CHURCH OF ST. THERESE GLOUCESTER, VA

Saturday, July 6 - Weekday

JUNE 30, 2024

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 29

5:00 p.m. Agnes Thompson

Thursday, July 4 – Weekday

Sunday, June 30

8:00 a.m. Daniela LaFata

Reg. by: Rosalia LaFata

Req. by: Edwina Fitzpatrick

10:30 a.m. For the People

Monday, July 1

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 2

12:00 p.m. For the People

Wednesday, July 3

8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

of St. Therese

Thursday, July 4

Friday, July 5

12:00 p.m. Patricia Shea

Req by: Eilleen and

Robert Shea

Saturday, June 6

5:00 p.m. Agnes Thompson

Req by: Chris and

Linda Conway

Sunday, July 7

8:00 a.m. Michael Notterman

Req by: Auntie Em and

Uncle Eric

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 Dick Lamos.

Altar Flowers are in loving memory of Kathryn Sario.

OFFICE MINISTRY

So, um... I heard you moved, your children left for college, and Uncle Fred isn't living with you anymore. Would you come into the office and update your registration information? HELP US. HELP YOU. Thank you so much.

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 Igregory0530@ gmail.com.

NEED A HUG?

Pick up a Prayer Shawl from the display in the Parish Social Hall and be embraced in the warmth of God's Love. Or gift one to someone in need, celebrating a milestone event in their lives or just as a reminder that you care and are praying for them. Items are free for the gifting. Have something special in mind different color or style? Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for special requests, questions or to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, July 1 – Weekday Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22 Tuesday, July 2 – Weekday Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29 Wednesday, July 3 - St. Thomas, Apostle Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8 Friday, July 5 - Weekday Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

Sunday, July 7 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17

PARISH NEWS

END OF FISCAL YEAR PROCESSING

If you have any invoices that need to be paid or any deposits needing processed by June 30, 2024, please submit them ASAP if your ministry wants them included in this year's budget. Call Deb in the Business Office at 804-693-5939 with any questions. Thank you!

BINGO

Bingo is played on Tuesday Nights. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Bingo could use some help working in the kitchen this summer and selling pull tabs. Many of our staff are out with surgeries. Additional help would be so appreciated.

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 start a new 13-week session on Sunday, August 4th. We will gather in the Meeting Room from 2:00-4:00 p.m. For more information, go to griefshare.org.

JUSTICE AND CHARITY

Justice and Charity ministry will have a box in the Commons to collect school supplies for the Salvation Army from July 13-28. Book bags as well as

general school supplies are needed. A list of suggested supplies will be in the Commons. All items will be distributed to students in need in Gloucester County. Thank you for your support.



SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE SUMMER!

Please support the Food Pantry with cereal, peanut butter, jelly, biscuit mix, pancake mix and syrup, canned meats and pastas, granola bars, canned fruit (packed in water or fruit juice). The shopping cart is in the Social Hall.

THE G.U.E.S.T. DAY SHELTER IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS.

The shelter is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you can help, call 804-792-5046. If you are interested in making a monetary donation, make checks payable to GUEST and please put <u>Jubilee Churches on the memo line</u>. It will be used to assist people with utilities or housing.

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.

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP

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.

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

We meet for one hour starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from April to November. We are studying the next book in the Threshold Bible Study Series, "EUCHARIST." If you are being called to 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.

IT'S TIME TO PLAN FOR THE 2024 LITNIC SEASON!

Litnics are now a venerable St. Therese summer tradition; they 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*). Dates for summer 2024 follow:

July 10th – Linda Conway

July 18th – Vander Myde (Parishioners; please note the change.)

July 23rd - Available

August 23rd - Available | August 29th - Available

Linda Conway's address: 2600 Conway Oyster House Road, Hayes, VA 23072. Take Highway 17 to Wendy's, turn right on Powhatan Drive, left on Carmine Island Road, left on River Knoll, and right on Conway. Go all the way down to the water.

If someone really wants to host a Litnic and none of the above dates are possible for them, please call Father Gregory at 804-693-9043 and we'll work something out! Call the Parish Office now and sign up!

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

June 16, 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: \$6,345.38



Egiving: \$2,407.00
Other Contributions \$491.00
Weekly Grand Total \$9,243.38
2nd Collection Schedule
1st Sunday of the Month is MMR
Total weekend Mass count – 301

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

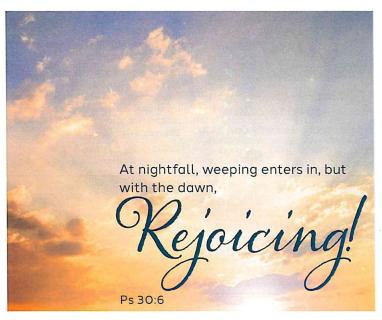
JOIN THE PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Thanks to parishioner suggestions, the Pastoral Council is working to install a playground for the families of St. Therese! We are currently seeking volunteers to form a committee for this initiative. We need help with all aspects of the process: planning and logistics, budget and financial concerns, fundraising, physical labor for surfacing and installation, and even kids to help select the playground equipment! If you would like to be involved, please contact Pastoral Council member Joann Holaday by phone (text or call 804-824-4391) or by email (jek3h@virginia.edu). We look forward to working with you!

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 the 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.travelillume.com/trc/ary or call Illume at 617-367-6757, ext. 128.

Our next **TNT** (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on *Friday, July 12*, 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 July feature will be the 1975 film <u>The Hiding Place</u>. It is the true story about Corrie ten Boom and her family, Dutch Christians who aided the Jews during World War II. Stars Julie Harris, Eileen Heckart, and Arthur O'Connell. Rated PG. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!



SAINT ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Saint of the Day: July 4 Patron Saint of: Charities

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.

Read the full article: "Saint Elizabeth of Portugal" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-elizabeth-of-portugal/ (Accessed May 31, 2024).