

St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Masses for the Week

Mon, Aug 4	6:15— Annastazia Kapalata+ 8:30— Baldur & Hannelore Conrad+ 12:15— Mrs. Patricia Redmond+
Tues, Aug 5	6:15— Leonard & Mary Catherine Stevens+ 8:30— Ronald Thurman+
Wed, Aug 6	6:15— All Souls in Purgatory+ 8:30— Deceased Members of the Teeple Family+ 12:15— Daniel Price+
Thurs, Aug 7	6:15— Thomas & Suzanne Miles 8:30— Eric Wong
Fri, Aug 8	6:15— Miles Family 8:30— Una Giachinta
Sat, Aug 9	8:30— Degbola Odutola 5:30— Teodorico Dino+
Sun, Aug 10	7:30— Joseph Peters 8:45— Barbara Dotson+ 10:30— Joseph, Carlo & Laura Maresca+ 12:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 5:00— Anthony Granata+

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: Ify Nwabuoku, 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.

Who Are Those Saints Behind the Altar?

Occasionally, I am asked about the six saints depicted in the mosaics of the high altar in the center of our church. Let's clear up the confusion, just for fun. These mosaics, on either side of the statue of St. Therese, depict six saints who were inspirational to her. From left to right, these saints are:

St. Francis de Sales: St. Francis de Sales was bishop of Geneva, Switzerland in the days of the Protestant Reformation. He sought to bring souls back to the Church through his personal life and his writings, most notably, the *Introduction to the Devout Life*. St. Francis de Sales is known for the gentleness and tenderness of his demeanor, together with the resolute strength of his faith. With St. Jane Francis de Chantal, he founded the Visitation Order. St. Francis de Sales died in 1622, and is the patron saint of writers, journalists, and the deaf.

St. Agnes: St. Agnes was martyred at the age of twelve. She was the daughter of a wealthy family, and was said to be so beautiful that high-ranking Roman officials tried to win her hand in marriage. Agnes, however, had sworn never to marry. "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse," she had said. One spurned suitor was so insulted at Agnes' refusal to marry him that he submitted her name to the authorities as a Christian. Eyewitness testimony of her beheading under the reign of Roman Emperor Diocletian tells the story of a girl with such charisma and confidence in her faith, that the executioner was afraid to carry out his duty. St. Agnes died in the year 304, and is the patron saint of girls, virgins, and the virtue of chastity.

St. Augustine: St. Augustine was the bishop of Hippo (today, Algeria) in North Africa. He lived a life of serious sin for decades before the sadness of his actions compelled him to discover the love and mercy of God. Augustine was one of the most brilliant minds of his time, and once baptized as a Christian, he used his intellectual gifts to become one of the greatest Christian scholars in history. His writings, including the *Confessions*, and the *City of God*, have inspired countless souls, both Catholic and Protestant, for centuries. St. Augustine died in the year 430, and is the patron saint of theologians, printers, and brewers.

St. Mary Magdalene: St. Mary Magdalene was one of Jesus' first followers. She is often assumed to have been a prostitute, but the Gospels do not mention this. They tell us only that Jesus had "delivered her of seven devils" (Lk 8:2), and her ensuing reputation is mere conjecture. She was one of just a few followers who were with Jesus on Calvary when he was crucified, and the Gospels recount that she was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection. St. Mary Magdalene died in the first century, and is the patron saint of converts, repentant sinners, and women.

St. Theophane Venard: St. Theophane Venard was a French missionary to Vietnam who was martyred for the faith under the Vietnamese emperor Minh-Menh. In his time, priests ministered to the people only by night, under cover of darkness. Theophane was betrayed by an enemy, and arrested. During his trial, he refused to renounce his faith, and was condemned to death by beheading. During his final days, he wrote a letter to his family in which he said, "We are all flowers planted on this earth, which God plucks in His own good time. Some sooner, some later." Inspired by this single line, St. Therese began to think of herself as a "little flower" in God's garden. St. Theophane died in 1861.

St. Joan of Arc: St. Joan of Arc was born a peasant in the village of Domremy, near the French province of Lorraine. As a teenager, she received visions of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Catherine of Sienna who told her to drive English armies from French territory in the waning days of the Hundred Years' War (1337-1453). Undaunted by the seeming impossibility of this mission, a seventeen-year-old Joan approached the King of France to obtain his blessing and lead his armies in battle. After two failed efforts, Joan won the King's trust and immediately inspired her troops, turning the tide of the war in France's favor. Joan would later be betrayed, and in 1431, was handed over to the English who burned her at the stake, falsely accusing her of heresy. St. Joan of Arc is the patron saint of soldiers, prisoners, and together with St. Theresa, is the patron saint of France.

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

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

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



Office Hours:

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

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. Classes begin the week of September 14th.

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.

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:

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

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

Registration Now OPEN!



Join us to celebrate our parish community & support our students...it's **FORE** the kids!

To Golf, Sponsor, or join us for dinner scan the QR code or visit

www.SaintTheresaParish.com



STCS Parents, mark your calendars for these important upcoming events:



Saint Theresa Catholic School

Educating Tomorrow's Catholic Leaders

www.stsashburn.com

Wednesday, August 13—

New Parent Orientation Meeting

Friday, August 15—

Feast of the Assumption

Monday, August 18—

Meet Your Teacher Day for students & families

Thursday, August 21—

First Day of School

Saturday, August 23—

Back to School Picnic

Wednesday, August 27—

Middle School Back-to-School Night

Thursday, August 28—

Elementary Back-to-School Night

Friday, August 29—

Early Dismissal

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!*



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News from our Parish

RENEW & REVIVE YOUR EUCHARISTIC SPIRITUALITY

—by *Recognizing and Exercising Your Royal Priesthood*

If we hope to encounter Jesus more profoundly in Holy Communion, we must "treasure and ponder" the reality of our Baptismal or Royal Priesthood. How should we exercise this awesome power in our daily lives--and particularly in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? Join Father John Riley of our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center **Sat., August 9th, 9:30am** in St. Theresa's Church for an hour long conference to consider this Mystery which is God's Great Gift to us.

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 August 11. We will meet in the Zelig Conference rooms in the Parish Admin Building.

Red Cross Blood Drive—Please consider supporting the American Red Cross at our next St. Theresa blood drive on **Thursday, August 14th** from 10am-3:15pm. As always, your help will save lives!

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: "StTheresaChurch" to schedule your life-saving donation! If you have ANY difficulty, please e-mail Colleen Dwyer at colleenhome87@gmail.com or call/text 703.969.3667 & she will register you. The Red Cross is extremely grateful to the very generous St. Theresa parishioners for their continued support in these blood drives.

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you missing Sacraments? RCIA registration for this year is now online. Please go to <https://sainttheresaparish.com/activity/rcia/> to register today. Classes start this fall in late October / early November.

Festival of Trees—This year our beloved Divine Mercy Outreach Festival of Trees will be on **December 6 & 7**. This year's festival promises to be better than ever with the venue moving back to the gym, cookies, punch and even singing. Plan to join this amazing gathering for fellowship, fun, and a great cause. It's time to get the crea-

tive juices flowing and think about donating a themed tree, wreath or basket to FOT. Cookie donations are also needed--everyone loves Christmas cookies! Last year's Festival of Trees raised \$23,600. For more information check out the DMO Festival of trees on our parish website: sainttheresaparish.com/divine-mercy/divine-mercy-outreach/festival-of-trees/

Contact Cathy Branly for tree/wreath donations, or to volunteer: cathysews@yahoo.com
Contact Danielle Zuccaro for cookie donations: danielle.a.zuccaro@gmail.com

Walking With Purpose—Join Us for a New Year of Faith & Fellowship St. Theresa's is offering Walking With Purpose Bible studies for women, young women, and middle school girls, beginning this fall.

What is Walking With Purpose? A Catholic women's ministry that blends Scripture study with small group conversation, helping women of all ages deepen their faith and connect in community.

Offerings Include:

- Adult Women Bible Studies (Begin the week of September 22)
- Beloved – A new study for young women seeking a stronger foundation in their identity in Christ
- BLAZE – A 20-week program for middle school girls, starting in October, exploring Scripture in a fun, engaging way

Registration is now open! Explore studies, find your group, and take a meaningful step on your faith journey.

□ Questions? Email: sttheresawwp@gmail.com

Donut Sunday Program Art Contest

—Drawing of Mother Mary. Drawing must be completed by **August 29th**, drop off @ St Theresa Parish Office, Office Hours: M-F: 9:30am-3:30pm (closed for lunch 12-1)

Rules: 8 ½ x 11 Sheet | Name & Age and Parent Contact on back. Must be a hand drawn picture of Mother Mary Only 1 submission per person

Age Groups: up to 5 yrs old; 6-10 yrs old; 10-16 yrs old; 16-24 yrs old; New Age Groups Added: 25-44 yrs old; 45 and over. Winners will be announced on September 7th by email. (6) 1st Place Awards. Winners will get a \$25 Gift Card & Trophy. Questions? Contact: Angela Haberland angela.haberland@gmail.com | 703.407.1204

REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the 15th Annual Friends of St. Theresa School (FOSTS) Golf Tournament for tuition assistance on Monday, October 6, 2025 at Belmont Country Club. This is a wonderful parish event – we hope you'll join us for a fantastic day of golf, food, and fundraising for tuition assistance! ***This is the primary fundraiser for FOSTS, which provides tuition assistance to families and students who might not otherwise have access to a Catholic education.*** Not a golfer? **Join us for dinner!** To sponsor, golf, join us for dinner, or make a donation please scan the QR code or visit our parish website (www.SaintTheresaParish.com). **Sponsors are needed for the tournament** (individuals, businesses, families), please contact Regina Freschi, freschir@stsashburn.com or 703.729.3577.





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 7:00pm. 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?

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!



Knights of Columbus

K of C Leader Installation:

Knights of Columbus Officers of the St. Louis Martin Council at Saint Theresa have been installed for this Fraternal Year.

Grand Knight—Eric Ciliberti

Chaplain—Father Hudgins

Associate Chaplain—Father John

Financial Secretary—Jim Bonfils

Deputy Grand Knight—Steven Shields

Warden—Todd Kane

Chancellor—Dan Brendes

Recorder—Miguel Sian

Treasurer—Mike Lang

Advocate—Miguel Rodriguez

Inside Guard—vacant

Outside Guard—Vincent Tranchitella

1 Year Trustee—Mike Boyle

2 Year Trustee—John Hegarty

3 Year Trustee—Rob McNamee

Lecturer—Bill Lehner

Are you a parishioner in need of a home repair? If you are physically or financially unable to complete basic home repairs, we can help. Our Handy-Man team skills include Plumbing, Electrical, Carpentry, and Painting but exclude outdoor yard or gardening work. If you are in need of repairs, or would like to be part of the Handy-Man Team, please visit this website to submit your repair project request or to join the team <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/handy-man-services>.

Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent in Loudoun County?

Loudoun County's Department of Family Services is looking for 15 more families to add to their list of approved foster families. Interested in learning more? The County is hosting monthly virtual foster care information sessions this summer:

Tuesday, 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 foster 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-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs>. To be contacted, please scan the following QR code.



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)—That Man Is You: St Theresa's registration program is next weekend after all Masses. If you're looking to strengthen your faith, be a better husband and father, get to know other men you see at Masses, talk with our members in the Narthex or at the Church exits about

how TMIY has changed their lives – and consider registering for this free parish program. We believe God is calling men to do more, to put out into the deep and change more lives, more families, and eventually this culture. For more information, contact Jack Hayes at: jack.hayes422@aol.com or 703.537.6418.

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THAT MAN IS YOU!

is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.



WORTHY OF THE CALL

FEATURING A POWERFUL TEAM OF PRESENTERS

EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION AS YOU:

- Discover and embrace the call to live a life worthy of the call you have received.
- Discover how to stay awake in a woke culture.
- Experience a breathtakingly beautiful journey through The Joyful Mysteries from the Holy Land this Advent.
- Identify the internal and external struggle with the power of evil and create a pathway to overcome it.
- Lift up your heart and mind to Christ with powerful Lenten Reflections.
- Enter into Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday through Jewish eyes and experience the Triduum like never before.
- Embrace the call to lay down your life in loving sacrifice, bring joy into your home and manifest the merciful love of God the Father.
- Remain grafted to the vine to bear a hundred-fold fruitfulness.
- Experience the holy grit of the Saints while relying upon the holy grace of God.



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PARADISUS DEI



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MARK HARTFIEL
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PARADISUS DEI

PROGRAM INFORMATION:

Saturday Mornings
St. Theresa Parish, Ashburn
Begins September 6th

SCHEDULE:

6:30 AM Light Breakfast
7:00 AM Video Presentation
7:30 AM Small Group Discussion
8:00 Dismissal



REGISTRATION:

Scan the QR code to register.

WWW.THATMANISYOU.COM

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News from the Diocese

For Rising 8th Graders- Pre-HSPT Testing at JP (Potomac Shores, VA)!

—Do you have a rising 8th grader who is interested in John Paul? You are invited to a Practice High School Placement Test on Tuesday, **August 5th!** The official HSPT is a required piece of the John Paul Application. Taking a Pre-HSPT is a great way for students to feel confident and prepared for taking the official HSPT this fall! Use this link to Register: <https://saintjohnpaul.mypaysimple.com/s/8th-grade-test-prep>

Attention Rising 8th graders—Take the Practice Version of the High School Placement Test (Pre-HSPT) at St. Paul VI Catholic High School. 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.

Personal Retreat Day—August 8, 9am-4pm. Step away from the busyness of daily life and spend a day in quiet prayer and reflection at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. The Personal Retreat Day on Friday, August 8 offers the perfect opportunity to rest in God's presence, seek clarity, and renew your spirit in a peaceful, sacred setting. 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 Jul 25th. Advance Registration is required. So don't wait, sign up now and take this opportunity to spend some time alone with the Lord. 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.

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 20817. Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your spiritual renewal and reconnect with God.

Three to Get Married Marriage Prep in 2025—Aug 21-24; Sept 18-21; Dec 11-14 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.

Balance Work & Prayer! Super Spirits & Service Retreat Weekend—Aug 8-10 (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 opportunity 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 fellow-

ship with some great guys! Best of all, it's *free to attend! All we ask is for your sweat equity on projects around 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.

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.) Accompany us to: dinner (Aug. 2); concert and dance (Aug. 3); outdoor concert (Aug. 6); square dancing (every Tuesday); walk at Sky Meadows State Park (Aug. 8); Thursday lunches (Aug. 14 & 28); dinner/walk at Huntley Meadows (Aug. 10); brunch (Aug. 17); talk by Dawn Beutner, Editor for Saints at Magnificat magazine (Aug. 21); serving meal at Christ House (Aug. 23); movie/dinner (Aug. 24); picnic (Aug. 31). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

How Can We Grow Closer to Jesus While living in the Secular World?—

If you are seeking to grow deeper in love with Jesus, you are invited to attend an informative session about Lay Communities: Dominican, Franciscan, Carmelite, Benedictine and Youth Apostles. There will be two sessions: 10am and again at 7pm. You may attend either one to hear short presentations from members of each Community. There will be time to ask questions and to speak with their members. This informational opportunity is intended to help you discern whether you may be called to this way of life. There is no obligation or pressure to join! **Save the Date! Monday, September 8, 2025** at St. John the Apostle, 101 Oakcrest Manor Drive, Leesburg.

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.

Parish Offices

Secretary: Kathy Fitzpatrick, 703.729.2287
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School Offices

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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.



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New bedding & pillows needed

Our Bed Ministry has ongoing requests to help families moving from the shelter. The families we assist are committed to starting over and moving forward. This makes a difference to them. 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.

Save the Date: Festival of Trees Dec 6th & 7th *More info coming soon!*

Fall Consignment sale Sept 27th.

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Friends in Need—Provides meals on a short-term basis for those families or individuals in the parish who are unable to cook for themselves due to arrival of a new baby, illness or a medical situation in the immediate family...Contact Emily Wilsey at emwilsey@aol.com or 703-585-5435 to volunteer or if you or a loved one need of help with meals.

The Visitation Ministry—Are you HOMEBOUND? We have wonderful parishioners who would love to visit you or if you are not comfortable with a home visit at this time, they will call you! If you need help with an errand or would like someone to pray with you, let us know. If you are looking to

volunteer, please contact us as well. Claudia Lewis at 703-431-8670 or email her at clewis825@gmail.com.

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

It's rewarding to assist families in need. We need extra helpers to bring new beds and bedding from our storage to families moving out of the shelters and other families and children in need. 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 those in need that are moving out of shelters. 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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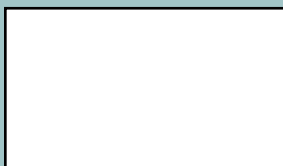
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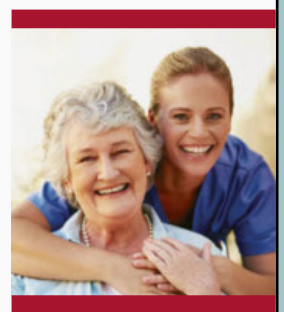
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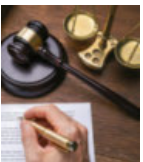
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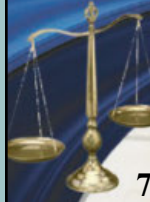
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