



CHURCH OF

St. Therese

THE LITTLE FLOWER



"I know now that true charity consists
in bearing all our neighbors' defects - not being surprised
at their weakness, but edified at their smallest virtues."

St. Therese of Lisieux

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Rev. Mr. Jose Melendez, Deacon

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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.

OCTOBER 1, 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 Witt
Evangelization and Youth Ministry Coordinator: Kyle Glauner
Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator: Gary Dietz
Custodian: Rosa Rodriguez

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 30

5:00 a.m. Cathy Weathers
 Requested by:
 Ruth Weathers

Sunday, October 1

8:00 a.m. St. Therese, our Patron Saint
 10:30 a.m. Concetta Anna Kelly
 Requested by:
 Debbie and Bill Kelly

Monday, October 2

No Mass

Tuesday, October 3

12:00 p.m. Ann Kelly
 Requested by:
 Bob & Cheryl Davis

Wednesday, October 4

8:00 a.m. Laverne Constantini (RIP)
 Requested by:
 Bob & Cheryl Davis

Thursday, October 5

12:00 p.m. For the People

Friday, October 6

12:00 p.m. Richard & Karran Elmore
 Requested by:
 Linda Gregory

Saturday, October 7

5:00 p.m. Benny and Janet Leigh
 (50th wedding Anniversary)
 Requested by:
 Janet Leigh

Sunday, October 8

8:00 a.m. For the People
 10:30 a.m. Don Cowan (RIP)
 Requested by:
 Bob & Janet Leigh

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, October 2 – *The Holy Guardian Angels* Zec 8:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Tuesday, October 3 – *Weekday* Zec 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday, October 4 – *St. Francis of Assisi* Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday, October 5 – *Weekday* Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Lk 10:1-12
Friday, October 6 – *Weekday* Bar 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday, October 7 – *Our Lady of the Rosary* Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday, October 8 –
Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

SACRAMENTS

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

Grief Share will be on Sundays in the ALC from 2:00-4:00 p.m. For more information, go to griefshare.org.

RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation will be offered on October 4 this month from 6:15-6:45 p.m.

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knights of Columbus Council gathers on the First and Third Thursdays of the month. Rosary is at 7:00 p.m. and a meeting is to follow.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Our Knights of Columbus Council will conduct a Flag Retirement Ceremony on October 14 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. The brief ceremony will be across the parking lot and adjacent to the statue of Mary, Protector of the Unborn. All parishioners are invited to attend and children are especially welcome as they will have a prominent role in the ceremony. If you have any U.S. flags that are faded or torn, please bring them with you.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS TO SERVE IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES!

Please prayerfully consider which of the liturgical ministries you are drawn to. We need teenagers and adults to serve as **USHERS, LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, MASS COORDINATORS**. We need adults and children for the **ALTAR SERVER** ministry. If we have more people involved in these ministries, serving won't fall to the same dedicated ministers every week. Training is ongoing, call Kerry Fallon in the office at 804-693-5939 or email k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

COMING SOON! IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCIA, A STUDY OF THE GOSPELS OF JOHN AND MATTHEW BEGAN SEPTEMBER 18 AND WILL RUN THROUGH EASTER.

All are welcome – Catholics, non-Catholics; bring a friend! Come learn about the Catholic faith through the lens of Scripture: why we believe what we believe; why we do what we do; what we have in common with protestant denominations; what sets us apart from our protestant brothers and sisters. Join us in the Social Hall Monday evenings – social time from 5:45-6:15 p.m., study time 6:15-7:45 p.m. Contact Kerry Fallon to sign up or if you have any questions at k.fallon@stthersglo.org or 804-693-5939. More information and a sign-up sheet will also be available in the Gathering Space.



Blessed Sacrament Chapel vase flowers are a perpetual living memorial for Anna Lupei.
Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of Mr. Tom Kuhn.
Altar Flowers are in Celebration of Benny & Janet Leigh's 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Theology of the Body Series - 4 Oct - 15 Nov

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Gen 1:27). From 4 October to 15 November 6:15-7:45pm in the social hall, this series will explore what it means to be human, the complementarity between men and women, and what we can learn from Christ about His loving plan for humanity.

This series will also speak about Catholic moral teaching on Marriage, family, sexuality, and children. In a world of confusion, let us come to Christ, who “fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear” (*Gaudium et Spes*, 22).

A correct understanding of the human person, what it means to be male and female, is necessary to understand the Church’s teaching on abortion, euthanasia, and the like, as well as the Sacraments, devotions to the Saints, and, most importantly, Christ’s life, passion, sacrifice on the Cross, and His true presence in the Eucharist.

Bring your Bibles and Catechisms. Other Materials will be made available.

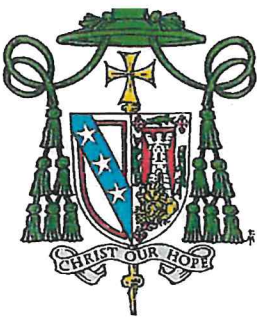


Monthly Devotionals

2nd Friday of Every Month

Come join us October 13th for the praying of October’s devotion. This month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Join us at 11am in the main sanctuary of the Church for Adoration and to pray the Rosary before Mass at 12 noon. Booklets containing the prayers will be provided. Hope to see you there. God Bless.





Diocese of Richmond

July 13, 2023

Office of the Bishop

Dear Brother Priests,

As Bishop of the Diocese, one of the key elements I must consider in building for the future is the investment we make in the education of our children through our Catholic Schools.

Catholic Schools and Education are vitally important for the future of the Church. This is why we launched the *Learn to Lead* campaign - to fund local priorities at our 23 schools, enhance financial aid, and help develop outstanding teachers.

Up to this point, the campaign has been conducted quietly with leadership gifts and selective efforts within our school communities. I have been meeting with individual donors about the opportunity to support this mission. The response has been very positive with more than \$27 million already pledged to the campaign.

Because of the response we received thus far, a plan was presented at our most recent Priest Council meeting to allow a special one-time collection this coming Fall. It is my hope that this special collection will provide an opportunity for anyone who believes this ministry is worthy of their support to be involved.

I am asking every parish to participate in this effort.

St. Therese will hold this collection October 7/8, 2023.

St. Therese K of C Auxiliary presents...

Trunk or Treat

October 29th

2pm - 4pm



All Parishioners are welcome to participate!!

**St. Therese Parking lot.
6262 Main Street**

**Prizes for best costumes for children & adults at 3:30pm
& Best Trunk Decoration winner announced at 4pm**

**Can't attend? You can put tricks or treats in the
box located near the office door.**

Questions? Call Mindy Scott at 804-693-5939





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THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY:

The Evening Bible Study group is starting a new book in the Threshold Bible Study series, "MYSTERIES of the ROSARY," that began on Thursday, August 10, 2023. We meet for one hour starting at 6:00 p.m. in the church on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month to

November. For more information, please contact Jim Lee at 804-693-0826.

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 to 3:00 p.m. Call Frank Rivera at 804-854-1101 for more information.

THE THERESIAN SOCIETY: The Theresians invite the ladies of the parish to our Friday, October 6 meeting. The business meeting in the Social Hall starts at 10:00 a.m. preceded by a social gathering. Your perspective may be just what we need to finalize plans for the OctoberFEST Dinner after Mass on Saturday, October 14.

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.

TNT

Our next TNT (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on *Friday, October 6*, beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come to our **St. Therese Movie Theater** (the "Meeting Room"). 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 refreshments at intermission! Our October feature will be the 2008 film *Fireproof*. It's the story of a heroic fire captain who values dedication and service to others above all else, but the most important partnership in his life, his marriage, is about to go up in smoke. The film follows one man's desire to transform his life and marriage through the healing power of faith. Stars Kirk Cameron. Rated PG. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: On Sunday, October 15, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will show a film by Bishop Robert Barron called **Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist** in the Meeting Room. Bishop Barron explains the words, gestures, and meanings of the Church's Eucharist, the central practice of the Catholic Faith, "the source and summit" of Christian life. All are welcome.

WHERE IS THE LIBRARY?

The Parish Library is moving next to the St. Therese sitting room at the end of the Social Hall. During this move, books are being organized and labeled. New titles will be added and updated as we move forward.

GRATITUDE REPORT FOR 9/24/23

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 23/24: \$719,300.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget is \$13,827.52
Actual Plate Contributions towards
Operating Budget Totaled \$4,142.10
E-giving Operations Support Totaled \$4,012.00
Other donations not used for operations totaled \$1,516.50

Total Weekend Mass Count: 288
Total Weekend Mass Views – Not available
Second Collection October 14 & 15
Pontifical Mission Societies in the U.S.
September 30 & October 1 – MM&R

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Knitters and Crocheters are invited to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry in providing shawls, lap robes, hats, scarves and other items to our friends and neighbors as they celebrate milestones in their lives, grieve the loss of a loved one, journey through difficult times and other significant events. Lessons are available for those interested in learning this craft. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for more information.

2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for the 2023-2024 Faith Formation program – Kindergarten-12th Grade. Forms may be picked up in the parish commons or completed online through the parish website. Sessions began Sunday, September 10. K-5 and Middle School Youth will meet 9:15-10:15 a.m. High School Youth Ministry should contact Kyle Glauner at youthministry@StThersGlo.org for more information.

THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Various sections or themes of the Bible are discussed in an informal setting. New participants are always welcome and may join the group at any time. If interested, or would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net.

RELIC ON DISPLAY

St. Bede will have a Relic of St. Padre Pio on display in their chapel on October 6, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call St. Bede Catholic Church at 757-229-36341.

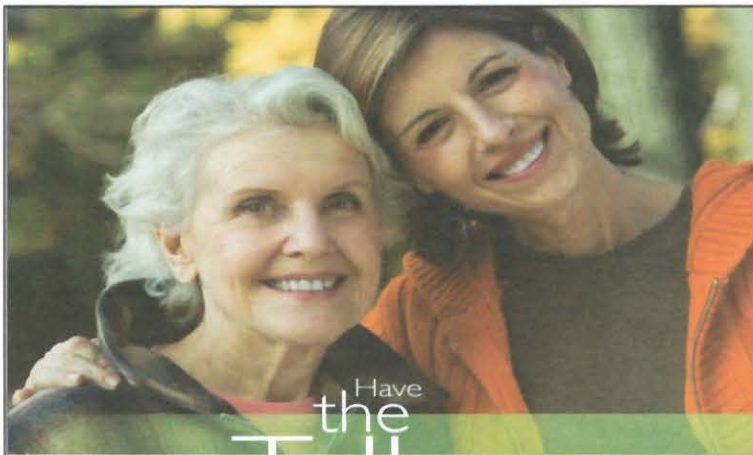
MUSIC MINISTRY

This year the Music Ministry, comprised of the choirs from all three Masses, will be presenting a Christmas cantata on the last Sunday of Advent, December 17.

We would like to extend an invitation to anyone in the congregation who likes to sing or who plays either a brass, woodwind or stringed instrument proficiently to join us. You must be at least in the 7th grade to participate. We'll rehearse on Sunday afternoons.



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