

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

July 6, 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses for the Week

Mon, July 7	6:15— Maureen & Neil Hegarty+ 8:30— Richard Sena+ 12:15— Toy Manalel
Tues, July 8	6:15— Jerome+ and Lou Miles 8:30— Jersch Family
Wed, July 9	6:15— Danial Sheehy 8:30— Frances & Ethel McLaine+ 12:15— Kelsey Farmer Hockenbury+
Thurs, July 10	6:15— Joan & Robert Burton+ 8:30— Bob & Chris Badovinac
Fri, July 11	6:15— Margaret Meyers+ 8:30— Prasad Venkat
Sat, July 12	8:30— Ann & Leon Plesnar 5:30— Robert Mica+
Sun, July 13	7:30— Brian J. Rosati+ 8:45— St. Theresa Parishioners 10:30— Deceased Members of the Bianchet & Keane Families+ 12:30— Frances Tabash+ 5:00— Madeline, Joseph & Ronald Marinaro+

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: Michael Tabash, Maddie 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 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.

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.

How Late Can I Arrive at Mass?

By a rough estimate, about one-third of St. Theresa parishioners arrive at Mass after the Mass has started. Most of these arrive late habitually—that is to say, they have never seen the beginning of Mass because they arrive late every time they attend. So, here's a question I've been asked more times than I can remember, "How late can a Catholic arrive at Mass and still have it 'count' for his Sunday Mass obligation?" There are a lot of proposed answers to this question...

- *If you missed the readings, you've missed Mass!*
- *So long as you hear at least part of the Gospel, you're ok.*
- *Arrive before the offertory, and the preparation of the altar. After that, too late!*
- *You only need to be there for the Eucharist. Just arrive before the consecration.*

But here's the fact of the matter—there is no definitive Church teaching on this issue. There has never been a magisterial document or papal pronouncement that draws a spiritual line through the Mass which reads, "Do not cross, under pain of mortal sin." Upon reading these words, no doubt hundreds of parishioners will heave a collective sigh of relief, and conclude that God has blessed their perpetual tardiness and encouraged them to continue in it. But they would be gravely mistaken. Let's consider why. I heard the following idea from a priest in Houston:

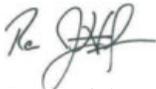
Imagine going to a movie and asking yourself, "How late can I arrive at this movie and still say I watched it?" Or, "I wonder—how late could someone walk into this movie and still get the basic point of the story?" No one would think in such a way, least of all the people who produced the movie for you. Every movie is written, filmed, and painstakingly edited to be a coherent whole. When they made the movie for you, they assumed that you would see the whole thing, from the very beginning to the very end.

Now consider who made the Mass for you. God himself gave us the Mass. It began in the upper room when Jesus Christ celebrated the Last Supper with the twelve apostles, and it was completed the moment that Jesus died on the cross. The Mass is the culmination of the entire life of Christ, and the greatest outpouring of God's love in all of human history. Did Jesus really do all that and then ask, "How little of this do people really need to come to?"

"How late can I arrive at Mass?" Can you see that the biggest problem here is the very question itself? We can't love someone, and at the same time, try to give them the least we possibly can. "Well, at least I'm here," some people will say. The problem is in the word, "least." God doesn't deserve your least. God deserves your best! Do emergencies and unavoidable delays come up? Do traffic lights turn red at the worst possible moment? Of course they do. But those are exceptions, not the weekly norm. Honestly, we should aim to arrive at Mass a little bit early. It takes a moment to quiet down your heart after rushing across town, doesn't it?

And so, no—the Church does not have an official teaching on how late you can be to Mass. I am grateful they do not, because it's asking the wrong question. The Mass is the very heart of Jesus Christ, and he wants to give it to you, whole and complete. God's love can't be divided up into fractions and bits. Neither can our attendance at Mass.

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



Fr. Hudgins

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

Wanting to hear Fr. Hudgins' homilies?

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

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.

News from our Parish

July Baptism Class—Take note, due to the 4th of July holiday, the July class has been moved to **Thursday, July 10th**.

The mission of Trinity House Community—the Catholic ministry which owns Trinity House Café + Market in Leesburg—is to help families make home a taste of heaven for the renewal of faith and culture. By God's grace, the ministry is on the home-stretch of its capital campaign to purchase the historic building that houses the Café and ministry offices! The ministry is working with the Knights of Columbus ChurchLoan program on the purchase. Your tax-deductible gift of \$20, \$50, \$100, \$250 or more will help the ministry continue blessings families for the next generation. Trinity House will have a table in the vestibule on the **this weekend**. Learn more and make your gift at www.trinityhousecommunity.org/capitalcampaign or contact Co-Director Soren Johnson with questions sjohnson@trinityhousecommunity.org.



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St. Theresa Catholic School
Join our team!

We are looking for faith-filled, energetic, and dynamic educators and staff to join our school family for the 2025-26 school year!

We are accepting applications for the following positions:

**Fourth Grade Teacher | Full-time Aide
Part-time Aides**

Please send your resume, cover letter, and references to HR@SaintTheresaParish.com

of these College Nights will take place in the St. Theresa school cafeteria on July 10, 2025. College Nights help rising college freshmen network with other Catholics heading to college, and give students the tools to navigate the transition from high school to college, keeping their Catholic faith strong. Students hear from upperclassmen who give their personal testimonies about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life. There are small groups divided by students' universities and students walk away with a free bundle of Catholic books called the "Bosco Bundle" to bring to college that will help them deepen their faith

while away at school. The events come with a pizza dinner, too. Registration is FREE! For dates, locations, and to register, please visit: www.asjb.org/student-registration. Each night is capped at 50 students, so early registration is encouraged.

Ashburn Catholic Young Adults—We will meet bi-weekly on Mondays from 6:15–7:30pm this summer for faith and fellowship. Our meetings will be a Theology of the Body Formation Series on July 14 | July 28 | August 11. We will meet in the Zelig Conference rooms in the Parish Admin Building.

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? The TMIY group still

meets Saturday mornings for inspirational discussions and fellowship. Use the QR Code below or contact Jack Hayes at 703.537.6418 or jack.hayes422aol.com for more information.



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

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





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 sttheresalegionofmary@gmail.com to schedule one.

Prayer Request - Are you in need of prayer?

Do you need the power of prayer to support you? Join your fellow parishioners in our prayer emails. This is a prayer network maintained by the Legion of Mary. You can enroll in the prayer email here: legionofmarysttheresa@gmail.com We are all on this journey together. Let us be together by praying together for one another!

Youth Education and News



Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs. 9am-4pm; Fri. 9am-noon

The RE Office will be closed from **Thursday, July 3rd - Tuesday, July 8th**. We will resume our normal summer hours on Wednesday, July 9th.

RE Registration is OPEN! Please visit the parish website to complete the online form and submit payment for your children's RE classes for the 2025-26 school year. Remember to register early to take advantage of our early bird discount, as Registration fees go back to their normal rates after **July 31st**

Certification for RE Teachers - If you would like to develop a deeper understanding of our Catholic Faith, especially if you are or will be teaching Religious Education, please consider participating in one of the following series of Certification courses:

Summer 2025 - Our Lady of Good Counsel in Vienna, on Friday Evenings and Saturdays

Fall 2025/Winter 2026 - St. Theresa's, on Saturdays

Please contact the Office of Religious Education if you would like more information.

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.



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July

Thurs, 10th-ASJB.org College Night, 7-9pm

Sun, 13th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 20th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 27th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 28th-Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 29th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sun, 27th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

August

Sun, 3rd-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 10th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 17th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 24th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 25th - Food Sort by Expirations Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 26th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Tues, 26th-Teen Leader Training for the Confirmation Retreat, 7-8:30pm

Sat, 30th-Confirmation Retreat, 1:30-8pm

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More Youth Education and News

**Susan Fash Bateman
Memorial Scholarship &
Christian Service Awards
STCS 2025**

**Memorial Scholarship Recipient:
Gabriella U.**

Christian Service Awards:

4th - Nolan P., Caroline N.
5th - Gabriella U., Julianna B.
6th - Claire L., Keenan S.
7th - Madeleine S., Chase B.

Congratulations to all!

Mrs. Susan F. Bateman
was a beloved,
long-time STCS
Kindergarten teacher.
The Memorial
Scholarship & Awards
honor Susan and her
devotion to Catholic
education & STCS.



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

see the *Thursday Thunder* newsletter for ordering information. Orders due by July 8, 2025.

STCS Families, we hope you're having a fantastic summer! Summer has a way of flying by -- don't forget to check the school website (stsashburn.com, click on "Parent Links") for **Summer Reading and Math for each grade level!** Assignments are due when school begins on August 21.

STCS Summer Office Hours: the school office will be open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00am-1:00pm throughout the summer. *Have a wonderful and safe break!*

STCS Parents, School Supplies Orders Close July 8! STCS is partnering again with Sprout School Supplies to make your back-to-school easy! Please

Parishioners & STCS Parents, SAVE THE DATE for the *15th Annual Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS) Golf Tournament* for tuition assistance! The tournament is on Monday, October 6, 2025 at Belmont Country Club in Ashburn. **Registration opens in mid-July** – *get your foursomes lined up, we're looking forward to another fantastic event!*

St. Theresa Catholic School is hiring for the 2025-26 school year! STCS is accepting applications for the following positions: Fourth Grade teacher, full-time Kindergarten aide, and part-time aides. 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.

STCS Parents, July 16 is a BIG night - please Save the Date! Mark your calendars to join us for our annual **PTO Summer Family Bingo Night** ("Christmas in July theme"), **Used Uniform Sale**, and **New Family Icebreaker on Wednesday evening, July 16**. Details to come, watch for your summer edition of *Thursday Thunder* in July.



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-louis martin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent in Loudoun County?

Loudoun County's Department of Family Services is hosting three (3) monthly virtual foster care information sessions this summer:

- Mon, July 14, 2025, 6:30-7:30pm
- Tues, August 12, 2025, 12-1pm

Attendance is free, but registration is required. Visit <https://www.loudoun.gov/1004/Foster-Care-Adoption> for more information on fos-

ter care and ways that you can get involved to make a difference in our community.

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-louis martin-kofc.org/faqs>.

To be contacted, please scan the following QR code.



(Practicing) Catholic – Recognize God in your Ordinary Moments By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Too often, life falls short of my expectations — an opportunity didn't work out, a day didn't go the way I planned — so I ball up my fists and stomp my feet. And God takes the Book of the Gospels and opens it to Luke, Chapter 10.

News from the Diocese

Mindful of the two-year process at-tempting to add an extreme abortion

amendment to Virginia’s constitution, the Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC)

has prepared a customized vote report for every parish in the diocese.

SEE HOW YOUR LEGISLATORS VOTED IN 2025

VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECAP

SAINT THERESA

Your parish area is represented by **Reid, David A. (D-28)**

HOUSE

Issue	Vote
Opposing Extreme Abortion Amendment	X
Opposing Contraceptive Mandate	X
Protecting Peaceful Pro-Life Witness	X
Protecting Marriage	X
Preserving Conscience & Parental Rights	X
Opposing Marijuana Commercialization	X
Limiting Isolated Confinement	✓
Restoring Voting Rights	✓
Reducing Drug Costs	✓

✓ Vote agreed with VCC position
X Vote disagreed with VCC position

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SENATE

Issue	Vote
Opposing Extreme Abortion Amendment	X
Protecting Parental Consent	X
Protecting Babies Born Alive	X
Opposing Contraceptive Mandate	X
Protecting Peaceful Pro-Life Witness	X
Protecting Marriage	X
Preserving Conscience & Parental Rights	X
Opposing Marijuana Commercialization	X
Limiting Isolated Confinement	✓
Restoring Voting Rights	✓
Reducing Drug Costs	✓

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X Vote disagreed with VCC position

Special Religious Development

(SPRED) Program at St. Francis de Sales This Religious Education class serves children ages 6-16 with developmental disabilities such as Down Syndrome, autism, and learning disabilities. Participants do not use a textbook and the ability to read is not necessary. During each session, the participants, or ‘friends,’ share in catechesis and joyful activities designed to lead children closer to their best friend, Jesus. Sacramental instruction is provided and is based on the readiness of the individual. The class meets 12 times per year on Saturday mornings in the parish education center at St. Francis de Sales, Purcellville. If you have a child with special needs and would like to register with the SPRED program, please use the QR Code to access the registration. Non-parishioners are welcome to register. If you have any questions, please reach out to Diane Taylor, d.taylor@saintfrancisparish.org.



Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2025—July 17-20; Aug 21-24.

The Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Program is a Catholic Pre-

Can 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.

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2025 College Night Dates & Locations
July 10 - St. Theresa (Ashburn); **July 15** - Holy Trinity (Gainesville); **July 22** - Basilica of St. Mary (Alexandria); **July 29** - St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Fredericksburg)

These events help rising college freshmen network with other Catholics heading to college, and give students the tools to navigate the transition from high school to college, keeping their Catholic faith strong. Students hear from upperclassmen who give their personal testimonies about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life. Students

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Join Us for Summer Camps at St. Paul VI Catholic High School!

—St. Paul VI Catholic High School is excited to offer a variety of engaging summer camps for students entering grades 2 through 9! This summer, we are hosting camps in band, baseball, basketball, cheer, football, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer, theatre, and more — all conveniently located on our beautiful Chantilly campus at 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA. Led by our dedicated faculty, staff, and head coaches, these camps provide a fantastic opportunity for students to grow, learn, and have fun in a supportive and faith-filled environment. For more information and to register, visit: www.paulvi.net/summercamps.

News Around the Diocese Continued

Following St. Joseph to Jesus – Men’s Silent Retreat—He played an essential role in the greatest event in human history; husband to Mary, adopted Father of Jesus Christ, a quiet carpenter... and a righteous man. Aside from these things we don’t know much about St. Joseph — but what we do know can help us to be better Men...husbands, and fathers. Join Fr. John Riley at our Arlington Diocese Retreat Center at the edge of the Shenandoah Mountains in White Post, VA to "rest and pray" with Christ. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday **July 11th and concludes Sunday July 13th** with lunch at noon. Retreat cost is \$299. 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

Mass & Rosary in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life—Everyone is invited to celebrate a Mass & Rosary in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life with Bishop Burbidge on **July 12th!** Mass is at 8:30 am and the Rosary is immediately following on the public sidewalk at a local abortion facility. For questions and more info please contact the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at familylife@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703.841.2550.

Living the Sacrament of Marriage – Married Couples’ Retreat—A retreat for married couples to contemplate the gift of their Sacrament. We will pray individually and together, pondering the graces of Marriage and reflecting on God’s promises and Presence in the life of a family. We shall also consider how God elevates the capacity of spouses to love each other and their children, and how He makes the home of a family a privileged place of healing and sanctification. Join Fr. Daniel Hanley, coordinator of the blessed Stanley Rother House of formation at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA for this unique retreat opportunity. This retreat will begin at 6 pm Friday **July 18th** and conclude Sunday **July 20th** with lunch at noon. Retreat cost is \$285. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the

months ahead, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

Attention Rising 8th graders—Take the Practice Version of the High School Placement Test (Pre-HSPT) at St. Paul VI Catholic High School. Monday, **July 28**, 2025 from 9am-noon; Monday, **August 11**, 2025 from 9am-noon. St. Paul VI Catholic High School, 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152. Optional Parent Info Session: 11:30 a.m. in the PVI Theatre. Includes details about Paul VI and the admissions process. Please Note: The Pre-HSPT is not used for admissions but is a helpful preparation tool. Accommodations are not available for the Pre-HSPT. If you have any questions or to register, please email the PVI Office of Enrollment Management at admissions@paulvi.net.

Summer Retreat Weekend—Aug 15-17, 2025. This Summer, you are invited to step away from the busyness of daily life and enter into a deeper encounter with Christ. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center is offering the Summer Spiritual Exercises Retreat led by Fr. Robert Presutti, LC. This silent retreat, based on the time-tested methods of St. Ignatius of Loyola, will provide the perfect setting for prayer, reflection, and renewal. The weekend is designed for both men and women seeking to deepen their faith and reconnect with their spiritual journey. Plus! You can take advantage of the early-bird pricing, now available until Friday, July 25! Cost to attend: \$368 per person, EARLY-BIRD RATE: \$318 per person. For a more flexible, self-directed experience, the Private Retreat Option will be available during this weekend. Find more details on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20187. Don’t miss this opportunity to invest in your spiritual renewal and reconnect with God.

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.

Married Couples—“I Place Much of My Hope for the Future in Marriage

Encounter”. (Pope Saint John Paul II) Your honeymoon was a special time. Wherever you went, the things you saw and did were secondary. Just being together was most important. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend has the same focus. The weekend centers entirely on your relationship. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. Upcoming experience are: September 12-14, 2025 - Richmond VA; October 24-26, 2025- Jessup MD; November 7-9, 2025- Rehoboth Beach DE; February 13-15, 2026 - Waynesboro VA; March 6-8, 2026 - Hampton VA. For more information please call 757.690.1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location

Beach Day for Catholic Homeschoolers!—Splish Splash! Catholic homeschoolers (and those contemplating homeschooling this fall), you are cordially invited to some fun in the sun with Mayflower Homeschoolers at Lake Anna! Come meet other Catholic homeschoolers! Details/RSVP @ <http://lifesit.es?HUM9V> Mayflower Homeschoolers is a Roman Catholic multi-chapter homeschool support group under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima www.mayflowerhomeschoolers.org

Men’s Bootcamp Weekend Retreat Sep 26-28, 2025—Join us for a dynamic weekend retreat designed specifically for men! The Men’s Bootcamp Weekend Retreat combines the structure of the Spiritual Exercises with engaging breakout groups and powerful talks tailored to strengthen your faith, leadership, and brotherhood. While not a silent retreat, the schedule will include time for personal reflection, prayer, and discussion. Step away from the noise of daily life and invest in your spiritual growth. You can take advantage of the early-bird pricing by registering soon! Cost to attend: \$368 per person, EARLY-BIRD RATE: \$318 per person. Find more details on our website www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301.365.0612. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20187. Don’t miss this opportunity to invest in your spiritual renewal and reconnect with God.

Parish Offices

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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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Save the Date: Fall Consignment sale **Sept 27th**. For more information go to www.littleflowerconsignments.org Proceeds help families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach. Don't want to consign but have items to donate? Contact Jean Nowakowski at john.jean90@verizon.net

New bedding & pillows needed—Our Bed Ministry has ongoing requests to help families moving from the shelter. We are in need of Twin XL bedding. Consider donating new twin XL size bedding in a bag. (Comforter, sheets and pillow case). Drop off to the parish office or place in the Outreach boxes at church. New bed pillows needed as well. Or consider donating an Amazon or Walmart gift card to help us purchase the needed items. Thank you and God bless you.

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Bed Ministry—Volunteer for the Bed Ministry—volunteers with trucks or Large SUVs needed especially! We have had an increase in bed requests.

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Interested in helping contact Bea Craig at 571.439.0364 or beds@sainttheresaparish.com

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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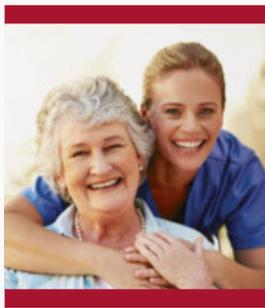
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