

MAY 11, 2025

## MASSES AND INTENTIONS

## 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 Floyd Allen

## Monday, May 12th

No Mass

## Tuesday, May 13th

12:00 p.m. For the People

## Wednesday, May 14th

8:00 a.m. For the People

## Thursday, May 15th

12:00 p.m. For the People

## Friday, May 16th

12:00 p.m. Joe DeMay by Jan and Steve Daum

## Saturday, May 17th

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

## Sunday, May 18th

8:00 a.m. For the People  
10:30 a.m. Daniela LaFata by Rosalia Leone

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

Tabernacle Candle Shines in loving memory of the Cordova family.

## TNT

Our next **TNT** (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on **Friday, May 23**, 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 May feature will be the 1950 Italian film *The Flowers of St. Francis*. It's a series of vignettes depicting the lives of the original Franciscan friars, including Saint Francis and the bumbling Brother Juniper. Directed by Roberto Rossellini and written by Rossellini and Federico Fellini. Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. All are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

## VIA LUCIS

The paschal Way of the Light, or **Via Lucis**, is a religious devotion proper to the liturgical season of Easter, which we have done here at Saint Thérèse for the last two years. The characteristics of this devotion resemble the Way of the Cross, or **Via Crucis**. Just as Lenten Fridays are the special day for the **Via Crucis**, Sunday is the day for the **Via Lucis**. The **Via Lucis** includes 14 stations for reflection on Christ's Pasch, from his Resurrection to Pentecost. Join Father Gregory to walk and pray the Via Lucis around our campus on Sunday, May 18. Meet him in the portico at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL:** On Sunday, May 25, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.), Father Gregory will show a film by Bishop Robert Barron called **A Body Both Suffering & Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church** in the Meeting Room. Bishop Barron explores the unique Catholic understanding of the relationship of Jesus Christ and the Church. All are welcome.

## LITNIC SEASON IS SOON TO BEGIN AT ST. THERESE!

Litnics 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*). A suggested time for a Litnic would be 6:30, but that would be up to the host. Available dates for this summer follow:

- June 6, 11, 19
- July 3, 10, 18, 24, 29
- August 5, 21, 27

Contact the parish office to sign up to host a litnic today!

## 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!



## 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

## 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.

## 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.**

## DONUTS NEXT SUNDAY

Join us next Sunday, May 18th immediately following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses for meeting and chatting with other parishioners. Donuts, muffins, bagels with cream cheese, fruit, orange juice and ice tea will be available.

## 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!!!



**FOOD PANTRY:** Please CONTINUE giving to the Food Pantry. The shopping cart is in the social hall. Please note their new addresses as well.



**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 to 11:45 in the Meeting Room. New participants are always welcomed 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.

**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 1st 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 pm 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 questions. The book is Threshold Bible Study Series "Peacemaking and Non-violence."

**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 through May 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.

**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.

**OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE****For the weekend of April 27, 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:	\$ 3,455.00
E-giving:	\$ 3,067.00
Other Contributions:	\$ 566.50
Weekly Grand Total:	\$ 7,088.50

Total Weekend Mass Count: 358

**Second Collection Schedule:**

May 18th: Diocesan Home Missions

June 1st: MMR

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

**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.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Church of St. Therese Youth Ministry

Grades 6-12

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

**THE FOURTH PILLAR: PRAYER**

Beginning mid-June (exact day/time TBD), we will offer "Meeting Christ in Prayer, An 8-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.

**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. to 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 are inserted in this bulletin. Contact Linda Gregory with any questions at 804-693-5939, ext. 4.

**MARRIED COUPLES**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like Spring-time. 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.

Jubilee Year of Hope



Pilgrimage

Join the Youth Ministry program on a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Richmond, Virginia on Thursday, June 12, 2025.

Bishop Knestout celebrated the opening of the Jubilee Year door in the diocesan Cathedral, Sacred Heart, in Richmond in December. As pilgrims we can experience walking through the doors and receive plenary indulgences and special graces. There are four conditions for receiving an indulgence;

- 1) True repentance and freedom from any affection for sin
- 2) Go to Confession (if possible on the day of the visit or within a week)
- 3) Receive Communion (the same day as the visit)
- 4) Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

A Jubilee Pilgrimage is an opportunity for all Catholics to participate in a spiritual work of mercy of our Church. We can and should pray for our loved ones who may be away from the sacraments. We must pray for our loved ones who have gone before us in the sign of faith. We can pray for any and all needs that we hold in our hearts.

We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 am and return by 4:00 pm. Once we arrive in Richmond, we will be taken on a tour of the museum and crypt as well as a demonstration of the organ. There is a small gift shop that will be opened also. Lunch will be BYO brown bag and we will eat in the Cathedral parish hall.

Transportation will be provided by Newton Bus Service. The cost for transportation will be \$30.00 per person.

Reservations can be made by **filling out the bottom of this form and returning with a check made to Church of St. Therese by May 24.**

For any questions please contact Linda Gregory at 804-693-5939 Ext. 4.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 (per space) included \_\_\_\_\_