

# JULY 21, 2024

## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

### Saturday, July 20

5:00 p.m. Zeleznick Family  
Req. by Linda O'Connell

### Sunday, July 21

8:00 a.m. For the People  
10:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of  
St. Therese

### Monday, July 22

NO MASS

### Tuesday, July 23

12:00 p.m. Litnic

### Wednesday, July 24

8:00 a.m. For the People

### Thursday, July 25

12:00 p.m. Salvatore Leone  
Req. by Rosalia Leone

### Friday, July 26

12:00 p.m. For the People

### Saturday, July 27

5:00 p.m. Paul Fitzpatrick  
Req. by Edwina Fitzpatrick

### Sunday, July 28

8:00 a.m. For the People  
10:30 a.m. Therese Allen (RIP)  
Req. by Floyd Allen Family

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

Tabernacle Candle shines in loving memory of Elizabeth Garland.

**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.

**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. I appreciate any help you can provide.

**MORNING BIBLE STUDY** – The group will not meet during the summer months. Meetings will resume on Thursday, September 5th. Please call Sid Dugas at 642-5869 to sign up or to get more information.

**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.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Monday, July 22, 2024** – *Saint Mary Magdalene* Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;  
Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Tuesday, July 23, 2024** – *Weekday* Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday, July 24, 2024** – *Weekday* Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday, July 25, 2024** – *Saint James, Apostle* 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

**Friday, July 26, 2024** – *Memorial of Sts. Anne and Joachim*  
Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

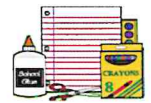
**Saturday, July 27, 2024** – *Weekday* Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

**Sunday, July 28, 2024** – *17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

**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](http://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 now through July 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 Jubilee Churches on the memo line. 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.**

### B.Y.O.K!

The Knights of Columbus has put a K-cup machine in the Social Hall for all to use, as long as you BYOK (bring your own K-cup). Although it is a very simple machine that even a caveman could use, written instructions are provided. So, now when you sit down with your favorite clergyman, you don't have to brew a full pot just for a cup or two...just BYOK.

**LAWN MAINTENANCE** – The St. Therese Lawn Maintenance Team is again recruiting, and WE WANT YOU! Our "summer enrollment program" is now underway with only a limited number of positions available. This is a time-sensitive opportunity to join an elite group of men and women performing a most-important and exciting mission. Equipment will be provided and training will be offered to those unfamiliar with the technical aspects of precision grass-cutting. For more information, contact Jim Gierlak at [jegierlak@gmail.com](mailto:jegierlak@gmail.com). Don't wait, time is running out!

**SPIRITUAL RETREAT** – As we go about our very busy lives, it is good, now and again, to take some time to sit back and reflect on our journey of faith. We invite you to a daylong spiritual retreat, "*Anchored in Christ*" led by Deacon Jose' and Karen Melendez. It will be held on Saturday, September 7 from 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. at St. Therese. In addition to inspiring talks and opportunities for us to get to know ourselves better in the light of our faith, it will also include a gifts discernment, continental breakfast and lunch ending with the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. We hope you will prayerfully consider attending the retreat. Feel free to pick up a flyer about the retreat on the counter in the Commons under the message board. Please RSVP on our website or by contacting Deacon Jose': [jmelendez@stthersglo.org](mailto:jmelendez@stthersglo.org). Registration deadline: August 25.

**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](mailto:btcentauri@aol.com).

# FUNDAY SUNDAY OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT!

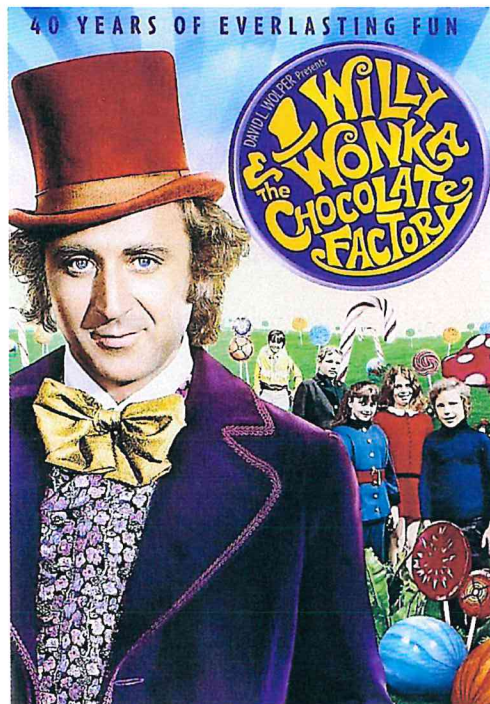


At the Parish Picnic Pavilion

July 21<sup>ST</sup>

6-8 PM

Hot dogs  
Popcorn  
Snow cones



Water slide

# *Ladies Afternoon Tea*

*Take  
time,  
for Tea*

*Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*12:00 Noon – 2:00 PM*

*In the Parish Social Hall*

Come for an afternoon of fellowship,  
food, fun and TEA!



RSVP by July 26<sup>th</sup>

To

Nadine McGrady

804-693-5939 ext 3  
N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org

Please return RSVP form by Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup> to Nadine McGrady

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 plan to start 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.

**LITNIC SEASON IS WRAPPING UP! TWO DATES ARE AVAILABLE!**

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*). Available dates for summer 2024 follow:

July 23rd – Mike and Ann Foster

August 23rd – **Available**

August 29th – **Available**

**Mike & Ann Foster** – The Litnic on Tuesday, July 23 will be at Ann and Mike Foster's home, 2685 Hawkins Avenue, Hayes at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a chair and something to share. If you have any questions, call 804-815-8270. All are welcome!

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!

**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.

**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/ary> or call Illume at: 617-367-6757, ext. 128.

**OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE**

July 7, 2024

**Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 24/25: \$719,300.00**  
**Amount needed per week to maintain budget is \$13,827.52**

**Actual Plate Contributions: \$7,323.00**

**Egiving: \$5,706.00**

**Other Contributions \$1,713.50**

**Weekly Grand Total \$14,742.50**

**2nd Collection Schedule**

**1st Sunday of the Month is MMR**

**Second Collection August 17/18 for Haiti**

**Total weekend Mass count – 375**

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha is the Patron**

**Saint of:** Indigenous Americans

Saint of the Day for July 14

(1656 – April 17, 1680)

**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha's Story**

The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints.

Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues

and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York. Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri – Catherine – on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years, she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.