

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

April 7, 2024
Sunday of Divine Mercy



Masses for the Week

Mon, April 8	6:15— Gerard Jacob 8:30— Milo Vitale 12:15— Robert Curl, III+
Tues, April 9	6:15— William Lazarus+ 8:30— Connor Dwyer+
Wed, April 10	6:15— Henry & Maureen Jacob+ 8:30— Anthony Ricciardella+ 12:15— Fred & Marianne Wall+
Thurs, April 11	6:15— Msgr. McMurtie+ & Fr. Heald+ 8:30— Connor Dwyer+
Fri, April 12	6:15— Family of Francis Pollara, Living and Deceased 8:30— Dana Stalcup+
Sat, April 13	8:30— Katherine Jamison+ 5:30— Thelma Peters+
Sun, April 14	7:30— Joe Price+ 8:45— Charles Burton+ 10:30— Joseph, Carlo & Laura Maresca+ 12:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 5:00— Monica Bentler

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: Esther Yager, 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 Heinjaran, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez, Emma Ciaravino, Keelan Griffen, Helen Atallah, Daniel Ramirez, Cynthia Ramirez, Haley Morris, Anabelle Huster, Russell Ramons, Martha Mason, John Forbes, Ruth Carradini.

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 Monthly Devotions of the Year—April

Each month of the year is traditionally devoted to one single aspect of our Catholic faith. In the month of April, we remember the Blessed Sacrament. The simple Catholic faith is that the Eucharist is Christ himself, hidden under the mysterious appearance of bread and wine. Countless ancient Christian writers testify to this fact. Here are a few quotations to help you deepen your understanding of this tremendous gift from Christ to us.

Ignatius of Antioch

"Take note of those who hold heterodox opinions on the grace of Jesus Christ. They abstain from the Eucharist and from prayer because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ." (A.D. 110)

Justin Martyr

"We call this food Eucharist...not as common bread nor common drink do we receive these. The food which has been made into the Eucharist by the Eucharistic prayer set down by him, and by the change of which our blood and flesh is nurtured, is both the flesh and the blood of that incarnated Jesus" (A.D. 151)

Clement of Alexandria

"'Eat my flesh,' [Jesus] says, 'and drink my blood.' The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutrients, He delivers over his flesh and pours out his blood, and nothing is lacking for the growth of his children" (A.D. 191)

Origen

"Formerly, in an obscure way, there was manna for food; now, however, in full view, there is the true food, the flesh of the Word of God, as he himself says: 'My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink' [John 6:56]" (A.D. 248)

Cyril of Jerusalem

"Do not, therefore, regard the bread and wine as simply that; for they are, according to the Master's declaration, the body and blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm. Do not judge in this matter by taste, but be fully assured by the faith, not doubting that you have been deemed worthy of the body and blood of Christ . . . [Since you are] fully convinced that the apparent bread is not bread, even though it is sensible to the taste, but the body of Christ, and that the apparent wine is not wine, even though the taste would have it so, ... partake of that bread as something spiritual, and put a cheerful face on your soul" (A.D. 350)

Theodore of Mopsuestia

"When [Christ] gave the bread, he did not say, 'This is the symbol of my body,' but, 'This is my body.' In the same way, when he gave the cup of his blood he did not say, 'This is the symbol of my blood,' but, 'This is my blood'; for he wanted us to look upon the [Eucharistic elements] after their reception of grace and the coming of the Holy Spirit not according to their nature, but receive them as they are, the body and blood of our Lord. We ought . . . not regard [the elements] merely as bread and cup, but as the body and blood of the Lord, into which they were transformed by the descent of the Holy Spirit." (Catechetical Homilies 5:1 [A.D. 405]).

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Current Critical Adoration Needs

Critical Need

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

Please visit the website to signup, or email letusadore@sainttheresaparish.com, or text to 703.608.4278 or 703.728.0168, or come by the parish office.

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 23 March, discussing how we can best prepare for Holy Week as Catholic men; please join us at 630am on 13 April for fellowship, video and discussion (6:30-8:00am) in the Parish building across from the Church. Please contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422@aol.com for additional information.

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@saintthereseparish.com

April

Sunday, the 7th—Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm – Showing the Movie 'TRICKED' as part of the Protecting Our Children efforts of the Diocese of Arlington

Tuesday, the 9th—6pm in the school cafeteria - Makeup showing of the Movie 'TRICKED' as part of the Protecting Our Children efforts of the Diocese of Arlington

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

May

Saturday, the 4th—Middle School Bash, 2:30-9pm – O'Connell High School, for all students between 6th grade and 8th grade

Sunday, the 5th—Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Tricked – A video-based safe-training program that explores the dangerous realities of sexual trafficking. Upper Room Squad will be showing the movie 'Tricked: Inside the World of Teen Sex Trafficking' on Sunday, April 7th

at 6pm in the school cafeteria. This is a part of the Youth Training Program established by the Diocese. While parents are the primary educators and caregivers of youth, the Diocese of Arlington enjoys the privilege of sharing in that ministry, in the world we live in today, youth too often are alone and unprepared for the dangers presented. This movie will help students understand and spot the scouting and manipulating techniques that are commonly used by traffickers. Using testimony from survivors of sex trafficking, as well as insider information from a former trafficker, they talk about how to avoid susceptible behaviors. They also provide insights on how to get help if students or their friends get trapped in this terrible situation. To get more information on the program just visit the Arlington Diocese webpage under 'Protecting our Children', follow the 'Youth Training Programs' tab, <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/child-protection/youth-training-programs/>. (the make-up date will be Tuesday, April 9th at 6pm in the school cafeteria)

Calling All Middle Schoolers to the Diocesan BASH:—BASH is the Diocese of Arlington's largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! Students from all over the Diocese will gather on Saturday, May 4th, at O'Connell High School in Arlington for faith, fellowship, and fun! We will depart as a group from the upper parking lot at 2:30pm and return at 9:00pm. Adult chaperones will be the drivers.

This event includes music, games, free t-shirt, inspirational speakers, confessions, and Vigil Mass and transportation. Bishop Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass. BASH is open to any Middle School aged youth that want to attend. Please follow this link for more details and to grab a spot for your child - spots are first come - first serve so please act quickly! The cost of the ticket is \$20. You can also sign up to be a chaperone & drive if you would like to be a part of this great afternoon. We could always use the help!

Signup Genius for the Middle School Bash: <https://tinyurl.com/STMSBash>
Or use this QR Code:



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@saintthereseparish.com or call 703.729.3714.

More Youth Education and News



Living Stations of the Cross



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



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Monday, April 8—

Students Return

Thursday, April 11—

7th Grade Science Fair

Monday, April 22—

D.A.R.E. Graduation;

Spring Book Fair begins

Friday, April 26—

Middle School Spring Dance

Join our joyful team – we're hiring!

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@saintthereseparish.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, www.stsashburn.com (click Support/Auction) or email stsauktion@stsashburn.com.

Thank you for supporting STCS!

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



Calling all St. Theresa Catholic School ALUMNI!



Send us your news!

Email updates to alumni@stsashburn.com

News from our Parish

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

Ashburn Catholic Young Adults—Ages 18-35 – Please join us for our next talk series by Fr. Vaccaro on the Sacraments! We will be meeting **Monday, April 8th** from 6:15-7:30pm in the cafeteria and snacks will be provided. Follow our Instagram [@ashburncatholicya](https://www.instagram.com/ashburncatholicya) for more info!

YAH (Young At Heart)— **April 17th.** We will meet Wednesday, April 17th, after the 12:15 Mass. It's springtime, so bring a spring salad, large enough to serve 6! No money collected at this meeting. RSVP needed. Please call Freddie Wall, 703.625.5715, or email at wallflower64@gmail.com by **April 14th.** The activity will be a White Elephant Swap—donate by contributing up to 3 items. New people welcome!

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!



Knights of Columbus

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 on April 6th and 7th. Thank you for your generosity in giving to KOVAR. You can also donate online using the following QR code.



Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you need help in

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

Call for Handyman Crew Volunteers:

Are you available to volunteer as a handyman for those in need? The volunteers of the St. Louis Martin Council of the Knights of Columbus are available to complete small home repairs for the benefit of those in need who are physically incapable of performing the work, or for whom the hiring of a professional is cost prohibitive. Typical projects include Plumb-

ing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting. As a volunteer, you will have the opportunity to work alongside brother knights in support of a worthy cause. What do you get in return? A smile and a thank you from the people you helped. Learn more here: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Catholic men: Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? See our most Frequently Asked Questions at:

<https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> or to submit a request for more information or to be contacted by our Membership Committee scan the following QR code.



News Around the Diocese

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep —Apr 11-14; May 16-19; Jun 6-9

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. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center.

An Easter Reflection for Couples, Wednesday, Apr 10—Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow in faith and love together! Register now. Married and Engaged couples are invited to attend! The evening will begin with mass and includes dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$80 per couple, if registered by the early-bird deadline. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20187. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare. We also have monthly Mini-Retreats for women and Evenings of Reflection for men. Visit us at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612.

Celebrate the Easter Season with a Personal Retreat Day! Fri, April 12 9am-4pm

—Are you ready to Accompany Christ this Lent? Do you want to deepen your relationship with Him and renew your spirit? Then join us for a Personal Retreat Day this Lent! This is the perfect opportunity to take a break from your busy life and focus on your spiritual journey. Our experienced team will guide you through this meaningful day and help you connect with God in a deeper way. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus lunch; so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Advance Registration is required. So don't wait, sign up now and join us for a positive step towards a more peaceful, and holy Lenten season. Visit our website to register and to find more dates at ourladyofbethesda.org. Or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

The Resurrection Narratives Men's and Women's Retreat

—The Four Gospels give us clear accounts of Jesus' resurrection. Come to the Arling-

ton 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.

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

News Around the Diocese Continued

Finding Joy In Living the Mass Mini-Retreats for Women in the Easter Season: Evening: **Apr 17**, 6-9pm; Morning: **Apr 18**, 9:15am-12:15pm—Discover the joy of overcoming past hurts. We will explore the mystery and beauty of the sacred encounter we have with God during Holy Mass. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with other women and find joy in your journey towards a deeper appreciation of this sacrament. 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. Hosted by the Women of Regnum Christi. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola—Join Fr. Armando Marsal, Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA, for a unique retreat experience. The Spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola is a patrimony of our Holy Catholic Church and is a tool to be used by every Catholic who wishes to deepen their relationship with our Creator. The retreat will be in English. This silent retreat for both women and men begins at 5pm on **Friday, April 19**, and ends at 1pm on **Sunday, April 21**. Retreat cost is \$305 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Tommy Shimokado at telibentersociare@gmail.com.

Men's Evening of Reflection "Mary and the Eucharist", May 1, 7-9:30pm—Gentlemen, step out of the daily grind and into a deeper spiritual life with our Men's Evenings of Reflection. Our new series, "Living a Eucharistic Life," will inspire you each month with meditations, practical talks, and the celebration of the mass. Plus, enjoy dinner and fellowship with some great guys! Join us as we honor Our Lady and her relationship with Christ. Cost is \$25 per person. Advance Registration is required. Visit our website for more details and to register www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Hosted by the Men of Regnum Christi and Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

2024 St. Veronica Golf Tournament—May 6th—The families of St. Veronica are thankful for your generous support. Rain or Shine. Let's make this an amazing day and help our school and community. It should be a beautiful May morning. Some things to expect: Breakfast pastries, donuts, and coffee. BBQ Lunch with burgers, dogs, grilled chicken, salads, mac & cheese, cookies, brownies, etc. Beverages from Beverage carts and lunch are included with your registration. We are looking at music options to accompany lunch. We will have pickleball & cornhole during lunch. There will be a live auction during lunch. Men & women closest to the pin contest; Men & Women Longest Drive Contest; Hole-in-One prize. Superbowl Trip for 2 & more...This is going to be an absolute blast. We hope you can come join us, help us out, and have a fantastic time. <https://charitygolftoday.com/event?e=12327&ce=1a386d>

Called & Chosen 8th Grade Vocations Event May 7—All 8th graders of the diocese are invited to the Go Forth: Called & Chosen event with Bishop Burbidge on Tuesday May 7, at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas. The program begins at 10 a.m. and includes a vocations rally, Mass, and lunch, and concludes by 1:30 p.m. All 8th graders must be accompanied by an adult; space is limited to 8th graders and their chaperones. Please arrive early so all can be seated before 10 a.m.. For more information or to RSVP contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514 by Tuesday, April 30. (8th graders in Catholic schools will be coming with their classes.)

Finding Jesus in the Virtuous Life Young Adult Retreat—God's law orders us towards goodness. His grace also transforms us from within, ordering every aspect of our lives towards union with Him, and this is the essence of the virtuous life. Join Fr. Steven Oetjen for an exciting young adult retreat at Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA. This young adult retreat will be an opportunity to spend a weekend contemplating the "well-ordered life in Christ," with special attention given to the virtues of fortitude and temperance. The retreat begins at 5pm, Friday, **May 10**, and ends at 1pm Sun-

day, May 12. 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.

St. Therese of Lisieux Women's Silent Retreat—St. Therese of Lisieux's spiritual doctrine is easily understood and can be applied in our day-to-day lives. Her counsel can ably assist us in enduring and embracing difficulties in prayer, overcoming scruples, and patiently putting up with challenging people. Join Fr. Jack Riley at the feet of Jesus at Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA, to learn more about this great Saint. The retreat begins at 5pm, Friday, **May 10**, and ends at 1pm, Sunday, May 12. 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.

The Associates of St. John Bosco invites all parents of high school juniors and seniors to attend their second annual "Parents Prepared" Parent Night. This engaging evening will help parents prepare for what lies ahead for their children entering college in the coming years. Parents will gain practical insights into what steps they can take to help their children keep their Catholic faith in college. Speakers include: Deacon Gerard-Marie Anthony, Danielle Zuccaro, and David and Margaret Bereit. The event will take place at the Basilica of St. Mary's Lyceum (313 Duke St.) on **May 14, 2024** at 7pm. RSVP for free at www.asjb.org/parents-prepared.

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

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

More News Around the Diocese

2024 Days of Prayer and Healing—

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be Saturday, **June 1**. 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

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 for a preview of events. Registration coming soon!

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women—

Has God made your heart for religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel

called to a religious vocation is Friday-Sunday, **June 14-16**. The Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles will lead the retreat this year. It will also include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, as well as opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual direction, and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$150 (financial assistance is available). For more info or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday June 3.

Holy Hour for Encounter Every First Thursday—

All you who are burdened by sin, grief, loneliness, shame, addiction, self-hatred, abortion, or any other wound, come and place all your cares on the Heart of the Eucharistic Lord who desires to free you and restore you to new life. The Holy Hour, every first Thursday at 7pm at St. Thomas à Becket in Reston, will include a Eucharistic Procession, opportunities for confession, as well as worship music led by a different musician each month. The celebrant will be Fr. Rich Dyer, Pastor, St. Thomas à Becket. If you have questions, contact us at 703.841.2550.

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, 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: April 12-14, 2024 - Herndon, VA; May 3-5, 2024 - Hickory, NC; September 27-29, 2024 - Herndon, VA

Separated or Divorced?—

St. John's Separated and Divorced Ministry invites all separated or divorced Catholics to their meetings every third Thursday of the month, 7:30pm at St. John's in Leesburg. Email separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com for more information.

Do you love someone with a drug or alcohol problem?—

The Nar-Anon is a worldwide fellowship for those affected by a friend's or family member's addiction. As a twelve-step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Please join us for an evening of support and recovery; you're only a stranger until you walk through the door. For more information, contact Deacon Noah at dcnnoah@sainttheresaparish.com. Weekly meetings are held on: Mondays, 7-8pm, Cascades Library, or via Zoom on Federal Holidays and Thursdays, 7-8pm, Leesburg Presbyterian Church.

National Eucharistic Congress

**INDIANAPOLIS
JULY 17 - 21, 2024**

Diocese of Arlington

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



[Learn More](#)

Full of Faith
YOUR MARRIAGE IS HALLOWED GROUND
A ONE-DAY EVENT FOR ALL MARRIED COUPLES
featuring Soren and Ever Johnson
SATURDAY
APRIL 13, 2024
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
MORE INFORMATION AND
TO REGISTER VISIT: STBRIDGETBERRYVILLE.ORG

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

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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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Bed Ministry—Volunteer for the Bed Ministry –volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! Great to do this with your teenager too!

It's rewarding to assist families in need. Consider taking a short time out of your day to bring some light into another's life. We need extra helpers to bring new beds and bedding from our storage to families moving out of the shelters and other families and children in need.

Interested in helping 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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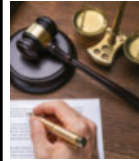
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