

MAY 4, 2025**MASSES AND INTENTIONS****Saturday, May 3rd**

5:00 p.m. Sylvia Luy
by Rowena and Tom Fauber

Sunday, May 4th

8:00 a.m. Ellen Stacklin
by The McCloskey Family
10:30 a.m. For the People

Monday, May 5th

No Mass

Tuesday, May 6th

No Mass

Wednesday, May 7th

No Mass

Thursday, May 8th

12:00 p.m. For the People

Friday, May 9th

12:00 p.m. For the People

Saturday, May 10th

5:00 p.m. Linda Luy Sayson
by Rowena and Tom Fauber

Sunday, May 11th

8:00 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Therese Allen by Filloyd Allen

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of Conway and Kolano families.

**SOUP WITH LOVE**

Many hands make light work. Thanks to the dedicated soup and bread makers, servers, bussers, kitchen helpers, people and money counters, guest speakers, and last but not least, our dishwashers – and of course, all those who came out to enjoy delicious soups and fellowship. We have matched last year's goal of \$3,500.00. We have sent \$1,750.00 to the Disabled American Veterans and \$1,750.00 to the Gloucester Sheriff's Department for the K-9 Training program.

We wouldn't have succeeded without YOU. Thank you.
Linda Conway, Chairperson SWL

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 May 21st at 6:00 p.m. Jesus is Our Hope in the Blessed Sacrament.**

Ladies Night Out - Women in the Bible

Date: May 7th Time: 7 - 8:30 pm

Ladies, join us for a fun evening learning about some colorful women in the Bible. Tea, Lemonade and Chocolate provided. Bring a friend, BYOB and hors d'oeuvres to share *if you want*.

Presented by Karen Melendez

**CRS – LENTEN RICE BOWL**

A big thank-you to all parishioners participating in the Lenten Rice Bowl Project for Catholic Relief Services. Your efforts raised \$860.85 to go to our global family affected by hunger and climate change. This Lent you were the hands and feet of Christ to our sisters and brothers in need.

May God bless you all.

Linda Gregory on behalf of Catholic Relief Services



We are now at **99%** of our Diocesan Annual Appeal target goal of \$30,350.00! Please continue to send in your 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal in support of the Parish Playground Project, as we receive 50% back when we are over our goal. Thank you again for the faith and trust you have put into your 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 and selling pull tabs. Many of our staff are out with surgeries. Any additional help you can provide would be so appreciated.

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.

MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Our group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 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

Celebrate Our Parish Youth! The Theresians ask you all to celebrate the youth of our Parish with us. Join our young people, their families and those who guide our young people on Sunday, May 4th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Grab a hot dog. Overload a sundae with toppings and whipped cream. Let our youth know that you support them. Join us for Celebrate Youth Sundae Sunday, even if you were unable to RSVP earlier.

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.

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 interested or for questions. The book is Threshold Bible Study Series "Peacemaking and Nonviolence."

BABY SHOWER FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Justice and Charity will be collecting baby items for the Catholic Charities office in Newport News. Please bring your donations to church from May 2-12. They are in need of the following items to help families in our area. This year there is a special need for: Diapers, sizes 4,5,6; boys clothing, sizes 3 months-3T; baby wash/shampoo; towels and washcloths; cloth books and board books. The Catholic Charities staff is very grateful for your support.

VBS PLANNING TIME!

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

St. Therese is calling you! We ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider into which liturgical ministry you are willing to serve. We have need for people in every ministry at every Mass – **altar servers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors**. There are sign-up sheets in the gathering space and there will be **training opportunities** before and after every Mass the weekend of **May 24th and 25th**. Contact Kerry Fallon with any questions or concerns at K.Fallon@stthersglo.org or 804-693-5939.

OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE**For Easter Sunday, April 20, 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:	\$ 5,870.00
E-giving:	\$ 4,197.00
Other Contributions:	\$ 2,724.00
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 12,791.00
Total Weekend Mass Count: 525	
Holy Days	
Holy Thursday Mass Count 158 Total	\$ 474.00
Good Friday Count 165 Total for Holy Land	\$ 323.00

Second Collection Schedule:

May 4th: MMR

May 18th: Diocesan Home Missions



Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

Remember you can pay it forward! You have a wonderful Catholic heritage. Just as we plan to ensure 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY –**THE FOURTH PILLAR: PRAYER**

Beginning mid-June (exact day/time TBD) we will offer "an eight-week, life-enriching Experience Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius." This is an opportunity to find spiritual renewal through prayer, deepening our friendships with Christ and participation in His mission, as the preface of the program states. This is not so much about education as it is formation and transformation. Each week there will be fellowship, prayer, support, encouragement and inspiration. Look for more information and sign-up details in the gathering space. Contact Kerry Fallon with any questions or concerns at K.Fallon@stthersglo.org or 804-693-5939.

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

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE PILGRIMAGE

Join the Youth Ministry on its Pilgrimage to the Diocesan Church in Richmond, June 12, 2025 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This trip will take us to Sacred Heart Cathedral, our central church of the Diocese of Richmond.

We will enjoy a guided tour of the Church, Museum, Crypt and a small gift shop. We will also have a demonstration of the grand organ that was installed a short time ago. Lunch is BYOLunch and we will enjoy community in the Parish Hall.

Transportation will be provided by Newton Bus Service with a cost of \$30.00 per person.

Reservation forms will be available next week in the bulletin. Contact Linda Gregory with any questions at 804-693-5939, ext. 4.



MARRIED COUPLES: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Springtime. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you'd like to make your Sacrament of Marriage or Holy Orders even more special than it already is – join us on an upcoming experience and learn how to **live your best life in love**. For more information, please call 757-690-1369 or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location.

May 16-18 – Hampton, VA (non-residential)

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, **May 21st** for calendar planning.

**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.