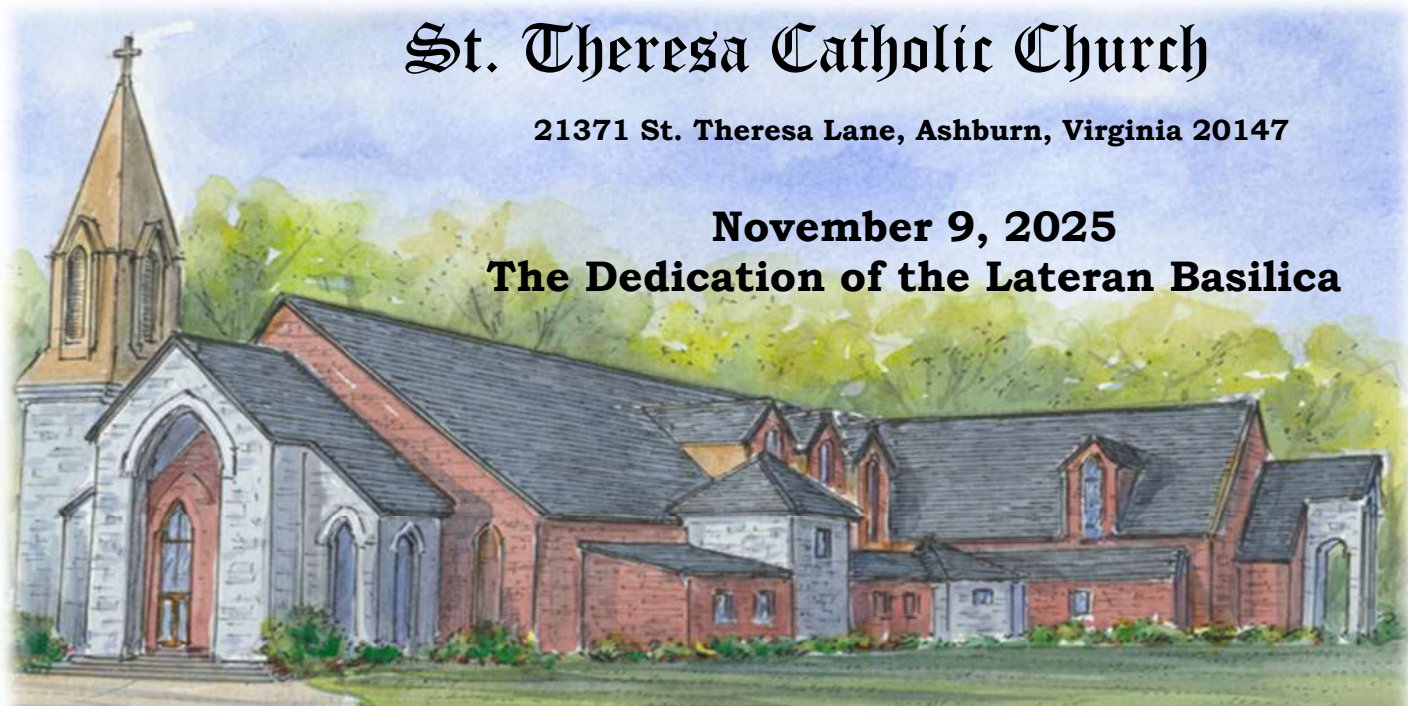




St. Theresa Catholic Church

21371 St. Theresa Lane, Ashburn, Virginia 20147

November 9, 2025 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Masses for the Week

Mon, Nov 10	6:15— All Souls Novena 8:30— Heidi Miles 12:15— Joseph Tesoriere+
Tues, Nov 11	6:15— Miles Family 8:30— Greg & Linda DiMuzio
Wed, Nov 12	6:15— Jerome+ and Lou Miles 8:30— Shannon & Jason Branly & Family 12:15— Joseph Begley+
Thurs, Nov 13	6:15— Joan and Robert Burton+ 8:30— Earl & Amanda Wong
Fri, Nov 14	6:15— Evelyn Angelo Salas+ 8:30— Patricia Carey+
Sat, Nov 15	8:30— Bridget Miles 5:30— Aida Dino
Sun, Nov 16	7:30— St. Theresa Parishioners 8:45— Betsy (Elizabeth) Leon 10:30— Deceased Members of the Bianchet & Keane Families+ 12:30— Roanldo C. Santos+ 5:00— Isle Gertraut+

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
Reverend Matthew J. DeForest, In Residence
Deacon Paul C. Konold
Deacon Anthony J. Renzette

Prayers For The Sick: Maria Theresa Baric, Iris and Romeo Rigor, Jennifer Spurr, Luz Triana, 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.

Prayers For Our Military: Brady Carmical, Ify Nwabuku, 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.

Requiem Aeternam Dona Eis, Domine

Christ came to this world to offer himself as a ransom for our sins. He did so, perfectly, by his death on the cross. But just because Jesus gives us his grace does not mean all will accept it. Sadly, many will reject God's grace entirely. Some will accept it fully, and some will accept God's grace, but only partially. What happens to them? Many of our friends and relatives were alive with God's grace, but died still clinging to venial sins—what happens to them? Before such souls can enter into the perfection of Heaven, they must be cleansed of their defects in Purgatory—a place of temporary purification for those who have died in God's grace, but still stained by sin and attachment to sin.

We're all conscious of sins for which we're not very repentant, or which we would commit again if the opportunity arose. This is the state in which many live, also the state in which many die. We're weak creatures, and we like our faults. But heaven is a place of perfect love, with no selfishness whatsoever. Certainly it is possible to die in a state of perfect love for God and others, but for those whose love is partial, there must be purification. By God's grace, our prayers can help.

St. Ambrose addressed this matter beautifully and succinctly—"Those whom we have loved in this life we must not abandon in death, until by the help of our prayers, we have carried them safely to the house of the Lord." The greatest prayer of all is the Mass, and we should have Mass said for our deceased relatives and friends. Let's remember what the Mass is: no less than the event of Christ's suffering and death on Calvary, made a present reality to us by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Each Mass here at St. Theresa is offered for an intention announced just before Mass. I keep that name in mind as I pray, remembering that that soul in particular was saved by Christ on the cross, and asking God's mercy for all the sins of their lifetime. I myself offer several Masses each month for the souls of my own relatives and friends too. My father died when I was three years old. I offered my very first Mass for his soul, and I continue to offer Mass for his soul two or three times each month. What if he has already gone to heaven and does not need my prayers anymore? Then God, in his goodness, will use the value of the Mass to help someone else in need. No prayer is ever wasted. But since I do not know, I keep praying.

Please remember that one Mass prayed well during your life is more powerful than one said for you after your death. So join me in each Mass, please, with all your heart. But nonetheless, never forget the spiritual value of prayer for the deceased, especially during this month of November. One day, we hope to be with them in the heavenly kingdom, where there will be no more death, and every tear will be wiped away.

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

Upcoming Early Bulletin Deadlines

Due to the upcoming Holiday season, please make note of these early deadlines

November 23 bulletin--due by Tuesday, November 11, 12noon
November 30 bulletin--due by Monday, November 17, 12noon
December 7 bulletin--due by Wednesday, November 26, 12noon
December 14 bulletin--due by Tuesday, December 2, 12noon
December 21 bulletin--due by Monday, December 8, 12noon
December 28 bulletin--due by Tuesday, December 16, 12noon
January 4 bulletin--due by Monday, December 22, 12noon

Youth Education and News



ymoffice@sainttheresaparish.com

November

Sun, 9th-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm

Sun, 16th-Parish Food Drive (after 8:45am Mass & 5pm Mass)

Mon, 17th-Food Sort by Expiration Dates, 7-8:30pm

Tues, 18th-Load food for transport, 6:15-7pm

Sun, 23rd-Upper Room Squad, 6-8pm



Office Hours:

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

Want to volunteer at St. Theresa's

children based programs? We encourage and welcome your involvement however it requires that all volunteers be compliant. Contact Connie Gilligan, Parish Child Protection Coordinator, at connie@sainttheresaparish.com or call 703.729.3714.

See parish section for job opportunity in the Religious Education Office.



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STCS Parents, mark your calendars for these important upcoming events & see the Thursday Thunder email for details:

- Veterans Day Mass & Reception
- Battle of the Books
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Thanksgiving Break
- Book Fair
- Catholic Charities Dress-out Day

Calling all STCS Alumni! We love to hear from our Alumni & Alumni families! Send your news to alumni@stsashburn.com.

Veterans Day Mass: the 8:30am Mass on Tuesday, November 11th will include a special tribute to Veterans, followed by a light reception. All veterans, military on active duty, and members of the intelligence services are invited to attend. This event is sponsored by **St. Theresa Catholic School's 5th Grade Class**. Veterans and active-duty military are encouraged to wear their uniforms. *We hope you'll join us!*



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

Festival of Trees Pre-sale Tickets—

Divine Mercy Outreach will be preselling tickets for the Festival of Trees after all Masses, **November 15 & 16**. Take advantage of the pre-sale prices and get more raffle tickets for extra chances to win. There are some wonderful trees already pledged. The Festival will be on December 6 and 7 this year. If you have any questions or wish to donate, email Cathy Branly: cathysews@yahoo.com.



Veterans Day Mass & Program –

Please Join Us! The 8:30am Mass on Tuesday, November 11th will include a special tribute to Veterans. All veterans, military on active duty, and members of the intelligence services are invited to attend. A light reception for veterans and their families will follow in the school gym. This event is sponsored by St. Theresa Catholic School's **5th Grade Class**. Veterans and active-duty military are encouraged to wear their uniforms. If you have not attended in the past, it is a beautiful opportunity to recognize those that serve(d) our country. **We hope you'll join us!**

Advent Calendar and Candle Sale to support WorkCamp—

Advent calendars and candles will be sold in the Narthex after each Mass during the weekends of **November 15th/16th** and **November 29th/30th**. All proceeds go to help offset costs for the teens participating in the WorkCamp Program next June.



The Festival of Trees—

December 6 & 7. The festival of Trees is only 2 months away! Mark your calendar for December 6 and 7. This year will be exciting with the Festival back in the gym. Donations are needed for trees, wreaths, baskets, and cookies! It's time to be thinking of themes and planning your tree. This is fun parish gathering and an important fundraiser for Divine Mercy Outreach. To donate trees, baskets, and wreaths, contact Cathy Branly: cathysews@yahoo.com. For cookie and treat donations contact Danielle Zuccaro: danielle.a.zuccaro@gmail.com. Check out the DMO Festival of Trees on our parish website: sainttheresaparish.com/divine-mercy/divine-mercy-outreach/festival-of-trees/

You(th) vs Hunger Sign Ups!—Sign up for our 10th annual You(th) vs Hunger food packing event. We will be packing 1250,000 meals this year in the school gym. The event is on November 15, 2025. This year's event will bring our total meals packed as a parish to 1 MILLION MEALS! Kids as young as 5 can help pack food. Child-care will be provided for free for kids under 5. Sign Ups now open. Visit <https://youthvshunger.wordpress.com/sign-ups/> to sign up

Young at Heart Social Club (YAH)—

Men and Women (55 and over). We meet after the 12:15 pm Mass in the Zelle Room located across from the Church. On Wed., **Nov 19th** (3rd Wed.). We will be celebrating Thanksgiving! Turkey & ham will be provided. Please bring a side dish/trimmings or dessert. We will have our usual 50/50 drawings. All are welcome. If you plan to join us please RSVP to Freddie at wallflower64@gmail.com or 703.625.5715.

Job Opening - Secretary/Registrar for the Office of Religious Education—

Responsibilities include database management, creating reports, assisting with major RE events throughout the school year, etc. Resumes can be sent to hr@sainttheresaparish.com. Contact the DRE, Mr. Bayne, at lbayne@sainttheresaparish.com, if you would like more information about the position.



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Adult Education and Spiritual Enrichment

Women's Discipleship Group—

Welcome all women of St Theresa Catholic Church. Our Group meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30–10:30 for Lectio Divina and 10:45–11:45 for reading of a selected book that provides daily encouragement, spiritual guidance and personal growth for women. Our focus for the Lectio Divina is the Mass readings for the upcoming Sunday. On September 3, 2025 we will be starting the book "Imitation of Christ" written by Thomas a Kempis, and translated by Ronald Knox and Michael Oakley. For more information contact Dawn Garabito 862.812.0039 or dmarie213@aol.com

Ashburn Catholic Young Adults—

11/03 – Topic - How to Love Neighbor
11/17 – Topic - The Secret of the Heart and Young Adults
Meet School Cafeteria 6:15-7:30pm
Contact st.theresas.ya@gmail.com for more information.

Young Adult Lectio Divina—

11/11- Bible Study: Reading and Praying with the Scriptures - Part 5
11/25 – Bible Study: Reading and Praying with the Scriptures - Part 6
Meet Zelie-1 room in the Parish Center from 6:30-8pm
Contact ajamesb13@gmail.com for more information.

That Man is You (TMIY)—TMIY continues our year with inspiring videos and great discussion. If you are looking to strengthen your faith, become a better husband and father, and/or just get to know other men in the parish, we invite you to join us by using the following QR Code, or by contacting Jack Hayes at jack.hayes422@aol.com.



Knights of Columbus

K of C Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, 9 November 2025:

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast this Sunday, 9 November in the St. Theresa school cafeteria. Stop by after the morning Masses or at any time between 8 am and 12 noon, and enjoy a delicious breakfast and the fellowship of our parish community with pancakes (regular, chocolate chip, and blueberry), scrambled eggs, sausage, breakfast potatoes, and tater tots, along with coffee, orange juice, and assorted Dunkin' Munchkins! Profits from this breakfast will benefit the VA Special Olympics.



You can now purchase your Breakfast Tickets and make a donation in advance by using this QR code. Adults: \$10, Children (ages 3–11): \$5, Children under 3: Free.

Even if you're not able to attend, you can make a donation—every contribution helps!



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 last month. We collected, sorted, and delivered 6,625 pounds of food. Your contributions and effort make this important program very successful.

Please keep up the generosity by taking a bag (or a flyer if bags are unavailable) on your way out and return it

next weekend (November 15-16) with items on the attached flyer. Please, no expired items. The pantry is unable to distribute expired items. Thank you for your help and generosity.

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



Sweats for Vets: Please join the Knights of Columbus in giving back to Veterans this Christmas season! The Knights will be collecting sweat outfits (tops and bottoms) and sweat socks to give back to Veterans in need this year. Please bring new or unused outfits or socks to the church office to donate. Mens sizes (XL to 4XL) and womens sizes (L and XL) are both needed. Collections for Sweats for Vets will begin on November 15th and conclude on December 12th. Thank you for supporting our Veterans!



Interested in Becoming a Foster Parent in Loudoun County?

Loudoun County's Department of Family Services (DFS) is looking for 15 more approved foster parents. Interested in learning more? The County is hosting virtual foster care information session this Fall:

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 12-1pm.

During this session, DFS staff will discuss general information on foster care needs, eligibility requirements for foster parents, the process of becoming a foster parent, and the support provided by DFS to foster families. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions and sign up for next steps. Attendance is free, but registration is required. For more information on foster care and how to sign up for these sessions, visit <https://www.loudoun.gov/1004/Foster-Care-Adoption>

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 Handyman 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>.

Answer the Call to Serve. Guided by principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus are men of faith and action - supporting our parish, our families, and our community. Want to learn more? Check out our FAQs at <https://www.st-louismartin-kofc.org/faqs> - or scan the QR code to be contacted and learn more about the Knights and what we do.





Legion of Mary

Want to be part of something bigger than yourself, build community, serve others, and grow your relationship

with our Lord? There are two praesidium options: Saturdays at 9:15am and Wednesdays at 7:30pm. We invite you to join us in the St. Louis Martin room to say the Rosary with us and learn more.

Our Works

Invite Jesus into your home through a Sacred Heart Enthronement—a formal ceremony where Jesus is invited into your home and given authority over your family/household, bringing grace and blessings. Also, hosting the Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a beautiful way to invite God's blessings into your home, unite your family in prayer, and a tangible reminder that Mary is truly present and active in your daily lives. To schedule, complete the request forms online at <https://sainttheresaparish.com/activity/legion-of-mary/>

Prayer Request - Are you in need of prayer?

Are you in need of prayer and would like the Legion of Mary to pray along with you? Email us at legionof-marysttheresa@gmail.com or scan the QR code to send us your prayer request.



News Around the Diocese

The Beatitudes: A Blueprint for a Holy Marriage: Evenings of Reflection for Couples, Nov 12, 2025—

Marriage is one of the greatest gifts God has given us—and one of the greatest challenges. How do we live our marriage in the world but not of the world? Well, Jesus has given us a blueprint for holiness and joy: the Beatitudes. This fall, Our Lady of Bethesda is launching a new monthly series for married couples: The Beatitudes: A Blueprint for a Holy Marriage. Each session will reflect on one Beatitude and explore how it applies to the daily joys and struggles of married life. Next session will be Nov 12 and the topic will be: "Blessed Are the Couples Who Suffer Together, Letting Love Transform Their Pain." Married and engaged couples are invited to attend this special event! The evening will begin with mass and includes dinner, talk, time for quiet reflection and the opportunity for confession. \$55 per couple. 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.

Sip and Shop—All are welcome to the PVI Sip & Shop, a holiday vendor open house on Wednesday, **November 12**, from 6–8 p.m. at St. Paul VI Catholic High School. Start your Christmas shopping early! Various handcrafted woodwork, jewelry, greeting cards, candles, embroidered gifts, and more will be for sale. The event is located at 42341 Braddock Rd, Chantilly, VA. For details, visit www.paulvi.net/sip-and-shop.

Radium Girls Play—All are invited to attend St. Paul VI Catholic High School's fall play, Radium Girls. The play is set in 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity and luminous watches the latest rage—until the girls who painted them began to fall ill with a mysterious disease. Inspired by a true story, Radium Girls traces the efforts of Grace Fryer, a dial painter, as she fights for her day in court. Called a "powerful" and "engrossing" drama by critics, Radium Girls offers a wry, unflinching look at the peculiarly American obsessions with health, wealth, and the commercialization of science. Show times are on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, **November 13, 14, and 15** at 7pm, and on Sunday, **November 16** at 1pm, at Paul VI Teatro Montini, 42341 Braddock Road, Chantilly, VA 20152. Tickets may be purchased online at www.paulvi.net/fine-arts. Join us in helping our neighbors in need by bringing a non-perishable food item (no glass) to be donated to Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Food Project

Personal Retreat Day: November 14, 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 \$135 per person. Advance Registration is required. 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.

Made for More: A Healing Workshop for Women—Do you long for greater peace and joy? Do you ever feel stuck, wondering if God's promises are truly for you? Join us for Made for More: A Healing Workshop for Women on the Journey of the Beloved on Saturday, **November 15**, from 1–4:30pm at St. Theresa Church in Ashburn, VA. Led by ministry founder Elizabeth Leon, this afternoon of prayer, reflection, and restoration draws from Scripture and Catholic teaching to help women find healing in brokenness, claim God's promises, and receive Christ's love more freely. Cost: \$40 (includes materials and refreshments) Register: visit www.journeyofthebeloved.com Questions? Contact Elizabeth Leon at letyourselfbeloved1690@gmail.com

45th Annual St. Timothy's Craft Fair—Join us Saturday, **November 15** at St. Timothy Catholic School gym and Cafeteria 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at 13809 Poplar Tree Rd. Chantilly, VA 20151 45+ Vendors, Raffles, Food and more. Free Admission www.sttimothyparish.org

More News Around the Diocese

English & Citizenship Class in Sterling

English: Catholic Charities is offering English & Citizenship courses for adults at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Sterling, VA. Classes start **November 13, 2025**. Days: Tuesday & Thursday Time: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Cost: English: \$80; Citizenship: \$125 Register using the QR code & the office will call you for testing. Spanish: Caridades Católicas ofrece cursos de inglés y ciudadanía para adultos en la iglesia Cristo Redentor en Sterling, VA. Las clases comienzan el **13 de noviembre** de 2025. Días: martes y jueves. Horario: 7:30-9:30 p. m. Costo: inglés: 80 \$; ciudadanía: 125 \$. Inscripción utilizando el código QR y la oficina le llamará para hacer una cita.

The 33rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting: November 15 – 23, 2025

The Opening Day of Prayer for the 33rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting will be held on Saturday, November 15th, from 8:30am to 5pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC, with Mass at noon, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, Confessions, and speakers. Please register at www.iwopf.org or call 703.707.0799. This is a FREE event; however, online donations are welcomed to help support our ministry. Talks are free during the actual day of the presentation, or are available for purchase online for future viewing. For more information and to register, please go to www.iwopf.org or call 888.478.PRAY, or call 703.707.0799.

Men's Evening of Reflection—

Looking to grow in your relationship with Christ? This evening provides Catholic formation with spiritual talks, reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Mass and opportunities for confession are also offered: Wednesday, **November 19**, 6:30–9pm; Where: Divine Mercy University, 45154 Underwood Dr, Sterling. To register click on the QRC: or email rcmenssection-va@gmail.com

Planting Hope: Gardens & the Works of Mercy

Planting Hope: Gardens & the Works of Mercy Wed., **Nov 12** • 7–9pm • Burke Hall, Cathedral of St. Thomas More (Arlington) Free. Hosted by Catholic Garden Network

(catholicgarden.org). An evening of reflection on how parish, school, and home gardens help us live the Works of Mercy - feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, and creating spaces for prayer and encounter. Keynote: Fr. John Riley, rooting us in the Gospel's call to mercy, followed by a short panel and light reception.

Marriage Renewal Retreat: Nov 15—

Give your marriage the gift of time together with Christ. Join us for a one-day Marriage Renewal Retreat at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. This retreat is designed for Catholic couples who desire to grow closer to each other and to God through prayer, reflection, and practical talks. Strengthen the foundation of your sacrament and rekindle the grace that first united you. Cost: \$125 per couple. Engaged couples also welcome. Visit www.ourladyofbethesda.org. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux—Her relics visit the United States: October 1 - December 8, 2025 for the 100th anniversary of her Canonization and the Jubilee Year. Her relics will be in the Washington DC area **November 19-30**. For detailed schedule visit:

<https://stthereseusa2025.com/schedule-of-events>. For questions, please email: StThereseUSA2025@gmail.com

Thinking of a priestly vocation? (for men 18-35 years old)

Spending a weekend at a seminary is a critical part of exploring your vocation. You live, pray, eat and recreate with seminarians and experience first-hand what seminary life is like. Join Vocations Director Father Noah Morey for a weekend at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland: **November 21, 5:30pm to Sunday November 23 afternoon**. Cost is \$40. To register: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703.841.2514.

Finding Peace & Joy with Jesus & Mary—Women's Advent Retreat—

Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia and savor the silence with your sisters. We will "treasure and ponder" the mysteries of Advent while

we read, think, pray... and rest with Jesus Christ. Fr. John Riley will lead us in a consideration of the true meaning of the peaceful and solemn season of Advent and how we might better prepare to welcome the Christ Child with joy into our families and our homes on Christmas morning. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday **December 5th and concludes Sunday December 7th** at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org. Visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat for more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead.

St. Leo the Great Winter Craft

Fair—St. Leo the Great parish invites you to our Winter Craft Fair on Sunday, **Dec 7th** (10am-3pm) in the School Gym! Step into the enchanting world of our Winter Craft Fair, where creativity meets the spirit of the season! Join us for a festive day of exploring unique handcrafted treasures, indulging in food and treats, and experiencing family fun with St. Nicholas! See you there!

Finding Christ in Advent – Men's

Retreat—Retreat to our Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, Virginia and join Father Steven Oetjen and a Band of Brothers for San Damiano's first Men's Advent Retreat. Fr. Oetjen will consider the life and the example of St. Joseph--the husband of Mary, the Guardian of the Redeemer, and a Righteous "Quiet Man." With the wisdom of St. Thomas Aquinas and St. John Paul the Great, Fr. Oetjen will offer practical counsel and insights for those seeking to cultivate Virtue and to be men after Christ's Own Heart. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday **December 12th and concludes Sunday December 14th** at noon. Retreat cost is \$299, and financial assistance may be available. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org. Visit our website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat for more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead.

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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.

OCIA

Adults desiring instruction in the Catholic Faith should visit the website to register for OCIA classes.

Hospitalized/Homebound

Please contact the Parish Office to ask for Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick.



Learn more, visit
www.sainttheresaparish.com

Light Up Someone's Christmas (LUSC)

—A great way to help those in need! The weekend of Nov 8th & 9th starts LUSC. Take a bulb(s) to help a family in need or an organization helping families in need. Return item(s) on the weekends of Nov 16th & 23rd. Follow the instructions on the tag. Questions? Contact Myriam Perez at 703.729.2334.

Donations still needed. Festival of Trees- December 6th & 7th

—The Festival of Trees is a fundraiser raffle of 3-to-4-foot themed Christmas Trees, wreaths, and gift baskets. This event is fun for all. The proceeds from the event helps families in need through Divine Mercy Outreach. Those who would like to donate a tree or wreath or basket, contact Cathy Branly at cathysews@yahoo.com. Not sure of theme- no worries, let us know later. Thank you to those who have already reached out! See photos from last year on the parish website under Outreach- Festival of Trees.

Did you know? We assisted many families in need with monetary assistance, beds and food this fall. Your donations make a difference in the lives of struggling families by prevent-

ing evictions and keeping utilities on! We assist struggling veterans, individuals and families due to domestic violence, disabilities, layoffs, medical issues and unforeseen circumstances. Donations accepted online, by mail or drop off to the parish office. Please indicate DMO in the memo of the check or on the envelope. Online go to the parish website <http://www.sainttheresaparish.com>, click "Donate" tab to make an online monetary donation! Thank you for helping us to bring Christ's love to others in their time of need

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.

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 help with meals.

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

Consider taking a short time out of your day to bring some light into another's life. 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. To help 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 Myriam Perez 703.729.2334 or dmoutreach@sainttheresaparish.com

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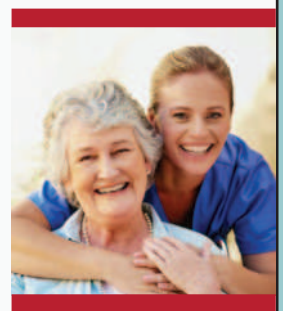
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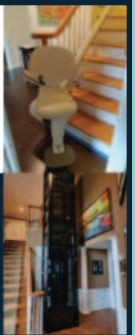
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