

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

January 21, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses for the Week

Mon, Jan 22	6:15— Robert Thomas+ 8:30— Robert & Matthew Sanchez+ 12:15— Robert Turpin
Tues, Jan 23	6:15— Miles Family L&+ 8:30— John & Mary Callahan & Family+
Wed, Jan 24	6:15— Paz Cruz & Fr. John O'Farrell 8:30— Stanley Rogers+ 12:15— Jesse E. Williams, Sr.+
Thurs, Jan 25	6:15— James Kennedy+ 8:30— Elena Dutterer
Fri, Jan 26	6:15— Jack Hart+ 8:30— Dhiraj Kumar Gupta+
Sat, Jan 27	8:30— Harrison Pollock+ 5:30— W.D. & Bernice Walker & Family+
Sun, Jan 28	7:30— James Lovelace+ 8:45— Mary McDonough+ 10:30— Evan Sweeney+ 12:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 5:00— Elena Dutterer

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

The Very Necessary Minimum

Someone recently asked me, “Apart from being Baptized, what are the minimum requirements to be Catholic?” A simple question, with a lengthy answer! However, an important part of the answer includes what are known as the Precepts of the Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists five such Precepts (CCC 2041-2043). Why does the Church have these Precepts? According to the Catechism, they are “meant to guarantee to the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth in love of God and neighbor.” Here then are the five Precepts of the Church:

1) You shall attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and rest from servile labor.

“This requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days” (CCC 2042).

2) You shall confess your sins at least once a year.

“This ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the sacrament of reconciliation, which continues Baptism’s work of conversion and forgiveness” (CCC 2042).

No one should receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin, and Confession is the means by which we can be cleansed of mortal sin. Since you are required to receive the Eucharist at least once a year (see precept 3), and since the Church is realistic about human sin, you should go to Confession at least once a year.

3) You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season.

“This guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy” (CCC 2042).

As with Confession, receiving the Eucharist once a year is a bare minimum. A normal practicing Catholic should receive the Eucharist far more often than that.

4) You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.

“This ensures the times of penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart” (CCC 2043).

5) You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

“This means that the faithful are obliged to assist with the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability” (CCC 2043).

The Church has the most important mission in history, but carrying on this mission takes earthly resources. We should provide what we can to support this work, but because of our human weakness, the Church has made giving support an obligation of Church law.

Note that the Church doesn’t prescribe a certain amount or percentage, but only says that people give “each according to his own ability.” Each of us should prayerfully consider what they can do to support the Church, but should know that not helping in any way (when one has the ability to do so) isn’t an option.

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.

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

January

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.



St. Theresa Catholic School

Please Join Us Next Sunday!



Join us to celebrate the start of Catholic Schools Week with "Pastries with Our Parents & Parish" after the 8:45am & 10:30am Masses **Sunday, January 28, in the school cafeteria!**



Catholic Schools Week 2024
January 28 - February 2



Wednesday, January 31—

Dress-out day; line dancing

Thursday, February 1—

Dress-out day; Thunder Rally

Friday, February 2—

Early dismissal; all-school Mass & Rosary; Buddy Bingo

Can you help us reach 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!**

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

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



News from our Parish

BRIAN'S BRIGADE  **PRESENTS** 

CHILI COOK-OFF

Feb 10, 2024 (snow date: Mar 2) 6:30-9:30 PM
St. Theresa Cafeteria

Hot Prizes for the best chili

ADVANCE*
TICKET SALES ON
PARISH WEBSITE:
\$10 EACH /
\$40 PER FAMILY

ALL
PROCEEDS TO
BENEFIT
WORKCAMP

\$40 Chili Entrant fee (includes family entry and 1 voting chip)

*Price at door: \$15 each/\$50 per family



 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



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!

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.

*Ushers
Needed*

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!

Coming Soon.....! St. Theresa Catholic Church Presents: Parenting with Love and Leadership John Rosemond, parenting expert & best-selling author. Sunday, **February 18**, 2-5:30pm @St. Theresa Catholic Church (seminar will take place in school gym) *Early Bird Registration: \$10/person or \$15/couple FREE CHILDCARE! Register Here: <https://sainttheresaparish.com/news/register-for-parenting-with-love-leadership-with-john-rosemond-feb-18/> or Scan QR Code to register



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.

More News from our Parish

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!!

You(th) vs Hunger needs your donations—We are in desperate need of your donations to help us get to our goal of packing 100,000 meals on March 23, 2024. Over the past 8 years, our Parish has packed over 760,000 meals for the poorest of the poor. Help us have another successful event again this year. If your business would be interested in sponsoring a full-day table for \$2,500 or a half-day table for \$1,300 please email Rachel Revelle at rmrevelle@gmail.com Scan the QR code below to make a personal donation to You(th) vs Hunger through the St. Theresa website.



To purchase advance discounted chili cook-off tickets, use the following QR code or visit the parish website.



Knights of Columbus

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.

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:



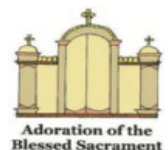
Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you need help in completing a small home repair that you cannot complete yourself or that may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! Projects should take no more than 1-2 hours and involve no more than 1-2 men. Please submit your request 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.



"What will convert America and save the world? My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."— St. Mother Theresa Won't you consider signing up for one hour a week to sit with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel? To sign up, go to: <http://sainttheresa.letusadore.com>

As a committed adorer, if you are unable to attend due to planned travel or vacation, just let us know and we will find someone to come in and fill in your hour that week. Please consider spending one hour with the Lord. It will be the best time you will spend on earth.



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 started the spring session on Saturday 13 January; please join us at 630am on 27 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 dcnoah@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-6pm 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.

Mary & The Eucharist—Wednesday **January 24, 2023** at 7pm, Christ The Redeemer Church, Sterling VA

Msgr. Mangan, professor and Spiritual Director at Mount St Mary's Seminary, will guide us through beautiful reflections centering on Mary and the Eucharist, and The Eucharist and us! Adoration and Confessions will be available in the Church starting at 6:30 p.m. This is a FREE event for Men & Women. Please RSVP for this Event :e-mail thelittleway1873@gmail.com

News Around the Diocese Continued

2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Begins!—The 2024 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. The theme this year is shared with the theme of our Diocesan Jubilee: “Behold, I make all things new.” After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. As we look forward to the celebration of the 50-year Golden Anniversary of our diocese, let us renew our commitment to the Lord and be inspired to share what we have received from Him. Make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code below:



SCAN ME

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2023—Feb 22-25 (virtual); Mar 7-10; Apr 11-14

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

Marriage Workshop: Strengthening Your Love Marriage Renewal Workshop—Feb 7-18, 2024

A Christ-centered weekend designed to offer practical tools that can help foster effective communication and emotional closeness in your marriage. Make your marriage thrive, not just survive! The expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests who will offer their expertise and experience, plus they will be on hand the entire weekend to offer individual consultation, upon request. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: Early-Bird rate: \$480 per couple, if registered by Feb. 2nd. Seating is limited. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. See our website for more details about the program and links to register: www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

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, Herndon, 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.

Don't miss out on a great date night or evening with friends!

Comedian Jeff Allen is coming to St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA on Saturday, **February 24, 2024** at 7:30pm. Tickets are on sale now at www.paulvi.net/comedy. Jeff combines clean, hilarious humor like no other comedian working today. He is a popular and hilarious comedian who performs for various audiences and events, sharing his stories, humor, and message of faith.

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to “follow me” is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are “ready” or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Parish Offices

Secretary: Kelly Cosenke, 703.729.2287
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Fax: 703.729.9036

School Offices

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Email: schooloffice@stsashburn.com
Fax: 703.729.8068

All offices located at 21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, VA

Sacraments

Sponsor Certificates

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain a sponsor certificate prior to a Baptism or Confirmation.

Baptisms

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class (preferably before the child's birth) held the first Thursday of each month at **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.



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Friends in Need—Provides meals on a short-term basis for those families or individuals in the parish who are unable to cook for themselves due to arrival of a new baby, illness or a medical situation in the immediate family...Contact Emily Wilsey at emwilsey@aol.com or 703.585.5435 to

volunteer to make meals or if you or a loved one need of help with meals.

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.

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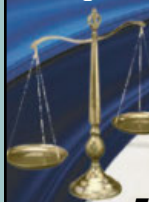
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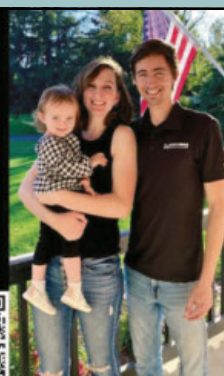
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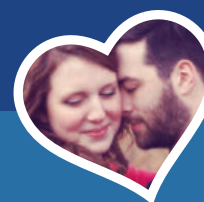
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