

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



Masses for the Week

Mon, April 14	6:15— Charles Burton+ 8:30— Kerry Topel 12:15— The Lyle Tulloch Family
Tues, April 15	6:15— Joe Sullivan 8:30— Tom Smarrella+
Wed, April 16	6:15— Ann Marie Hockenbury+ 8:30— Laura Maresca+ 12:15— Nick & Christine Carrescia+
Thurs, April 17	No AM Mass 7:30pm— Deceased Members of the Wall Family+
Fri, April 18	No Masses
Sat, April 19	No AM Mass 8:30— St. Theresa Parishioners
Sun, April 20	7:30— Francis & Elizabeth McAndrew+ 9:00— Michael Demski+ 10:45— The Tellis Family 12:30— Kathleen Hope Anderson+ No 5pm Mass

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.

The Message of Palm Sunday

We know the facts of Palm Sunday, of course: Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and asks his disciples to bring him a donkey to ride to the city gates. As he enters the city, the crowds cry out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" and wave palm branches and spread their coats on the streets. Palms were a sign of conquest and power. The Romans gave palms to the victors in the Coliseum. Emperors gave them to their subjects following their military victories. In the first book of Maccabees, the people waved palm branches to celebrate the newly established independence of Jerusalem and Judea.

The crowds believed Jesus was a king—the Messiah who had come to establish Israel's independence from Rome. The whole scene resembled the triumphant march of a conquering general. At last, Israel had the Messiah it had hoped for. Deep down, we want this type of Messiah as well. We want a Jesus who will solve our problems, be "on our side" against all our enemies, and trample life's hardships beneath his conquering feet.

There's only one problem—Jesus isn't that kind of Messiah.

We seek to solve problems through worldly means: power, strength, money, skill, and politics. But as high as the heavens are above the Earth, so high are God's ways above ours. Jesus comes riding not on a white stallion, but on a poor donkey. At the very hinge of all human history, he will conquer the power of evil not through force of might, but in surrender to the will of the Father—in suffering, borne of love.

God turns all our expectations on their head. Honestly...is it any surprise that in just four days, when the crowds realize Jesus' goal is not in line with theirs, their cries of "Hosanna" become cries of "Crucify him?"

What is the meaning of Palm Sunday? That the power of God is expressed most perfectly in the obedience of Jesus, even unto death. Love does not conquer by force, but by gentleness. It does not win by pride, but by humility. Jesus shows us, against all our expectations, that the victory of good over evil comes not through worldly power, but through loving surrender to the will of the Father. As we enter into Holy Week, let us pray for the grace to imitate Him.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Holy Week Schedule

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 10am
Thurs, April 17: reopens 10am
Easter Sunday, April 20**

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****

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

April

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 sign up to be a chaperone & drive if you would like to be a part of this great afternoon. We could always use the help!

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

Or use this QR Code:



Office Hours:

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

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



on the school website, www.stsashburn.com (click Support/Auction) or email stsauction@stsashburn.com. Thank you for supporting STCS!

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

Monday, April 16— Holy Hour

Thursday, April 17— Holy Thursday, early dismissal – Easter Break begins

Monday, April 28— Students return

St. Theresa Catholic School’s Annual PTO Auction, “Bloom” is on Friday, May 9, 2025! Our auction relies on donations from parents, alumni families, and parishioners – we can’t do it without you! We are looking for gift cards for experiences, restaurants, salons; vacation condos, homes, timeshares; tickets to games, concerts, events...can you help? Information is

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, rotelld@stsashburn.com.

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 first page.

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.

Lenten Soup Supper—We would like to thank all our Parishioners for supporting our 2025 Parish Lenten Soup Suppers and giving alms to the Poor. All your donations benefit the works of Divine Mercy Outreach. We also would like to thank the following groups and organizations for generously offering their culinary talents, preparing the foods and hosting our Suppers : St Theresa Office, RE and School Staff, Walking with Purpose, Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus, Vinitha Paul and Friends of St Theresa. We pray that you and your family will have a Blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter in our Risen Lord.

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 stsauktion@stsashburn.com to discuss. They would love to hear from you!

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 sent 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.

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!

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All Women Welcome!—The ladies of Walking With Purpose Bible study invite all women of the parish to join us **April 30th** at 7pm for "Ordinary Life, Extraordinary Discipleship: Tapping into the Holy Spirit's Power". Mary Smith, of the Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi, joins Walking With Purpose's Lela Heck to speak on the calling, joy, and import of discipleship in our every day lives. Join us in the Zellie rooms for this impactful evening with fellowship and light refreshments to follow. The event is free to all women. Any monetary donations collected will be given to support the mission of Regnum Christi. For more information contact us at sttheresawwp@gmail.com

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

Scan for details!

Pro-Life Corner

What you should know about the extreme abortion amendment to the Virginia Constitution. Part 2

What it says:

Provides that every individual has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom and that the right to make and effectuate one's own decisions about all

matters related to one's pregnancy cannot be denied, burdened, or otherwise infringed upon by the Commonwealth, unless justified by a compelling state interest and achieved by the least restrictive means. The amendment prohibits the Commonwealth from penalizing, prosecuting, or otherwise taking adverse action against an individual

for exercising the individual's right to reproductive freedom or for aiding another individual in the exercise of such right, unless justified by a compelling state interest.

We will talk about this in the coming weeks but just for starters...do you see anything regarding age limits?

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 are using Lent to deepen and grow our faith. Use the QR Code below or contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422aol.com for more information.



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.



Knights of Columbus

KOVAR: The Knights of Columbus will be collecting for KOVAR at all Masses April 26th and 27th. KOVAR is a Virginia charity and works to provide assistance through grants and home loans to special needs organizations. These organizations give training and assistance to persons with intellectual disabilities. We need your help through donations to fund this vital charity. Thank you for your generosity in giving to KOVAR.

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>.

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

Please keep up the generosity by returning your bag this weekend (April 12-13) with items in the attached flyer. If you were unable to pick up a blue bag, you can always return food in a reusable, paper, or plastic bag. Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items.

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.



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.

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.

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



7 Churches Pilgrimage – plan your route today!—You are invited to join Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. The 7 Churches Pilgrimage is an ancient tradition within the Church to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at seven different churches on Holy Thursday evening. The Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries has created 3 different reflection booklets in English and in Spanish (Adult, Teen, and Parents with Children). Booklets will be available at participating parishes and online. For more information or to plan your route, please visit our website: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Young-Adult-Ministry/7-Churches-Pilgrimage/>.

Christendom Open House—

Christendom College will be hosting a Saturday open house from 12-5pm on **April 26**. Visitors will be able to tour campus, hear from the college President, attend a sample class, and get their questions answered on all topics

including Christendom's outstanding alumni employment rates, financial aid, and even what students do with their free time. Christendom College is the only Catholic College in the Arlington Diocese on the Newman Guide for Choosing a Catholic College. To register, please visit www.christendom.edu/openhouse.

Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC)

—We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Come out with us to: Thursday lunches (April 24); square dancing at Greenspring Village (April 15, 22, 29); walk at Algonkian Regional Park (April 16); Easter Sunday dinner in Fairfax (April 20); preparing/serving meal at Christ House (April 26); musical Legally Blonde (April 27). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

After Abortion Retreats—English: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **April 26, 2025**.

These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: 703.841.2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Seminarians to be ordained Transitional Deacons—

On **April 26, 2025**, Bishop Burbidge will ordain seven seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: James Harbour, Donghan Lee, Sean Mazary, Eric McDade, Alexander Solsma, Teko Teko-Agbo and Aaron Zanca. The Mass will be held at The Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington at 11:00 a.m. and will also be livestreamed.

Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events. Pray for our future priests!

Finding Jesus with Mary & the Rosary Women's Silent Retreat—

Catholics certainly recognize the power and preeminence of the Rosary in our Spiritual tradition. But most of us have a great deal of difficulty praying the Rosary and often feel as if we are just "going through the motions." Join Fr. John Riley at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA to consider strategies that will help us pray the Mysteries with greater focus and recollection... and new ways to experience the Rosary as the "School of Prayer" in deep meditation and quiet contemplation that it is intended to be. This retreat will begin at 6pm Friday **May 2nd**, concluding Sunday **May 4th** 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

News Around the Diocese Continued

2025 Bishop Lenten Appeal—Thank you to those who have pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal! If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on your blessings and consider making a commitment. The BLA unites as a diocesan family to support programs, ministries and services which help tens of thousands of people. Every donation, large or small, is essential. You may mail a pledge, go online to arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code to make a gift. Thank you for your generosity!

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.

Evening of Reflection for Married and Engaged Couples—May 14. Marriage is a journey filled with seasons of growth and change. This evening will provide insights on navigating these stages together, strengthening your bond, and deepening your love through life's transitions. Married and engaged couples are invited to attend this special Evening of Reflection! 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.) Visit us at www.ourladyofbethesda.org to register. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Registration is required so that we can properly prepare.

Balance Work & Prayer! Super Spirits & Service Retreat Weekend— Unique Retreat Experience for Men. **May 16-18.** (Free to attend*) Are you a man looking for more effective ways to balance work and prayer in your life? Look no further! Our Super Spirits & Service Retreat Weekend is just what you need! We are thrilled to invite you to a transformative retreat experience that combines prayer, physical activity, and inspirational preaching. Led by one of our premier retreat masters, Fr. Robert Presutti, LC, this retreat offers a unique oppor-

tunity to deepen your spiritual practice while also participating in critical improvement projects at the Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. But it's not all work and no play - you will also get to enjoy lively fellowship with some great guys! Best of all, it's *free to attend! All we ask is for your sweat equity on projects to improve the retreat center. Don't miss out on this chance to renew your spirit and make a positive impact - sign up for our retreat today. Find more information and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, A Place to Encounter Christ! 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Spend a Personal Retreat Day with Our Lady!—Fri, May 16, 9am-4pm. At Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, we are delighted to offer you a unique and transformative experience - a "Personal Retreat Day" with the Blessed Mother! This one-of-a-kind retreat is designed to provide you with a sacred space for spiritual renewal, encounters with Jesus Christ, and moments of deep reflection. Our experienced team will guide you through this meaningful day and help you connect with God in a deeper way. The retreat schedule allows for one-on-one spiritual direction (optional), quiet reflection, Mass, Confession and Eucharistic Adoration, plus lunch; so you will be nourished and cared for while Our Lord speaks to your soul about the depths of His love for you. Cost is \$108 per person, if registered by May 2nd. Advance Registration is required. So don't wait, sign up now and take this opportunity to honor Our Lady, the perfect model of faith and trust, rest in her loving presence and seek her intercession. Let her guide you to a deeper relationship with Christ. 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.

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.

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Young Women—How do we make our "Fiat" like Mary's, not just a one-and-done proposition but a way of life? Join the Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco to explore embracing God's plan with hope and joy at the annual diocesan discernment retreat for young women (ages 18-40). The retreat is **June 20-22** at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center and will include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, opportunities for prayer and confession, and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$150 and includes single room and bath and all meals (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.3829. Space is limited; deadline to register is Monday **June 9**.

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. 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.

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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.



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Do you have furniture items to donate?—Consider donating to help families in need that are moving out of the shelter. Your donation makes a difference. 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

Looking for more ways help? Consider signing up to receive our Outreach email to get up to date information on needs and volunteer opportunities. If you would like to sign up to be placed on our Outreach email 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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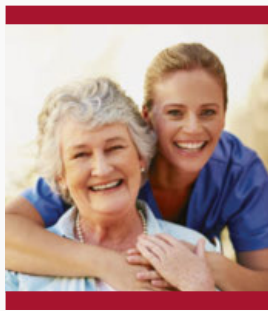


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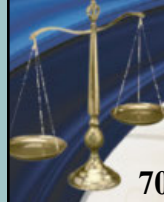
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