CHURCH OF ST. THERESE GLOUCESTER, VA

DECEMBER 1, 2024

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 30th

5:00 p.m. For the People

Sunday, December 1st

8:00 a.m. Te

Teri Syslo by Joe Syslo

10:30 a.m.

Joan & Bernie Gillott

by Debbie Kelly

Monday, December 2nd

No Mass

Tuesday, December 3rd

12:00 p.m.

Concetta & Bill Kelly

by Debbie Kelly

Wednesday, December 4th

7:00 p.m.

For the People

Thursday, December 5th

12:00 p.m.

Nathan C. Daum

by Jan & Steve Daum

Friday, December 6th

12:00 p.m.

Patrick Shea

by Eileen & Robert Shea

Saturday, December 7th

5:00 p.m. Barbara Novotny by her family

Sunday, December 8th

8:00 a.m.

August Stacklin

by Friends and Family of Augie

10:30 a.m.

For the People

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of Edward McMahon

YEAR END DONATIONS – If you're over 70½, making a Qualified Charitable Distribution to your parish from your IRA will support the good works we do in our parish community. To make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA, contact parish staff with questions.

JUSTICE AND CHARITY

Prison Ministry – Christmas for Inmates – There are labeled boxes in the Commons for small, travelsize bars of soap and small, travelsize containers of shampoo. In a separate box labeled "Christmas Cards," please donate cards for the residents to mail to friends and family. Thank you for helping to bring the Christmas spirit to those incarcerated.

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.

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, December 2 – Weekday
 Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

 Tuesday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier
 Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

 Wednesday, December 4 – Weekday
 Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

 Thursday, December 5 – Weekday
 Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

 Friday, December 6 – Weekday
 Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7 - St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 8 – Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

MORNING BIBLE STUDY – Our group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. New participants are always welcome and may join the group at any time. For more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804-642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net. or call Kim Green at 804-824-1073 or email at kwg853@yahoo.com.

FOOD PANTRY – Please continue giving to the Food Pantry. The shopping cart is in the Social Hall. Please note their new addresses as well.

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 THERESIAN SOCIETY – The Theresians will meet next on Friday, December 6th, in the Social Hall. The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. with a social time starting at about 9:30 a.m. We invite the ladies of the parish to join us as we complete preparations for the Big Winter Bake Sale on December 14th and 15th and start plans for the new year.

WINTER BAKE SALE – Thinking about Holiday Treats? Come to the Big Winter Bake Sale, December 14th and 15th, and select ALL your favorites. As in seasons past, cookies will be \$6.00 per pound. Something new: larger and multiserving treats will be prepackaged and prepriced so as not to overbalance the scales and smash the cookies. If you'd like to help bake, pick up a few trays in the Commons. Fill them, drop them off on Friday, December 13th or before Mass on December 14th or 15th. They will be sold gratefully and purchased by your neighbors in the parish. Not a baker? Buy homemade treats and impress your family and friends with many good tastes.

TRUE LIFE IN GOD PRAYER GROUP – Please join us for Bible readings, saying the Rosary, meditation, and sharing. 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. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Church in the library.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS TO SERVE IN LITURGICAL MINISTRIES! Prayerfully consider which of the liturgical ministries you are drawn to. We need 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. Contact Kerry Fallon in the office at 804-693-5939 or email k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF OUR FAITH – Join the Adult Faith Formation team for a study of the four pillars of our faith: the Creed, the Sacraments, Life in Christ, Prayer. We will begin with 12 weeks on the Creed, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Through Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, we will explore what we believe and why we believe. You can order the workbook yourself through AscensionPress.com (click on "Bible Studies" and scroll down to "Pillar 1: The Creed"), or we can order the book for you. Please contact Kerry Fallon in the office or via email, k.fallon@stthersglo.org.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Contact the office or Linda Gregory at lgregory0530@gmail.com.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE – Prayer shawls are available to gift for the holidays, holy days, birthdays and more. Slippers are now available and hats and scarves are on the way! Each is crafted with prayer, that the recipient knows they are loved not only by the giver but by our Lord, Jesus Christ. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for special orders or for more information.

PARENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Kids Only Funday will be held Saturday, December 21st from 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. Crafts, games, and snacks will keep your little ones busy while you prepare for the holidays, take a nap, have a lunch date, etc. A sign-up sheet will be available the beginning of December. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for questions or more information.

ADVENT IS COMING... Advent Candles, wreaths and holiday gift items are available in the Religious Goods cabinet located in the commons next to the office. Items are on a first-come, first-served basis due to shipping delays. Special requests or refill orders may not arrive before the holidays. Prices are marked on each item. Place donations in the designated box. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext.3 for questions or more information.

LET EVERY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM! Children, do you like to sing to Jesus? Well, this invite is for YOU and ALL adults who want to join our Christmas Choir during December 24th and December 25th Christmas Masses. Rehearsals will be on December 8th at 1:00 p.m. and December 23rd at 10:00 a.m.; you must make at least one of the rehearsals. A list of songs is available on top of the organ in the Sanctuary. Contact Beverly with any questions: musicministry@stthersglo.org.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament comes easily. Never feel worried if you find you have no thoughts at all while you are before the Blessed Sacrament. Never feel inadequate about being an Adorer even if you have not developed a spirit of devotion, if you are

numb, down and out, weakened by life. The all important factor is that you are before the Lord. Before Him who knows you insideout. He reads your innermost thoughts and He still loves you immensely.

Imagine that!

St. John Vianney once compared Adoration to spiritual sunbathing. You are taking in the warmth of the grace and love radiating from the Sacred Host.

Join Deacon Jose for monthly Adoration and Benediction on December 18th from 6:00-7:00 p.m.



MUSIC IS WHAT FEELINGS SOUND LIKE... The Music Ministry is seeking a skilled pianist to play at Masses/liturgical services and church music programs. If you have a passion for sacred music, and feel moved

to be part of a dynamic ministry, contact Beverly Sabourin at 757-817-3698/musicministry@stthersglo.org.

2024 ADVENT SCHEDULE

December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

December 4 – Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Therese, 7:00 p.m.

December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

December 9 - Immaculate Conception Masses at Noon & 6:00 p.m.

December 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

December 18 – Advent Reconciliation Service at Church of the Visitation, 6:30 p.m.

December 18 - Adoration, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

December 19 – Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Francis de Sales,

December 21 – Kids Only Funday, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

December 21 – YM Wrapping Fundraiser

December 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22 - Christmas Music Program, 3:00 p.m.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Masses at 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

December 25 - Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.

GLUTEN-FREE HOSTS NOW AVAILABLE

If you are gluten-free and would like to receive gluten-free Body of Christ at Mass, please do the following:

- 1. Tell the Mass Coordinator when you arrive for Mass that you request gluten-free.
- 2. Go up for Communion in the middle line, and tell the Eucharistic Minister when you get to the front that you need glutenfree Communion.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Church of St. Therese Youth Ministry Grades 6-12 Sundays, 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the YLC

YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISER

The youth will be accepting donations to offset the cost of attendance at the Diocesan Youth Conference to be held in February of 2025. The youth will be wrapping holiday gifts for you during the Kids Only Funday on Saturday, December 21 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the YLC. Wrapping paper will be available, but if there is a special paper you want used, feel free to bring it.



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION – We appreciate having your current information on file, including telephone numbers added or deleted, address updates and existing household members. Call the office and confirm your data as we have several folks with outdated land line phone numbers and no current way to reach out. Thanks for your cooperation!



Accept what is, let go of what was, and have faith in what will be.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 24/25: \$699,286.00 Amount needed per week to maintain budget is \$13,447.81

November 17, 2024

Actual Plate Contributions: \$4,444.00

E-giving: \$3,152.00

Other Contributions: \$699.00 Weekly Grand Total: \$8,295.00 Weekend Mass Count: 355

2nd Collection Schedule Christmas flower intentions end December 15 November 30/December 1 – MMR December 7/8 – Retired Religious



December 24/25 - Catholic Charities

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

This Christmas Give Your Gifts Online!

2024

Merry Christmas

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It's safe.
It's simple.
It's convenient.

Donating online is made easier than ever with St. Therese's online giving system, Vanco.

Donate today using your debit card, credit card, checking, or savings account. You can also scan the QR code to the right to get started!



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- Visit stthersglo.org and click online giving
- Register & enter your name and address
- Select your donation amount and frequency
- Enter your account and payment information

