

APRIL 21, 2024**MASSES AND INTENTIONS****Saturday, April 20**

5:00 p.m. Irene Riehle
Req by: Linda Gregory

Sunday, April 21

8:00 a.m. BettyJo Shalaski
Req by: Joanne Kizer

Sunday, April 21

10:30 a.m. For the People

Monday, April 22

NO MASS

Tuesday, April 23

12:00 p.m. Isabelle Sylvia Mendez
Req by: Pat Kurovics

Wednesday, April 24

8:00 a.m. For the People

Thursday, April 25

12:00 p.m. For the People

Friday, April 26

NO MASS

Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m. Theresa Allen (RIP)
Req by: Chris and
Linda Conway

Sunday, April 28

8:00 a.m. Connie Francis (RIP)
Req by: Joanne and Ed Kizer

Sunday, April 28

10:30 a.m. For the People

Blessed Sacrament Chapel vase flowers are a perpetual living memorial for Anna Lupei. Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of The Olekszyk & Frey Families.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, April 22 – Easter Weekday	Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday, April 23 – Easter Weekday	Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday, April 24 – Easter Weekday	Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday, April 25 – St. Mark, Evangelist	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20
Friday, April 26 – Easter Weekday	Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday, April 27 – Easter Weekday	Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday, April 28 – Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

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

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

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.

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. We will finish up the Threshold Bible Study series, "MYSTERIES of the ROSARY" and plan to start the next book "EUCCHARIST." If you are being called to join in a more intimate relationship with Christ, please join us for a deep, insightful, and rewarding study. For more information, please contact Jim Lee at 804-693-0826.

Did you donate a Glory and Praise Book??? We are offering back the Glory and Praise books that were donated on behalf of your loved ones or in someone's honor. Please pick them up on the table outside the office. Please pick up by May 5th.

BINGO

Bingo is played on Tuesday Nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Concessions are available! Bingo will not be played May 28th.

ST. THERESE PARISH RETREAT

Plan on being renewed at our parish retreat/mission April 28-May 1, "Is There More?" It will be led by Dr. Mario Dance, Mission Supervisor for Saint Paul's Outreach. Evening sessions will be 7:00-8:00 p.m. each of the nights right here at our parish. Come and be revitalized in your faith in this Easter season!

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP STARTING UP.

Please join us for Bible readings, saying the Rosary, meditation, and discussions. Our main purpose is to pray for Christian Unity as our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked of us. Point of Contact is Trudy Vanderhoof. You may reach her at BTcentauri@aol.com.

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.

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

Contact the office or Linda Gregory at lgregory0530@gmail.com.

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 – holidays, Confirmation, in support for, etc. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or for special requests.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – VBS IS RETURNING!

Vacation Bible School will once again be available here at St. Therese this summer. The theme: *Come to the Table* will engage our youth in understanding that everyone is welcome at God's table and hear how Jesus spent a lot of time eating and talking with unexpected people. They will make new friends, sing fun songs, hear Bible stories, play active games, do art projects and science explorations, and dig into the Bible. Save these dates to join the fun – June 24-28, 2024 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Children, ages 4 through 5th grade, are invited to attend. Youth, 6th-12th grade, are encouraged to participate as team assistants. More information will be coming in future bulletins.

BECOME A VBS TEAM MEMBER

Want to join the VBS fun but have 'aged out' of the attendee range? Become a VBS team member! Adults are needed to help with crafts, music, snacks, games, story-telling and more. VBS will be held June 24-28 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or to join.

THE MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The group meets from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. each Thursday in the Meeting Room. Please call Sid Dugas at 642-5869 to sign up or to get more information.

PRAYING FOR THEIR RETURN – THE ST. MONICA MINISTRY

Do you know family members and/or friends that no longer practice the Catholic Faith? Do you pray for their return? You may be interested in becoming a pilot member of St. Therese’s chapter of the St. Monica Ministry. The St. Monica Ministry is a dedicated community and prayer network offering hope and support to the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics. For more information, contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

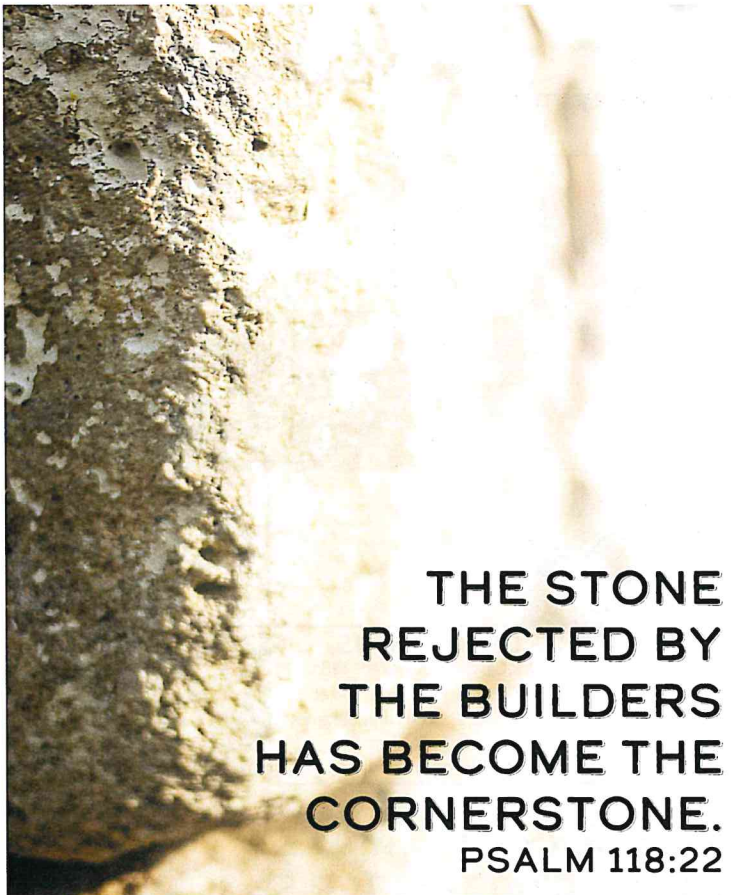
STAFF POSITION AT ST. TERESE

We are seeking a faithful and passionate Catholic for part-time employment as Coordinator of Youth Ministry. The successful candidate will be one who strives to lead a life of personal holiness and has a shepherd’s heart to search out and lead teens closer to Christ. He/she must have the energy to build our youth program. Applicants should have at least a Bachelor’s Degree and/or experience in youth ministry. The position is responsible for overseeing the middle school and high school programs with vision, including sacramental preparation for Confirmation, with special attention given to empowering lay leadership among both adults and teens. Position begins July 1, 2024. Salary and benefits consistent with diocesan guidelines, qualifications, and experience. Send cover letter, resume, and Richmond Diocesan application (www.richmonddiocese.org – go to Directory>Human Resources>Employment & Benefits>Apply for a Job) by May 17 to the Chair of the Search Committee, Anne Patullo, at adpatullo@gmail.com. For more information, you can call Father Gregory at 804-693-9043.

THE THERESIAN SOCIETY

Celebrate Our Parish Youth! The Theresians ask you all to celebrate the youth of our Parish with us. Join our young people, their families and those who guide our young people on Sunday, May 5th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Grab a hot dog and a veggie snack or a bag of chips. Overload a sundae with toppings and whipped cream and let our youth know that you support them, too. Find our poster in the Commons and please sign the RSVP list.

Also, the next Theresians meeting is Friday, May 3rd. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.; Social time is about a ½ hour or so before the meeting.



**THE STONE
REJECTED BY
THE BUILDERS
HAS BECOME THE
CORNERSTONE.
PSALM 118:22**

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

April 7, 2024

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 23/24 \$719,300.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget is \$13,827.52

Actual Plate Contributions: \$5,755.00

Egiving: \$6,226.00

Other Contributions \$2,790.50

Weekly Grand Total \$14,771.50

2nd Collection Schedule

May 5th and June 2nd for MMR

Please use the QR code below for Mobile giving.



SAINT FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

Saint of the Day: April 24

Patron Saint of: Lawyers

If a poor man needed some clothing, Fidelis would often give the man the clothes right off his back. Complete generosity to others characterized this saint’s life.

Born in 1577, Mark Rey became a lawyer who constantly upheld the causes of the poor and oppressed people. Nicknamed “the poor man’s lawyer,” Rey soon grew disgusted with the corruption and injustice he saw among his colleagues. He left his law career to become a priest. Fidelis was his religious name.

As a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi, Fidelis continued his devotion to the weak and needy. During a severe epidemic in a city where he was guardian of a friary, Fidelis cared for and cured many sick soldiers.

He was appointed head of a group of Capuchins sent to preach against the Calvinists and Zwinglians in Switzerland. Almost certain violence threatened. Those who observed the mission felt that success was more attributable to the prayer of Fidelis during the night than to his sermons and instructions.

He was accused of opposing the peasants’ national aspirations for independence from Austria. While he was preaching at Seewis a gun was fired at him, but he escaped unharmed. A Protestant offered to shelter Fidelis, but he declined, saying his life was in God’s hands. On the road back, he was set upon by a group of armed men and killed.

Fidelis was canonized in 1746. Fifteen years later he was recognized as a martyr.

Fidelis’ constant prayer was that he be kept completely faithful to God and not give in to any lukewarmness or apathy. He was often heard to exclaim, “Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain.” His prayer against apathy, and his concern for the poor and weak make him a saint whose example is valuable today.

Read the full article: “Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-fidelis-of-sigmaringen/ (Accessed April 8, 2024).

Healing Our Throwaway Culture: A Focus on Plastics

Commitments Handout

Take this list home and consider what further action/commitments you can take on a personal and community level.

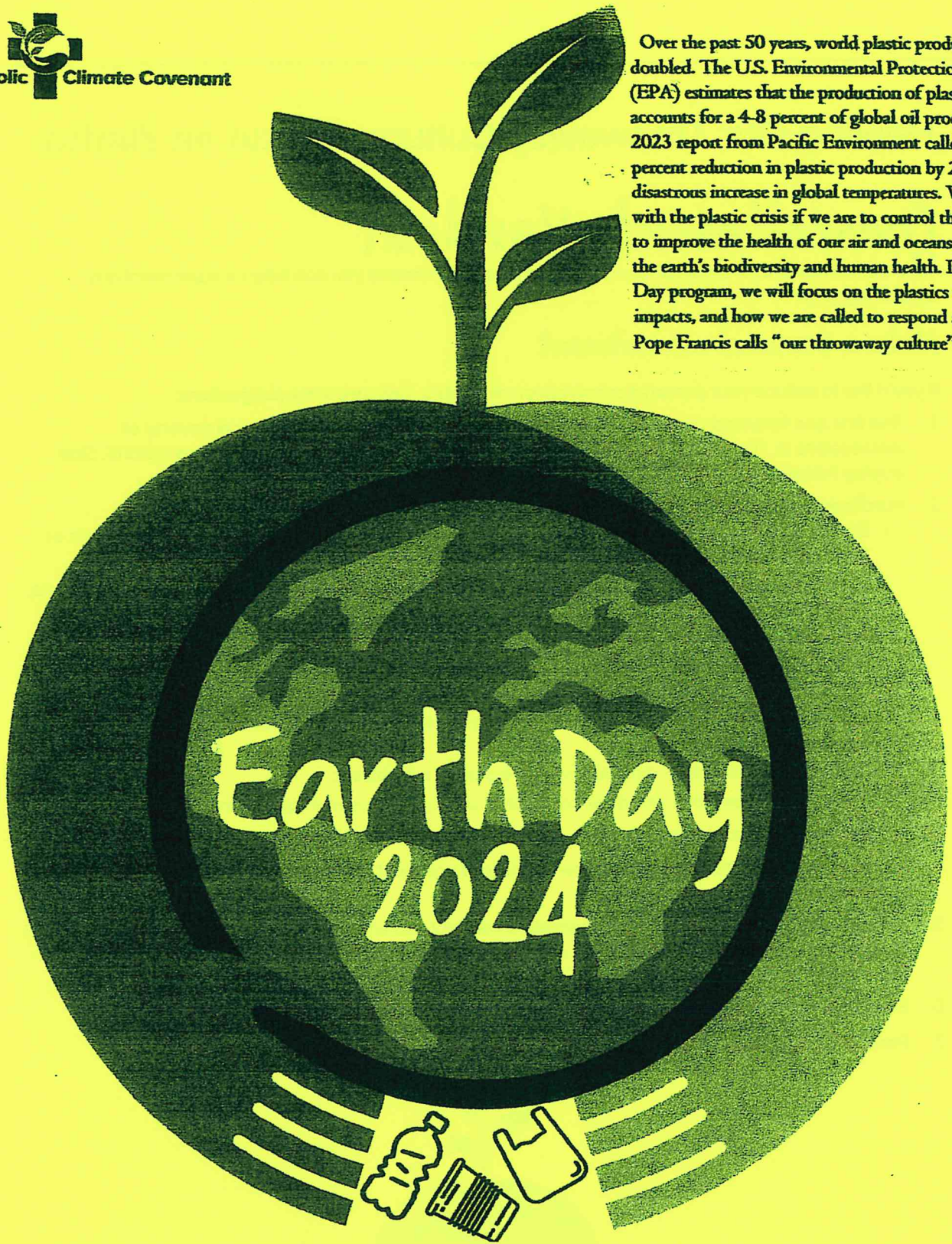
Make a personal commitment

If you'd like to reduce your personal consumption of plastics, here are a few suggestions:

1. The first and foremost question in the spirit of Franciscan simplicity of living and poverty of possessions is, "Do I really need this product?" Be aware of personal WANTS versus NEEDS. Stop buying things you don't really need!
2. Purchasing decisions that reduce plastics:
 - Buy fruit and vegetables not packaged in plastic. Consider buying from local greengrocers or farmers' markets instead of supermarkets, and take your own fabric shopping bag.
 - Aim to purchase things in glass jars and bottles instead of plastic containers — i.e.: drinks, jams, spreads, vitamins, etc.
 - Think about buying bars of soap/shampoo — instead of plastic pump bottles. Purchase detergents in cardboard boxes.
 - Don't buy bottled water. Get a reusable steel water bottle and fill it from the tap.
 - Say no to single-use plastic, such as drinking straws, knives and forks, and plastic-lined drink cups.
 - Use loose tea leaves — most tea bags are sealed with plastic.
 - Refuse styrofoam food and drink containers. Urge your local municipality to ban them.
3. Replace plastic containers with glass or steel containers and replace cling-film with Beeswax Wrap.
4. Reuse and give plastic packaging a new purpose. If you must buy a plastic bottle or a plastic container, reuse it instead of throwing it away.
5. Recycle plastics correctly. Look at the labels: #1 and #2 plastics are almost always recyclable, while #6 plastics aren't always accepted. Check with your local municipality to see what is locally accepted for recycling.
6. Share the Plastic Pollution Treaty Petition with friends, family, and community members.
7. Participate as an individual (and/or family) in Plastic Free July.



Over the past 50 years, world plastic production has doubled. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that the production of plastic products accounts for a 4-8 percent of global oil production. A 2023 report from Pacific Environment called for a 75 percent reduction in plastic production by 2050 to avoid a disastrous increase in global temperatures. We must deal with the plastic crisis if we are to control the climate crisis, to improve the health of our air and oceans, and to protect the earth's biodiversity and human health. In this Earth Day program, we will focus on the plastics crisis, its impacts, and how we are called to respond and heal what Pope Francis calls "our throwaway culture".



Healing Our Throwaway Culture:
Focus on Plastics

Church of
ST. THERESE

6262 Main St., Gloucester

RETREAT

April 28-May 1

7-8 pm

“IS THERE MORE?”

Dr. Mario Dance
Mission Supervisor
St. Paul's Outreach

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Pilgrimage to France – November 12-21, 2024:

Join Father Gregory for an inspiring and customized pilgrimage to France.

. Our program traverses some of the most beautiful parts of France – from Normandy to Paris and to areas in and around Dijon, Annecy, and Geneva (in Switzerland). We will walk in the footsteps of some of the most important visionary men and women of faith – people who offered new ways to respond to the exigencies of their time, bringing the Gospel to life, people like our own St. Therese of Lisieux, our diocesan patron St. Vincent de Paul, St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, the patron saint of priests St. John Vianney (the Cure of Ars), St. Francis de Sales, and more! We will celebrate Eucharist in historic venues and enjoy local cuisine and wine throughout our program. The itinerary is a feast for the soul, for the eyes, and for the palette – savoring the spiritual and cultural heritage of France. For more information about the itinerary, costs, and registration, visit our own pilgrimage website <https://www.travelillumine.com/trc/any> or call Illume at: 617-367-6757 ex 128 <https://www.travelillumine.com/trc/any> or call Illume at: 617-367-6757 ex 128