

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

Rev. Gregory Kandt, Pastor 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.

Thelcome New Parishioners

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

CHURCH OF ST. THERESE GLOUCESTER, VA

#### **OCTOBER 8, 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 Evangelization and Youth Ministry Coordinator: Kyle Glauner

Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator: Gary Dietz Custodian: Rosa Rodriguez

#### **MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

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

Monday, October 9

No Mass

Tuesday, October 10

No Mass

Wednesday, October 11

No Mass

Thursday, October 12
No Mass 12:00 PM

Friday, October 13

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

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of Sue & Bob Pray.

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

#### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

 Monday, October 9 – Weekday
 Jon 1:1–2:1-2, 11; Lk 10:25-37

 Tuesday, October 10 – Weekday
 Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42

 Wednesday, October 11 – Weekday
 Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4

 Thursday, October 12 – Weekday
 Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13

 Friday, October 13 – Weekday
 Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26

 Saturday, October 14 – Weekday
 Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday, October 15

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

#### **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.

#### 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.

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#### K OF C AUXILIARY PRESENTS...

Trunk or Treat. October 29th from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., (the flyer in the bulletin had the wrong times) 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 your 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**, **AND 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 <u>k.fallon@stthersglo.org</u>.



#### PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES IN THE UNITED STATES

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith | Missionary Childhood Association The Society of St. Peter Apostle | Missionary Union of Priests and Religious

#### Rev. Msgr. Kieran E. Harrington National Director

"Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"

Dear Brother in Christ,

I beg for your assistance in promoting World Mission Sunday, which the Church will celebrate worldwide on October 22. From the humble chapel in Khandamal, India, to your parish, Catholics around the globe participate in this universal solidarity moment.

Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday in 1926, and the first worldwide collection occurred the following year. Held each year on the penultimate Sunday in October, World Mission Sunday is an effort of the entire Church to help over 1,100 dioceses that cannot sustain themselves because they are too poor, young, or actively persecuted.

Until 1908, the Church in the United States was a mission territory. We relied on this fund to build our churches and seminaries and support our clergy and religious. Today many foreign missions rely on our generosity to sustain the Church, which is an instrument of God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

May I impose upon you to hang the accompanying poster in a prominent place in your parish to remind your parishioners of our shared missionary vocation and to learn about the work of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith? We all are responsible for praying for the Church, where Christ's redeeming message has yet to be heard, forgotten, rejected, or shunned.

Tens of thousands of missionary women and men, priests, religious and laity, rely on our prayers every day, not only on World Mission Sunday. These missionaries are building churches, educating children, and healing the wounds caused by war, cruelty, oppression, terror, and despair. With our daily prayer and our generous donation on World Mission Sunday, we all bear witness to the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, making Him present in every continent, country, city, family, and heart.

This year's message from Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday, "Hearts on fire, feet on the move," is inspired by our Lord's encounter with the disciples on the Road to Emmaus found in the Gospel of Luke (24:13-35). In choosing this theme, Pope Francis has reaffirmed that World Mission Sunday is a privileged opportunity to us foster missionary cooperation on both the spiritual and material levels.

Were your eyes opened and is "your heart on fire" after encountering Jesus in the Eucharist? Will you take the risk of faith to invite everyone to walk together on the path of peace and salvation?

Monsignor Kieran Harrington

Kieran E. Hawinton

National Director

# Build a Culture of Life

### Theology of the Body - 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, 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).

This is why the Theology of the Body is necessary for the New Evangelization. Come, learn about God's plan for our lives so that we can teach others and bring them into His Love.

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



# Learn how to Evangelize - 15 November in Norfolk

"Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you" (1 Pet 3:15). This is a call for all Catholics to know, love, and share their Faith with others. When people talk about Evangelization, they often share that they feel ill-equipped to share the Gospel or answer questions. 15 November, the Office for Evangelization will offer Evangelization Training opportunities for Catholics to learn important Evangelization skills and to live out the Great Commission.

This event is 15 November at Saint Pius X in Norfolk at 6pm. Registration closes 3 November 2023. Registration on the Office for Evangelization website under events.



# Monthly Devotionals

2nd Friday of Every Month

Come join us October 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Adoration

### Children and Young Families Welcome!

"Let the little children come to me" (Mt 19:14). From 3:30-5pm every Tuesday and Thursday, starting 5 September 2023, Adoration for children and young families will be offered. All are welcome to attend. Adoration will be held in the Sanctuary.

It is important to cultivate our own and our children's eucharistic devotion, especially in this year of National Eucharistic Revival. Grace radiates from our blessed Lord and to be in the presence of this grace has transformative power. Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker, Creator of Heaven and Earth (cf. Ps 95).



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

THE THERESIAN SOCIETY: The Theresians invite the members of the parish to an OctoberFEST dinner on Saturday, October 14th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Join us for brats, kraut and onions & peppers prepared by local Pitmaster, Shawn Shalaski. He's also grilling some hot dogs and burgers. As good as the grill treats will be, the Fest needs German-inspired (not necessarily German-authentic) sides and desserts. Please sign the RSVP in the Commons and check if you can join the Theresians in bringing a shareable side or dessert. BUT, in the spirit of Pot Luck, please do not say what you are bringing.

**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 <a href="mailto:lgregory0530@gmail.com">lgregory0530@gmail.com</a>.

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.

## **GRATITUDE REPORT FOR 10/1/23**

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 \$5,423.00

E-giving Operations support Totaled \$2,217.00

Other donations not used for operations totaled \$1,020.81

Total Weekend Mass Count: 342 Total Weekend Mass Views: 80 Second Collection, October 14 & 15 Pontifical Mission Societies in the U.S.

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 10th. Grades K-5 and Middle School Youth will meet 9:15-10:15 a.m. High School Youth Ministry should contact Kyle Glauner at <a href="mailto:youthministry@StThersGlo.org">youthministry@StThersGlo.org</a> 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.

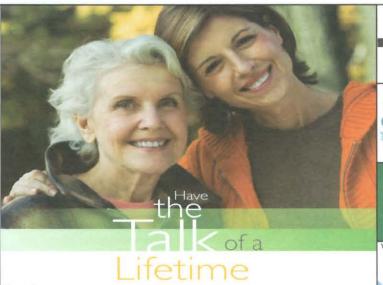
THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY: The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Various sections or themes of the Bible are discussed in an informal setting. New participants are always welcome and may join the group at any time. If interested, or would like more information,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

#### 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.



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#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fr. Edmond P. McCarthy Council #9428 Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month at Church of St. Therese. Visit www.kofc.org/joinus or email tbrown127@gmail.com



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