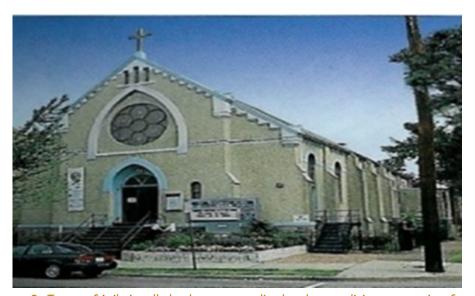
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Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church

1244 V Street SE, Washington, DC 20020 http://stachurchdc.org

Twinning with our sister parish, St. Antonie, Vieux Bourg & with the Diocese of Jeremie, Haiti, West Indies



St. Teresa of Avila is called to be an evangelized and evangelizing community of believers who bear witness to Jesus Christ present in our midst.

Welcome to Saint Teresa of Avila parish, where we recognize and celebrate the joy of the Lord as our strength! We are so glad you stopped by to visit us today. We think you will find STA a welcoming community of believers filled with the love of Jesus and each other. Your presence will allow us to be a friend, make a friend, and bring a friend to Christ.

Mass Schedule

9:30 AM In-person and online via: Facebook

Youtube

Rosary

8:55 AM
Every Sunday, before the Mass in the Convent.

Parish Life Center (PLC)

1401 V St SE Washington, D.C. 20020 Phone: 202-678-3709

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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MINISTRIES

- ADMINISTRATIVE: Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Parish Staff, Communications Committee, Membership
- SERVICE: Haiti Mission, Health Awareness, Senior Adult Outreach, Virginia Morgan Memorial Soup Kitchen, Mothers on the Move Spiritually (M.O.M.S), Young Adults
- LITURGICAL MINISTRIES: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ministers of Hospitality, Nurses, Environment
- WORSHIP & ARTS: Music Ministry, Liturgical Dance, Mime, Sight & Sound Ministry
- EDUCATION: Youth Faith Formation / Adult Faith Formation, Faith Links Small Group, Bible Study, Baptism
- COMMUNITY: Kairos Prison Ministry, M.O.S.T. (Men of St. Teresa), Washington Interfaith Network, Cursillo Ultreya, Teen Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Bereavement Ministry, Sodality, S.H.A.R.E, St. Vincent de Paul

For ministry head contact information please email the PLC at pcouncil2009@gmail.com.

SICK AND SHUT IN



Please Pray for our sick, our shut-in, and all who are suffering from losses. And Jesus says, "Let me fill you with My Love. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being." Ephesians 3:16

Loving God, we lift up our brothers and sisters who are sick or unable to be with us. Grant them comfort in their suffering, strength in their weakness, and peace in Your presence. May they know they are never alone, for You are with them, and our parish family holds them in prayer.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen





Happy Birthday to all of our parishioners who were born in the month of November! We thank God for the lives He has given us in each of you.

We thank God for the gift of life and for blessing our church family with those celebrating birthdays this month. May their days be filled with joy, their hearts with peace, and their paths with Your guidance. Grant them health, strength, and many more years to serve You faithfully. Surround them with love and remind them always of Your goodness.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

DAILY READINGS



Sunday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time (November 2, 2025)

All Souls Day – (The Commenoration of All the Faithful Departed)

Wisdom 3:1-9 Psalms 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 Romans 6:3-9 or Romans 5:5-11 John 6:37-40

Monday, of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time (November 3, 2025)

Romans 11:29-36 Psalms 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time (November 4, 2025)

Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Romans 12:5-16AB Psalms 131:1BCDE, 2, 3 Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time (November 5, 2025)

Romans 13:8-10 Psalms 112:1B-2, 4-5, 9 Luke 14:25-33

Thursday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time (November 6, 2025)

Romans 14:7-12 Psalms 27:1BCDE, 4, 13-14 Luke 15:1-10

Friday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time (November 7, 2025)

Romans 15:14-21 Psalms 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 Luke 16:1-8

Saturday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time (November 8, 2025)

Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 Luke 16:9-15

Sunday of the Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time (November 9, 2025)

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Psalms 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Corinthians 3:9C-11, 16-17 John 2:13-22

GOSPEL REFLECTION



"All Souls Day - Your Day?"

John 6:37-40

I was at bible study a few weeks ago, and the presenter opened with a question: "Do you know anyone named Judas?" And, to no one's amazement, nobody had a friend, associate or acquaintance with that name. Of course, nobody wants to be associated with the one who betrayed Jesus. Nobody will accept the name, yet we all know somebody who will not heed Jesus' promise to all of humanity.

Think about some big dogs in the Bible. To save himself, Abraham told the bad guys Sarah was his sister. Just a couple of Sundays ago, Moses, after saying "I cannot" early in Exodus 3 goes to the Lord in Exodus 17 to prevail over Amalek before trying to go without God in Exodus 18. Jesus called out the Samaritan Woman in John 4, for sleeping around, and was the last man standing with the Adulterous Woman in John 8.

Why single out this motley crew in the Bible? They did stuff that went against the will of God (sin is what we call it). They are living proof that the Old Testament reading is true: "Chastised a little, they shall be greatly blessed, because God tried them and found them worthy of himself. As gold in the furnace, he proved them, and as sacrificial offerings he took them to himself. In the time of their judgment^{*} they shall shine and dart about as sparks through stubble" (Wisdom 3:5-7). Nobody in your circle is named "Judas" because no one wants to be identified as a "Judas." The Father sent Jesus into the world so that we could be united with the Father for eternity. Jesus was not whistling "Dixie" when he spoke this Gospel truth: "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it [on] the last day" (John 6:37-39).

"The wages of sin is death" (Romans 3:23). There is no statement about size in the text; sin equals death (period). Peter joined all of the aforementioned Bible characters in turning away from sin at a critical moment. We don't want to be "Judas," so rather than the big betrayal, we just tell the occasional "white lie," or we ignore the poor and the unjustly treated in our neighborhood and say to ourselves "No big deal." God's got their back, forgetting when we skip the small stuff we are separating ourselves from His body and walking away from the Gospel promise. Only one question on this All Souls Day. Are you standing on or turning away from Jesus' promise? You choose, and God will respect your decision.

Deacon T	imothy E.	Tilghman
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BULLETIN GOSPEL REFLECTIONS

GOD calls us all to give of ourselves in sharing His word through the Gospel.

The Communications Committee is looking for volunteers to share the word through our weekly bulletin Gospel Reflections. If you are interested in sharing through the gift of reflection, please email:

stachurchcommunications@gmail.com or contact the Parish Life Center at 202.678-3709.

HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN



IN MEMORIUM

Our hearts break with the entire McKinney and Clarke families as we mourn the call home of our own Amber Clarke, daughter of Vivienne Clarke and granddaughter of the late Yvonne McKinney. Please keep the family and especially Amber's four (4) children in your prayers.

Yvonne McKinney

(wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother)

Amber Clarke

(daughter of Vivienne Clarke and granddaughter of the late Yvonne McKinney)





Dear Parents and Guardians:

A friendly reminder that Religious Education classes resumed last Sunday and will be held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month, immediately following Mass at the Parish Life Center (PLC). Snacks will be provided. Classes will end at 1 p.m.

Note: Pre-Confirmation students have a different schedule and will meet virtually on Monday evening.

We are looking forward to a great season of learning and fellowship!

Blessings, STA Religious Education Team



"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18





Scan the QR code to give!

Here at STA, we practice stewardship through our ministries, liturgies, and outreach. St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church touches the lives of hundreds of people in the Washington metropolitan area. You can help play a special and enduring role in our work. Regardless of your situation in life, there are multiple ways to support STA — first through your prayers but also through the gifts of your time, talents, financial resources, and treasures.

Thank you for your generous tithes and love offerings.

There are two easy ways to give:

eGiving: Visit <u>www.stachurchdc.org</u> and click on "Tithes and Love Offerings" OR

Drop off or send your donation by mail to the Parish Life Center at 1401 V Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

For Sunday. October 26, 2025

Offering: **\$2,876.00**

Push Pay: (E-giving) \$1,825.00

Total: **\$4,701.00**

Avg. Weekly Expenses: \$8,500.00

Targeted < Deficit > / surplus this week: <\$3,799.00>

Surplus (Year to Date): \$33,989.34



STA YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Join the Young Adult Ministry this Sunday, November 2 for Sunday Mass on the campus of Howard University. The Young Adult Ministry is joining the HU Catholic Bison for Sunday Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner. Mass will be held at the Howard University Frederick Douglass Hall, Room 120, located at 2419 Sixth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. Campus parking is available on Sixth Street.

Special Thanks to the Ministers of Hospitality (MOH) and Men of St. Teresa (MOST) for sponsoring dinner for Howard students!

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENT!

GOD calls us all to give of ourselves in sharing our time and talents within our communities and these ministries are seeking new members:

- Liturgical Dance
- Adult Choir: If you are called to serve through the ministry of song, please contact Dr. Jesse Williams, Director of Music Ministry at drjessejr@gmail.com. Rehearsals are held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month and each Sunday morning.
- Communications Committee: Share your gifts and talents with STA! We are looking for volunteers to read the Parish Vision Statement. If you are interested in proclaiming the Parish Vision Statement on Sundays, please contact the PLC at 202.678-3709.
- St. Vincent de Paul Society

REMINDERS

- Notice to all Heads of Ministries: If your ministry is using the church or Parish Life Center for any meetings or events, it MUST be put on the Master Parish Calendar. Heads of Ministries please send your calendar requests to the Parish office.
- Help us keep our church clean.
 Please remember that there is no eating or drinking in the upper church. All food and drinks should be consumed downstairs in Monsignor Clark Hall.
- Attention Parents! Please do not allow your children to go to the restroom alone. Parents must escort their children downstairs to the restrooms.
- Turn Off Your Cell Phones. Remember to silence your phones during Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you want to add something to the bulletin? We welcome your announcements. Submit copy in typed format before the deadline, Wednesday by 5:00P.M., in order to be included in the CURRENT SUNDAY Bulletin. Flyers must be sent in PDF format. Voice messages, email requests not in any announcement format will not be accepted.

Reminder: The deadline for Bulletin submissions is Wednesday by 5:00P.M.

Send submissions to: stachurchcommunications@gmail.com



Just Haiti is awaiting you! Whole bean and coarse ground coffee are available every Sunday. \$10 per bag to warm your soul. Hope to see you Sunday and support our Haitian economy!



Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness in your life and marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on **March 20-22, 2026 in Jessup, MD.** Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://moments4marriage.org or contact us at applications@moments4marriage.org or 301-500-0871.



Saint Teresa Family,

Thank you for supporting the SHARE – ministry.

We are once again asking for donations from our STA family so that we may be able to bless not just those in our Parish but the community especially during these difficult times.

We are once again asking for donations from our STA family so that we may be able to bless not just those in our Parish but the community especially during these difficult times. The Thanksgiving Baskets are \$48.00 this year. With so many of our Parishioners and the Community at large facing difficulties we would like to bless as many of them as possible. However, that depends upon you and generosity.

If you are able, please give us a donation. If you have any questions please contact Richard Ludwick at 202-527-8306 or Tawana Wiley at 301-351-3645.

We will accept payments in various forms: Checks, Cash and/or Zelle. A member from SHARE will be in the Monsignor Clark room after Mass with Menus, to take orders and to accept donations.

Thank you, Members of SHARE

Matthew 25:35-40
"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink"



Kairos shares Christ's love with the men at Greensville Correctional Center in Jarratt, VA. The next Kairos Weekend (K-91) will be held Nov 13–16. You can also support by joining the K-91 Prayer Chain. Sign up for a time slot to lift this ministry in prayer and stand in faith for God's transforming work. Learn more about Kairos Prison Ministry by visiting kairosnova.org/

Click here to sign the Prayer Chain

Listen, Listen, Love, Love!

CUMBIE OF SOLUBIENT COLUMBIE ANNUAL

The Knights of Columbus Byrne Council is happy to once again advertise its annual "Box of Joy" campaign for Christmas 2025. After each Mass, the shoeboxes will be available at the entrance of the church. These boxes have instructions for how they are to be assembled and filled with toys and other children's goods. There is no need to include a check; simply return with a full box any Sunday in September, October, or November and the Knights will see that it is delivered to the project coordinator. This charitable cause benefits children throughout Central America. Thank you, as always, to the parishioners of Assumption for their generosity. Points of Contact: Jon Crittenden 202.903.3593 and Anthony Diallo 202.841.4003.



St. Teresa of Avila Sodality Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Remembrance of those Sodalists who have gone From Reward to Glory December 2024 - October 2025

In Memoriam

Donna Toliver Grimes



Yvonne Mckinney





Prayer For The Deceased Sodalists

Most merciful Heart of Jesus, by the memory of your bitter passion and death, and the sorrows of your Holy Mother, we ask you to have mercy on the souls of our departed Sodalists.

Deliver them speedily to your loving Presence. May you, O loving Mother, in mercy offer to God the great treasure of your merits, and those of your Divine Son, and of all His Saints, that those who faithfully honored and served you in the Sodality, may hasten to enjoy with you the Grace of everlasting life in Heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. **AMEN**.



The Kairos Prison Ministry is preparing for our fall 2025 weekend. The K-91 weekend will be held November 13-16 at Greensville Correctional Center in Jarrat, VA and we are calling on all Bakers, Artists, and Prayer Warriors to help bring the love and the light of Christ to our incarcerated brothers.

STA is always a wonderful support, and this weekend our own Craig Seastrong is our Team Leader. We need your overwhelming support as we return to Greensville in November.

The K-91 weekend needs around 2,400 dozen cookies for the weekend which will allow us to share God's love to more than 2,000 residents. These cookies are a tangible expression of Christian love and an indication of God's concern for a group of people who seldom encounter either in the course of daily living. The cookies represent at least three truths of the Christian life:

- 1. God's unending grace. Cookies are everywhere in the prison. They are a physical symbol of God's grace, available to all. (Agape Love).
- 2. The power of Christian Community. All Kairos cookies are home-baked, demonstrating that real people on the outside can see the residents through the eyes of agape love and have prayed for the residents while baking the cookies.
- 3. Availability of forgiveness. You can imagine that God's forgiveness and self-forgiveness are difficult to accept in a prison. On Saturday evening, each Kairos participant is asked to take a bag of cookies to whomever in that institution he considers his worst enemy and ask for, or grant forgiveness.

Below are baking instructions. We ask that cookies be frozen once they are baked, have cooled and been bagged for easier travel. We ask each STA ministry to commit to bake. This is a wonderful service project. We will have a plastic bin to collect cookies. Cookies must be collected by Sunday, November 9th.

To get more information on the Kairos Prison Ministry, visit https://kairosnova.org/. Thank you all for your support in lifting the spirits and changing the lives of our incarcerated brothers who feel lost and forgotten.

STA Team Members of K91

PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

In an effort to reduce the size of our Weekly Sunday Bulletin for announcements and information, below is a listing of all of the linked flyers to our website previously posted for events in October. We hope it will make it easier for you to get up to date Parish and Community News over a longer period of time throughout the week until the events are over. Please follow the instructions below to access the information:

Hat, Coat, Boot & Blanket Project — 24 Hours of Giving!

Join us October 24–25 for the Hat, Coat, Boot & Blanket Project, a 24-hour community event dedicated to serving God's people through warmth and compassion.

Location: 2nd & D Street Shelter (On the Parking Lot) Time: October 24 at 6 PM – October 25 at 6 PM

Click here to share the flyer.

Capital Area Food Bank – FREE Food Distribution!

FREE Food distributions for federal workers, starting the week of October 20,2025, until the government re-opens!

Distribution will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at select locations.

Click here for more details

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Sr. Thea Bowman #364 Fundraiser

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Sr. Thea Bowman #364 presents at Simply Scents Candle Company Fundraising event, **October 13-27, 2025**.

<u>Click here</u> for more details and to place your order today!

One Church | One Family Catholic Public Witness

On October 22 and November 13, 2025, Catholics across the U.S. are invited to join a national day of public witness for our immigrant brothers and sisters. This effort builds on the binational Mass at the U.S.—Mexico border in San Luis, just 10 days earlier, where Bishops from both countries will raise their voices about the urgent crisis facing migrants. Together, we will carry that cry for justice into our communities.

We are calling on dioceses, parishes, schools, religious communities, and organizations to host local public actions that lift up the dignity of migrants—especially in the places where that dignity is most often denied.

Click here for more details.

In Her Words

A short film and community conversation about mothers, homelessness, families, and hope.

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families invites you to this special event recognizing Homelessness Awareness Month on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Georgetown Visitation High School.

Click here for more details.

Kairos Prison Ministry International, Inc.



Kairos Cookie Instructions

Kairos weekends need around **2,400 dozen** cookies for a typical Kairos weekend. If you do the math, that's about 28,000 cookies! Homemade cookies are a tangible expression of Christian love and an indication of God's concern for a group of people who seldom encounter either in the course of daily living.

Cookie Guidelines

Because the first concern of the prison is safety and security, there are STRICT guidelines that must be followed - even regarding the task of cookie making. Please note that the requirements listed below are not meant to thwart you; they are intended to assure that all residents are treated equally and that no harm befalls them, the prison officials, or those going into the facility.

- The only acceptable types are chocolate chip, peanut butter, molasses, ginger, sugar, oatmeal, oatmeal/raisin, and cake mix cookies.
- Do not use any fruit (raisins are OK), nuts, candy (including M&M's), icing, or sprinkles.
- Please think about sugar-free and gluten-free recipes, as many of the residents have serious health concerns, including diabetes.
- Cookies should be $2 2\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter and about $\frac{1}{2}$ in thick. Cookies must be round and fairly plain, no other shapes or decoration.
- Please let cookies completely cool before placing in quart-sized zip-lock freezer bags, 1 dozen
 per bag. If cookies are placed in the bag while still warm they gel together and become
 difficult to use.
- Label the type of cookies in the bag.
- After packaging, the cookies can be frozen if they are not going to be used in the next three days. Please deliver your cookies to your Kairos team member by Sunday, November 9,2025

THANK YOU for volunteering to provide this "bread" that will shine the light of God's grace into the darkest corners of Greensville Correctional Center.

While baking these cookies please remember to pray early and often!



SHAREFOOD NETWORK

SAINT TERESA
PLEASE CONTACT
RICHARD @ 202-527-8306
OR
TAWANA @ 301-808-0802/

Holiday Site orders due 11/5

Host Site orders due 11/10

All Final order changes due 11/17 by 12 PM

All payments due 11/18

Distribution
Days: 11/21, 11/22,
11/24

We accept:

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NOVEMBER 2025

THANKSGIVING MENU

A GREAT Blessing Families monthly for 36 years

VALUE PACKAGE

(NO TURKEY) \$30

\$55

4Protein items including 5 lb.Whole Chicken;1lb. Ground Sausage; plus 8-10 lbs. of fresh fruit & vegetables



VALUE PACKAGE + TURKEY

10-12lb. Turkey

4 Protein items

including 5 lb.

Whole Chicken

1 lb. Sausage

Plus 8-10 lbs. of

fresh produce





Thanksgiving Dinner\$48 (Pre-boxed / froze)n

10-12 lb. Turkey

Green Bean Casserole

2 lbs. Brussel Sprouts

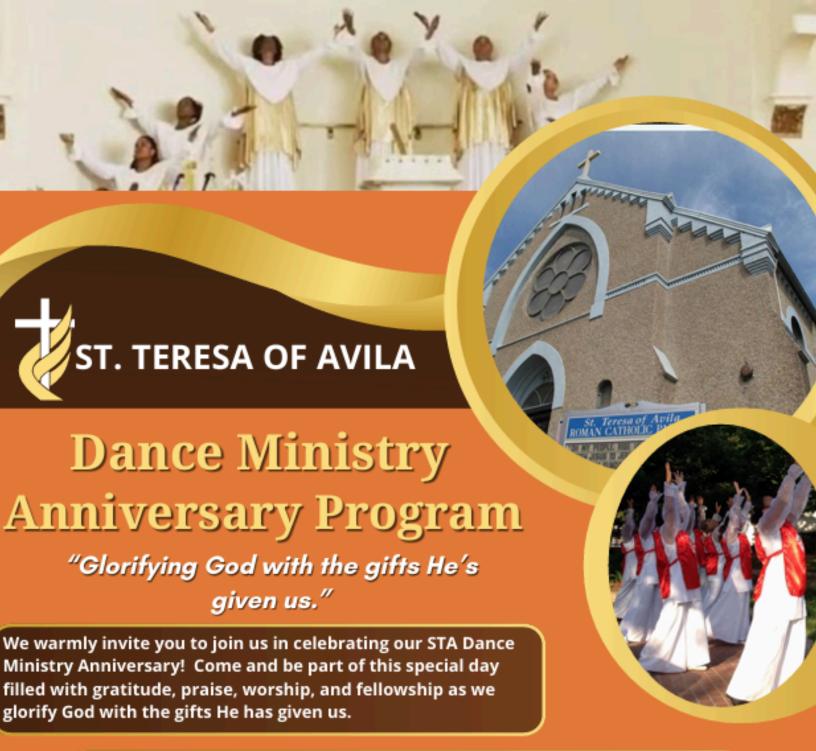
2 lbs. Crinkle Cut Carrots

2 lbs. Stuffing

3 lbs. Macaroni and Cheese

...and a delicious dessert!







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PROSTATE CANCER
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SATURDAY
NOV. 8TH @ 10AM
PANORAMA ROOM
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- 3 REFRESHMENTS



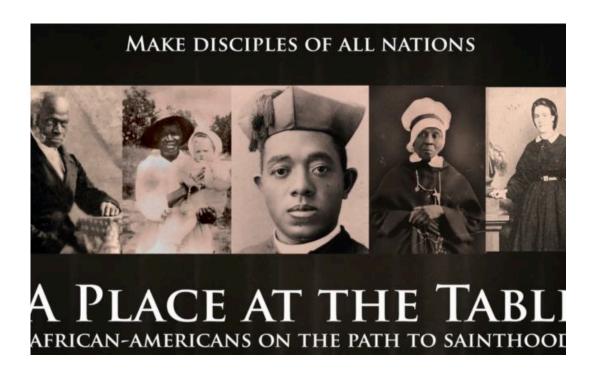




MR. WILLIAM BATTLE, MA EHE, Founder/President

Contact: Mr. Joseph Washington 202-438-5199

Sponsored By: Bishop Patrick J. Bryne
Council of the KofC.org and Our Lady Perpetual Help Catholic Church



Free Food and Movie Night to Celebrate Black Catholic History Month

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH 6:30 – 8:30 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church | 6701 Muncaster Mill Rd | Derwood, MD 20855

Come learn about the six black women and men who are on the path to canonization in the documentary "A Place at the Table: African-Americans on the Path to Sainthood."

All are welcome

Light meal will be provided – Film will start promptly at 6:30 pm
Please RSVP by November 10th to help us with food count
RSVP at https://sfaderwood.flocknote.com/signup/229326 (registered parishioners only)
or call the Parish Office at 301-840-1407
Contact Mary Hammond (mhammond1945@gmail.com) for any questions.

