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March 28, 2021

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Palm Sunday

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS- SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am and
12:30pm (Extraordinary Form Latin Mass)

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS- WEEKDAY

M - F: 6:15 and 9:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.
CONFESSIONS (In Lent add: Fri 7pm)
M 9:30am; W 6:30 - 8:00pm; F 6:45am; Sat 3:30-4:30 pm

Parish Clergy

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Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week *At a Glance*

- Mon 3/29 **Confessions** 9:30am and 7:00 pm
Novena - Perpetual Help 7:15pm
- Tue 3/30 **Confessions** Noon
Legion of Mary 7:30pm
- Wed 3/31 **Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30am-1pm
Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00am Mass
Confessions 6:30 - 8pm (**during Lent**)
Exposition Begins 7pm and ends with..
...**Holy Hour** 7:15-8:15pm
- Thur 4/1 **Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7:30pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
from after Mass until Midnight
- Fri 4/2 **Confessions** 12 Noon
Stations of the Cross 12 Noon
Reflections (Tre Ore) 12:20pm
Good Friday Service 3pm
- Sat 4/3 **Confessions** 9:30-11am; 3-4:30 pm
Blessing of Easter Food Baskets Noon
Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 pm

March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday



MASS INTENTIONS

MON 3/29 - Monday of Holy Week (OFM/EFM)

6:15am.....Enrico Piccinini †

9:00am.....Eric Shaw †

TUE 3/30 - Tuesday of Holy Week (OFM/EFM)

6:15am.....Alyssa Turk

9:00am.....Albert Balint †

WED 3/31 - Wednesday of Holy Week (OFM/EFM)

6:15am.....Sean Dreslin

9:00am.....Solita Wakefield

THU 4/1 - Holy Thursday (OFM/EFM)

7:30pm.....Butch Chwiki

FRI 4/2 - Good Friday (OFM/EFM)

3:00pm..... Good Friday Service

SAT 4/3 - Holy Saturday (OFM/EFM)

Vigil Mass (Meets Sunday Mass Obligation)

8:30pm.....Fr. Joseph Ocran

SUN 4/4 - EASTER SUNDAY (OFM/EFM)

7:30am.....Doretta Shapiro

9:00am.....Irma Ingrassia †

11:00am.....Seminarian Kevin Kelly

12:30 pm.....Parishioners of Saint Lawrence



Not sure how to dispose of your **old and worn American flags**? The Knights of Columbus will take care of that for you! Just drop those flags in the box in the Narthex and the Knights will properly dispose of them.

Welcome Fr. Maurice Akwa

Please give a warm St Lawrence Family welcome to Fr. Maurice Akwa who will be temporarily residing at St Lawrence and helping out with priestly/pastoral duties!

SHARE SUNDAY GENEROSITY

Thank you to all who donated during last weekend's Drive-thru Drop-off and Share Sunday collections for those in need. Your generosity was lauded by Koinonia volunteers and will be most appreciated by those in our area experience economic difficulties in these difficult times!

This Week in Our Parish

All Scheduled Public Masses are still being celebrated--other Parish liturgical activities are also starting. Come to our Monday evening Novena and Exposition on Wednesday (9:30am-1pm) and Holy Hour starting with Exposition at 7pm! The Main Church is open 7 Days a Week until 9pm for private prayer.

(Please wear a mask and wash your hands thoroughly before entering church. Please maintain social distancing. We undertake all these measures, in an abundance of caution, for your safety).

Religious Movies

On March 31st, we will not be showing a movie, but will return the following week on 4/7 with a movie on Divine Mercy. Call Anne-Marie Pierce, Religious Education Director, at 703-971-8541 if you have questions.



NARTHEX PLEDGE FUNDRAISING REPORT

NARTHEX Goal - \$2 million

\$1,750,000

\$1,500,000

\$1,250,000

Original Goal \$1.2 Mil

\$1 million

\$750,000

\$500,000

\$250,000

Pledges are now at
\$1,383,398

NOTE: If you have already made your donation and/or paid off your pledge, your additional donations can be made at any time and we will update your pledged/donated amount!!!

Talk to Deacon Mike for Pledge Information and tax smart donation alternatives

**PLEASE PRAYERFULLY
CONSIDER GIVING**

Help Needed: Our **Baby Cradle Ministry** serves women and couples who've chosen life for their babies and seek assistance with clothing and large equipment donations such as strollers, car seats, high chairs, Help Needed: Our **Baby Cradle Ministry** serves women and couples who've chosen life for their babies and seek assistance with clothing and large equipment donations such as strollers, car seats, high chairs, and pack-n-plays. A volunteer is needed to empty the Narthex donation cradle once a week (minimum) and deliver the items when convenient to MaRih Pregnancy Center on Duke Street. You may store the baby items in your home or garage in between trips to MaRih. To learn more, please contact the Parish Office: 703/971-4378. Thank you!





St Lawrence Catholic Church

HOLY WEEK 2021 Schedule

With COVID-19 Alternatives

Liturgical Event/Prayer Opportunities	Day or Place	Time	Comments
Divine Office/Liturgy of the Hours			Click iBreviary if you would like to participate in the universal prayer that is prayed by Clergy/religious.
Confessions	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Good Friday Saturday	9:30am & 7pm 12 Noon 6:30 - 8pm 12noon - 2pm 9:30 - 11am & 3 - 4:30pm	
Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help	Monday	7:15pm	
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	After 9am Mass - 1pm	
Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday	7pm Adoration 7:15pm Holy Hour	
Stations of the Cross	Good Friday	Noon (See Below)	

HOLY THURSDAY April 1, 2021

Morning Mass	No 6:15 or 9 am Mass (<i>Clergy Attends the Diocesan Chrism Mass</i>)		
Private Prayer	Church-During the Day	6am-7pm	The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the church for individual Prayer.
Mass at St Lawrence	Church	7:30-8:45pm	Mass and Transfer of the Holy Eucharist to Hammond Hall after Mass.
COVID ALTERNATIVE: Mass at the Cathedral Online	Livestream	7:30pm	Bishop Burbidge is the celebrant for Holy Mass online or at https://www.arlingtondiocese.org
Prayer before Blessed Sacrament	After Mass	8:45pm-12Midnight	Following the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in HAMMOND HALL until Midnight.



GOOD FRIDAY April 2, 2021

Private Prayer	Church-During the Day	7am-12Noon	The Church will be open until 2:30pm--as is the custom, the tabernacle will be empty.
Stations of the Cross	Church	12 noon	
Reflections on Christ's three hours on the Cross.	Church	12:20-2:45pm	The Venerable Fulton Sheen's reflections on the Last Seven Statements of Christ (<i>Tre Ore</i> -"The Great Agony")

Service of the Passion of our Lord at St Lawrence	Church	3pm	
COVID ALTERNATIVE: Service at the Cathedral Online	Livestream	3pm	Bishop Burbidge is the celebrant for Good Friday service online or at https://www.arlingtondiocese.org
Veneration of the Cross	Private Veneration	5-9pm	The Church will be open for veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY April 3, 2021

Private Prayer	Church-During the Day	7am-8pm	The Church will be open until 8pm, but, as is the custom, the tabernacle will still be empty.
Blessing of Easter Food	Outside, near Picnic Area	12noon	Bring your Easter food to be blessed.



EASTER VIGIL

Easter Vigil Mass at St Lawrence	Church	8:30pm
COVID ALTERNATIVE: Mass at Cathedral Online	Livestream	8:30pm Bishop Burbidge is the celebrant for Holy Mass online or at www.arlingtondiocese.org



EASTER SUNDAY April 4, 2021

Easter Mass at St Lawrence	Church	7:30am	
Easter Mass at St Lawrence	Church	9am	COVID ALTERNATIVE: A video of the Mass held at St Lawrence will be uploaded about 11am.
COVID ALTERNATIVE: Mass at the Cathedral	Livestream	9:30am	Bishop Burbidge is the celebrant for Holy Mass online or at https://www.arlingtondiocese.org
Mass at St Lawrence	Church	11am	
Extraordinary Form or "Latin" Easter Mass at St Lawrence	Church	12:30pm	COVID ALTERNATIVE: A video of the Mass will be uploaded for viewing at about 1pm
Private Prayer	Church	1:30pm-9pm	The Church is open for private prayer.



BISHOPS LENTEN APPEAL UPDATE

We are Currently at **62%** of our Parish Goal--a new update is expected this week!

Thank you for prayerfully considering your support for our Seminarians and Diocesan ministries and for providing assistance for the poor in our area!

Book Rack: This week you will find a selection of small booklet favorites including "Meditation Prayer on Mary Immaculate", "Catechism of Mental Prayer", "Devotion to the Precious Blood", "Uniformity with God's Will", and "Joy in Suffering." Available on the pamphlet rack from Eternal Life Catechetical Materials: "Consecration to Mary" and pamphlets on the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



LOOKING FOR GREAT LENTEN RESOURCES TO IMPROVE YOUR LENTEN PRAYER LIFE , PREPARE YOU FOR EASTER and INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH??
USE FORMED.ORG

Watch "THE CASE FOR JESUS" with Dr. Brant Pitre
Or watch FORMED's Lenten Daily Reflections

TWO EXAMPLES!

Teach Your Children (and Yourself) About Our Faith -
Go to Formed.org and put in "St Lawrence" to enjoy learning about your Faith!!!

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While we are still dispensed from physically attending Holy Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days by our Bishop because of COVID--if one feels unable to be in public during these COVID times--and even though nothing can replace being physically present at Holy Mass--the dispensation requires us to set aside time on these days to view Holy Mass virtually, or to perform some other specific devotion (a special Rosary, Reading of the Bible...etc.), to meet our obligation.

Know that 9am Holy Mass for Sundays will be recorded and posted Online each day by 11am, and the 12:30 EFM Mass will be online by 2pm) to assist those who cannot make it physically so they can meet their obligations to honor these Holy Days under the Bishop's dispensation.



Please Pray for the Sick of our parish family, including Jay Farabaugh, Melanie Brady, Justin Pham, Raymond Stanekenas, Rita MacQueeney, Donald Lawson, Minh Tran, Anthony Torres, Leah Bloom, Richard Kuron, Sr., Jack Marzan, Matthew Peters, Patricia Lewis, John Bonfanti, Chris Henderson, Leah, Francis Flaherty, Barbara Gaul, John Forrester, Bud Shatzer, Bon Le, William Geoghegan, Donna Sullivan, Kurt Steinbacher, Joan Curley, Renate Craft, Mary Kirby, Zemui Teklu, Allison & Dennis McGlone, Kathleen MacQueeney, Ty Hamilton, Duyen Tran, Randy Souther, Robert Nguyen and Antonio Yu An Leng.

Mother of Christ, we seek your Intercession for our sick!!!

Gabriel Project - support for pregnant women, for new mothers or those mothers new to the area. Call **703-841-3810**, or visit the website at: www.helpforpregnantwomen.org

Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing ministry open to anyone who seeks healing after abortion. Call at: **703-841-2504** or visit the website at: www.helpafterabortion.org

Faith Direct: We encourage the use of Faith Direct for our Parishioners. The option to make your contributions to the parish electronically adds convenience and consistency to your contribution, and saves the cost of mailing envelopes -- so your Church donations goes toward pastoral needs vice administrative costs. In order to show your support, especially as an example to your children and others, Faith Direct provides cards you can place in the baskets passed in Church. Visit faithdirect.net and enroll securely online or call 1-866-507-8757.

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