

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

December 24, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Masses for the Week

Mon, Dec 25	8:00— Pina Pilaro+ 10:00— Stan Urynowicz+ Noon— Tellis Family
Tues, Dec 26	6:15— Paul & Ruth McNichol+ 8:30— Dylan Ricciardella+
Wed, Dec 27	6:15— Shawn Soares+ 8:30— Adela Carlos+ 12:15— Jerry Worley+
Thurs, Dec 28	6:15— Tom Odonnell+ 8:30— John William Meng+
Fri, Dec 29	6:15— Jerome & Lou Miles+ 8:30— Students of Ashburn Driving School
Sat, Dec 30	8:30— Deceased Members of the Leitten, Stevens, & Stratton Families+ 5:30— Andrew Green
Sun, Dec 31	7:30— Elizabeth Family Thanksgiving 8:45— Mary Parker+ 10:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 12:30— Ted King, Jr.+ 5:00— Laura Dumouchelle

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, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Jack LaFave, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, Ron Crick, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Hargreaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Pranee Heinjaran, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez, Emma Ciaravino, Keelan Griffen, 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 Spitalne.

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.



Christmas 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At Christmas, we hear the proclamation: *"For unto us a Savior is born who is Christ and Lord."* This good news of great joy is the reason for our renewed faith and hope.

In a world experiencing so much unrest, a Savior is born who announces peace, brings glad tidings, and comforts his people. In a nation that is divided, a Savior is born who unites us as God's holy family, as brothers and sisters. In our lives, when we are overwhelmed by our crosses and sufferings, a Savior is born who embraces us in his love and mercy with the strength and grace we need.

And for all these gifts, the Lord asks so little in return. He simply wants us to strive every day to trust him, to be faithful, and to be instruments of his peace to all those we love and meet. What we do at Christmas teaches us the way.

So, with the help of Mary and Joseph, strive to be what our Church and world need more than ever: *holy families*. Do so by loving and respecting one another and giving to each other the most precious gifts of all: your time and attention. As you have been forgiven, ask for the grace to forgive others, especially those who have offended you, so that no bitterness is within your heart. Continue the spirit of giving that is so prevalent at this time of year, especially as you share your resources and blessings with our brothers and sisters in most need.

Dear friends in Christ, please be assured of a special remembrance at the Christmas Masses I will celebrate, and please pray for me. Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, trust in the power of the Lord to renew and transform our world, nation, and each one of us. May the peace that only Christ can give be yours at Christmas and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Parish Christmas Schedule

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



Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

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

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

January

Sunday, the 7th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sunday, the 14th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sunday, the 21st-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 22nd-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, the 23rd-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sunday, the 28th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

February

Friday, the 2nd to 4th – Mount 2000 Retreat, Emmitsburg, MD - Hosted by the Seminarians of Mt. St. Mary's

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>

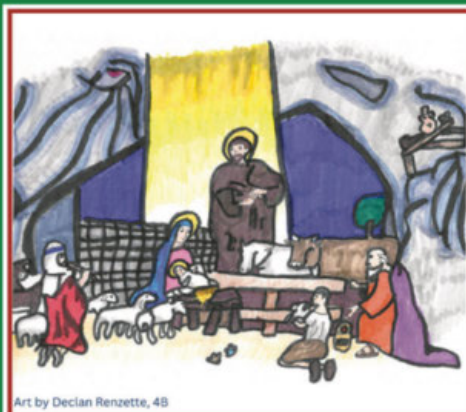
Email Paul Dwyer at ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com with any questions.



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.



Wishing our Priests, Deacons,
& all parishioners a very
Merry Christmas!

Art by Declan Renzette, 4B

The St. Theresa Catholic
School Community



mation opportunities, campus improvements, and recruit and retain outstanding faculty. Your support makes such a difference to our school, and we are grateful to YOU! 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!



Apply to St. Theresa Catholic School! Saint Theresa Catholic School will begin accepting applications for new families beginning January 3, 2024. Please visit our website for more information and to apply. <https://www.stsashburn.com>

STCS families, please mark your calendars for the following events, and watch for details in the **Thursday Thunder** email newsletter:

Wednesday, January 3—

Students return

Monday, January 8—

Partnering with Parents Speaker Series, "Raising Healthy Eaters"

Monday, January 15—

No School

Sunday, January 28—

Catholic Schools

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



News from our Parish



Thank You from the Festival of Trees 2023

The Festival of Trees 2023 wrapped up on Sunday December 3rd.

The event raised \$21,500 for Divine Mercy Outreach. The money raised will allow this wonderful organization to provide much needed assistance to local families. The Festival Committee wants to thank all of those who donated the beautifully appointed trees, wreaths, and baskets for the raffle. Each year the creativity of the donors continues to grow, amazing all who

attended the festival throughout the weekend. As with all events there are many people who share their time and talent to make it a success. We would like to acknowledge the following volunteers for their help in making this event a success. Many thanks to Anh and Vernon Wong, Marianne Guidos, Angela Haberland, Anne Cantwell, Mary Maguire, Oliver Family, Bozik Family, Duncan Family, Ryan Family, Terri Whitman, Felicia Nievlin, and Mary and Jim Sinnott. We also express our gratitude to the Boy Scouts Troop 997, Knights of Columbus, and

the Parish Office Staff. We appreciate the support of Father Hudgins, Father Dudzinski (Go Packer's), Father Vaccaro, and Father O'Farrell, as well as our Deacons. Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas Season.

Baptism Class Time Change:

Make note, the baptism class is moving to **7pm starting January 4, 2024.**

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



Thank you to all of our generous Supporters and Volunteers! In 2023, the St. Theresa Gabriel Project ministry welcomed 6 babies into our Gabriel Project family. Your love

and generosity brought their families such great joy!

May God reward you for your generos-

ity and support this year, and may you be strengthened by God's love and graces in the New Year.

~ Marianne Mazzatenta, Gabriel Project Coordinator

SCAN QR CODE ABOVE TO REGISTER FOR

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER-DAUGHTER

DANCE

IN THE SAINT THERESA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

OPEN TO ALL ST. THERESA PARISH AND SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN-8TH GRADE GIRLS AND THEIR FATHERS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH 7-9PM

\$25 PER COUPLE

\$10 EACH ADDITIONAL DAUGHTER

DJ, PHOTO BOOTH, RAFFLE PRIZES, LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

SPACE LIMITED- DEADLINE FEBRUARY 1ST

PROCEEDS WILL HELP FAMILITES IN NEED THROUGH DIVINE MERCY OUTREACH

More News from our Parish



2023 Thunder Appeal
Anchored in Faith



Curriculum & Classroom Resources | Faith Formation Opportunities | Recruit & Retain Outstanding Faculty | Campus Improvements | Bridge the Gap Between Tuition Revenue and the Cost to Educate Each Student



Can you help with an End-of-Year gift?



Saint Theresa Catholic School

2024 ADMISSIONS

Application window for new families opens on
January 3, 2024
"Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders"

For more information:
www.stsashburn.com
703-729-3577



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!*



Knights of Columbus

Sweats for Vets: We have collected a good number of Sweats for Vets with the generosity of St. Theresa Parishioners. There is still time to donate a few more. We also would appreciate volunteers to assist with wrapping on 12/26/23 and delivery to Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) in Martinsburg on January 20th at 10:30. See the Knights upcoming events web page (<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/upcomingevents>) for details.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest: The Knights would like to thank all who participated in our 2023 Keep Christ in Christmas contest. The names of the winners and photos of a few of the poster submissions can be found in the recent events of the Knights website.

Basketball Free-Throw Challenge: Boys and girls, ages 9-14, are invited to participate in our basketball free-throw challenge (15 free throws from the foul line). The contest will be held on Monday, January 15, 2024 (MLK Day) at Saint Theresa's school gym.

Registration from 9-9:30am. Competition from 9:35am until noon.

New Knights: Congratulations and a warm welcome to, Garth Griswold, a new brother Knight who completed a Combined Degree Exemplification Ceremony, hosted by Saint John's Parish in Leesburg VA on November 30, 2023. We look forward to Garth's fraternity and continued involvement in our Council activities.

Food Drive: Thanks for ending the final food drive of the calendar year on a strong note - we collected, sorted, and delivered 5,206 pounds in November and 52,939 pounds for the calendar year! Many thanks for making this program a successful one.

More thanks to everyone who categorized, sorted, loaded, and brought the items to the pantry. The additional support we received from the parishioners, youth group, and drivers are always greatly appreciated – the extra help made everything go a lot smoother and faster.

January food drive dates: 8 (prep bags), 13-14 (stage bags for pick up), 20-21 (return bags and categorize

items), 22 (sort items by expiration date), 23 (deliver bags)
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, KofC Louis Martin Council Food Drive Group

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.



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Padre Pio Group—St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) is known for his 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 our helper in heaven. Pray, hope, and don't worry.....Our next meeting will be **Friday January 5**, at 6:30pm. St Theresa School in the Saint Louis Martin Room. Questions, contact Mirella McAleer 703.463.0847

Looking to learn more about your faith? This Spring we will be offering two new classes:

Exodus - When God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt to a life of freedom as his people, it was the defining moment in Israel's history. Learn the keys to authentic freedom and how a proper understanding of the Exodus can illuminate one's understanding of the Christian Faith. Thursdays 7-8pm. Zoom. Ten sessions. Starts Feb. 15th. Cost: \$30 plus S&H. Contact: Maria at maria_basu@yahoo.com

No Greater Love - Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Thursdays 7-8pm. In-Person. Five sessions. Starts Feb. 15th. Cost: \$27 plus S&H. Contact: Viki at Viki.hughes@gmail.com

That Man is You (TMIY)

That Man is You (TMIY) is a Catholic men's program that's made a real difference in our lives as husbands and fathers in St. Theresa's parish, helping us to better understand our Faith and to build friendships with fellow Catholic men. We have closed out the fall session, and are looking forward to starting the spring session on Saturday 20 January; please join us at 630am 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. 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.

News Around the Diocese

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.

Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the third annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on February 10, 2024 from 10:45 am - 6:00 pm at St. James the Greater Catholic Church in Charles Town, WV. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$32/couple

and \$5/child for on-site childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through January 8, 2024 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/wheelingcharleston or email cameron@forlifeandfamily.org.



There is an urgent need for car donations to help needy families in the Northern Virginia area. Cars are reconditioned and given directly to low-income families, including single parents, domestic violence victims, and Afghan refugees. The Car Ministry, 929 W Broad Street, STE 205, Falls Church, Virginia 22046, 703.237.8479, Website: www.carministry.org, Email: donate@carministry.org

News Around the Diocese Continued

Catholic Preschool Open House—Are you looking for a half-day Catholic Preschool for your 2 ½ to 4-year-old child with a nurturing environment where Catholic values are taught and integrated into the daily life of the students?

St. John Neumann Catholic Preschool in Reston will be hosting an Open House and tours during Catholic Schools Week for the 2024-2025 school year on Monday and Wednesday, **January 29th or 31st** at 10:30am. (Please meet in the church narthex—just outside our parish office.) We also have openings for the current school year! Please call 703-860-6158 or visit saintjn.org/preschool for more information.

Catholic Distance University's Life-long Learning Continuing Education program will offer its popular three-week online Apologetics seminars throughout 2024 and 2025. Upcoming seminars include:

[Proclaiming the Reality of God: Compelling Evidence of God's Existence](#) (January 15-February 5, 2024)
[Making the Case for Christ](#) (April 5-May 6, 2024)
[Why Would a Loving God Allow Evil, Pain, and Suffering?](#) (June 16-July 8, 2024)

To register for these seminars and any of CDUs many online independent study courses, visit <https://www.pathlms.com/cdu>. Individuals who complete all six Apologetics seminars will qualify for the Diocese of Arlington specialized catechetical certification in Apologetics (CDU's Basic Certificate in Apologetics). To qualify for the diocesan subsidized pricing (\$45 for independent study courses and \$65 for online seminary), catechists and others involved in ministry should use the Diocese of Arlington access code: CDU15ARLINGTON Contact continuingeducation@cdu.edu.

Quo Vadis Seminary Visit for High School Boys—Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Isenberg and Quo Vadis on **January 27, 2024**, to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the seminarians and their formators, see where

they live, pray, eat and study, celebrate Mass together and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. Dads are welcome but not required. **Deadline to submit registration form is January 18.** Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514. Quo Vadis events are for high school boys interested in growing in their spiritual life and exploring their vocations.

Come Pray for Vocations—All are invited to join the St. Thérèse Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday February 10, 2024, from 8:30am- 12pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Alexandria. The day will include continental breakfast, spiritual conference, Mass and Holy Hour. Fr. Peter St. George is our speaker. There is no cost but please RSVP with the Office of Vocations by February 5, 2024, at 703.841.2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. The St. Thérèse Vocation Society was formed to pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Day of Prayer and Healing—After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **February 10, 2024**. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: 703.841.2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2023—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.

New Years Retreat for Men—Jan 6-7, 2024

Experience the essentials of the Spiritual Exercises in this abbreviated one-night retreat! Start the new year off right with a Retreat! Experience the essentials of the Spiritual Exercises in this abbreviated one-night retreat. Based on the Spiritual Exercises, the retreat is designed to provide a rejuvenating experience with a more convenient schedule. You will have the opportunity to participate in guided meditations, attend Mass, and benefit from individual spiritual direction. Additionally, you will have plenty of free time to explore the beautiful natural surroundings of the retreat center and spend time in personal reflection. Registration is required. Cost: \$150 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Miracles Happen Here! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

What Made Me, Me? Workshop Series—Next Session: Jan 11, 7-8:30pm
Why do people do what they do? Deepen your own self-awareness and discover the psychological and spiritual narrative of your life. Learn how your childhood has helped shape who you are today. This new workshop series will lead you through the psychological and spiritual development of a person during each stage of life. Over the course of these workshops, you will see how each stage of development – from Early Childhood through Adolescence -- shaped the person you are today. Presented by Dr. Kathleen Musslewhite, Executive Director of the Alpha Omega Clinic, remaining sessions in the series: Thursday Evenings: Jan 11, Feb 8; each session duration: 7-8:30pm. The cost for each session is \$60 per person. Come to all or some. This program is a collaboration of Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center with the Alpha Omega Clinic, both located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Find more information and links to register on our website: www.ourladyofbethesda.org

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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 **7pm (note the time change)** 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

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.

The Visitation Ministry

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

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

Please do not leave clothing at church. We are not accepting clothing donations.

Please note: Parish Offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 25th & 26th for Christmas and Monday, January 1st for New Year's

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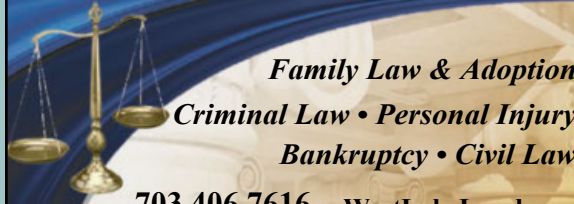
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