

JULY 28, 2024

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 27

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

Sunday, July 28

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

Monday, July 29

NO MASS

Tuesday, July 30

12:00 p.m. For the People

Wednesday, July 31

NO MASS

Thursday, August 1

NO MASS

Friday, August 2

NO MASS

Saturday, August 3

5:00 p.m. John Loonam
Requested by:
Chris and Linda Conway

Sunday, August 4

8:00 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. James Grabher
Requested by:
Diane Coppola

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

Tabernacle Candle shines in loving memory of Mark Cook.

Flowers are donated by Tom & Rowena Fauber in Memory of Sylvia Luy.

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.



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.

BYOK – 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. Don't wait, time is running out!

ROCK AND ROLL EVENT – August 17th, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass will be the first Rock and Roll dinner and dancing event! Sign up for this event in the Commons and please be sure to mark if you have any special dietary needs. Hope to see you there!

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. The registration deadline is 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.

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.

CDR FUEL & HUNGER GRANT

Our parish has received a \$4,500.00 diocesan grant from our November 2023 application. \$2,000.00 has been sent to support the Bread For Life Community Food Pantry and the remainder is being sent monthly to GUEST in support of our parish commitment to Jubilee Churches' efforts in helping the homeless in Gloucester. These funds are available because of your generous donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal so thank you for your continued contributions!

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.



Church of Saint Thérèse -
Gloucester

VIRGINIA CATHOLIC
CONFERENCE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY RECAP

HOUSE

Issue	Delegate M. Keith Hodges
Respecting Other States' Pro-Life Laws (1)	√
Respecting Other States' Pro-Life Laws (2)	√
Opposing Liquefying Deceased Persons	X
Opposing Contraceptive Mandate	√
Preserving Conscience & Parental Rights	√
Opposing Commercial Surrogacy Brokers	√
Protecting Marriage	√
Opposing Marijuana Commercialization	√
Limiting Isolated Confinement	X
Reducing Drug Costs	X

√: Vote agreed with VCC position
X: Vote disagreed with VCC position



Find the full recap and descriptions
of the bills at our website
vacatholic.org/2024Recap



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,

“EUCCHARIST.” 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:

August 23rd – Available
August 29th – Available

If someone really wants to host a litnic and neither 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!

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 1:00-3:00 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.

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.



OUR NEXT TNT (THEATRE 'N' THEOLOGY) will be on *Friday, August 9*, 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! August 11 is the Feast of Saint Clare, so our feature on August 9 will be the 1972 film *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*, which focuses on the early years of St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi. An uncommonly rewarding and meaningful film experience, this Oscar-nominated film was directed by Franco Zeffirelli. Alec Guinness appears as Pope Innocent III. Rated PG. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

July 14, 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: \$4,249.00

Egiving: \$3,037.00

Other Contributions: \$891.00

Weekly Grand Total: \$8,177.00

2nd Collection Schedule

1st Sunday of the Month is MMR

Second Collection August 17/18 for Haiti

Total Weekend Mass Count – 328

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.



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

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Saint of the Day: July 31 | Patron Saint of: All Spiritual Retreats

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannonball shattered his leg. During his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading about the life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others – one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier – vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity – the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* – “for the greater glory of God.” In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

Read the full article: “Saint Ignatius of Loyola”

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<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ignatius-of-loyola/>