring their vocation. Saturday **December 9**, 10am-3pm at the St. Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington, D.C. The day will include Mass, baking, lunch and some time of adoration. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations. Space is limited, visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514. Deadline to register (but don't wait!) is **Monday, December 4**.

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 20187. 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 seri-

ously 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

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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 -this weekend! Location -Parish Admin building across from church

December 2nd: Hours 2:30p-7:30pm
Dec 3rd: Hours 8am-2pm
Winning Tickets drawn, 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 still 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. 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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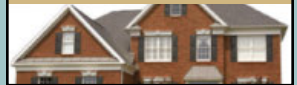
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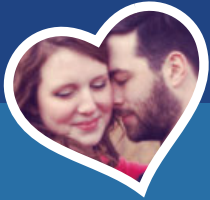
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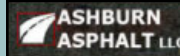
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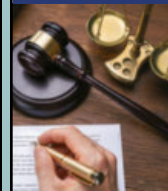
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