

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses for the Week

Mon, Jan 15	6:15— Robert Thomas+ 8:30— Leo McGuire+
Tues, Jan 16	6:15— Steven M. Hockenbury+ 8:30— Jen Odutola
Wed, Jan 17	6:15— Jerome Miles+ 8:30— Evelyn Angelo+ 12:15— Joseph Ahluwalia
Thurs, Jan 18	6:15— Ann & Leon Plesmar+ 8:30— James & Emma Kennelley+
Fri, Jan 19	6:15— The Stammen Family L&+ 8:30— Vernon Wong
Sat, Jan 20	8:30— Joe & Jamie Scully & Family 5:30— Donut Sunday Volunteers
Sun, Jan 21	7:30— Joseph Pietrucha+ 8:45— Isabelle Mascarenhas 10:30— Deceased Members of the Keane & Bianchet Families+ 12:30— Mary Lobring+ 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: Michael DeCardona, 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 Heinjarean, 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.

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 Seliquini, Joseph Auler, Adam Parkinson, Jake Shelton, Patrick G. Fitzgerald, Sean Spurr, Jack Hayes.

The Monthly Devotions of the Year—January

Each month of the year is traditionally devoted to one single aspect of our Catholic faith. In the month of January, we remember the Holy Name of Jesus.

The name Jesus means, “God is salvation.” Jesus’ name was chosen in heaven, and announced by the Angel Gabriel at the moment of the Annunciation. “Behold, you shall conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus,” (Luke 1: 31). In Jesus’ name, we pray to the Father with assurance of being heard. “Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it,” (John 14:13-14). In Jesus’ name, the Church administers all sacraments. In Jesus’ name she offers all prayers, casts out evil spirits, and at the hour of our death bids us, “Go forth, Christian soul, from this world in the name of Jesus Christ who redeemed you.” The name of Jesus, therefore, has power and is not to be taken lightly. St. Paul told the Philippians, “At the name of Jesus let every knee bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth and let every tongue confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father,” (Phil 2:10-11). It may interest you to know some of the representations of the Holy Name of Jesus, commonly found in churches, and on sacred items.

Chi-Rho Perhaps you have seen what looks to be an **X** together with a **P**—**XP**. These are the Greek letters “Chi” and “Rho” and are a common abbreviation for the name of Jesus, since they are the first two letters in the Greek word for “Christ.”

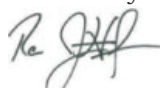
IHS Have you ever seen the letters “IHS” on a priest’s vestment, or in sacred artwork? IHS is a symbol of the name “Jesus” which has retained its popularity down through the centuries. It owes its spread to St. Bernardine of Siena, who had it placed on his banner, surrounded with twelve rays of the sun and surmounted by a cross. It soon became the most popular monogram for the Holy Name of Jesus. By his fervent words, St. Bernardine persuaded many priests to place the letters on altars or on the interior and exterior walls of churches. But what does it mean? IHS are the first three letters in the Greek word “Jesus,” (in Greek, “IHΣΟΥΣ”). The older form for the Greek letter sigma, Σ, is often just written as “S.”

Image of a Fish The early Church used another image for Jesus’ name, intended to be a secret means of identifying believers, which has remained very popular today—the image of a fish. Early Christians used the simple drawing of a fish because the letters of the Greek word fish, “ΙΧΘΥΣ,” stands for, “Iesous Christos Theou Huios Soter,” which translates as, “Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior.”

A prayer of love for the Holy Name of Jesus:

Eternal Father, who didst give to thine incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be the sign of our salvation, plant in every heart, we beseech thee, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

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.

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

January

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

Sunday, the 4th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sunday, the 11th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sunday, the 18th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sunday, the 25th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 26th-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7pm to 8:30pm

Tuesday, the 27th - Load food for transport, 6:15pm to 7pm



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.



Three Kings visit for the Feast of the Epiphany!

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

Monday, January 15—
No School



Tuesday, January 23—

Early dismissal/
faculty development

Sunday, January 28—

Catholic Schools Week begins;
Donut Sunday

Monday, January 29—

Fr. Hudgins' Parent Talk;
Virtues School Assembly;
Used Uniform Sale

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

Your tax-deductible gift will help provide classroom resources, faith formation 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>

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

STCS Alumni & Alumni Families, Send Us Your News!



Email your updates to alumni@stsashburn.com

News from our Parish

Ashburn Catholic Young Adults

Ages 18-35 - Please join us on Monday, **January 29th** at 6:15pm for our first meeting in St. Theresa's cafeteria! Fr. Vaccaro will be giving a talk on friendships and snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring a friend and we hope to see you there!

Young at Heart Club—Men and Women 55 and over

We will meet Wednesday **January 17, 2024**, after the 12:15 Mass for lunch and some game time. Please bring your own brown bag lunch and the Club will provide dessert and beverages. Afterwards, we will enjoy Bingo with prizes and lots of fun. We will be collecting 2024 dues: \$20. Please contact Freddie, wallflower64@gmail.com or 703.625.5715 for information. New people are always welcome!

Financial Peace University— 9-week class begins January 24, 2024, at 7-8pm. Class dates: Jan: 24, 31; Feb: 7, 21, 24, 28; March: 6, 13, 20.

If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join the 9-week Financial Peace University class at St. Theresa Catholic Church (or virtual) starting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm and learn how you can pay off debt,

save more money, and build wealth. Visit <https://www.fpu.com/C4D994> to sign up! The cost includes access to online resources, workbooks, and templates for one year. Contact Deborah at deborahaleben@gmail.com or 703.217.4583 for questions regarding this class.

Greeter Ministry—Calling all friendly parishioners who have a heart for hospitality and are interested in bringing smiles to fellow parishioners and visitors of St. Theresa's Church. Join us on Sunday, **January 28th**, 11:45am across the street in the Zelig meeting room when Father Vaccaro will give a brief talk on The Power of Welcoming People. We are hoping to form a new greeter ministry team and we'd love to include you!! If you are not able to make the meeting, but would like additional information, contact Lisa at sttheresawwp@gmail.com.

Are you looking for ways to serve the Church and join community?



Have you ever thought about being an Usher? St. Theresa's is inviting all parishioners to consider serving in this amazing Ministry! Come join fellow parishioners in all the fun and hospitality of being an Usher! It can be as flexible as you choose. Reach out to Usher Ministry at sttheresaushers@gmail.com for

more information! We are SO excited to have you join us!

The VA March for Life will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 21 and St. Theresa has a bus! To reserve your seat go to our website:

<https://sainttheresaparish.com/news/va-march-for-life/> Be the Voice for the Voiceless! Let us pray for an end to abortion and the healing of our nation.



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

Red Cross Blood Drive - Please consider supporting the American Red Cross at our next St. Theresa blood drive on Thursday, **February 29th**, from 10:00-3:30 pm. As always, your help will save lives!

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: "StTheresaChurch" to schedule your life-saving donation! If you have ANY difficulty, please e-mail Colleen Dwyer at colleen-home87@gmail.com or call/text 703-969-3667 & she will register you. The Red Cross is extremely grateful to the very generous St. Theresa parishioners for their continued support in these blood drives. Thank you!!

SAVE THE DATES
2023-2024

FAITH LIFE
Sat., Nov. 18

PERSON & RELATIONSHIPS
Sat., Jan. 20

HOUSEHOLD ECONOMY
Sat., Feb. 24

FAMILY CULTURE
Sat., Mar. 16

HOSPITALITY & SERVICE
Sat., Apr. 20

TRINITY HOUSE COMMUNITY GATHERINGS



YOU'RE INVITED – KIDS TOO! Meet up with other families for food, fellowship & support in building a faith-filled home!

St. Theresa Parish
21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA
in the School Cafeteria



6:30 pm: Dinner & Fellowship

7-7:45pm: Parent Presentation & Small Groups Discussion while Virtus-trained volunteers supervise kids

7:45-8:30pm: Fellowship & Dessert

Free event for the whole family!
Please bring a drink (juice, soda, beer, wine) or dessert – or both! – to share.



< RSVP For The Next THC Gathering at St.Theresa

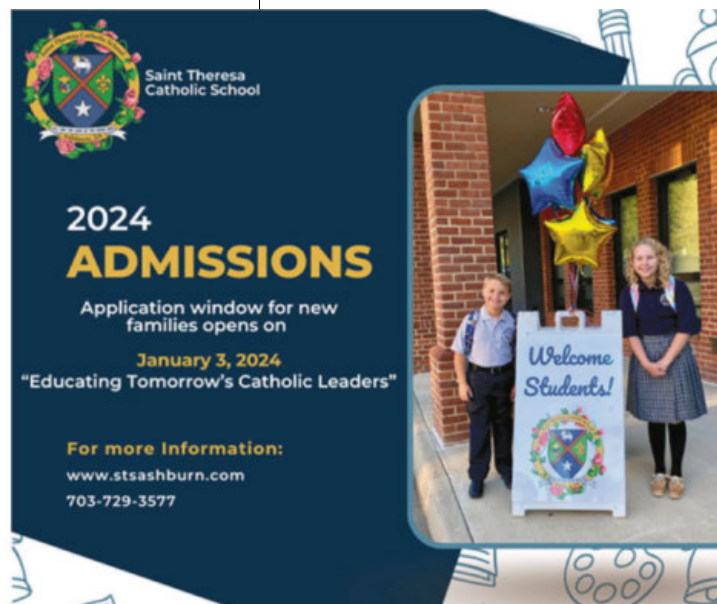
Learn More at TrinityHouseCommunity.org >

More News from our Parish

The St. Theresa Catholic School (STCS) Thunder Appeal, "Anchored in Faith," is wrapping up soon – can you help us meet our goal? This year's Thunder Appeal will raise funds for classroom resources, faith formation opportunities, campus improvements, recruiting and retaining outstanding faculty, and bridging the gap between the actual cost to educate

each student and what we charge in tuition. Your tax-deductible gift of any size will impact our students and faculty every day, and is much appreciated! For details scan the QR code, visit our website,

www.stsashburn.com (click "Support/Thunder Appeal") or contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com. **Thank you for your support of STCS and Catholic education!**



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 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.

Father Daughter Dance: The Knights of Columbus St. Louis Martin Council is hosting a Father Daughter Dance on **February 9th**, from 7-9pm open to all St. Theresa Parish and School families. The event will be held in the St. Theresa Catholic School Gymnasium with a live DJ, Photo Booth, Raffle Prizes, Snacks, and Drinks. The price is \$25 per father and daughter duo, \$10 for each additional daughter. Raffle tickets for prizes will be one ticket for \$10 or three tickets for \$25. Proceeds go to Divine Mercy Outreach. Go to the Knights upcoming events web page (<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/upcomingevents>) for details and to purchase tickets.

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.

KofC Degree Ceremony:

(exemplification), on Thursday, February 1, 2024: Saint Louis Martin Council is hosting a combined degree ceremony at St. Theresa's parish office building, at 7:00 PM, on 1 Feb. 2024. Ceremony participants, Council Knights, family members and guests are invited to observe this 40 minute ceremony. Ceremony participants, new Council members and existing members (wanting to advance to third degree) should confirm their attendance ahead of time by contacting the Council Chancellor at kofc15256@googlegroups.com

Food Drive: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and delivering 52,939 pounds of food to the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling last year. Your contributions and effort make this program a successful one.

Please keep up the generosity this year by taking a bag (or a flyer if bags are unavailable) on your way out and return it next weekend (January 20-

21) with items on the attached flyer.

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

Once again, thanks for your help and generosity.

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



Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you need help in completing a small home repair that you cannot complete yourself or that may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! Projects should take no more than 1-2 hours and involve no more than 1-2 men. Please submit your request on our website at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

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



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

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. In-Person. 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 symbol-

ism, 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 are looking forward to starting the spring session on Saturday 13 January; please join us at 630am on 20 January for fellowship, video 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

Married Couples! Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and get rid of the blahs. For more information 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 dcnnnoah@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 camer-on@forlifeandfamily.org.



There is an urgent need for car donations to help needy families in the Northern Virginia area. Cars are re-conditioned 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

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.

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.

Vocational Discernment Retreat for Men—Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take a step to find

out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for men (ages 18-50), Friday-Sunday, **February 16-18, 2024**. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, and talking with priests and seminarians. Cost is \$150 and includes overnights and all meals. Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703.841.2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is Monday February 5. There is a similar retreat for women June 14-16.

Mornings of Mercy—Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Mornings of Mercy retreats are led by Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. The retreats are free. The next retreat is Saturday, **February 3** at 9am at St. Luke Catholic Church in McLean. Please register at arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy

Lights-Camera-Action -- FIAT Day with the #MediaNuns—Calling high school girls to join the Daughters of St. Paul for an afternoon of media reflection, fun, and prayer. Sunday, **February 25**, 1-5pm at Pauline Books & Media in Alexandria. 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!): February 19. FIAT events are for high school girls interested in growing spiritually and exploring their vocation.

Registration Now Open! Renewed in Christ: Reflecting His Light to the World—Join Catholic men from around the Diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship and reflection. Keynotes include: Fr. Daniel Mode, Chaplain of the United States Coast Guard, and Jonathan Reyes, Senior Vice President of Evangelization and Faith Formation for the Knights of Columbus. Saturday, **March 2, 2024** at St. Joseph Catholic Church 750 Peachtree Street,

Herdon, from 8:30am-2:30pm. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confession, coffee, and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at 11:15am. Cost is \$65 until February 1, 2024, \$80 after February 1, 2024. You may register at arlingtondiocese.org/men.

Registration Now Open! Behold, I Make All Things New—Join women from around the Diocese for an opportunity to be inspired, to connect with likeminded women and to raise our voices together in prayer. Our 2024 gathering will feature the awe-inspiring reversion story of Patricia Sandoval and a powerful presentation by Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, O.P. about the true dignity and vocation of every woman. Saturday, **March 9, 2024**, from 8:30am- 2:30pm. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confession, coffee, and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at 11:15am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon. Cost is \$65 until February 1, 2024, \$80 after. February 1, 2024 Register at arlingtondiocese.org/women.

Mayflower Homeschoolers: Support Group—Mayflower Homeschoolers enthusiastically invites you to join us this spring.

We gather to help nurture CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIPS and offer social, spiritual, and enrichment opportunities such as: academic and enrichment clubs, mom and parent groups, field trips, vocational opportunities, PE activities, Catholic feast day parties, academic fairs, annual graduations & senior trips, annual yearbook clubs, talent and art shows, summer outings, teen dances (including prom), and email communication.

Currently, we have 3 groups that meet in or around Richmond, Spotsylvania, and Warrenton.

Visit our website for more information and register for the spring semester-- www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org Mayflower Homeschoolers is a Roman Catholic homeschool support group under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima.

Parish Offices

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School Offices

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Receptionist: Denise Oriti, 703.729.3577
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 **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 or otherwise we may have to stop this ministry that is so important to families in need. 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.

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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.

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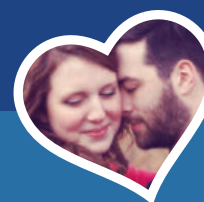
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