

CHURCH OF

St. Therese

THE LITTLE FLOWER



"If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose,
spring would lose its loveliness."

St. Therese of Lisieux

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Friday
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Listed inside bulletin each week

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Third Wednesday of the month 6:15-6:45 p.m.

Welcome New Parishioners

The parish community of St. Therese
welcomes you. Please see an usher or contact the
Parish Office for a registration form.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 4, 2022

PARISH STAFF

Business Manager: Debbie Knarr
Administrative Assistant:
 Mindy Scott
Pastoral Minister: Kerry Fallon
Coordinator of Religious Education:
 Nadine McGrady
Youth Ministry Leader:
 Wendie Mewszel
Director of Music Ministry:
 Kitty Witty
Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator:
 Gary Dietz
Custodian: Rosa Rodriguez

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3

5:00 p.m. Joyce Keller (RIP)

Sunday, December 4

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of
St. Therese

10:30 a.m. Betty Jo Shalaski (RIP)
Requested by:
Joanne and Ed Kizer

Monday, December 5

No Mass

Tuesday, December 6

12:00 noon For the People

Wednesday, December 7

8:00 a.m. For the People

Thursday, December 8

12:00 noon Connie Francis (RIP)
Requested by:
Joanne and Ed Kizer

6:00 p.m. For the people

Friday, December 9

For the People

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. Joe Ladyga (RIP)
Requested by:
Gary and Deb Knarr

Sunday, December 11

8:00 a.m. Daniella La Fata (RIP)
Requested by:
Rosalia Leona

10:30 a.m. For the People

**BLESSED SACRAMENT
CHAPEL VASE FLOWERS**

A Perpetual Living Memorial
for Anna Lupei.

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shines in loving memory of
Jack & Harriet Ittner,
Edward & Elizabeth Higgins

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, December 5 – Advent Weekday Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday, December 6 – Advent Weekday Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday, December 7 –
St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday, December 8 –
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday, December 9 – Advent Weekday Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday, December 10 – Advent Weekday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10;
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: The Sacrament of Baptism is held by appointment. Please contact Fr. Gregory.

MARRIAGE: Please make arrangements through the Parish Office at least six months in advance of the proposed date. If either party was married before, special procedures have to be followed and no date may be set.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING: If you are seriously ill, anticipating surgery, or weakened by advanced age, please take advantage of the scheduled celebrations or contact Father any time for this sacrament.

PARISH NEWS

“Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom.” Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661 to speak with Fr. Brian Capuano or write to vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

GRIEFSHARE is a growing ministry and would like to develop a team to serve those that attend the weekly sessions. GriefShare provides all training. There are no special requirements. All you need is a loving heart and a desire to help those on a grief journey. If you may be interested in this ministry, please contact Linda Gregory at 804-815-7695 or lgregory0530@gmail.com.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER SUNDAY MASSES!! Come to the Parish Social Hall for coffee, donuts, and fellowship, following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on December 18; The Scott Family will be hosting!! A Hospitality team is needed for setting up and cleaning up once a month for this ministry. Interested? Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for more information or to join the team.

PLEASE BE MINDFUL ABOUT NOT COMING TO MASS AND/OR ST. THERESE FUNCTIONS WHILE SICK. Do not forget we live stream 10:30 a.m. Mass every Sunday for this purpose. We want to remain vigilant against the spread of germs of ALL kinds.



POINSETTIA DONATIONS will be collected now until December 18! Donations may be made in memory of/or in honor of a loved one. You may put your intention on the back of your envelopes.

Envelopes may be found in your contribution packets or in the commons on the small white counter.

SCRIPTURE STUDY OPPORTUNITY: Join us as we read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in chronological order. Meetings will be held each Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. Contact Nadine McGrady at 804-693-5939, ext. 3 or N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org for more information or to join.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Children's Liturgy of the Word is available during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children ages 3 to 2nd grade are invited.

CAREFREE SENIORS: Anyone 60 and older is invited to join the Carefree Seniors group. They meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the Social Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call Frank Rivera at 804-854-1101 for more information.

We plan to have our Advent Party December 14, 2022. Location on Rt.17; it's next to the Lighthouse Worship Center. Restaurant name is "IDK" which stands for "I Don't Know." We're also planning a gift exchange. Some call it a Dirty Santa, White Elephant or Yankee Swap. No name on it; just wrap. There will be no meeting in the church Social Hall.

OUR NEXT TNT (THEATRE 'N' THEOLOGY) will be on *Friday, December 9*, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come to our **St. Therese Movie Theater** (the "Meeting Room") with comfortable seating and large projection. After the movie (the "Theater" part), we discuss the relevance of the film to our life in Christ (the "Theology" part). We will have an intermission midway through the film, and if anyone wants to bring refreshments to share, we will have them at intermission! Our December feature is the 2018 film *Paul, Apostle of Christ*. As darkness spreads over the Roman Empire, Paul and Luke defy a ruthless emperor, risking their lives to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Stars Jim Caviezel. Rated PG-13. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

PARISHCAST UPDATE: Please keep in mind that only registered parishioners will be added to the ParishCast database to receive parish notifications on this app about events and news. Questions may be directed to Deb at 804-693-5939. Thank you!

HOUSEKEEPING UPDATE: As we thankfully get into the busy season of parish life, please be respectful and return tables/chairs/areas to the condition in which you found them in preparation for the next group who may use this space.



JUSTICE AND CHARITY: The Angel Tree is now in the Commons. The gift bags are for the children of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. The requests are very specific this year. Please follow the suggestions on the tag attached to the gift bag. All items must fit in the bag. The Angels are for the Salvation Army gifts for children. Please return your unwrapped angel gifts or the gift bags by December 5. Be sure to attach the tag to your gifts. Thank you for helping to bring the joy of Christmas to those in need.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Four years ago, Father Gregory led a retreat to Assisi and he will be teaching the conferences he gave on that retreat in our Adult Formation sessions over the next few months. **THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**, between the morning Masses (starting about 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will present St. Francis of Assisi: His Health and the Stigmata, in the MEETING ROOM. All are welcome.

SHARE YOUR FAITH! Our Third Graders are looking for a catechist! Prayerfully consider sharing your faith with the youth of our parish. Sessions are each Sunday morning from 9:15-10:15 a.m. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or to apply.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month. Rosary is at 7:00 p.m. and a meeting is to follow. Knights will be selling Christmas Cards this year. Continue to look for detailed information here in the bulletin.

GRATITUDE REPORT

Annual Operating Budget \$681,077.00

Weekly offertory needed: \$13,097.00

Not Available at this time.

December 4 – MMR

December 25 – Catholic Charities

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE:

ATTENTION!! The Social Events Committee has planned out the social events for the next year, so mark your calendars!!

Mardi Gras – February 18 after 5:00 p.m. Mass
St. Patrick's Day Party –

March 18 after 5:00 p.m. Mass

International Meal –

May 28 after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Oldies Rock N' Roll –

July 29 after 5:00 p.m. Mass

Soup for Love –

every Friday from February 24-March 31

(11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

The Social Events Committee is also looking for more members! Please contact Nicole Savage if you are interested at 717-829-6612 or nshirilla91@yahoo.com.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT will be on December 16 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Come join the fun! Feel free to bring a friend or neighbor!! Everyone is welcome!! If you have any questions, please contact Nadine.

BINGO! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and starts at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall.

ATTENTION, ALL ADULTS INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT CATHOLICISM

Questions? ALL ARE WELCOME TO DROP IN! RCIA meets from 2:30 to 4:30 in the meeting room. Email Kerry Fallon at K.Fallon@stthersglo.org.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:

Know someone who is homebound and would like to be visited by a parishioner and receive Communion? Contact the office or Linda Gregory at lgregory0530@gmail.com.



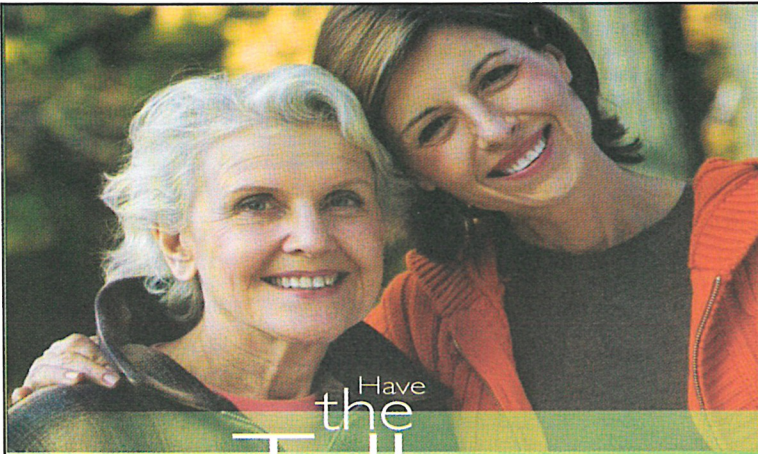
SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John Damascene

December 4

Saint John Damascene was born in Damascus,

but spent most of his life in a monastery near Jerusalem. Little is known about his life, but John is remembered as the last of the Eastern Church Fathers. He gained fame as a poet and an author.



Have the Talk of a Lifetime

You talk about many things with your loved ones: from day-to-day details to big events. Sharing stories with those who matter most isn't just important today; it will be especially significant when it's time to honor and commemorate your lives. Memorialization at the end of life is more than it used to be. It can reflect a person's life story and be transformative, healing and comforting. Meaningful memorialization starts when loved ones talk about what matters most: memories made, lessons learned and how they hope to be remembered.

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