

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

August 25, 2024

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses for the Week

Mon, Aug 26	6:15— Keith Kalembo+ 8:30— Martha & Ignatius Krebs+ 12:15— Bruce & Mark Voss
Tues, Aug 27	6:15— Jerome+ and Lou Miles 8:30— Patti Sinski
Wed, Aug 28	6:15— Levi Miles 8:30— Athulya Venkat 12:15— Celinda Almonte Ponce+
Thurs, Aug 29	6:15— Joan & Robert Burton+ 8:30— Peter Caviezel+
Fri, Aug 30	6:15— Meghan Young 8:30— Nithya Venkat
Sat, Aug 31	8:30— Richard Sena+ 5:30— Elaine Kane
Sun, Sept 1	7:30— Joseph Schauble+ 8:45— St. Theresa Parishioners 10:30— Thomas Edward O'Loughlin+ 12:30— Antoine Bizimana+ 5:00— Carol Krichbaum

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

****Federal Holidays—6:15 and 8:30am Masses only**

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: John Forbes, Ronald Lewis Cricks, Tom Poerstel, Pamela Hoeft, Mary Broderick, Mary Giebel, Esther Yager, Tori Edmonds, Daniel John Begley, Michael DeCardona, Stephen Stahl, Steve Smith, Philip Carrescia, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, 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.

Prayers For Our Military: Heather Hurley, Connor McCarthy, Kraig Broecker Jr., Victoria Carrick Caviston, Jack Ward, Michael Scully, Matthew Baba, Anthony Lupetaliaami, 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, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, Russell Escalante, Eric Reilly, John Conrad, Fr. James Hinkle, Andrew Gillespie.

On Anger, Part I

With the exception of lust, there's no sin for which people feel more guilt than anger. People who think nothing of being greedy, prideful, gluttonous, envious, or lazy will readily confess their repentance for growing angry. Since this subject is important to so many people, let's take a closer look at the sin of anger, across the course of several weeks.

First let's define our terms. What is anger? St. Thomas Aquinas called anger, "a passion of the sensitive appetite," which may or may not be justified. Surprisingly enough, this means that even though anger is one of the seven Capital Sins, anger itself (unlike the other six) is not always sinful! How can that be so? The answer lies in the nature of anger, and the nature of sin.

God has given each of us an intellect (a mind) and a free will (a choice). Every sin involves using both intellect and will to act against the will of God. This is why there's no such thing as committing a sin by accident. A sin must always deliberate. Imagine a very young child who may do something harmful—perhaps they scribble on the wall with a crayon, or smash an expensive vase to the floor by bumping into a short table. Although their actions may have caused harm, the child is far from blameworthy. Why? Because the child was not using either his intellect, or free will, or both. The child did not know he was doing wrong, or intend to do wrong. This is why there's really no such thing as a "sin" for a child under the age of reason.

Now, think of anger as a strong emotion which prompts a choice to act. But your anger itself arises simply as a response to an injustice that you perceive. You have not deliberately chosen to become angry. It's more like a reaction to your immediate circumstances. That's why, in and of itself, anger is morally neutral. It's not unlike frustration or disappointment. Anger only becomes sinful when we choose to act wrongly. We all know when anger prompts us to act wrongly, but what would be an example of anger prompting us to act rightly?

Let's confess at the outset that most anger is indeed sinful. Examples of "righteous anger" are rare. One may think of Moses who, in anger, smashed the first tablets of the Ten Commandments, or Jesus himself who first wove a bullwhip out of cords, before driving the money changers from the Jerusalem Temple. Hardly the sweet-and-gentle image of Jesus you expect to see on a holy card or a stained-glass window! And yet, remember, we must not try to be "nicer" than Jesus. If God can grow angry, then not only is anger not always sinful, it's even a characteristic we must be prepared to imitate, under the right circumstances.

Anger is the deep emotional reaction which is aroused from within us whenever we sense some obstacle standing in the way of something good which we try to pursue. Anger is a duplex—it consists of hatred for the obstacle, and at the same time, love for the good thing we pursue. To determine the moral nature of anger, we must ask two questions—what is this "good thing" we love, and what is this "obstacle" that stands in the way of that good? If the "good" we love is very good indeed, such as the life of another person, and the "obstacle" is very evident, such as someone's foolish and reckless behavior, then anger can be justified. You'd actually be morally deficient if you were very calm-and-collected in your response to, say, a child carelessly playing with weapons or explosives. An angry response would be right and good in such circumstances. Our trouble is, in most circumstances, our loves are very disordered, and our angry responses are not justified at all. This is when anger becomes a sin. We will continue to look at this subject in future weeks!

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

Take note of two upcoming early bulletin deadlines:

September 8 bulletin--due by Tuesday, **August 27**, 2pm

September 22 bulletin--due by Tuesday, **September 10**, 12noon

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 (closed for lunch from 12-1) 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

August

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

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

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

Saturday, the 31st-First Confirmation Retreat, 1:30pm to 8pm

September

St. Theresa CYO Thunder Runners Registration: St. Theresa Thunder Runners, track and cross-country program is open to parishioners in grades 4th - 8th. Our season will begin Friday, **September 6** and end early No-

vember. Practices will be held Tuesdays and Fridays on the school track from 3:00-4:45. Cost of the program is \$75 per child. Registration will open on **August 28, 2024**. All athletes MUST be registered in both the Track & Field database and the Cross Country database in order to participate in the program. Registration is first come, first served, spots fill up fast, don't wait to register. All levels of runners welcome! Registration link: <https://reg.sportspilot.com/106557>

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

Saturday, the 14th-Second Confirmation Retreat, 1:30pm to 8pm

Sunday, the 22nd-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Monday, the 23rd-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tuesday, the 24th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sunday, the 29th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm



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.



STCS Parents, we can't wait to welcome you back to school! Please see the **Thursday Thunder Newsletter** for information on important dates and events, including:



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

Wednesday, Aug. 28—

Middle School Back to School Night

Thursday, Aug. 29—

Elementary Back to School Night

Friday, Aug. 30—

Early Dismissal (11:30am)

Monday, Sept. 2—

No School, Labor Day

Friday, Sept. 6—

Middle School Dance

Friday, Sept. 13—

Early dismissal; PTO Spirit Event at Altitude Trampoline

Registration is OPEN for the 14th Annual Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS) Golf Tournament for tuition assistance! The tournament is on **Monday, October 7, 2024** at Belmont Country Club in Ashburn. **This is a wonderful parish event --** get your foursomes lined up, we're looking forward to another fantastic day of golf, food, and fundraising! **Not a golfer? Join us for dinner & the Silent Auction!** For details scan the QR code or visit our parish website (www.SaintTheresaParish.com). **Sponsors are needed for the tournament** (individuals, businesses, families),

please contact Regina Freschi for details, freschir@stsashburn.com or 703.729.3577.



We're celebrating "30 Years of St. Theresa Catholic School" this year, and would love to hear from our Alumni & Alumni Families! Please send your news and contact information to alumni@stsashburn.com.



News from our Parish

2025 Mass Intention Book—will be opened on **Tuesday, September 10**. Due to the high demand this year, and our book filling up so quickly, we are going to only open the book for January -1 through June 30, 2025 right now. The second half will be opened later in the year. For those requesting multiple Masses for the year, **you can request 2 per week and only on Tuesdays and Thursdays**.

Art Contest--Drawing of Mother Mary—Drawing must be completed by September 7 and dropped off @ St. Theresa Parish Office.

Rules: 8 ½ x 11 Sheet, Name & Age and Parent Contact on back, Must be a hand drawn picture of Mother Mary, Only 1 submission per person

Age Groups: up to 5 years old; 6 - 10 years old; 10 - 16 years old; 16 and over

Winners will be announced on September 15th @ 12:30pm Saint Theresa Cafeteria (Donut Sunday). (4) 1st Place Awards | Winners will get a \$25 Gift Card & Trophy

Questions? Contact: Angela Haberland @ angela.haberland@gmail.com, 703.407.1204

YAH (Young At Heart)-Sept. 18—Welcome back from summer break! We will meet after the 12:15 Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 18 for lunch and



fellowship. Bring your own "brown bag" lunch; the Club will provide dessert and beverages. RSVP encouraged: Freddie at wallflower64@gmail.com or 703.625.5715. All parishioners ages 55-99+ are welcome!

Join us for a new year of Walking With Purpose - women's and middle school girls' Bible studies!—Walking With Purpose is a Catholic women's ministry that develops Bible studies to reach women and middle school girls. Our small groups from St. Theresa's (which meet weekly September - May in the homes of leaders) combine personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. Free childcare available on Thursday mornings. BLAZE is the Walking With Purpose ministry for middle school girls. The mission of BLAZE is to use Scripture to speak God's truth into the hearts of young girls (you can learn more about the BLAZE ministry at walkingwithpurpose.com/blaze). The adult groups will meet weekly beginning the week of **Sept. 23th**. BLAZE will meet weekly for twenty weeks starting in October. Registration is now open (go to St. Theresa's website and under "Activities", click on "Women's Bible Study-Walking With Purpose"). If you desire to grow in your faith—in a supportive community of Catholic women (or girls)—Walking With Purpose is for you! All women are invited to join us in the Atrium (foyer of admin. build-

ing) for our Open House/Kick Off Wine Social on Thursday, **September 12th**. Feel free to stop by anytime between 7 and 8:30pm and please bring a friend. This is a wonderful opportunity to see what our program is all about, meet with old friends, make new friends, and check out our small groups! We look forward to seeing you soon! Questions? Email us at stthere-sawwp@gmail.com



Cub Scout Pack 997 (sponsored by St Theresa Parish) welcomes new Cub Scouts for the 2024-2025 school year! We have an

exciting and engaging program planned for the upcoming year. We are open to boys in grades K through 5; Scouts need not be students at St Theresa School. The time commitment is two one-hour meetings per month, plus a handful of miscellaneous events during the year. A Join Scouting Night will be held in September; date TBA. Interested families should send an email to pack997leaders@googlegroups.com for more information.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you missing Sacraments? RCIA registration for this year is now online. Please go to <https://sainttheresaparish.com/activity/rcia/> to register today. Classes start this fall in late October / early November.



Knights of Columbus

Food Drive: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and delivering 4,838 pounds of food to the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling last month. Your contributions and effort make this program a successful one. Thank you for your ongoing support for the food program.

Please keep up the generosity this by returning your bag this weekend (August 24-25) with items in the attached flyer. If you were unable to

pick up a blue bag, you can always return food in a reusable, paper, or plastic bag. Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items.

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: Guided by principles of charity, unity and fellowship, the Knights of Columbus work to strengthen our parish, our families and our community. 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.



Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Looking to learn more about your faith? This Fall, the Catholic Education for Adults team will be offering five different classes:

(New Class) Prayer Primer (7 weeks-In-Person): Using Fr. Thomas Dubay's "Prayer Primer – Igniting a Fire Within", learn about the different types of prayer: vocal, liturgical, meditative, and contemplative, as well as how to get more out of your prayer life. Thursdays 7-8pm. **Starts Oct. 3rd.** Contact: Maria Basu at maria_basu@yahoo.com

(New Class) "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" (8 weeks-Zoom): Get the "big picture" of salvation history by seeing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church. Wednesdays 7-8pm. **Starts Oct. 9th.** Contact Nancy Hammitt at hammsf1@comcast.net

The Gospel of Matthew (24 weeks-Zoom): Set in the rich context of Jesus' life, Matthew shows us who Jesus is and what His life and teachings mean for us today. Wednesdays 7-8pm. **Starts Oct. 2nd.** Contact: Brett at brettastengako@gmail.com

Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom (20 weeks-Zoom): The Compelling Story of the First Christians, Acts:

The Spread of the Kingdom, traces how the gospel witness spread outward in waves from Jerusalem, and reveals how the seeds of Church structure and authority took root. Tuesdays 8-9pm. **Starts Oct 1st.** Contact: Andy at johnson.andrew7003@gmail.com

Prophets (10 weeks): The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy examines who the prophets were, their role during their time, and the meaning of their messages for our own time. Wednesdays 7-8pm. Zoom. **Starts Oct. 2nd.** Contact: Mark at markscal-lion20@gmail.com or Wednesdays 7-8pm. In-Person. **Starts Oct. 2nd.** Contact: Linda at lmmetz3@msn.com

That Man is You (TMIY)—Are you looking to strengthen your faith & family and meet other Catholic men at St Theresa's? We're about to start a new TMIY year on Sept 7 -- there's still time join our TMIY program. Use the QR Code below or contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422aol.com for more information.



Padre Pio Group—Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina is known for his gift of healing. When you become a child of

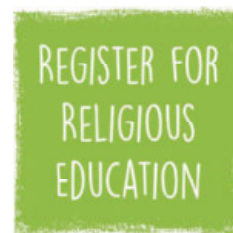
Padre Pio, he also takes into his prayers your entire family. Won't you join us on the first Friday of every month as we pray the rosary and ask Padre Pio to be our helper in heaven. Pray, hope and don't worry.....Our next meeting will be on Friday September 6, at 6:30pm in the Saint Louis Martin Room. Any questions please contact Mirella McAleer 703.463.0847

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 in May, we will be watching the series, "Jesus And The Dead Sea Scrolls" with Dr. John Bergsma and Fr. Dave Pivonka. Parish women of all ages are cordially invited. For more information contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

Legion of Mary?—Want to deepen your faith, build community, increase in your relationship with our Lord and serve others? We have two praesidium options. Saturdays at 9:15am and Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Stop by the Saint Louis Martin room and learn more about it.

St. Theresa Catholic Church 2024-2025 Online RE Registration is Open

- Religious Education for Children Grades K-12
 - Middle School Classes: Sun/Mon/Tues/Wed
 - Elementary Grades: Mon/Tues/Wed
 - First Holy Communion prep grades: 1st-2nd
 - Confirmation prep grades: 7th-8th
 - Special Catch-up classes for students that have fallen behind in their sacraments
- <https://sainttheresaparish.com/activity/religious-education/>**



"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.





Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS)

14th Annual Golf Tournament for Tuition Assistance

Monday, October 7, 2024

Belmont Country Club | Ashburn, VA

10:15am - Registration/Boxed Lunch/Warm Up

12:00pm - Shotgun Start

5:00pm - Dinner, Awards, & Silent Auction

Please join us for golf, food, and fundraising at the annual St. Theresa parish event to provide tuition assistance to families and students who might not otherwise have access to Catholic education! FOSTS was established in 2006, and has awarded \$515,000 and assisted over 325 students. Your support is needed, and much appreciated!

Scan the QR code, register online at SaintTheresaParish.com, or mail this form to:

FOSTS, c/o St. Theresa Catholic School, 21370 St. Theresa Ln., Ashburn, VA 20147 (Checks payable to "FOSTS").

\$220 per Golfer/ \$880 per Foursome

Includes golf fees, official tournament shirt, lunch, practice facilities, contests, and dinner!

Golfer #1 Name: _____ Email: _____

Shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Golfer #2 Name: _____ Email: _____

Shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Golfer #3 Name: _____ Email: _____

Shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Golfer #4 Name: _____ Email: _____

Shirt size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

The tournament is Scramble format. Any golfer without a foursome will be paired up to complete a team.

Upon arrival, please check in - mulligans and 50/50 chances will be available for purchase!

Scan Now to
Register & Sponsor!



Won't you consider being a Sponsor?

Sponsorships WITH Golf		
Sponsor Level	Cost	Includes
Tournament Headline Sponsor (1 available)	\$5200 <i>(Tax deductible: \$3440)</i>	Golf fees/carts/lunch/dinner for TWO foursomes (8 players), Premium name recognition at facility, on gift bag & dinner tables (along with Banquet Sponsor), in promotional materials & Parish/School social media, church bulletin, website & school newsletter
Putting Contest Sponsor (1 available)	\$3100 <i>(Tax deductible: \$2220)</i>	Golf fees/carts/lunch/dinner for ONE foursome, exclusive name recognition at putting green (primary contest area), in promotional materials & Parish/School social media, church bulletin, website & school newsletter
Lunch Sponsor (1 available)	\$2400 <i>(Tax deductible: \$1520)</i>	Golf fees/carts/lunch/dinner for ONE foursome, exclusive name recognition at lunch station, in promotional materials & Parish/School social media, church bulletin, website & school newsletter
Platinum Sponsor	\$1700 <i>(Tax deductible: \$820)</i>	Golf fees/carts/lunch/dinner for ONE foursome in tournament, special name recognition at driving range, on social media & event website

Sponsorships WITHOUT Golf		
Sponsor Level	Cost	Includes
Banquet Sponsor (1 available)	\$3000 <i>(Tax deductible: \$2840)</i>	Premium name recognition on dinner tables (along with Headline Sponsor) and in promotional materials; 4 dinner tickets ; Parish/School social media, church bulletin, website & school newsletter
Silent Auction Sponsor (1 available)	\$2500 <i>(fully tax deductible)</i>	Exclusive name recognition at silent auction tables and in promotional materials & on Parish/School social media, church bulletin, website & school newsletter
Beverage Cart Sponsor (2 available)	\$2000 <i>(fully tax deductible)</i>	Large signage on a beverage cart and in promotional materials & on Parish/School social media, church bulletin, website & school newsletter
Patron Sponsor	\$1000 <i>(fully tax deductible)</i>	Special name recognition at driving range & on Parish/School social media, church bulletin, website & school newsletter.
Gold Sponsor	\$500 <i>(fully tax deductible)</i>	Contest hole sponsorship/large sign for Longest Drive/Closest to Pin holes. Name recognition at hole, on social media & website
Hole Sponsor	\$250 <i>(fully tax deductible)</i>	Name recognition at tee or green, on social media & website.

Sponsor Name (to appear on signs/marketing): _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Sponsor Level: ___Headline ___Putting Contest ___Lunch ___Platinum ___Banquet ___Auction ___Bev. Cart ___Patron ___Gold ___Hole

To ensure proper recognition, sponsorships must be received by Thursday, September 25, 2024.

Businesses & individuals are invited to sponsor online or by mail (address above). If you have a branded item you'd like to include in the tournament gift bag or would like to learn about other Sponsorship opportunities, please contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com or 703/729-3577.

News Around the Diocese

Book Launch Event—"The Eighth Station". This new photo-journal features beautiful color images of the 8th Station of the Cross from different Catholic churches, accompanied by reflections for women, written by women—including two members of St. Theresa parish. Join Elizabeth Leon, Anne Miller, and other contributors for this exclusive DC-area book signing, discussion, and Q&A. Saturday, **September 7th**, 3–5pm, Trinity House Café, 101 East Market St., Leesburg. Proceeds benefit The Sister of Life. For more information, contact Chris Mooney, 301.908.3956, or <https://viarcucispress.org>.

Mass of Thanksgiving—Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge invites you to join him in celebrating a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More renovations. Pray with us on Sunday, **September 8**, at the 11am Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203. A reception will follow in Burke Hall.

Catholic Homeschoolers & Potential Catholic Homeschoolers--You're Invited!—Mayflower Homeschoolers' Warrenton Chapter will be kicking off the homeschool year by celebrating Our Lady's Nativity on **September 9** with Spiritual & Corporal Works of Mercy, plus picnic fun! Join us & bring your Catholic homeschool friends! Details & RSVP at: https://www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org/2323/events/events_view?public=0&eventid=3281736 Mayflower Homeschoolers is a Roman Catholic multi-chapter homeschool support group under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima.

AFSP Out of the Darkness Walk in One Loudoun—The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is an organization with the mission to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. On **September 14**, AFSP is hosting an Out of the Darkness walk in One Loudoun. The goal of this walk is to unite a community of support, raise awareness and much-needed funds for research, education, advocacy, and programs that contribute to the prevention of suicide. Parish member, Anna Haufler, is a volunteer for on the walk's planning committee. She suffered the loss of her older brother Christopher to suicide in

2022, which was also her catalyst for discovering a deeper relationship with God through our church. If you are interested in joining the walk, you can register as a team at the website link here: <https://supporting.afsp.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=9960> Anna is also available by email directly at annashauf@gmail.com if there are further questions about the event.

Casino Night Fundraiser—Join Marian Homes, Inc. for a thrilling casino night fundraiser on **September 27**, 2024, at 7pm, at the Country Club of Fairfax. Enjoy a night of high stakes and excitement to benefit the Marian Homes, Inc. capital campaign. Tickets are \$100 until August 1, including playing chips and great food, with additional beverages available at a cash bar. Dress to impress in cocktail attire and dance to a live DJ. Try your luck at blackjack, roulette, craps, Texas Hold'em, and more. Participate in a raffle for extra winnings. All proceeds support intellectually disabled adults. Purchase tickets here: <https://shorturl.at/vm2XD> Don't miss out! Contact marketing@marianhomes.org for more info.

2024 Days of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **September 28**. 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

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: Mon-

days, 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 for more information.

Applications for the 2025-2026 academic year at St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Chantilly are now live! Paul VI looks forward to welcoming your family to their caring Catholic community, where they inspire the extraordinary in one another. Please explore the admission webpages (www.paulvi.net/admissions) to learn more about the application process and how applicants can spend a day at PVI to learn more about the school.

Please reach out to the Enrollment Management team at admissions@paulvi.net with any questions you may have. Paul VI looks forward to welcoming you to their community!

Seeking a New Executive Director—Agapé Pregnancy Center of Loudoun, located in historic Leesburg, VA, is a non-profit, life-affirming, Christian organization that provides counseling, resources, and material support to pregnant women and their families, especially women facing an unplanned pregnancy. The Director heads daily operations; recruits, trains and manages staff/volunteers; cares for the needs of our clients; is responsible for fundraising and marketing initiatives; reports to the Board of Directors; and attends local, regional and international meetings. Position available immediately.

- 20-hour minimum part-time paid position
- Salary commensurate with experience
- Conversational Spanish a plus but not required

Go to AgapeofLoudoun.org/ employment for a full job description and to submit a letter and resume.



Parish Offices

Secretary: Kelly Cosenke, 703.729.2287
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Business Manager: Angelita Lupetaliaami, 703.729.2287
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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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Gas Cards Needed—We are in need of gas gift cards to help struggling families get to work and doctor's appointments. Place in lock box at church or drop off to parish office. God bless you.

Festival of Trees-December 7th & 8th—Seems early but it will be here before we know it. Those who would like to donate a tree or wreath or basket, contact Marianne Guidos at dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com. Not sure of theme- no worries, you can let us know later. Thank you to those who have already reached out!

Fall Consignment Sale Date—Mark your calendar Sept 28th! For more information on volunteering, consigning or shopping go to www.littleflowerconsignments.org. Want to donate children's items for the next sale? Contact Elisa Mitchell at eagmitchell@gmail.com.

Do you have furniture items to donate?—Consider donating to help families in need that are moving out of the shelter. We partner with McLean Bible church to assist families coming out of the shelter. Contact

Matthew Broderick at 703.966.0791 or mebroderick1@gmail.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.

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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.

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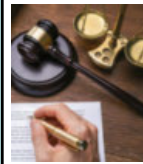
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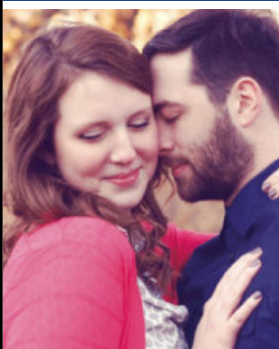
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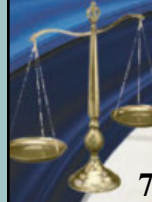
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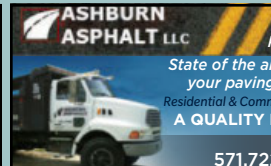
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