

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

November 3, 2024
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses for the Week

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| Mon, Nov 4 | 6:15— All Souls Novena 8:30— Patricia Pacis+ 12:15— Phillip Carrescia |
| Tues, Nov 5 | 6:15— All Souls Novena 8:30— Earl & Amanda Wong |
| Wed, Nov 6 | 6:15— Christopher Miles 8:30— All Souls Novena 12:15— Joseph Michael Begley+ |
| Thurs, Nov 7 | 6:15— Matthew Miles 8:30— All Souls Novena |
| Fri, Nov 8 | 6:15— All Souls Novena 8:30— Joseph Tesoriere+ |
| Sat, Nov 9 | 8:30— Dennis & Joyce Duquette 5:30— All Souls Novena |
| Sun, Nov 10 | 7:30— Heidi Miles 8:45— St. Theresa Parishioners 10:30— Edward K. Parker+ and Margaret P. Noah+ 12:30— Frank J. DeMeo+ 5:00— All Souls Novena |

Parish Mass Schedule

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| 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

Prayers For The Sick: Suzanne Miles, Martin Caplan, Gene Epperly, Patricia LeMay, Julie D. Lawrence, Megan Brown, 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, 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.

Prayers For Our Military: Sabrina Sokol, Aidan Sullivan, Kyle Sullivan, 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.

Our First Allegiance is to Christ

On Tuesday, November 5, we have the privilege and responsibility to vote in the presidential, federal, state, and local elections. The political process is the means by which we order ourselves as a society, and our participation as Catholics is vital. In times such as these, it is no exaggeration to say that our Catholic voice is needed in the public arena more than ever before. I urge everyone to register, get to the polls, and make your voice heard.

The Catholic Church will never give its allegiance to any political party. Our first allegiance is to Christ. As retired Philadelphia Archbishop Chaput once said, "...all of us should be more serious about being a Catholic than about being a Democrat or a Republican." The tides of history ebb and flow, but the truth of the Gospel remains immobile as a rock. Our Catholic voice must be rooted in that truth. Sadly, there is no candidate for office who espouses that truth perfectly, and so our task is to vote for the candidate who espouses it best. This is what it means to "follow your conscience" in the voting booth. As we know, there are many times when one must choose between several very flawed candidates. As St. John Paul II once said, it is within such circumstances that it becomes permissible to choose the lesser of two evils.

While considering this, remember that not every issue in the political arena has equal weight. Any issue that threatens the basic right to life outweighs other issues. In our time, there are some issues that no Christian can ever support. Among these are: abortion, euthanasia, the redefinition of the word "marriage" to mean anything other than the lifelong, fruitful, and faithful union between a man and a woman, the destruction of human embryos, human cloning, and the redefinition of the sexes to be anything other than male and female. Furthermore, our First Amendment right to religious liberty must be defended. Politicians have a moral obligation to protect that freedom—not to rewrite it. While the state of our economy receives the lion's share of national attention in every election—issues such as the national debt, unemployment, the stability of the currency—the most important issues transcend it. Without the right to life, without the sanctity of marriage, without the freedom to exercise our faith both inside and outside of the Church, without the foundational truths of our male or female identity, there would be nothing left to the fabric of our society.

We are all grieved at the state of our civil discourse in this country. The extreme polarization of all issues is a clear sign of the diabolic, within any society. It is the evil spirit that divides. The Holy Spirit always unites. That's why it's so important that we all take the time and effort to be fully informed, to weigh all the issues before us, to form our consciences well, and to let our voices be heard.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Committed Adorers Needed

We have a need for committed adorers who can spend a grace-filled holy hour every week with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament for the following vacant one hour adoration slots:

Sunday: 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:00, 4:00 & 7:00am, 12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00 and 10:00pm

Monday: 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00 & 10:00am, 2:30, 3:00 and 4:30pm

Tuesday: 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 5:00, 5:30, 10:30 & 11:30am, 3:30,

4:30 and 11:00pm

Wednesday: 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 & 9:30am, 2:00, 6:30, 9:30, 10.30, and 11.30pm

Thursday: 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 & 10:30am, 2:00, 4:00 and 7:00pm

Friday: 12:00, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 6:00, 8:00 & 8:30am, 3:00, 8:30, 5:30, and 11:00pm

Saturday: 1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30 & 10:30am, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 and 11:30pm

To sign up for one of our open Adoration time slots above, please go to <http://sainttheresa.letusadore.com> or come by the parish office.



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, you can vacate the slot in advance and substitute adorers will provide one-time coverage.

Youth Education and News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

November

Sunday, the 3rd–Upper Room Squad, 6–8pm

Sunday, the 10th–Upper Room Squad, 6–8pm

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, 7–8:30pm

Tuesday, the 26th–Load food for transport, 6:15–7pm

CYO Basketball Coaches needed: As John Wooden said, “A good Coach can change a game. A great Coach can change a life.” Please consider Coaching for our upcoming Basketball Season. The Arlington Diocese will be holding training for all CYO Coaches – this is a mandatory training program called ‘Play Like a Champion Today’. All head coaches who have not previously taken the Play Like a Champion Today COACH training must attend. The dates of the primary coach trainings will be Saturday, November 2nd at 9 am to noon....or Sunday, November 3rd at noon to 3pm at a location TBD. The session is approximately 3 hours and every coach must attend the entire training to be able to coach. Contact Paul Dwyer at ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com.

In House Basketball – 2024 / 2025

Registration is now open—St. Theresa’s in-house basketball league for children in Kindergarten thru 3rd grade is open for registration for the 2024/2025 season. The league is open to St. Theresa Parishioners and St. Theresa school students. The season runs from December thru March. K/1 boys and girls play together. K/1 has one hour on the weekend that will either be Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon. 2nd/3rd grade boys play together and 2nd/3rd grade girls play together. 2nd/3rd grade plays on Sunday afternoons.

Registration is open now and will close on November 8.

Contact Rusty Byrne via e-mail at stsk3basketball@gmail.com if any questions.

Register to play at: <https://sainttheresaparish.com/activity/in-house-basketball/>



STCS Parents, please see the **Thursday Thunder Newsletter** for information on important dates and events, including:



- Monday, Nov. 4**— Vocation Awareness Week
- Tuesday, Nov. 5**— PTO Fall Meeting; Parent Presentation by Jodee Blanco
- Friday, Nov. 8**— Early Dismissal (EDC closes @3pm); Alumni Parent & Alumni over 21 reception celebrating **30 Years of STCS**
- Monday, Nov. 11**— Veterans Day Mass & Program

Veterans Day Mass: the 8:30am Mass on Monday, November 11th will include a special tribute to Veterans, followed by a light reception. All veterans, military on active duty, and members of the intelligence services are invited to attend. This event is sponsored by St. Theresa Catholic School’s 5th Grade Class. Veterans and active-duty military are encouraged to wear their uniforms. *We hope you’ll join us!*

FOSTS Golf Shirts Available! We have a few shirts available from the **14th Annual**



Friends of St. Theresa Golf Tournament for Tuition Assistance – they were a hit at the tournament and make a GREAT gift at \$34/each. Sizes are limited; please email freschir@stsashburn.com for details. Thank you for your support!

Would you like to learn more about the benefits of a Catholic Education for your child? Save the date for Saint Theresa Catholic School’s upcoming Open House on Sunday, November 17 at 1:45pm. We provide faith formation and strong academics, along with engaging electives, a focus on STEM, and a robust selection of co-curricular activities! Please scan the QR code to pre-register or you can register at the door.



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

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..... First Friday at 6:30pm. Our next meeting will be **Friday November 6**, Saint Louis Martin Room. Questions, contact Mirella McAleer, rellabella36@gmail.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 7pm. Stop by the Saint Louis Martin room and learn more about it.

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 for the Lectio Divina prayer is the Mass reading for the upcoming Sunday. Starting September 25th, we will be studying women in the Old Testament. Parish women of all ages are cordially invited. For more infor-

mation contact Dawn Garabito, 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

That Man is You (TMIY)—Are you looking to strengthen your faith & family and meet other Catholic men at St Theresa's? We met on October 26th and learned how to incorporate Christ's joy in our lives through the littlest actions. Use the QR Code below or contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422aol.com for more information.



Knights of Columbus



Dick Sena Italian Dinner: Our Knights of Columbus Council hosted its first annual Dick Sena Italian dinner on Saturday, October 19, at St. Theresa school. The dinner was held in honor of brother knight Dick Sena, who passed away unexpectedly earlier this year. Over 90 parishioners, in-

cluding Dick's widow and family attended, and enjoyed a dinner of pasta with meatballs, salad, and an array of desserts.



Proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the chair lift fund for St. Patrick's, the home Parish of American Catholics visiting, living and working in Rome.

K of C Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, 10 November 2024: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their third pancake breakfast of the school year on Sunday, 10 November in the St. Theresa school cafeteria. Stop by after the morning Masses or at any time between 8 am and 12 noon, and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes (regular, chocolate chip, and blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausage, and tater tots, along with coffee, orange juice, and assorted Dunkin' Munchkins! Profits from this breakfast will benefit the VA Special Olympics.

Join the Knights for Happy Hour! Join the Knights on Thursday, November 14th from 5pm-8pm for their Quarterly Happy Hour at Parallel Wine Bistro located at 43135 Broadlands Center Plaza in Broadlands Shopping Center. Light appetizers will be served. We look forward to seeing you there!

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. We do not do outdoor yard or gardening work. 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 Plumbing, 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: 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.



TRINITY HOUSE COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

Trinity House Community
Gathering



Use the QR code to RSVP for
the Next THCG at St. Theresa



Nurturing Your Holy Family

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

**SAVE THE DATES
2024-2025**

**BUILDING YOUR
PRAYER LIFE
Sat., Nov. 23**

**TRUST IN
MARRIAGE
Sat., Jan. 11**

**FAMILY FINANCES
Sat., Feb. 8**

**BUSYNESS VS.
INTENTIONAL LIVING
Sat., Mar. 8**

**AUTHENTIC
CONVERSATIONS
Sat., Apr. 12**



St. Theresa Parish

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

6:30 pm: Family Dinner & Fellowship

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

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

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

Learn More at
TrinityHouseCommunity.org >



News from our Parish

Veterans Day Mass: the 8:30am Mass on Monday, November 11th will include a special tribute to Veterans. All veterans, military on active duty, and members of the intelligence services are invited to attend. A light reception for veterans and their families will follow in the school gym. This event is sponsored by St. Theresa Catholic School's 5th Grade Class. Veterans and active-duty military are encouraged to wear their uniforms. If you have not attended in the past, it is a beautiful opportunity to recognize those that serve(d) our country. We hope you'll join us!



STCS Open House for Prospective Families – Save the Date! Would you like to learn more about St. Theresa Catholic School, and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child's life? Please join us on **Sunday, November 17, 1:45-3:30pm (presentation at 2:00pm)** for our annual Open House! For admissions details, please visit our website at www.stsashburn.com (click "Admissions") or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell,

rotell@stsashburn.com. *We hope to see you at Open House!*

40 Hours Devotion—Bishop Burbidge has asked each parish in the Diocese to host a 40 Hours Devotion this year. 40 hours is a continuous exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church, to deepen our love and reverence for Christ's presence in the Eucharist. St. Theresa's 40 Hours begins **Monday, November 18** at 10:00am, and will continue until Wednesday morning **November 20** at 10:00am. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Church will be open for prayer throughout this entire time.

YAH (Young At Heart) - Nov. 20—Are you over 55? Join the YAH Social Club to give "Thanks" at lunch on Wednesday, Nov. 20 after the 12:15 Mass. The Club brings turkey, you bring sides and desserts. Food sign-up and RSVPs are needed. All 55+ are cordially invited. Reply to Freddie 703.625.5715 or wallflower64@gmail.com

December Baptism Class—The December Baptism class will be held on **Thursday, December 12th** vice December 5th. Please make note of this.

Crocheting, Knitting and Crafting Group to start—Eager to Keep your fingers nimble, improve math skills and sharpen your memory through arts and crafts? Come to the new

crafting group focusing on Catholics coming together to share the joys of Faith while leaving the "table" with a finished product. Contact Jennie Brusstar at jlbrusstar@gmail.com/571.598.6854

Christmas Ornament Orders Due This Week! This year's ornament is a beautiful anchor - a symbol of hope. We'll have the ornaments ready for pick-up before the Thanksgiving holiday. Proceeds benefit the Friends of St. Theresa School tuition assistance Program. For more information, email freschir@stsashburn.com. *Thank you for your support!*



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News Around the Diocese

John Paul is now accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year!— To apply please visit: https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/how_to_apply. For more information about scholarships and to see if your child will qualify please visit: <https://www.jpthegreat.org/apps/pages/scholarships>

Shadow a Wolf for a Day!—Shadow Days at John Paul are in full swing! 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 Limited spots available!

New: Private Retreats at Our Lady of Bethesda! Dec 6-8, 2024 (Men & Women); Mar 21-23, 2025 (Men & Women); Apr 3-6, 2025 (Men only); Apr 11-12, 2025 (Women only)—Our Lady of Bethesda now offers Private Retreats! A unique opportunity, the Private Retreat allows your soul to explore your spiritual journey at a pace that suits your needs. It coincides with a preached retreat, offering

the same access to the sacraments, meals and our facilities, while giving you the flexibility of a private, self-directed experience. Cost is \$226 per person, if registered by the early-bird deadline. Advance Registration is required. Don't wait, sign up now and embrace this sacred time to nurture your unique soul and strengthen your faith. 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.

News Around the Diocese Continued

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2024—Nov 7-10 (virtual) / Dec 19-22. The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is 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. \$398 per couple. Space is limited and these weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Find more info on the website ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, Bethesda, MD.

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.

Healing Workshop for Women—Do you long for greater peace and joy? Do you ever feel stuck and that the promises of God aren't meant for you? Join us for Made for More: A Healing Workshop for Women on the Journey of the Beloved on Saturday, **November 9th** 9am-12:30pm in the St. Theresa Parish Center. Workshop leader Elizabeth Leon will guide you through a morning of prayer, hope, and restoration. Drawing from scripture and Catholic teaching, we will discover how our brokenness leads to healing, claim God's promises, and identify barriers to letting ourselves receive Christ's love. \$30 includes materials and a light breakfast. To register or visit www.journeyofthebeloved.com. Questions? Elizabeth Leon at onegratefulgirl@verizon.net

PVI Sip & Shop—All are welcome to the PVI Sip & Shop a holiday vendor open house on Wednesday, **November 13**, 6-8pm at St. Paul VI Catholic High School. Start your Christmas shopping early! Various hand-crafted wood crafts, jewelry, greeting cards, candles, embroidered gifts, and more will be for sale. The event is located at 42341 Braddock Rd, Chantilly, VA, www.paulvi.net, sipandshop@paulvi.net.

Marriage Retreat: The Secrets of Prayer: Nov 15-16, 2024—Join us for "The Secrets of Prayer" marriage retreat, and embark on a journey that will not only strengthen your marriage but also enrich your faith. You will have the opportunity to engage in guided prayer sessions, reflective exercises, and intimate discussions that will help you unlock the secrets of praying together. This is not just about individual spirituality; it's about creating a shared journey that brings you closer to each other and to God. You will experience a mixture of talks, questionnaires, time for personal reflection (individually and with your spouse); celebration of the Saturday Vigil Mass, and time for Confession and Renewal of Wedding Vows. This is a two-day retreat, but not overnight. Retreat schedule~ Fri: 7:30-9:30pm; Sat: 8:30am-6:15pm. \$250 per couple; Early-bird rate: \$200 per couple. Visit our website for more info and to register for www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Spiritual Date Night—Join other married couples for a spiritual date night. The evening will feature social time, dessert & a talk by a couple on "Talking to Connect in Marriage". Saturday, **November 16**, 7-9pm. Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Drive, Sterling. Cost: \$25 / couple. Register via QR code or at link below. <https://regnumchristidc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2512656>. For more info, contact Charlie & Leslie McCullough at cwmccfamily@gmail.com



Men's Evening of Reflection—Looking to grow in your relationship with Christ? This evening provides Catholic formation with spiritual talks, reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Mass and opportunities for confession are also offered. Wednesday, **November 20**, 7-9:30pm. Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Drive, Sterling. Register by scanning the QR code or at the link below. <https://regnumchristidc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2566799>. For more information or to contact rcmenssectionva@gmail.com



Quo Vadis Seminary Visit for High School Boys—Ever wondered what college seminary is like? Join Fr. Michael Isenberg, Director of Vocations on Saturday, **November 23**, to experience it firsthand on a visit to St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. Meet the seminarians and their formators, see where they live, pray, eat and study, celebrate Mass together and tour parts of Catholic University where they have classes. Dads are welcome but not required. Deadline to submit registration form is November 12. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis, or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703.841.2514.

Take a Hike! with FIAT and the Nashville Dominican Sisters—On Saturday **November 23**, join the FIAT high school young women and Dominican Sisters for some prayer, hiking and hanging out at Leesylvania State Park. The day starts with Mass at 9am and ends at Noon. FIAT events are for high school girls interested in growing in faith and friendship and exploring all vocations. For more info and to register visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT, or contact vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514. Deadline to register is Tuesday, November 12.

Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent in Loudoun County?—Want to make a difference right here in your community? Loudoun County is always in need of additional families to join their network of foster care families. Foster parenting is caring for a child placed in your home through the local department of social services. The child placed in your care is unable to remain safely in their home with their parents or relatives. Foster parents are asked to provide a safe, stable, temporary and caring atmosphere for a child placed in their home. Interested applicants are not required to have prior parenting experience but must be able to work as part of a team and support the goal of reunification. For more information, contact parishioner Kathleen Ciliberti at kathleenciliberti@gmail.com or go to www.loudoun.gov/1004/foster-care-adoption for more information or at beth.mason@loudoun.gov or 703.771.5941.

Parish Offices

Secretary: Kelly Cosenke, 703.729.2287
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Religious Education Offices

Director: Larry Bayne, 703.729.3714
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Secretary: Connie Gilligan, 703.729.3714
Secretary: Myriam Perez, 703.729.3714
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School Offices

Principal: Erin O'Malley, 703.729.3577
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Receptionist: Denise Oriti, 703.729.3577
Website: www.stsashburn.com
Email: schooloffice@stsashburn.com
Fax: 703.729.8068

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

Sacraments

Sponsor Certificates

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

Baptisms

Parents desiring Baptism for their child must attend a class (preferably before the child's birth) held the first Thursday of each month at **7pm (note the time change)** in a Conference Room in the Administration Bldg. You may schedule your child for the Sacrament of Baptism (held all Sundays 1:30pm) by visiting the Parish website under Faith, Sacraments, Baptism. Date is confirmed once all paperwork is received in the office (at least 2 weeks prior to the date of desired Baptism.)

Matrimony

The priest must be contacted at least six (6) months prior to the wedding date.

Visit the Parish Website under Faith, Sacraments, Marriage and fill out the Marriage Preparation Questionnaire prior to contacting the Parish Office. A priest will contact you.

RCIA

Adults desiring instruction in the Catholic Faith should visit the website to register for RCIA classes.

Hospitalized/Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office to ask for Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.



Learn more, visit
www.sainttheresaparish.com

Light Up Someone's Christmas

(LUSC)—A great way to help those in need! The weekend of Nov 9th & 10th starts LUSC. Take a bulb(s) to help a family in need or an organization helping families in need. Return item(s) on the weekends of Nov 17th & 24th. Follow the instructions on the tag. Questions? Contact Marianne Guidos at 703.729.2334.

Donations still needed. Festival of Trees- December 7th & 8th

—The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser raffle of 3-to-4-foot themed Christmas Trees, wreaths, and gift baskets. This event is fun for all. The proceeds from the event helps families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach. 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, let us know later. Thank you to those who have already reached out! See photos from last year on the parish website under Outreach- festival of Trees.

Volunteer needed--Sale Donation Coordinator- Please prayerfully consider! We are in need of a new coordi-

nator to take donations for those who don't want to consign at the twice a year children's consignment sale. We do have a storage unit that the items can be stored in. We will train if interested. Contact Marianne Guidos dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com Special thanks to Elisa Mitchell who has been our sale donation coordinator for many years. She has to step done at this time. God bless you!

Did you know?—We assisted families in need with \$15,113.57 in assistance, 3 cribs plus 11 beds in September. Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling families by preventing evictions and keeping utilities on! We assist struggling veterans, individuals and families due to domestic violence, disabilities, layoffs, medical issues and unforeseen circumstances.

Donations accepted online, by mail or drop off to the parish office. Please indicate DMO in the memo of the check or on the envelope. Online go to the parish website <http://www.sainttheresaparish.com>, click "Donate" tab to make an online monetary donation! Thank you for helping us to bring Christ's love to others in their time of need

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.

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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