CHURCH OF ST. THERESE GLOUCESTER, VA

## **SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

## **MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

## Saturday, September 13th

5:00 p.m. Salvatore Leone, Jr. by Rosalia Leone

## Sunday, September 14th

8:00 a.m. Eileen and Walter Delendik by Donna and Bob Guy

10:30 a.m. For the People

Monday, September 15th

No Mass

Tuesday, September 16th

12:00 p.m. Sue Oliver by Tom and Alice Maffey

Wednesday, September 17th

8:00 a.m. For the People

Thursday, September 18th

12:00 p.m. José Rascon by Rosa Rodriguez

Friday, September 19th

12:00 p.m. For the People Saturday, September 20th

5:00 p.m. Jimmie Kurovics by Pat Kurovics

Sunday, September 21st

8:00 a.m. Ronald & Betty Shalaski by Joanne and Ed Kizer

10:30 a.m. For the People

Sacrament Chapel vase flowers are a perpetual living memorial for Appal vasoi

for Anna Lupei.

Tabernacle Candle Shines in Ioving memory of Jamison Gugino. Altar arrangements provided by Carl and Kim Greene in honor of their 48th Wedding Anniversary.

TNT (THEATRE 'N' THEOLOGY): Our next TNT will be on Friday, September 19, 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 September feature will be the 2006 film Bella. It's about a chef with a mysterious past who spends the day with a waitress who needs a friend. 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: What does it mean to be an adult Christian? What are the foundations for a mature faith? Join us on Sunday, September 28, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.). Fr. Gregory will talk about the 7 marks of Being an Adult Christian. This will take place in the Meeting Room. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

#### PILGRIMAGE FOR THE GIFT OF CREATION

Join us on **Tuesday, September 23**, the second day of autumn, at 10:00 a.m., at Beaver Dam Park, Roaring Springs Road entrance, for a pilgrimage to pray for creation. US Catholics are embarking on local pilgrimages during the Season of Creation to pray for restoring our relationships with creation and each other. It is the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical <u>Laudato Si'</u>, which states that caring for our Earth is our moral responsibility as Christians. We will celebrate Pope Leo's Mass for the Care of Creation in the outdoor amphitheater, followed by a reflective halfmile hike on a trail. Afterward, we will have a Bring Your Own Lunch and Water Bottle picnic. There will be a large cooler of water to refill your bottle, but there will be no plastic bottles or cups as we try to decrease our use of plastics. We hope you will join us as we gather to pray for our common home in the beauty of our local park.

CHECK OUT THIS LINK: Catholics Come Home | You're Not

## Alone <a href="https://www.catholicscomehome.org">www.catholicscomehome.org</a> PARENTS, ATHLETES, COACHES, SPORT FANS!!!

The Church of St Therese will host renowned Catholic Professor of Exercise Science John Acquaviva of Wingate University on September 26, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. His topic will be "Improving Your Sportsmanship Through Catholic Teaching...and Common Sense." A reception and book signing will follow in the Social Hall. John will tell us how to bring Catholic virtues to the playing field. Come listen to his message so you can apply those virtues to your athletic endeavors, whether you are a parent, athlete, coach, or fan.

#### SAVE THE DATE!



## **BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN FAMILIES**

Following all Masses this weekend, September 13-14, Roni Salsa from the Bethlehem Christian Families, a not-for-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us to shed light on the struggles faced by Christians in the Holy Land. This mission aims to bring hope and support to Christian families and churches in the Middle East, who are enduring continuous violence and a decline in tourism. Your participation can help make a profound difference. Available for purchase will be religious articles made from Olive Wood, a material native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem. These items, including crucifixes and rosaries, offer a tangible connection to a land that holds deep spiritual significance. We encourage you to join us and support this meaningful cause. For more information, please visit www.landofpeace.org.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST

The Knights will serve our next breakfast this Sunday, September 14, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The menu includes scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausages, hash browns,

and biscuits. Orange juice and coffee are included. Cost is \$7.00 per person, children 6-10 are \$3.50, and under 6 are free.

#### FEAST OF ST. THERESE PICNIC

The Parish Picnic in honor of St. Therese will be held on Sunday, September 28th, from 12:00-3:00 p.m. We will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, fixings, and drinks. We are asking parishioners to supply the sides (salads, vegetables, and desserts, etc.). Please bring your dish ready to serve. It will be held outside on the grounds, weather-permitting. There will be a drawing for a gas grill! Sign-up sheet is in the commons, so we know how much food to purchase. Come to celebrate the Feast of St. Therese!

#### MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Morning Bible Study Group resumed its weekly meetings on September 4th. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room Various sections or themes of the Bible are discussed in an informal setting. New participants are always welcome. If interested and would like more information, please call Sid Dugas at 804 642-5869 or email at <a href="mailto:spdugas@cox.net">spdugas@cox.net</a> or call Kim Green at 804 824-1073 or email at <a href="mailto:kwg853@yahoo.com">kwg853@yahoo.com</a>.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Coming in September

14th Empowering God's Children Training – 12:00 p.m. YLC

17th Adoration – 6:00 p.m. Church

Reconciliation – 6:15 p.m. Church

19th Movie Night – 6:00 p.m. YLC

21st Formation/Middle & High School YLC and ALC – 12:00 p.m.

24th High School Bible Study – 6:00 p.m. YLC

28th St. Therese Picnic – 12:00-2:00 p.m.

## 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!!!  $THANK\ YOU$ 

The Playground Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who generously supported our efforts – through prayers, donations, and encouragement. We're excited to share that the new playground equipment has been successfully installed! We will be completing the final stages of site preparation, including safety surfacing and border installation, before it's safe for children to play. This playground will not only serve our parish children, but will also be a welcoming space for families in the wider community – a place of joy, connection, and shared fellowship to reflect Christ's love and hospitality to all. Your generosity and support helped make this possible. Praise God for this blessing and thank you for being a part of it!

## 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 José for Adoration and Benediction on September 17th at 6:00 p.m. Jesus is Our Hope in the Blessed Sacrament.

#### 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, so any additional help you can provide would be so-appreciated.

### ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY/OCIA

Back by popular demand: *The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation.* Want to make more sense of the Bible? Desire a fuller experience of the Mass? Need some tools to better defend your faith? Join us on Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30, or Saturdays 3:00-4:30 as we trek together through Salvation History from Creation through the Institution of the Church. Week by week, you can choose between Saturday or Tuesday, depending on your schedule. No need to worry about missing some sessions for travel, etc. There is an online option to keep up while away. Sign up in the Gathering Space, or contact Kerry Fallon for more details. K.fallon@stthersglo.org

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

# BAPTISM, FIRST EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION FOR YOUTH AGES 8-17

OCIA Adapted for Children – The process of Christian Initiation is also available to children who for some reason or circumstance have not yet been baptized or received the other Sacraments of Eucharist, Reconciliation & Confirmation. The OCIA process adapted for children is being offered this coming year. It's an opportunity for children beyond the Second grade to prepare with their parents for reception of the sacraments and welcome into the Catholic Church at the Easter Season. Contact Nadine McGrady at N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3, for questions or more information.

## THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

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



**FOOD PANTRY** Please CONTINUE giving to the Food Pantry. The shopping cart is in the Social Hall.

Please note their new addresses as well.

#### TEACHING SAFETY - EMPOWERING GOD'S CHILDREN

The job of ensuring children's safety is a challenging undertaking. The prevention of child sexual abuse requires more than adult awareness, education, and training about the nature and scope of the problem. We must also give our children the tools they need to overcome the advances of someone who intends to do them harm. The Teaching Safety program guide is a tool designed to assist parents and teachers in this important task; giving children and young people the tools they need to protect themselves from those who might harm them. This year's session will be held today, September 14th, from 9:15-10:15 a.m. The topic for this year is Boundaries – You Have Rights! Children must understand they have a right to be safe, and they are allowed to create boundaries to protect themselves in situations where they feel uncomfortable, or where they could be harmed. Parental permission is REQUIRED. Forms and lesson samples are available at the formation registration table. Contact Nadine McGrady for questions at N.McGradv@StThersGlo.org or 804-693-5939, ext. 3.

#### GET ON BOARD THE ST. THERESE MEAL TRAIN!

Whether it's a new baby, an illness/surgery, or a death in the family, Meal Trains can help ease the burden and show love and support to those in need. Contact Beverly Sabourin-Moore, 757-817-3698, if you are in need of a Meal Train or to learn more on how to be involved.

#### 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 had 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. Please note; the meeting on August 5th will be in the meeting room.

#### GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE

Prayer shawls are available to gift for the holidays, holy days, birthdays and more and are free!

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 <u>N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org</u> or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for special orders or for more information.



## HOW OLD IS YOUR REGISTRATION WITH ST THERESE?

Are your records up-to-date? We may need to reach you or visit you and the contact information on file could be outdated. Please check with the office and ensure we have correct information for you.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS! We would like to hear from you! Please register with us, especially if you or a family member anticipate receiving any sacraments in the future. Forms are located in the commons next to the office entrance or fillable electronic forms may be emailed upon request. Thanks!

## **OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE**

For the weekend of August 31, 2025 Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2025/2026: 757,901.00 Amount needed per week to maintain budget: \$ 14,575.02 Actual Plate Contributions: \$ 6,070.00 \$ 2,447.00 E-giving: Other Contributions: \$ 3,239.50 Weekly Grand Total: 11,756.50 **Total Weekend Mass Count:** 428 Second Collection Schedule: September 21st – CEMPOC

Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.