



St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

November 17, 2024
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Mon, Nov 18	6:15— Lois Mae Pate+ 8:30— Jorge Manapsal+ 12:15— Jacqueline Dormont+
Tues, Nov 19	6:15— Valiaparambil Family L&+ 8:30— Le Kha & Minh Nguyen
Wed, Nov 20	6:15— Carla Ashton+ 8:30— Richard Long+ 12:15— Dr. Thomas John+
Thurs, Nov 21	6:15— Bernadine M. Barry+ 8:30— Anh Wong
Fri, Nov 22	6:15— Denise Ralston 8:30— Robert Turpin
Sat, Nov 23	8:30— Michael F. Cunningham+ 5:30— Conrado Ramos+
Sun, Nov 24	7:30— Lorraine Harbaugh+ 8:45— Erik Pollock+ 10:30— Sy & Harriet Peters+ 12:30— Deceased Members of the Iasiello & Salomone Families+ 5:00— St. Theresa Parishioners

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

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, John Conrad.

I Don't Have Time to Pray!

I always have time to pray—every day, without exception. “Yes of course,” you think to yourself. “But you’re a priest. It’s part of your job. I don’t have time. It’s different for me.” Would you be surprised to learn that it’s not different at all? That it’s precisely the same for both of us? There are two reasons for this. The first reason is that prayer is just as much a part of your job as much as it is mine, because we are both baptized Christians and children of the same heavenly Father. The second reason is that I have the very same 24 hours each day that you have, and just like you, if I want to pray, I must make time for it. Let’s understand how you can too.

Firstly, prayer is greatly misunderstood. Many people think of prayer as a formal duty, or as a task to be completed. Still more people think of prayer as a means of wish fulfillment—as if God were a genie in a lamp, granting your wishes if only you ask Him in the right way. The fact is, prayer builds a relationship with God. Consider this truth: relationships give life its meaning, and the most important relationship in your life is with God. That’s why, quite simply, prayer is too important to neglect.

“I do not have time to pray,” you think, “how can I possibly add something else to my schedule?” The answer is simple: find an amount of time that you can give (I suggest beginning with fifteen minutes) and decide to be faithful to that time. But please remember these three important points:

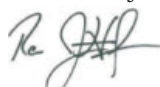
- Prayer requires time.
- Prayer requires sacrifice.
- Prayer requires scheduling.

The very first thing that prayer requires is time. If you do not take time to pray, you will not pray. Many people say, “I pray as I work, or as I drive, or as I brush my teeth.” This is fine in small doses, but ask yourself—is that kind of time sufficient to build a relationship? Imagine two spouses working alongside each other, managing the household chaos. That’s a wonderful, necessary part of maintaining a healthy relationship, but wouldn’t that relationship falter without something more? Wouldn’t that relationship become shallow without better-quality time? Of course it would, and your relationship with God is no different.

Secondly, prayer requires sacrifice—in other words, it means foregoing some other activity to be entirely present to God. No one ever prayed well while multitasking. Lastly, prayer requires scheduling. When you want to see a friend for lunch, you do not say, I will see you “sometime.” You set a specific time and an hour. Prayer must be the same. You need to make a “prayer appointment.” Personally, I suggest praying early in the morning. It’s the one time of day people are least likely to interrupt. Set a time that you can keep, and be faithful to it. You may have to go to sleep a little earlier, or re-schedule a household chore, but put prayer in your calendar. It’s just that important.

These ideas will allow you to persevere in daily prayer when you might otherwise say, “I do not have time.”

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 the following upcoming early bulletin deadlines:

December 1 bulletin--due by Monday, **November 18**, 12noon
December 8 bulletin--due by Tuesday, **November 26**, 12noon
December 15 bulletin--due by Wednesday, **December 4** 12noon
December 22 bulletin--due by Tuesday, **December 10** 12noon
December 29 bulletin--due by Wednesday, **December 18** 12noon
January 5, 2025 bulletin--due by Friday, **December 27** 12noon

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

November

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

December

Sunday, the 1st-Upper Room Squad, 6pm to 8pm – Showing the Movie 'TRICKED' as part of the Protecting Our Children efforts of the Diocese of Arlington—see below for detailed info

Tuesday, the 3rd-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 8th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sunday, the 15th-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, December 1st, 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, December 3rd, at 6pm in the school cafeteria)



Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

There will be Religious Education (RE) on Sunday, November 24th and Monday, November 25th and NO RE on Tuesday, November 26th.

The RE Office will be closed from **Wednesday, November 27th through Friday, November 29th** for the Thanksgiving Holiday and will reopen on Sunday evening, December 1st.

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 Open House THIS SUNDAY!

Please join us 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 above to pre-register or you can register at the door. We hope to see you there!

Shop for Christmas at the Book Fair!

Save the dates for the STCS Winter Book Fair, open Wednesday, December 4-Wednesday, December 11.

We'll also be open for parishioners to visit and shop on Sunday, December 8 during the parish Festival of Trees!

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

Sunday, Nov. 17—

STCS Open House, 1:45pm – please join us!

Tuesday, Nov. 26—

Early Dismissal; Thanksgiving Break thru Monday, Dec. 2

Tuesday, Dec. 3—

Students return

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!



News from our Parish

Advent Calendar and Candle Sale to support WorkCamp—Advent calendars and candles will be sold in the Narthex after each Mass during the weekends of **November 16th/17th** and **November 30th/December 1st**. All proceeds go to help offset costs for the teens participating in the Work-Camp Program next June.

Festival of Trees- December 7th & 8th. Still accepting donations!—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, you can 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. Presale tickets next week after masses and online until Nov 25th. See parish website. Purchase tickets early to earn free extra tickets!

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

White House Ornaments are ready for pick-up! If you ordered a White House Christmas ornament, they are now available for pick-up in the Religious Education office Monday-Thursday 10am-12pm and 1:00-2:30pm. Note that pick-up is not available on Fridays or the week of Thanksgiving. St. Theresa School parents may pick-up in the school office during regular business hours. **If you missed the pre-order we have some extras for sale!** Please email freschir@stsashburn.com or call 703.729.3577.

Art Contest— Drawing of Jesus. Drawing must be completed by **December 6th** and dropped off in the Saint Theresa Parish Office. Parish Office Hours: M-F: 9:30am-3:30pm (closed for lunch 12-1) Website: <https://sainttheresaparish.com>



Rules: 8 ½ x 11 Sheet; Name & Age and Parent contact & email on back. Must be a hand drawn picture of Jesus; Only 1 submission per person

Age Groups: up to 5 years old; 6–10 years old; 11–15 years old; 16–24 years old; 25–44 years old; 45 & over

Winners will be announced on December 15th by email. All drawings will be available for pickup on December 16th. Angela Haberland will contact you by email.

(6) 1st Place Awards. Winners will get a Trophy and a \$25 Gift Card Questions? Contact: Angela Haberland @ angela.haberland@gmail.com, 703.407.1204



TRINITY HOUSE
community
Saturday, November 24, 2023
St. Theresa School Cafeteria
21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn

Topic:
Building Your Prayer Life

6:30 pm: 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

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

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.



Knights of Columbus

Food Drive: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and delivering 4,905 pounds of food to the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling last month. Your contributions and effort make this program a successful one.



Please keep up the generosity by taking a bag (or a flyer if bags are unavailable) on your way out and return it next weekend (November 23-24) with items on the attached flyer.

Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items.

Thanks for your help and generosity.

NOTE: Since bags go quickly, the food list can be found at <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/loudoun-food-pantry-2> or scan here:



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

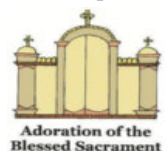
completing a small home repair that you cannot complete yourself or that may cause you financial hardship, we are here to help! We do not do outdoor yard or gardening work. Please submit your request on our website at: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handyman-services>.

Interested in Joining? Guided by principles of charity, unity and fellowship, the Knights of Columbus work to strengthen our parish, our families and our community. FAQ: <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs>. To be contacted, please scan the following QR code.



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

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



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Looking for a great New Year's Resolution?

Beginning on January 1st 2025, you'll have the opportunity to join Catholics in listening to The Bible in a Year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz. In 365 days, you'll read through the entire Bible, with Fr. Mike acting as your guide and offering insight and prayer along the way. Maybe you've always wanted to read through the Bible and never knew where to start—this podcast is the solution. Additionally, every Thursday from 7-8pm, you'll have a chance to meet in-person in the Parish Center to discuss the podcast. For more details email Maria Basu at maria_basu@yahoo.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 information 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 November 9th and learned about the Eucharist and its importance in our lives, and to share this with our families. Use the QR Code below or contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422aol.com for more information.



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.

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!

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.

News Around the Diocese Continued

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://regnumchris-tidc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2566799>. For more information or to contact rcmenssection-va@gmail.com



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.

Advent Women's Silent Retreat Dec 6-8—Retreat to the Arlington Diocese

San Damiano Spirituality Center in White Post, Virginia, and savor the silence with your sisters. We will "treasure and ponder" the mysteries of Advent while we read, think, pray... and rest with Jesus Christ. Fr. John Riley will lead us in a consideration of the true meaning of the peaceful and solemn season of Advent and how we might better prepare to welcome the Christ Child with joy into our families and our homes on Christmas morning. The retreat begins at 5pm on Friday,

December 6, and ends at 1pm on Sunday, December 8. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

Finding Divine Truth in Catholic

Literature Dec 13-15—Our faith has produced an abundance of Catholic writers throughout the ages, and the grace they received in the Sacraments permeates their works. Come spend a weekend with Fr. Rich Miserendino at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA and dive into short stories and snippets of longer works as we contemplate the divine Word glimpsed in the written word in the likes of O'Connor, Chesterton, Waugh and more. This unique retreat experience is for both men and women. The retreat begins at 5pm on Friday, December 13, and ends at 1pm on Sunday, December 15. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2024—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.

St. Therese of Lisieux Women's Silent Retreat Jan 24-26—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 San Damiano to learn more about this great saint. The retreat begins at 5pm on Friday, January 24, and ends at 1pm on Sunday, January 26, 2025. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

National Adoption Month—November is National Adoption Month- please help us to encourage Catholic families to discern the option of adopting one of the many children in foster care awaiting adoptive families. Live Your Faith, Adopt a Child: Foster Care Adoption is a Pro Life Option. To learn more about Catholic Charities' Waiting Child Adoption Program, please visit www.ccca.net

Watch "A Day in the Life of a Catholic Priest"—Ever want a glimpse into the life of a priest in our diocese? Now you can. We invite you to watch "A Day in the Life of a Catholic Priest" to follow Fr. John Paul Heisler from morning prayer to night prayer to see a window into the vocation of the priesthood. To view: <https://bit.ly/a-day-in-the-life-catholic-priest>

Solemn Vespers with Bishop Burbidge—Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him for the celebration of Solemn Vespers to be held in thanksgiving for the naming of six priests of the Diocese of Arlington as "Chaplains to His Holiness" by Pope Francis and bestowing on them the title of Monsignor. Solemn Vespers will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More, Arlington, at 7 p.m., on Sunday, **November 24**, 2024, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. All are invited to a dessert reception to follow in Burke Hall. The Solemn Vespers will be livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/live/21zb7KukesQ> Learn more at arlingtondiocese.org/event/solemn-vespers-2024.

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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) Items due back by November 25th

—Return item(s) on the week-ends of **Nov 17th & 24th**. Volunteers will accept them before mass. Do not leave items during the week at church, bring them to the parish office. Follow the instructions on the tag. Monetary donations can be made online and gift cards can be placed in the lock boxes or dropped off to the parish office. Questions? Contact Marianne Guidos at 703.729.2334.

Festival of Trees- December 7th & 8th Still accepting donations! 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. Proceeds helps families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach. Want to donate a tree, 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. Pre-sale tickets next week after masses and online. Get your free extra tick-

ets by purchasing them early!

Volunteer needed--Sale Donation Coordinator- Please prayerfully consider!

—We are in need of a new coordinator 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

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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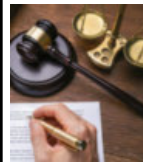
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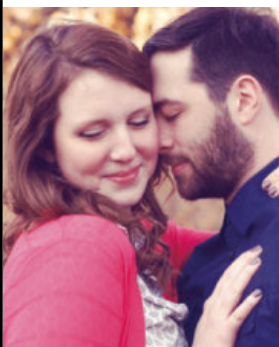
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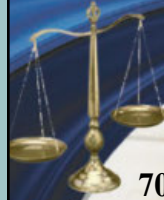
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