CHURCH OF ST. THERESE GLOUCESTER, VA

APRIL 13, 2025

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 12th

5:00 p.m. Therese Allen by Floyd Allen

Sunday, April 13th

8:00 a.m. For the People 10:30 a.m. Carroll Steffensmeier by Leisa Strosnider

Monday, April 14th

No Mass

Tuesday, April 15th

12:00 p.m. For the People Wednesday, April 16th 8:00 a.m. For the People

Thursday, April 17th

7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 18th

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 19th

8:00 p.m. Daniela LaFata by Rosalia Leone

Sunday, April 20th

9:00 a.m. For the People 11:00 a.m. Salvatore Leone, Jr.

by Rosalia Leone

SacramentChapelvaseflowersareaperpetualliving memorial for Anna Lupei.

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of Aaron and Karen Chesser.

TNT

Our Easter TNT (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on Easter Friday, April 25, 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 Easter feature will be the epic 2019 film A Hidden Life. It's the story of the martyr Blessed Franz Jaegerstatter, an Austrian peasant farmer who, because of his Catholic faith, refused to fight for the Nazis in World War II. Although he was faced with the threat of execution for treason, his unwavering faith and his love for his wife Fani and their three children kept his spirit alive. Written and directed by Terrence Malick. Rated PG-13. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Discalced Carmelites are one of the great spiritual families in the Catholic tradition, the one to which our St. Therese belonged, founded by St. John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Jesus. On April 27, the Octave Day of Easter, between the morning Masses (starting about 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will show a film, The Garden of Carmel, about Carmelite Spirituality, including its Biblical roots, and the founding of the first Carmel in America at Port Tobacco, MD., and the nuns' way of life there. This will take place in the Meeting Room. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

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 and selling pull tabs. Many of our staff are out with surgeries. Any additional help you can provide would be so appreciated.

Please note: There will be no Bingo Tuesday, April 15th.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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 inside-out. 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 Adoration and Benediction on April 30th at 6:00 p.m. Jesus is Our Hope in the Blessed Sacrament.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Spread the Good News to all the World!

Children's Liturgy of the Word is seeking people to join the team and spread the Good News to the youngest members of our parish.

Children's Liturgy is available at the 10:30 a.m. Mass using the same readings and Gospel proclaimed in the sanctuary, but in a simpler language.

Please contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org for more information or to join the team.

Grief Share Grief is a terrible journey to be on alone. Grief Share uses Scripture to support anyone who is suffering grief from the

death of a loved one. Participants meet weekly for 13 weeks for approximately two hours. If you or anyone you know needs to be supported on their grief journey, this group may be just what is needed. Go to Griefshare.org to read about the program and to register free of charge.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join the Morning Bible Study group. The group is using a special seven-session booklet, With Jesus to the Cross – Year C: Lenten Guide on the Sunday Mass Readings. Each week the readings for the upcoming Sunday will be discussed. The group meets in the Meeting Room from 10:15-11:45 a.m. each Thursday. To sign up or get more information, please call Sid Dugas at 642-5869 or email at spdugas@cox.net or 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!!!

There will NOT be a meeting on April 17th.

SILVER ROSE

Knights of Columbus will conduct a Silver Rose Ceremony on April 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the church. The Ceremony commemorates a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Juan Diego in Mexico on December 9, 1531 and her curing of his uncle. Juan Diego was declared Saint by St. John Paul II on July 31, 2002. The ceremony includes processing of the rose to the church, Scripture reading, Rosary, and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Silver Rose will be on display in the Social Hall by the figure of Our Lady of Guadalupe April 21-25. All are invited to attend.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Theresian Craft Bazaar is back! After a short hiatus, the Bazaar will take place this year. Save October 18, 2025, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. here at the church. All crafters and vendors are invited to register for a table space. Contact Margie at: margie. bazaar@yahoo.com.

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

Thursday evening Bible Study has changed to afternoons, 3:00 p.m. at Jim Lee's home at 5489 Hickory Fork Road, Gloucester. It's located between Wawa and Belroi Market. Call Jim at 804-693-0826 if you are interested or have questions. The book is Threshold Bible Study Series' Peacemaking and Non-violence.

DONUTS

Enjoy meeting and chatting with other parishioners. Immediately following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on April 20th, enjoy donuts, muffins, bagels w/cream cheese, fruit, orange juice and iced tea.

"HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST, BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD." - MATTHEW 21:9

PLANT SWAP

Justice and Charity Ministry will be having a <u>Caring for Creation Plant Swap</u> on the weekend of April 26-27 after all the Masses. As you clean, trim, and prepare your garden for spring, please put any extra plants in pots to share at the plant swap. You do not have to bring a plant to receive plants as they are gifts to be shared with others. Let's share God's blessings.

VBS PLANNING TIME!

VBS is scheduled for June 23-27 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon.

Our theme this is year is "Passport to Peace." Team members are needed for storytelling, crafts, music, snacks and activities.

Contact Nadine McGrady for more information or to join the team.

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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE

Prayer shawls are available to gift for the holidays, holy days, birthdays and more. Slippers, hats and scarves are now available! Each is crafted with the 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Church of St. Therese Youth Ministry Grades 6-12

Sundays 12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m. at the YLC

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 20, after 11:00 a.m. Mass Ages 0-10

Bring your own basket.



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, April 14	Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11
Tuesday, April 15	Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, April 16	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25
Thursday, April 17	Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; John 13:1-15
Friday, April 18	Isaiah 52:13—53:12; John 18:1—19:42
Saturday, April 19	
Sunday, April 20	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; John 20:1-9

LENTEN/EASTER SCHEDULE

April 12th	Passion Sunday Mass, 5:00 p.m.
April 13th	Passion Sunday Mass, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
April 17th	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 p.m.
April 18th	Divine Mercy Prayer Group, 3:00 p.m. – Chapel
·	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion, 7:00 p.m.
	Parish Offices closed
April 19th	Easter baskets blessing, 10:00 a.m.
	Easter Vigil Mass – Holy Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
April 20th	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord –
*	Masses, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
	Youth Easter Egg Hunt – following the
	11:00 a.m. Mass – YLC
April 21st	Easter Monday – Parish Offices closed

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter lily memorial donations will be accepted through today, April 13, for preparation of the contribution insert that will go into the Easter Sunday bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note there is an early bulletin submittal deadline for the Easter Sunday bulletin. Contact the office for information.



ARE WE ABLE TO REACH YOU?

Parishioners: Is your contact information current? Please contact the Parish Office with updates on changes such as address, phone number or name.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

Please register with the Parish Office. Forms are located in the Commons next to the office entrance or may be emailed if you contact the office. In addition, you may register online through our website.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE

For the weekend of March 30, 2025		
Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 24/25	\$699,286.00	
Amount needed per week to maintain budget is	\$13,447.81	
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$5,388.00	
E-giving:	\$2,257.00	
Other Contributions:	\$1,904.50	
Weekly Grand Total:	\$9,549.50	

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving:

Total Weekend Mass Count: 374

Remember, you can pay it forward! You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Just as we plan to ensure financial health for our families, we must plan for the health of our faith families. If you are age 70½ or older, you can direct Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA fund administrator directly to the parish, school or a favorite ministry without increasing your taxable income. Please consider using your IRA as a charitable giving vehicle.

For more information about how you and the Church can benefit from an IRA qualified charitable contribution, contact your IRA administrator, tax preparer, or the Parish Office.



Easter Egg Hunt Sunday April 20 (after 11:00 am Mass)

Behind the first white house - Youth Learning Center

Children ages 0-10years

Bring your own baskets

Two separate areas for children 0-5 and 6-10