CHURCH OF ST. THERESE GLOUCESTER, VA

# **NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

# **MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

Saturday, November 15th

5:00 p.m. Bernard J. O'Connell, Jr. by Linda O'Connell

Sunday, November 16th

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. Salvatore Leone, Jr. by Rosalia Leone

Monday, November 17th - No Mass

Tuesday, November 18th 12:00 p.m. For the People Wednesday, November 19th

8:00 a.m. Dora Long by Denise & Allen Canada

Thursday, November 20th 12:00 p.m. For the People

Friday, November 21st – No Mass

Saturday, November 22nd

5:00 p.m. Jan Olekszyk by Phil Olekszyk

Sunday, November 23rd

8:00 a.m. For the People

10:30 a.m. Thomas Irby by Mary Foley

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

Tabernacle Candle shines in loving memory of Nancy Keeney. Altar arrangements provided by Linda Gregory in Memory of Linus Riehle.

Our next **TNT** (Theatre 'N' Theology) will be on *Friday, November 21*, 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 November feature will be the 1988 film **Big.** A 12-year-old boy wishes he were "big" – and gets his wish, waking up the next morning as a 30-year-old man! Charming fantasy tackles a rare modern-day subject – innocence – and pulls it off thanks to Tom Hanks' superb, seemingly guileless performance, and Penny Marshall's surefooted direction. A real treat. Also stars Elizabeth Perkins, John Heard, Robert Loggia, and Mercedes Ruehl. **Rated PG.** Facilitated by Fr. Gregory. ALL are welcome. Come watch a great movie with your brothers and sisters in Christ!

### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Aelred of Rievaulx was one of the great lights of the Christian faith in the 12th century. He was one of the major figures in the flowering of the Cistercian reform of monasticism inspired by St. Bernard of Clairvaux. He was known as "the Bernard of the North." Join us on Sunday, November 23, between the morning Masses (starting promptly at 9:15 a.m.) and learn more about this Doctor of Friendship, when Fr. Gregory will present ST. AELRED OF RIEVAULX: HIS LIFE AND TEACHING. This will take place in the Meeting Room. All are welcome, Catholic or not!

### COMING SOON...

We will be launching a new system to accept offerings for everything from Mass Intentions to Bible Study books and anything in between!

# **ADVENT STATIONS**

Yes, it's true. Advent begins on November 30. This is our season to enter into quietness, stillness, and composure in preparation to celebrate Christmas. Our Christmas season begins on December 24 and ends on January 11, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Unlike the secular world around us, we Christians do not celebrate Christmas during Advent, but during the Christmas season proper. To help us to enter into this prayerful space of Advent, we will take some time to pray 7 ADVENT STATIONS on Friday evening, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. Come join us!

# MORNING BIBLE STUDY

On Thursday, October 23rd the Morning Bible Study Group began a new six-week series discussing "Genesis – Abraham and Sarah's Journey." Although new members are welcome anytime, this would be a good time to join in. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:15-11:45 a.m. in the Meeting Room. 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>.

# 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 November 19th at 6:00 p.m. Jesus is Our Hope in the Blessed Sacrament.

### DONUTS

Join us this Sunday, November 16th, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses at the portico for meeting and chatting with other parishioners. Donuts, muffins, bagels with cream cheese, fruit, orange juice and iced tea will be available.

# JUSTICE AND CHARITY



The Angel Tree will be in the Commons on November 15. The **gift bags** are for the children of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. Suggested items are on the tag attached to the gift bag. All items must fit in the bag. The **tags** are gifts for adult clients being helped by

Jubilee Churches. Please return your unwrapped gifts or the gift bags by December 1. Be sure to attach the tag to your gifts. Thank you for helping to bring the joy of Christmas to others.

### **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.

### PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Peninsula Catholic High School is now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 School Year!

Don't delay – apply today at <u>www.peninsulacatholic.org</u>.

Have questions or would like to schedule a tour?

Contact Karen Domzal, Director of Enrollment at <u>kdomzal@</u> peninsulacatholic.org.

# YOUTH MINISTRY NOVEMBER EVENTS

Sunday, November 16 Youth Ministry – Packing Shoeboxes

Class at 12:00

Wednesday, November 19 Adoration 6:00

Reconciliation 6:15, Church

Friday, November 21 Movie Night, YLC

Sunday, November 23 Youth Ministry Class, YLC

Sunday, November 30 NO CLASS – Happy Thanksgiving

# EVER WONDER WHAT TO GET FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE EVERYTHING FOR CHRISTMAS????

Let the Youth Ministry Fundraiser solve your problem. All you do is place an order at <a href="Ignace-ekfundraising.com/campaigns">Ignace-ekfundraising.com/campaigns</a> and let them do the rest. No wrapping, no shipping and most of all, no cleanup after Christmas. To place an order online, go to the website above and use Campaign # 2556157.



If you would rather speak to a human, call 1-888-426-0781 and tell the operator you would like to place an order using the campaign # 2556157. Simple, quick and supporting a good cause.

All money raised from this campaign will go toward attendance of the youth at the Diocesan Youth Convention in February.

Contact Linda Gregory for any questions. Ordering will end on **November 30** for delivery in time for the holidays.

# ANY EXTRA CHAIRS AT YOUR PLACE?

Have you borrowed some metal chairs and just haven't gotten around to returning them yet? The chairs belonging to the church have decreased in number. Perhaps they were used off site and haven't made their way back to storage. Please be reminded that use of parish items need to be signed out and back in through the Parish Office.

### 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 about how to be involved.

Until March 20th, 2026, **Bread for Life Community**Food Pantry will be hosting a Sacred Soups
Winter Food Drive. Please bring all donations (or
schedule a pick-up of





large donations; e-mail bflpantry@gmail. com) to the Donation Bin located around the back of our building, 7840 John Clayton Memorial Highway. The individual, business, organization, or church that donates the most, easy pop-top-open soups will win a lunch for up to 10 people!

# 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!!!



# **GRIEFSHARE – SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**

Join us on Sunday, November 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Church of St. Therese. This one afternoon session will be an opportunity to hear experts in Grief Counseling speak to people going through grief during the holidays. The holidays can be a difficult time when loved ones are missing. Refreshments will be available. There is no cost for this meeting, but please register so there will be enough workbooks. You can register at griefshare.org – Church of St. Therese or contact Linda Gregory at 804-693-5939, ext. 4.

#### FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

We have relocated the black lock box in the Commons to outside of the glass windows at the Parish Offices. You may use this box to drop off offertory envelopes and any other information or correspondence for us in a secure manner. Thank you and we hope this helps when the offices are closed!

### 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 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 you are interested or have questions. The book is Threshold Bible Study Series "Peacemaking and Non-violence."

### GIVE THE GIFT OF LOVE

Annual Operating Budget

Other Contributions:

Weekly Grand Total:

Total Weekend Mass Count:

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 <a href="M.N.McGrady@StThersGlo.org">N.M.McGrady@StThersGlo.org</a> or 804-693-5939, ext. 3 for special orders or for more information.

IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE? Find out if your contact information is on file and/or updated. We may need to reach you or visit you. Contact Denise in the office at 804-693-5939.



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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!

Check out this link: Catholics Come Home | You're Not Alone www.catholicscomehome.org

# **OUR MOST SACRED TREASURE**

Fiscal Year 2025/2026:	\$	757,901.00
Amount needed per week to maintain budget is	\$	14,575.02
For the weekend of October 26, 2025		
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$	5,485.00
E-giving:	\$	3,142.00
Other Contributions:	\$	352.50
Weekly Grand Total:	\$	8,979.50
Total Weekend Mass Count:		385
For the weekend of November 2, 2025		
Actual Plate Contributions:	\$	9,232.00
E-giving:	\$	2,627.00
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Please use the QR code for Mobile giving.

