

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

April 6, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Masses for the Week

Mon, April 7	6:15— Parish & RE Offices Staff 8:30— Milo Vitale 12:15— Susy Cho+
Tues, April 8	6:15— Jianna & Janinna George 8:30— Robert Curl, III+
Wed, April 9	6:15— Daniel Fedor+ 8:30— James Patrick Francis+ 12:15— John R. Russell, Sr.+
Thurs, April 10	6:15— Miles Family L &+ 8:30— Kha Le & All Souls+
Fri, April 11	6:15— STS Staff 8:30— Trevor Sheare+
Sat, April 12	8:30— Dana Stalcup+ 5:30— Kathleen & John McLaine+
Sun, April 13	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Kay Reardon+ 10:30— Mary Lou Kozel+ 12:30— Salvatore Micari+ 5:00— Monica Benteler

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: Kim Balaer, Michael Tabash, Mad-die N., Suzanne Miles, Martin Caplan, Gene Epperly, Patricia LeMay, Megan Brown, John Forbes, Ronald Lewis Cricks, Tom Poerstel, Mary Broderick, Mary Giebel, Esther Yager, Tori Edmonds, Daniel John Begley, Michael De-Cardona, Stephen Stahl, Steve Smith, Michael Williamson, Brenda Fitzpatrick, Barney Smith, Rick & Kathleen Mikszan, Jeffrey Miller, Raymond Humanik, Kelly Har-greaves, Ellen Russow, Patricia Fuechslin, Pranee Heinjar-ean, Nellie Gonzalez, Bernadette Valdez.

Prayers For Our Military: Cabell Early, Jack Williamson, 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, Matthew Schierling, Eric Frames, Bill Freschi, Paul Schierling, Marshall Kellner, Eric Ciliberti, John Kesterson, Matthew Kesterson, Alexa Katharine Koenig, Russell Escalante.

Why Did We Veil the Statues?

Why are all of the statues covered in purple cloth? Even the crucifix is covered. Shouldn't we all be looking at the crucifix while we listen to the Passion narrative on Palm Sunday? There are four reasons we veil the statues:

First: The Church encourages it. The Roman Missal states, "In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."


Second: The fact that the statues are veiled immediately grabs your mind's attention. One cannot help but think, "This is very different. What's the explanation?" The church does look different because these final days of Lent are special, and the veils make that difference visible. The final two weeks of Lent are meant to heighten your awareness of the upcoming Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) which is the most sacred time of the year.

Third: The veiled images are meant to be a subtle suggestion that, for now, we should pay extra-close attention to what is not veiled, namely the spoken word at the pulpit and the Eucharist at the altar. Nothing is wrong with statues, but the last days of Lent are supposed to ask of us an even deeper focus on the two basic elements of prayer at Mass.

Finally: The Church uses these veils to heighten your anticipation for Easter. You don't want to see those veils there. "Get them off," you imagine to yourself, "it's unnatural for those statues to be covered." Believe it or not, that instinct is one of the main reasons the veils are there in the first place. The statues are meant to be unveiled, and Easter is when all will finally be set right.

The unveiling at Easter is a great reminder of the truth of our own lives on earth. We live in a "veiled" world, in exile from heaven, our true home. It is only through death (Good Friday) that the veil is finally lifted and at last we come to heaven (Easter Sunday), the land of eternal truth and beauty.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadline

Take note of the following upcoming early bulletin deadline:

April 20 bulletin--due by Tuesday, **April 8** 12noon

Parish Lenten Activities

Lenten Soup Suppers
6 – 7:10pm in School Cafeteria
April 11 - provided by
Ladies of the Parish
*Donations will be given to charity

Daily Mass Times
6:15 & 8:30am
12:15pm Mondays & Wednesdays

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

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

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

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

April

Wed, 9th–WorkCamp Prep Meeting, 7-8:30pm, School Classroom

Sun, 13th–Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 14th–Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 15th–Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sun, 27th–Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

May

Sun, 4th–Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Thurs, 8th–WorkCamp Prep Meeting, 7-8:30pm, Saint Louis Martin Room

Sat, 10th–Middle School Bash, 2:30-9pm – O’Connell High School, for all Parish Middle School students, 6th to 8th grade

Sat, 17th–WorkCamp Tool Training, 9am to 1pm, School Cafeteria

Sat, 17th–Middle School ROCK Squad, School Cafeteria & Gym, 6:30-8:30pm

Sun, 18th–Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 19th–Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 20th–Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sun, 25th–Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Calling All Middle Schoolers to the Diocesan BASH: BASH is the Diocese of Arlington’s largest gathering of Catholic middle school students (6th-8th graders) every year! Students from all over the Diocese will gather on Saturday, **May 10th**, at O’Connell High School in Arlington for faith, fellowship, and fun! We will depart as a group from the upper parking lot at 2:15pm and return at 9pm. Adult chaperones will be the drivers.

This event includes music, games, free t-shirt, inspirational speakers, confessions, and Vigil Mass and transportation. Bishop Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist for the Mass. BASH is open to any Middle School aged youth that want to attend. Please follow this link for more details and to grab a spot for your

child - spots are first come - first serve so please act quickly! The cost of the ticket is \$20. You can also signup to be a chaperone & drive if you would like to be a part of this great afternoon. We could always use the help!

Signup Genius for the Middle School Bash: <https://tinyurl.com/STMSBash>

Or use this QR Code:



Office Hours:

Mon–Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

Adults Plan Ahead to Volunteer
Want to volunteer at the many St. Theresa’s children based programs/events? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. For details contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at connie@sainttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.



**STCS
Career Week
2025**



& Silent Auctions to celebrate 30 Years of STCS at our Annual PTO Auction in the Msgr. McMurtrie Memorial Gym! Scan the QR code for details about tickets, sponsorships, and donating items for the silent auction. *Thank you for supporting STCS!*



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

Wednesday, April 9—

Bishop Burbidge visit; Annie Jr. musical; early dismissal (11:30am)

Thursday, April 10—

Science Fair; Math Club after school; Annie Jr. musical

Monday, April 14—

Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 17—

Holy Thursday, early dismissal – Easter Break begins

Monday, April 28—

Students return

St. Theresa Catholic School is hiring for the 2025-26 school year!

STCS is accepting applications for the following positions: Kindergarten Teacher, Fourth Grade Teacher, Middle School Language Arts Teacher, and Music Teacher. To apply, please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@SaintTheresaParish.com.

Apply to STCS! Would you like to learn more about our parish school and how Catholic education can make a difference in your child’s life? Please visit our website for more information (click “Admissions”) or email Admissions Director Denise Rotell, rotell@d@stsashburn.com.

“Bloom,” our PTO Annual Auction ticket sales end April 9! Please join us on **Friday, May 9**, for Dinner and Live

News from our Parish

Easter Mass Schedule—Make note of the Mass times for Easter. The list can be found under the Holy Week Schedule on the next page.

Meals For Priests Ministry—

Interested in serving pre-cooked dinners to our Priests? Our Meals for Priests Ministry is in need of loving and generous members. We serve dinners to our 4 Priests 3 times a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. God send us wonderful Priests. Fathers would appreciate a nutritious dinner after a busy work day. Interested in helping our Priests and Parish, please email Anh Wong at wong.anh@gmail.com or call 703.723.1308.

YAH (Young At Heart) Club—We will meet on **Wednesday, April 16** (Spy Wednesday) after the 12:15 Mass for a casual lunch. Please bring your own brown-bag lunch and drink. The meeting will feature an interesting display of Icons. New members and guests, men and women 50+ are welcome! Questions or to RSVP: Freddie at wallflower64@gmail.com or 703.625.5715.

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Lenten Soup Supper—Our last 2025 Lenten Soup Supper will be on **Friday April 11**. You are all invited to a free meatless meal of Soup, Sandwiches and Pasta hosted by Friends of St Theresa. Come and meet your friends and fellow Parishioners then proceed to the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Our thanks to members of the Knights of Columbus for hosting last week's Supper and to our Parishioners for your participation and support.

Sponsorships and Donations Needed—St. Theresa Catholic School's annual auction is May 9, 2025 and we are actively procuring donations and sponsorships. Do you own a business? Can you provide a service? Do you own a vacation property? Do you have goods that may be live or silent auction eligible? Reach out to the auction team at stsauction@stsashburn.com to discuss. They would love to hear from you!

April Baptism Class--Please Note—

The April Baptism class is being moved to the **April 10th**.

Come and join our Catholic Fellowship while crocheting and knitting—

You can bring your own projects and

supplies to share creations in a team effort or individually for charity, or even simply for yourself. Whatever pleases you and brings you closer to virtues we all aspire to emulate in His name. We meet Wednesdays 9am-12pm and Fridays 3:30-5pm. Call Jennie Brusstar at 571.598.6854 for location and any other questions!

Easter Art Contest


Art Contest Theme:
Christ is Risen



Drawing must be completed by April 11th and dropped off @ Saint Theresa Parish Office. Parish Office Hours: M-F: 9:30am-3:30pm (closed for lunch 12-1)

Rules: 8 ½ x 11 Sheet Requirements: Include Name & Age and Parent Contact Name and email on back; Must be a hand drawn picture; 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 and over.


Winners will be announced on April 20th by email. All drawings will be available for pickup on April 21st. 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




Ticket Sales Close April 9 - Please Join Us!

Bloom

St. Theresa Catholic School
30th Anniversary Annual Auction
Friday, May 9



Scan for tickets!



Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

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. We are currently reading the book, "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary" by Brant Pitre.

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? A great group of over 30

men meet weekly, and on March 22nd we discussed how to be lights in the darkness for our families. Use the QR Code below or contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422aol.com for more information.



Come Walk With Me

MUSIC • MEDITATION • PRAYER

Location: **St. Theresa Catholic Church**
21370 St. Theresa Lane
Ashburn, VA 20147

Date: **April 7, 2025** Time: **7:00 PM**

Contact: **Parish office at 703-729-2287**

MARK FORREST
IRISH TENOR

Night Of Prayer

You are invited to an evening of spiritual reflection with Irish tenor, Mark Forrest. The Come Walk With Me evening is a time for us to reflect on our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. During the evening, the blessed sacrament will be exposed and Irish tenor Mark Forrest will take you through an evening of music, reflection, and healing. Consider taking an hour with the Lord as he invites you to a closer walk with him.

TRINITY HOUSE COMMUNITY GATHERING

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

TRINITY HOUSE
community

Saturday, April 12, 2025
St. Theresa School Cafeteria
21370 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn

Topic: Hospitality & Service

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.

< RSVP at <https://forms.gle/Sd5nsuhxAMTan9ih9>

Learn More at TrinityHouseCommunity.org

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13

Vigil Mass, Sat. April 12—5:30pm
Sunday April 13—
7:30, 8:45 and 10:30am, 12 and 5pm

Monday-Wednesday, April 14-16

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

**Adoration Chapel closes 9pm
Wed, April 16: reopens 9am
Easter Mon, April 21**

Holy Thursday, April 17

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

Good Friday, April 18

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

Holy Saturday, April 19

Morning Prayer, 8:30am
Blessing of Easter Food, 10:45am

No Confessions, no 5:30pm Mass

Easter Vigil, 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20

7:30, 9:00 and 10:45am, 12:30pm

Make note of Mass time changes

****No 5pm Mass****



Knights of Columbus

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/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>.

Food Drive: Many thanks to the parishioners, volunteers, youth group, and Knights for donating, sorting, and delivering 6,661 pounds of food to the Catholic Charities Loudoun Food Pantry in Sterling last month. Your contributions and effort make this important program very successful. 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 (April 12-13) with items on the attached flyer. Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items. Thank you 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:



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 parishioners Eric & Kathleen Ciliberti at kathleenciliberti@gmail.com and / or ciliberti73@gmail.com for more information.

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.



Urgent Need for Committed Adorers

We have an urgent 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: 1:00am, 3:00am

Monday: 2:30am

Tuesday: 3:00am

Friday: 6:30pm

Saturday: 5:30, 7:30, & 9:30pm



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.

Please 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.



Legion of Mary

Want to deepen your faith, build community, increase your relationship with our

Lord, and serve others? Want to be part of something bigger than yourself? We have two praesidium options. Saturdays at 9:15am and Wednesdays at 7:30pm. Stop by the Saint Martin room and learn more about it.

Home Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

Our Lord revealed that wherever the image of His Sacred Heart is exposed and given special honor, great blessings, and graces would abound. One way to accomplish this goal is to do a formal enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your home. The enthronement is a ceremony where Jesus is invited into your home and is given authority over your family/household.

Please email sttheresalegionof-mary@gmail.com to schedule one.

Prayer Request - Are you in need of prayer?

Send The Legion of Mary a prayer request to sttheresalegionof-mary@gmail.com. Your prayer will be added to our list and kept confidential. Matthew 18: 20 For where two or three come together in my name, I am there among them.

News Around the Diocese

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, April 16, 6:30 –9pm**; Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Dr., Sterling. Register by scanning the QR code or navigating to: Men's April Evening of Reflection - RC in DC. For more information please contact rcmenssectionva@gmail.com



Plan Your Lenten Retreat Today!—

Lent is the perfect time to reflect, renew, and open your heart to the transforming power of the presence of Christ. At Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, we offer a calm and peaceful environment where you can step away from the busyness of life and engage in a transformative retreat experience. **Weekend Retreats Apr 11-13 (Women only)** *Private retreats are made without a leader or a director, allowing you to go at your own pace. They coincide with preached retreat and share the same registration form. Learn More: ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612.

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2024—May 15-18; May 29-Jun 1' June 26-29. 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. ourladyofbethesda.org. Bethesda, MD.

Marriage Workshop: Strengthening Your Love Marriage Renewal Workshop—Jun 21-22, 2025: Our Lady of Bethesda, Bethesda, MD

A Christ-centered weekend designed to offer practical tools that can help foster effective communication and emotional closeness in your marriage. The expert speaker team includes Catholic psychologists, therapists, and priests who will offer their expertise and experience, plus they will be on hand the entire weekend to offer individual consultation, upon request. This enriching experience will be held at two beautiful locations: St. Andrew by the Bay in Annapolis, MD on April 5-6, 2025, AND Our Lady of Bethesda in Bethesda, MD on June 21-22, 2025. Choose the date and location that best fits your schedule. Please note: This is NOT an overnight program. Cost: \$650 per couple (early-bird pricing may be available.) Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817; St. Andrews by the Bay Catholic Church is located at 701 College Pkwy, Annapolis, MD 21409. Registration is required and Seating is limited. See our website for more details about the program and links to register: www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

Lenten Reflections for Married and Engaged Couples—Apr 9--Wilderness & Wandering: Facing Our Challenges as Christ Did. Celebrate your marriage during the holy season of Lent by attending these Reflections for Couples. Gain valuable insights and meaningful reflection on how to create a lasting, strong marriage built on love, trust, and mutual respect. Married and Engaged couples are invited to attend! The evening will begin with mass and includes dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$80 per couple (if registered by the early-bird deadline.) Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare. Visit us at www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612.

Finding Jesus in Holy Week Men's

Silent Retreat—The Four Gospels give us clear accounts of the Last Hours of Jesus and His Suffering, Death, and Resurrection. Join Fr. John Riley at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA in silence and solitude to read and think and pray our way through the Gospel Accounts... Comparing and contrasting the reports and vision of the Evangelists as we follow Christ through darkness and suffering and death... And beyond. This retreat begins at 6 pm **Friday April 11th and concludes Sunday April 13th** at noon. Retreat cost is \$285. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

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.

Scholarship Opportunity—The Associates of St. John Bosco (ASJB), a Catholic non-profit in the diocese founded by Fr. Christopher Vaccaro, has opened its scholarship application for all current and rising college students. This year, ASJB has more than doubled their scholarship offerings! ASJB will be awarding up to \$40,000 to up to five worthy recipients who seek to serve the Church in some way after they graduate from college. Applicants must be residents of the Diocese of Arlington. Students may apply by **May 19, 2025**, by visiting: www.asjb.org/scholarship-program.

Pro-Life Corner

What you should know about the extreme abortion amendment to the Virginia Constitution. Part I

We have a year and a half to overturn the proposed amendment to the Virginia Constitution that will take away all the safeguards that have been in

place to protect the health and well-being of women and children in the Commonwealth. This includes parental consent and taxpayer funding restrictions. It is necessary for us, therefore, to know and understand what exactly this amendment intends. It is important to realize also, that the

governor will have NO VETO power if the amendment is passed. The amendment will have been voted on by the people of the state and the governor will not be able to stop the outcome.

Next week, we will begin to explore the proposed amendment.

Parish Offices

Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick, 703.729.2287
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Website: www.sainttheresaparish.com
Email: office@sainttheresaparish.com
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Religious Education Offices

Director: Larry Bayne, 703.729.3714
Youth Activities: Paul Dwyer, 703.729.0426
Secretary: Connie Gilligan, 703.729.3714
Secretary: Myriam Perez, 703.729.3714
Email: reoffice@sainttheresaparish.com
Fax: 703.729.9036

School Offices

Principal: Erin O'Malley, 703.729.3577
Assistant Principal: Danny Costa, 703.729.3577
Admin Asst: Lisa Ralston, 703.729.3577
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

Raffle Announcement-Tickets due back to All Saints by April 29th for guaranteed entry!

May 3rd is approaching - 4 Vehicles will be raffled along with a \$20,000 cash drawing, plus other cash drawings. Lots of chances to win - if you purchase a ticket.

With your support, everyone is a winner. Your purchase provides additional financial support for Divine Mercy Outreach to help families in need and you could win a prize too. Please return your sold and unsold tickets to All Saints by April 29th

Did you know?—99 percent of the funds you donate go directly to families in need! Your donation 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. The families are so grateful!

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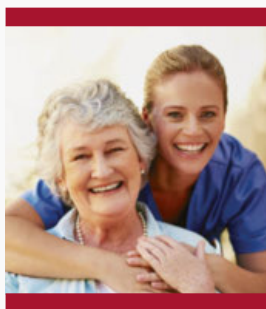


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