

# St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

**March 17, 2024**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**



## *Masses for the Week*

<b>Mon, March 18</b>	6:15— Amanda Peters 8:30— Cesar Yopez+ 12:15— Angela Baric+
<b>Tues, March 19</b>	6:15— Lou (L) & Jerome+ Miles 8:30— Shawn Soares+
<b>Wed, March 20</b>	6:15— Joan & Robert Burton+ 8:30— Mary Ann & Howard Stone 12:15— Bernadette & Graham Bonner
<b>Thurs, March 21</b>	6:15— The Peters Family+ 8:30— Aquilino & Maria Cruz and Family+
<b>Fri, March 22</b>	6:15— Fernando Barata+ 8:30— Robert Robyak+
<b>Sat, March 23</b>	8:30— Robert Frank Miller, Jr.+ 5:30— Lisa Bignotti
<b>Sun, March 24</b>	7:30— Mary Gukes+ 8:45— Natoli & Feola Family+ 10:30— Dhiraj Kumar Gupta+ 12:30— Catholic Charities Food Pantry Volunteers 5:00— St. Theresa Parishioners

## **Parish Mass Schedule**

<b>Saturday:</b>	8:30am, 5:30pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday:</b>	7:30, 8:45am & 10:30am 12:30 & 5:00pm
<b>Weekdays:</b>	6:15 and 8:30am, Monday through Friday 12:15pm, Mondays (except Federal Holidays) and Wednesdays
<b>Holy Days:</b>	As announced
<b>Holy Hour:</b>	Wednesdays, 7pm
<b>Confessions:</b>	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:** Tori Edmonds, Daniel John Begley, Michael DeCardona, Stephen Stahl, Steve Smith, Philip Carrescia, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, 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.

## Everyone's Irish on March 17

Today's saint is the beloved St. Patrick. Most people think of St. Patrick's Day simply as a day to wear green, but do you know about the real St. Patrick? Here's a quick biography:

**387 AD**—St. Patrick is born in Scotland (the Roman province of *Britannia*) of Roman-British parents. His baptismal name is Maewyn Succat. He would not take the name Patrick until his ordination to the priesthood nearly thirty years later.

**403 AD**—Sixteen year old Patrick is captured by Irish pirates and sold as a slave. An irreligious and spiritually indifferent boy, Patrick turns to God in desperation. He develops a deep, mature faith in the midst of his sufferings.

**409 AD**—In a dream, God tells Patrick to flee to the seacoast where he will discover a ship bound for Britain. He does so, and with his newfound freedom, immediately begins studies for the priesthood.

**432 AD**—Patrick is ordained a bishop, and asks to return to Ireland. He begins a thirty-year project of converting the Irish people to Christianity.

**466 AD**—Patrick dies on March 17. His mortal remains are laid to rest in Downpatrick near Belfast, with St. Brigid and St. Columba.


Many legends have grown up surrounding St. Patrick. Some are true—he did in fact preach the message of the Trinity using a shamrock. Some are false—he never drove the snakes out of Ireland (taxonomists believe Ireland never had snakes in the first place). But St. Patrick's greatest legacy is the example of his life.

Who else but a saint would choose to return to the land of his oppression and slavery, motivated not by hatred or vengeance, but to teach the beauty of the Gospel? Who else but a saint would draw such good out of evil, imitating the example of Christ himself? As St. Patrick wrote:

*[In Ireland] the Lord had regard for my abjection, and mercy on my youth and ignorance, and watched over me before I knew Him. And before I was able to distinguish between good and evil, He guarded me and comforted me as would a father his son. (The Confession of St. Patrick)*

In his Epistle to the Romans, St. Paul says that God makes all things work for the good of those who love Him. St. Patrick's unique example of love places him among the heroes of the faith. May the example of St. Patrick can inspire us to believe that God's grace flows most abundantly in times of suffering, helping us to do the most important work of all—drawing good out of evil, for the love of our neighbor and the glory of God.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

### Daily Mass Times

6:15 & 8:30am  
12:15pm Mondays & Wednesdays

### Confession Times

Wednesdays 9:00am & 6:30pm  
Saturdays 4:00pm  
(All until the line ends)

## Parish Lenten Activities

### Vespers & Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent:  
Vespers at 7:15pm &  
Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

### Lenten Soup Suppers

**6 – 7:10pm in School Cafeteria**

March 22 – provided by Knights of Columbus

\*Donations will be given to charity

## Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

You can find all of Fr. Hudgins homilies recorded on [Fatherhudgins.com](http://Fatherhudgins.com)

# Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

## March

Sunday, the 17th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sunday, the 24th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 25th-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7pm to 8:30pm

Tuesday, the 26th - 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](mailto:connie@sainttheresaparish.com) or call 703.729.3714.



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**Wednesday, March 27**—  
Mass & Living Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, March 28**—  
Holy Thursday;  
Easter Break Begins

**Monday, April 8**—  
Students Return

**Join our team!** St. Theresa Catholic School is accepting applications for a 4th Grade Teacher and part-time Instructional Aides for the 2024-25 school year. Please send your resume, cover letter, and references to [HR@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:HR@sainttheresaparish.com).

**St. Theresa Catholic School's Annual PTO Auction, "A Night in Black & White"** is on Friday, May 10, 2024!

Our auction relies on donations from parents, alumni families, and parishioners -- *we can't do it without you!* We are looking for gift cards for experiences, restaurants, salons; vacation condos, homes, timeshares; tickets to games, concerts, events...can you help? Information is on the school website,



**Easter Break Basketball Camp in the St. Theresa Gym – Sign up NOW!**  
Evolution Basketball Training is hosting a camp April 1-3 for boys & girls in 1st-8th grades in the Msgr. McMurtrie Memorial Gym at STCS -- your kids will love the fun, and the chance to work on their basketball skills! Evolution is donating 100% net proceeds to the *Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS)* tuition assistance program – scan the QR code for details and register today!



**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:  
**Monday, March 18**—  
Career Week; Spirit Wear Dress-out Day for Thunder Appeal  
**Friday, March 22**—  
Stations of the Cross;  
Early Dismissal; Skate Night

## Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadline

**March 31 bulletin**--due by Tuesday, March 19, 12noon



## News from our Parish

**Lenten Soup Suppers**—Come and enjoy our 2024 last Soup Supper hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Free meatless Soups, Sandwiches, Pasta, and special dishes will be available to all Parishioners. Come dine with our Priests, meet fellow Parishioners and give alms to the Poor. Our heartfelt thanks to all our Parishioners for supporting last week's Soup Suppers and to Staff of our Parish Office, RE and School for generously preparing the foods and graciously hosting it.

**April Baptism Class**—Date change for April: April 11th vice April 4th.

**Saint Theresa Donut Program**— Exciting News! Save the Date! Saint Patrick's Day Donut Sunday - **March 17th** Attendees Hours are from 7:30am-12:30pm. This isn't just Donuts..we serve Coffee,



Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Bagels, Croissants, Muffins, Fruit, Yogurt Parfaits, Avocado Toast and much more! Avocado Toast was a Huge Success in February! We have New Items on the Menu for March: Gluten Free Cinnamon Rolls & Gluten Free Cookies! The Donut Sunday Program Mission is to bring people together, create a community and serve others. We

had over 950 Attendees in February! Please come and join us! Please join us in Welcoming the Loudoun County Fire Dept & Police to Donut Sunday!

We are in need of donations and volunteers for March 17th. This is a great way to help the community and serve others. Please sign up, if you can. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4EA4AA2D6-saint> This program can't run without volunteers and donations. Any questions, please contact Angela Haberland, [angela.haberland@gmail.com](mailto:angela.haberland@gmail.com) or 703.407.1204

**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](mailto:sttheresaushers@gmail.com) for more information! We are SO excited to have you join us!

**You(th) vs Hunger needs your donations**—We are in desperate need of

**St. Theresa Catholic School**  
*Join our team!*  
We are looking for faith-filled, energetic, and dynamic educators and staff to join our school family for the 2024-25 school year!  
STCS is accepting applications for:  
4th Grade Teacher (full-time)  
Instructional Aides (part-time)  
Please send your resume, cover letter, and references to [HR@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:HR@sainttheresaparish.com)

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](mailto:rmrevelle@gmail.com) Scan this QR code to make a personal donation to You(th) vs Hunger through the St. Theresa website.



Sign ups opened Sunday, March 3 at 9pm. Sign ups fill up quickly! Come be a part of the over 500 parishioners who will help us pack 100,000 meals on March 23. See <https://youthvshunger.wordpress.com/> for sign up links and more information.

## Current Critical Adoration Needs

Critical Need	
Tuesday	Thursday
11:30pm	1:00am



**Note:** The Adoration Schedule online system allows users to cancel commitments from time-to-time to allow for vacation, sickness, or other possibilities that may prevent attendance. In those instances, substitute adorers will provide one-time coverage.

**Sign up for one of our open Adoration Time slots – it will change your life, your family's life, and the life of our St. Theresa Parish!**

Visit the Parish website to access the Saint Theresa Parish Adoration Scheduler, or use this short web address:

OR [www.tinyurl.com/weadore](http://www.tinyurl.com/weadore)

Please visit the website to signup, or email [letusadore@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:letusadore@sainttheresaparish.com), or text to 703.608.4278 or 703.728.0168, or come by the parish office.

## 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.

# Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

**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 Wed, 7:15pm; or Sat, 9:15am.

**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

**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 met on Saturday 2 March, discussing how we incorporate daily scripture reading into our lives; please join us at 630am on 23 March 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.



## Knights of Columbus

### Knights of Columbus Parish

**Soup Supper:** We need volunteers to support a Parish Soup Supper on Friday March 22nd.

When we gather as a body, during Lent or any season of the church year, we, too, gather like soup, to nourish each other. May we stretch, fill, warm and bring mindfulness to ourselves and bring mindfulness to ourselves and those around us.

Please consider providing food or support! To volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0848AEAF2AA3F94-48306667-lenten>.



**Food Drive:** Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and delivering 5, 803 pounds of food to the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling last month. 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 (March 23-24) with items on the attached flyer.

Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items. Thanks for your help and generosity, NOTE: Since bags go quickly, the food list can be found at Loudoun Food Pantry | St Louis Martin or scan here:



**KOVAR** is a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity. It works to provide assistance through grants and home loans to tax exempt organizations. These organizations give training and assistance to persons with intellectual disabilities. We need your help through donations to fund this vital charity. We will be collecting at all Masses April 6th and 7th. Thank you for your generosity in giving to KOVAR.

**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.



## Holy Week Schedule

### Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Vigil Mass, Sat. March 23—5:30pm  
Sunday March 24—  
7:30, 8:45 and 10:30am, 12 and 5pm

### Monday-Wednesday, March 25-27

Mass-6:15 & 8:30am  
(12:15pm Monday & Wednesday)  
Confessions, 9am Wednesday and Mon-Wed evenings, 7pm

**Adoration Chapel closes 9pm Wed,  
March 27: reopens 9am  
Easter Mon, April 1**

### Holy Thursday, March 28

Morning Prayer, 8:30am  
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30pm  
Adoration at the Altar of Repose until  
Midnight

### Good Friday, March 29

Morning Prayer, 8:30am  
Confessions, 9am  
Midday Prayers at Noon  
Commemoration of the  
Lord's Passion, 3pm  
Confessions, 7pm

### Holy Saturday, March 30

Morning Prayer, 8:30am  
Confessions, 9am  
Blessing of Easter Food, 10:45am  
**No Confessions, no 5:30pm Mass**  
Easter Vigil, 8:30pm

### Easter Sunday, March 31

7:30, 8:45 and 10:30am, 12 and 5pm

## News Around the Diocese

### **Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2023—Apr 11-14; May 16-19**

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! Visit [ourladyofbethesda.org](http://ourladyofbethesda.org). Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center.

### **Finding Joy In Overcoming Past Hurts—Lenten Mini-Retreats for Women in Lent**

Evening: Mar 20, 6-9pm  
Morning: Mar 21, 9:15am-12:15pm  
Discover the joy of overcoming past hurts. We will explore the healing that can be found by turning to Christ and how he will help us move forward from past pain. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other women and find joy in your journey towards healing and a deeper relationship with Christ. Cost is \$25 per person. Advance Registration is required. Babysitting will be available during the morning retreat and must be reserved in advance. Visit our website to register [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org). Hosted by the Women of Regnum Christi. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

### **Silent Retreat Weekends in Lent—**

For Men: **Mar 22-25** (Palm Sunday Weekend) Join us for a weekend of peaceful reflection and spiritual renewal, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Our expert retreat leaders will guide you through a series of meditations and exercises designed to deepen your connection with God and help you find inner peace. These retreats are based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Registration is required. Cost: \$300 per person. Find more information and links to register on the website [www.ourladyofbethesda.org](http://www.ourladyofbethesda.org). Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Don't wait - sign up now for this life-changing experience!

### **Men's Evening of Reflection Series—**

Looking to grow in your relationship

with Christ? This series provides Catholic formation with spiritual talks, reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Mass and opportunities for confession are also offered. The next session Wednesday, **March 20**, from 7-9pm at Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Drive, Sterling. For more information or to register, contact Charlie McCullough at [mccullough.charlie@gmail.com](mailto:mccullough.charlie@gmail.com) or 703.969.2930.

**A Spiritual Date Night**—Looking to strengthen your marriage and your relationship with Christ? Please join us for A Spiritual Date Night on Saturday, **April 13**, from 7:30-9pm. Come join other Catholic couples for dessert, fellowship, spiritual talk, and reflection. There will also be the opportunity for Confession. The event will be held at Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Drive, Sterling. For more information or to register, contact Charlie and Leslie McCullough at [cwmccfamily@gmail.com](mailto:cwmccfamily@gmail.com)

**The Blessed Sacrament & Our Blessed Lady Women's Retreat**—This year we commemorate the Eucharistic Revival that is currently observed throughout our country and the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese of Arlington. Come to the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA and join Msgr. Mangan, from Mount St. Mary's Seminary, during the Octave of Easter and on Divine Mercy Sunday to ponder the awesome mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist and Mary's love for Holy Communion. This silent retreat for women begins at 5pm on Friday, **April 5**, and ends at 1pm on Sunday, April 7. Retreat cost is \$285 and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org).

**The Resurrection Narratives Men's and Women's Retreat**—The Four Gospels give us clear accounts of Jesus' resurrection. Come to the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA and join Fr. Riley for a unique retreat. Together, we will treasure and ponder the great events of Resurrection Day and the weeks that follow as they are described in the four Gospels--

comparing, contrasting, and harmonizing apparent "contradictions" between the accounts. The retreat is open to men and women. It begins at 5pm on Friday, **April 12**, and ends at 1pm on Sunday, April 14. Retreat cost is \$285, and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org).

**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](mailto:dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com). Weekly meetings are held on: Mondays, 7-8pm, Cascades Library, or via Zoom on Federal Holidays and Thursdays, 7-8pm, Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

**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](mailto:separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com) for more information.

**Married Couples**—Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all. Time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. If that sounds good to you, sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information or to register, go to [WWME.org](http://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](mailto:mstang1987@aol.com) with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences: April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA; May 3-5, 2024 - Hickory, NC; September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA



## News Around the Diocese Continued

### 2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)

—The theme for the 2024 BLA 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. You make a gift at:  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan this QR code.



SCAN ME

### Twelve Seminarians to be Ordained

**Transitional Deacons**—On Saturday, **April 6**, Bishop Burbidge will ordain 12 seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: Timothy Banach, Emmanuel Carreño-García, Joseph Connor, Jordan Evans, John Fimmuchime, Raymond Goins, Andrew Lewandowski, Richard Malebranche, John Meyerhofer, Christian Njodzela, Michael Sampson and Alfredo Tuesta. The Mass will be held at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Ashburn at 11am and will also be livestreamed. Visit [www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations](http://www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations) to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

### Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps Registration Lottery

—Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current freshmen through seniors) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and will be held Sunday-Thursday, July 7-11. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters and will be held Sunday-Thursday, July 14-18. Both will be at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open March 1-29; only one entry per person is needed, and it can be submitted anytime between March 1-29. See the videos and photos from past years, get more information and register for the lottery at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis) or [ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT).

### Diocesan Jubilee Festival: Saturday, June 8, 2024

—Bishop Burbidge invites you to the Diocesan Jubilee Fest at Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal, VA on Saturday, June 8, 2024! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington with your parish family and thousands of faithful from across northern Virginia. Kick off the festival giving thanks to God with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Following Mass, enjoy live music by headliner Celtic rock band, Scythian. Head to [arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest](http://arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest) for a preview of events. Registration coming soon!

### News From John Paul the Great High School

John Paul is still accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year! For more information and to apply please visit: [https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/how\\_to\\_apply](https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/how_to_apply)

**Shadow a Wolf for a Day!**—Shadow Days available at John Paul! Do you have an 8th-10th grader who is interested in seeing what it is like to be a JP student? Sign them up for a Shadow Day visit! For registration and more details, please visit: [https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new\\_inquiry](https://jpthegreat.schooladminonline.com/portal/new_inquiry)

### Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella at Paul VI

—Get ready to be swept away into a world of magic and enchantment with Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella! Join us on Friday, **March 22**, and Saturday, **March 23** at 7pm, or on Sunday, **March 24** at 2pm at St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA for an unforgettable experience. This timeless tale of love, transformation, and happily ever after will captivate audiences of all ages. With its beautiful music and unforgettable characters, Cinderella is sure to delight the whole family. Don't miss out on this magical opportunity! Join us for a show of wonder and joy. We can't wait to see you there! To purchase tickets: <https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/82233>

**National  
Eucharistic  
Congress**

**INDIANAPOLIS  
JULY 17 - 21, 2024**

Diocese of Arlington

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



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## Parish Offices

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## 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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**Little Flower Consignment Sale** – Many thanks—We had another very successful sale! Over \$87,000 worth of merchandise sold. Stay tuned for the proceeds amount for Outreach. Thank you to all the consignors, shoppers, donors and volunteers. Special thanks to Kristine Maphis, Amber Gardner, Deborah Lloyd and their committee who coordinated the sale. Many thanks to Ed Nathan and Andre Pinto-Lobo for all the technical computer expertise. This sale makes a difference for struggling families in many ways! God bless you all!

**Items needed for our parish pantry**—Your help is needed. At times we have families or individuals with urgent food/toiletry needs. We are low on or out of the following items: rice, canned chili or hearty canned stew, hearty soups, canned fruit, taco packets or kits, pasta sauce, nuts, granola bars, shampoo, laundry and dish

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**Car Raffle Update**—Thanks to all those who have returned their car raffle tickets and to those who have requested extras to sell to their relatives, friends, co-workers, etc. Please note that raffle tickets must be returned to All Saints. Please mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. Checks should be made payable to All Saints. This fundraiser helps us to assist families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach. Want more tickets or have questions? Contact Loan Jella on Mondays at 703.729.2334 or [dmoassistant@sainttheresaparish.com](mailto:dmoassistant@sainttheresaparish.com)

### Divine Mercy Devotional Materials

– Spirituality books and devotional materials will be available in the parish vestibule beginning Ash Wednesday and throughout Lent. Stop by to pick up excellent Lenten reading or a rosary or cross for your home or as a gift. Suggested donation is indicated on all items. Any questions or suggestions contact Mary Sue Himpler at 571.332.7045.

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*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](mailto:dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com).*



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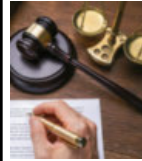
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