



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.



JUNE 25, 2023

PARISH STAFF

Business Manager: Debbie Knarr
Administrative Assistant: Mindy Scott
Pastoral Minister: Kerry Fallon
Coordinator of Religious Education: Nadine McGrady
Director of Music Ministry: Kitty Witty
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MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 24

5:00 p.m. Patrick Shea
 Requested by:
 Robert and Eilleen Shea

Sunday, June 25

8:00 a.m. Cathleen Weathers
 Requested by:
 Michael Weathers
 10:30 a.m. Bernard O'Connell Jr.
 Requested by:
 Linda O'Connell

Monday, June 26

No Mass

Tuesday, June 27

For the People

Wednesday, June 28

For the People

Thursday, June 29

12:00 p.m. For the People

Friday, June 30

Litnic

Saturday, July 1

5:00 p.m. Naomi Muse
 Requested by:
 Linda Gregory

Sunday, July 2

8:00 a.m. For the People
 10:30 a.m. Tony Sparacia
 Requested by:
 Larry and Glenda Espiritu

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DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, June 26 – Weekday

Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday, June 27 – Weekday

Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday, June 28 –

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday, June 29 –

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
 Mt 16:13-19

Friday, June 30 – Weekday

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday, July 1 – Weekday

Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday, July 2 –

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11;
 Mt 10:37-42

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 anytime for this sacrament.

PARISH NEWS

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. Please contact Nadine McGrady for more information.

GRIEF SHARE will begin a new session in September. Contact Linda Gregory at 804-815-7695 for more information or look online at GriefShare.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION/RCIA UPDATES: WISDOM: GOD'S VISION FOR LIFE – Join the faith community of St. Therese for an 8-week study of the Bible's Wisdom literature. "In everything from friendships to finances, making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. Drawing on...Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, Ecclesiastes, Job and the Wisdom Psalms – [this study] provides sound guidance on attaining wisdom." Contact Kerry Fallon at k.fallon@stthersglo.org or 804-693-5939. **The group will run through mid-August on Monday nights. We will meet from 6:15-7:45 p.m.**

SUNDAY FUNDAY, 12:00-2:00 P.M. JULY 16TH IN THE SOCIAL HALL.

RECONCILIATION: Father will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, July 19 from 6:15-6:45 p.m.



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. Contact Grand Knight, Eric Scott at (757) 920-3294 for more information.

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.

ST. THERESE HAITIAN TWINNING PROGRAM

The Parish Council approved St. Therese to enter a twinning program in Haiti. This program includes helping support Losabeilles Elementary School. If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Patullo at cpatullo57@gmail.com.

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY: We meet for one hour starting at 6:00 p.m. in the church on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from April to November. For more information, contact Jim Lee at 804-693-0826.

BINGO! BINGO! BINGO! Bingo is held on Tuesday nights in the Social Hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. (come visit the concessions stand). Bingo play starts at 7:00 p.m.

LITNIC SEASON HAS BEGUN AT ST. THERESE! Litnics are Liturgy picnics, and here's how they work. Someone who wants to host a litnic calls the parish office and signs up for one of the posted available dates. They receive parish guidelines for hosting a litnic which must be read carefully. Litnics are particularly intended for Catholics in the host's neighborhood, but **all parishioners** are invited to litnics. A Mass is celebrated in the home or the yard (the *lit*) followed by a potluck supper (the *nic*). A suggested time for a Litnic would be 6:30 p.m., but that would be up to the host. The Flynn Family will be hosting on June 30. Please arrive around 6:15 p.m. at 7092 Westminster Drive, Hayes, Va. 23072 Directions to the Flynn Home: Leave St. Therese parking lot make a right on Belroi. Left onto 17 going south. Turn left on Hayes road, turn right on Bray Road, turn Right on Westminster Drive. Destination is on the Left. Please bring a towel if you plan to get wet. Please bring your own chair. Litnic Schedule for July: July 12 Linda Conway, July 27 Andy Walker

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Compassion and the love of knitting (and crocheting, quilting, and weaving) has been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice of creating shawls which are gifted to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice which embodies our thoughts and prayers for the receiver. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. Made in prayer, as prayer, for prayer, the shawls are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart. If you are interested in being a part of this heart-felt, prayerful ministry or want to know more, contact Nadine McGrady at 804-693-5939, ext. 3 or N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org.

LADIES – SAVE THE DATE! All Ladies of the parish are invited to tea August 26 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. More information will be available soon. For information, contact Nadine McGrady at 804-693-5939 or N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: This year marks the 10th year of the pontificate of our Holy Father Pope Francis. Today, Sunday, June 25, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will show a Part I of a film called **The Francis Effect** in the Meeting Room. From the moment he appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Francis won the hearts of the people. With characteristic humility, simplicity, and closeness to the poor, he has initiated a fundamental reform of the Vatican government, challenged a "globalization of indifference," and become one of the most talked about persons in the world. All are welcome.

JUSTICE AND CHARITY: We are doing a special "Breakfast Foods" food collection for the Bread for Life Food Pantry during the month of June. There is a need for cereals, pancake mix, syrup, biscuit and muffin mixes, crackers, granola bars, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit (prefer packed in water or fruit juice), shelf stable milk. Please place items in the shopping cart or box in the Commons.

THE THRESIAN SOCIETY: Thesians will next meet on July 16 (SUNDAY) between Masses. Social Events Committee. Come out and enjoy Oldies Night on July 2 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

GRATITUDE REPORT

Actual Plate Contributions: \$4,631.00
E-giving: \$3,756.00
Other Contributions: \$2,260.50
Weekly Grand Total: \$10,647.50
Total Weekend Mass Count: 304
Total Weekend Mass Views: 194

Annual Operating Budget: \$681,077.00
Weekly Offertory Needed: \$13,097.00

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Saint of the Week – Feast Day is July 4

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal's Story

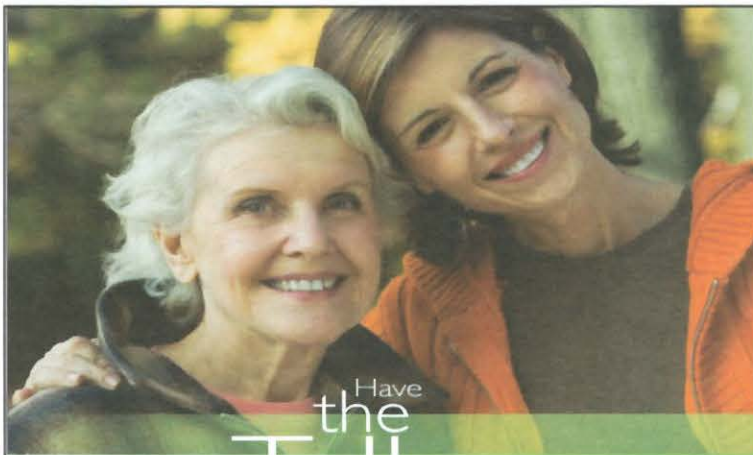


Elizabeth is usually depicted in royal garb with a dove or an olive branch. At her birth in 1271, her father Pedro III, future king of Aragon, was reconciled with his father James, the reigning monarch. This proved to be a portent of things to come. Under the healthful influences surrounding her early years, she quickly learned self-discipline and acquired a taste for spirituality.

Thus fortunately prepared, Elizabeth was able to meet the challenge when, at the age of 12, she was given in marriage to Denis, king of Portugal. She was able to establish for herself a pattern of life conducive to growth in God's love, not merely through her exercises of piety, including daily Mass, but also through her exercise of charity, by which she was able to befriend and help pilgrims, strangers, the sick, the poor – in a word, all those whose need came to her notice. At the same time, she remained devoted to her husband, whose infidelity to her was a scandal to the kingdom.

Denis, too, was the object of many of her peace endeavors. Elizabeth long sought peace for him with God, and was finally rewarded when he gave up his life of sin. She repeatedly sought and effected peace between the king and their rebellious son Alfonso, who thought that he was passed over to favor the king's illegitimate children. She acted as peacemaker in the struggle between Ferdinand, king of Aragon, and his cousin James, who claimed the crown. And finally from Coimbra, where she had retired as a Franciscan tertiary to the monastery of the Poor Clares after the death of her husband, Elizabeth set out and was able to bring about a lasting peace between her son Alfonso, now king of Portugal, and his son-in-law, the king of Castile.

Reflection – The work of promoting peace is anything but a calm and quiet endeavor. It takes a clear mind, a steady spirit and a brave soul to intervene between people whose emotions are so aroused that they are ready to destroy one another. This is all the more true of a woman in the early 14th century. But Elizabeth had a deep and sincere love and sympathy for humankind, an almost total lack of concern for herself, and an abiding confidence in God. These were the tools of her success.



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