



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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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 15, 2023**PARISH STAFF**

Business Manager: Debbie Knarr
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MASSES AND INTENTIONS**Saturday, October 14**

5:00 p.m. Carl Hartkopf (RIP)
 Requested by: JoAn Garcia

Sunday, October 15

8:00 a.m. For the People
 10:30 a.m. Daniela LaFata
 Requested by: Rosalia Leone

Monday, October 16

No Mass

Tuesday, October 17

No Mass

Wednesday, October 18

No Mass

Thursday, October 19

No Mass

Friday, October 20

No Mass

Saturday, October 21

5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners
 of St. Therese

Sunday, October 22

8:00 a.m. Nancy McGovern (RIP)
 Requested by:
 Brian McGovern

Sunday, October 22

10:30 a.m. Concetta Anna Kelly (RIP)
 Requested by:
 Jodey and Dave Clements

Blessed Sacrament Chapel vase flowers
 are a perpetual living memorial for
 Anna Lupei.

Tabernacle Candle Shines
 in loving memory of Rose and Tom Sobieski

Altar Flowers are donated by
 Donna and Rick Harper in Honor of Faynell
 and in Memory of their parents.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, October 16 – Weekday Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday, October 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch,
 Bishop and Martyr** Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 18 – St. Luke, Evangelist 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9

**Thursday, October 19 – Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests,
 and Companions, Martyrs** Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54

Friday, October 20 – Weekday Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 21 – Weekday Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday, October 22
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b;
 Mt 22:15-21

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 the third Wednesday of every month from 6:15 to 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.

VETERANS

Our Knights of Columbus Council invites Veterans and their families to the Annual Veterans Brunch on Sunday, November 12th, at 11:45 a.m. in the Social Hall. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Commons, or contact Eric Anderson at 518-354-2374/eranderson13@gmail.com by November 5th to indicate your attendance and ensure that the "chow line" is properly stocked. Also, please submit pictures for our Veterans Slide Show to Eric by the same date. In keeping with military tradition, we encourage veterans to wear their medals, ribbons, and badges and veterans service organization hats for this event.

TOILETRIES FOR HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

The Knights of Columbus is collecting travel-size toiletries for hospitalized veterans from now until November 12th. The collection box is near the water cooler in the Social Hall. All items will be given to veterans at the Hampton Veterans Affairs Hospital. Thank you for your generosity.

OLD GLORY

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting worn and tattered U.S. flags for proper disposal. A faded or torn flag should be retired properly and replaced with a vibrant new flag. Please bring in your old flags and place them in the *Old Soldier's Footlocker* which will be located in the Social Hall during November in honor of our Veterans. Thank you.

Sunday, Oct 15, 2023

Stretch your spirituality

Your doctor says that even a little exercise is important to keep the body flexible. Joints that move regularly are body parts that can function well a while longer. Walking 20 minutes a day or taking a water aerobics class are easy ways to lubricate the joints we need to perform our daily tasks. Saint Paul reminds us that flexibility is also a significant aspect of the spiritual life. Can we accept good times and bad, seasons of plenty or want, with the same light grip? Moving through circumstances fluidly makes for a freer life, and a gentler death.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 (142). *"I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need."*

Monday, Oct 16, 2023

A heart as wide as the world

Depicted as a flaming, shining, bleeding heart, pierced by a lance, encircled by a crown of thorns, and topped with a cross, the Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes Christ's boundless, suffering love for humanity. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the best known and most practiced of all Catholic devotions, but the 17th-century French Visitation nun who received the revelation of this devotion, Margaret Mary Alacoque, was doubted in her lifetime, and the practice wasn't officially recognized until 75 years after her death. Incorporate an aspiration, or short prayer, to the Sacred Heart each day to remind you that you are unconditionally loved. Examples are "Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours," "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in your love for me," or "Sacred Heart of Jesus, may you be known, loved, and imitated!"

MEMORIAL OF MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"At the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."*

Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023

Bread of Life, bread for the poor

Saint Ignatius Theophorus wrote seven epistles while trudging from Antioch to Rome. As Roman soldiers pushed him toward martyrdom in a coliseum, Ignatius decried a different enemy of Christian faith: docetism, whose Christian adherents claimed Jesus never existed physically on Earth—that he only appeared to. In denying the Incarnation, Ignatius says, such heretics also fail to see the Lord's presence in the Eucharist and in the poor. "They have no concern for love, none for the widow, none for the orphan, none for the oppressed, none for the prisoner or the one released, none for the hungry or thirsty." And "they abstain from Eucharist" because "they refuse to acknowledge the Eucharist." Ignatius, help us to see Jesus—in all the places he said he'd be.

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you."*

Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023

Pack lightly for the journey of faith

Today we celebrate the feast of the evangelist Luke. Best known for his gospel, Luke was a dedicated disciple of Paul who goes so far as to join Paul in prison—twice. You can read Luke's account

of the early Christians in the Acts of the Apostles. But first, read what Luke says in today's gospel, which gives Jesus' directives to the disciples who are serving as his advance team. These directives are simple but not easy: "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals"—and they remain amazingly relevant to living a simple life of faith. How can you enact them in your own life?

FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). *"Luke is the only one with me."*

Thursday, Oct 19, 2023

Reconciling our past

Today is the memorial of several men who were killed for evangelizing native people in Quebec. The documentation of these encounters is almost entirely from the perspective of European American Christians, with missionaries as heroic martyrs and natives as murderous heathens. The truth is much more complicated. Pope Francis' 2022 apology to indigenous people in Canada and the U.S. Catholic Indigenous Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project are two efforts to look at the bigger picture of Christian-Indigenous relationships with accountability and reconciliation as goals. Join these efforts by exploring Native American culture and history.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

Friday, Oct 20, 2023

GPS for the soul

Spiritual direction is a great tool for navigating with God the ups and downs of everyday life. The practice involves a one-on-one relationship with a spiritual director who helps us to see how God is moving in our lives. A director listens and offers wisdom such as that of Paul of the Cross: "Let everything in creation draw you to God. Refresh your mind with some innocent recreation and needful rest, if it were only to saunter through the garden or the fields, listening to the sermon preached by the flowers, the trees, the meadows, the sun, the sky, and the whole universe." In honor of Saint Paul cultivate the art of listening wisely.

MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). *"Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God."*

Saturday, Oct 21, 2023

A higher law

All of us run afoul of the law at some point or another, even if it's as minor as a parking ticket. Laws, religious or secular, are there to set standards and impose order. They have their purpose, but if we hope to be released from all that afflicts us in this life, we'll need a different kind of law—the law of love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. As 20th-century monk and mystic Thomas Merton explains, "The first obligation of the Christian is to maintain their freedom from all empty forms of legalism" and "live by a higher law—the law of grace and love." Let faith lead you there.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472).

"Brothers and sisters: It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants . . . it depends on faith."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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**K OF C AUXILIARY PRESENTS...**

Trunk or Treat. October 29th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., (you can start setting up your trunk at 3:00 p.m.) here in the Parking lot of St. Therese. Prizes for best costumes for children and adults and best decorated Trunk!! If you would like

to donate candy, there is a box in the commons by the office door. Please bring you family, friends, and neighbors. Questions? Call Mindy Scott at 804-693-5939.

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 (804-693-5939) or email k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH OCIA, A STUDY OF THE GOSPELS OF JOHN AND MATTHEW began SEPTEMBER 18th 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: k.fallon@stthersglo.org or 804-693-5939. More information and a sign-up sheet will also be available in the Gathering Space.

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY:

The Evening Bible Study group is studying, "MYSTERIES of the ROSARY." We meet for one hour starting at 6:00 p.m. in the church on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month through November. For more information, please contact Jim Lee at 804-693-0826.

CAREFREE SENIORS: Anyone 60 and older are 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.

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.

PARISH LIBRARY UPDATE: The Library has been moved. It is now located next to the St. Therese sitting room at the end of the Social Hall. Please be patient as we update, catalog and organize our space.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE: Items knitted and crocheted by the Prayer Shawl Ministry are now available for gifting. Items are located on the table in the Social Hall by the white cabinet. Items are free for gifting. Gift a prayer shawl for any occasion - birthdays, First Communion, weddings, holidays, Confirmation, in support for someone grieving, etc. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or for special requests.

GRATITUDE REPORT FOR 10/8/23

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 TBA

E-giving Operations support Totaled TBA

Other donations not used for operations totaled TBA

Total Weekend Mass Count TBA

Total Weekend Mass Views TBA

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Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Walt Disney's Pete's Dragon featuring Helen Reddy and Mickey Rooney, will be shown Friday night, October 20, 2023 beginning at 6:00 p.m., outdoors by the parish picnic pavilion. (Rain date will be October 27th). Invite a friend, bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a night of family fun. Contact Nadine McGrady for more information at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: There will be a Baptismal Preparation session for anyone wishing to have their child Baptized on Wednesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish meeting room. Contact Nadine McGrady to register at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

A MORNING SPENT WITH JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST: Dr. James M. Starke from St. Mary's Seminary and University will present: Nourishment of the Mind and Soul: A Morning with Jesus and the Eucharist, on Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at St. Bede Catholic Church. This event is sponsored by the Catechetical Leaders of Deaneries 4 and 5 and is open to everyone. Continental Breakfast and Gift Basket Raffle are included. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for more information. See flyer on bulletin board in hallway to Social Hall for more information.

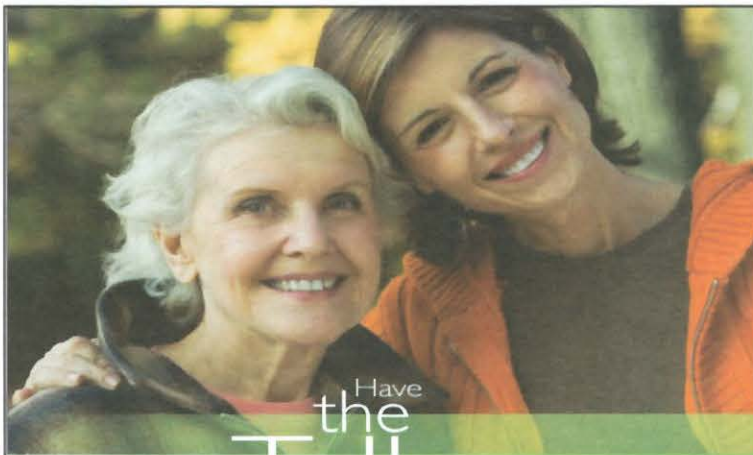
WHERE IS THE LIBRARY? The Parish Library is moving next to the St. Therese sitting room at the end of the Social Hall. During this move, books are being organized and labeled. New titles will be added and updated as we move forward.

THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 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 you would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at (804) 642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net.

MUSIC MINISTRY: This year, the Music Ministry, comprised of the choirs from all three Masses, will be presenting a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 17th. 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.**

PASTORAL COUNCIL: On October 3, the new leadership of our parish Pastoral Council was discerned. Pat Moynihan is our new Council Chair, with Tim Brown as Vice-Chair, and Sarah Flynn as Council Scribe. Together, they form the Executive Committee of the Pastoral Council.

Newington Baptist Church will be holding their **Blood Drive** on October 26th from 12:00-6:00 p.m.



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