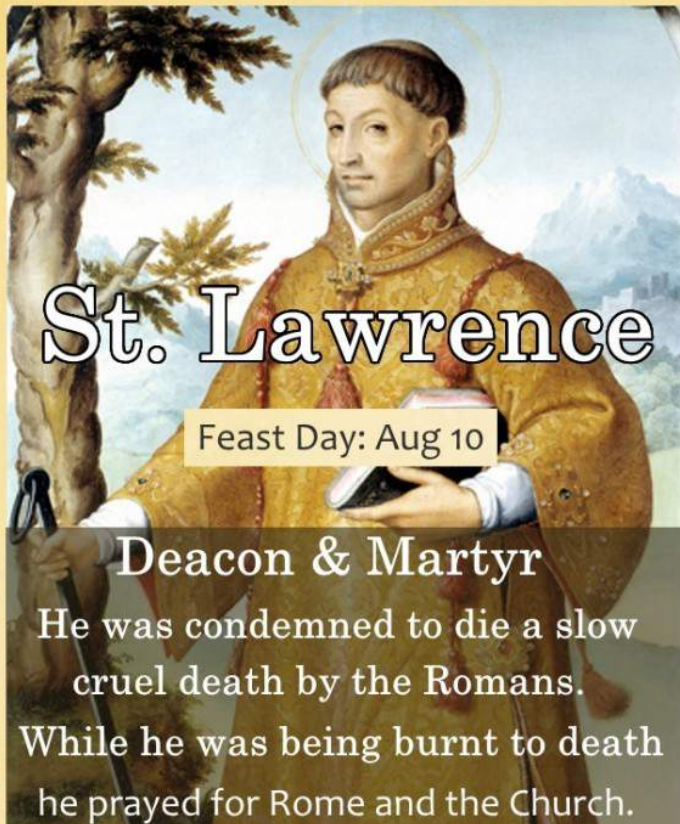


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The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
**The Solemnity of
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION - SERVICES

Parish Registration - Prior to receiving particular services from the parish, one must be registered. You may register on the parish website or pick up a registration form at the rectory or in the vestibule of the Church.

Prayers/Visits for Ill or Homebound - If you are ill and would like to be placed on the prayer list or have Holy Communion brought to the home, or if you need to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Baptisms - Baptisms are generally held the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:30 pm. Parents must be registered members of the parish and first time parents must attend a one session pre-Baptismal class, offered once a month, usually the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Sponsor Affidavits attest that a parishioner is in good standing and is qualified to act as a Godparent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation. See website for requirements and Parishioner Sponsor form.

Sacrament of Matrimony - Contact the office at least 6 months before your desired wedding date. Marriage Preparation is required by Church Law to enable a couple to fully understand the holiness and obligations of the Sacrament.

Religious Education (CCD) - All children not attending a Catholic School who are in the first grade and up should be enrolled in the Parish Religious Education Program. Please call for details.

O.C.I.A. - The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Contact the Religious Education Office.

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS, LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

M - F: 6:15 and 9:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Friday 6:45 a.m.

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

NOVENA to Our Lady Perpetual Help

Monday 7:15 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Wed 9:30 - 1 p.m.

HOLY HOUR Wednesday 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Monday, 8/11	Saint Clare of Assisi 6:15 a.m. Juan Del Castillo † 9:00 a.m. Thomas & Laura Bourgeois †
Tuesday, 8/12	Saint Jane Frances de Chantal 6:16 a.m. LCpl Noah Lippeatt † 9:00 a.m. Jon & Elisa Schnur
Wed., 8/13	Saints Pontian & Hippolytus 6:15 a.m. Elena Jalden † 9:00 a.m. Cecil Swann †
Thursday 8/14	Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe 6:15 a.m. Jane Palladino † 9:00 a.m. Jose & Catalina Gomez † 6:30 p.m. (Vigil) Missa Pro Populo
Friday 8/15	The Assumption of the BVM 6:15 a.m. Michael Childers † 9:00 a.m. Gertrudes P. Allas 6:30 p.m. Barry Childers †
Saturday 8/16	Saint Stephen 9:00 a.m. Matt Valentic
(Vigil for Sun.)	Hannelore Smallfield 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8/17	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 a.m. Missa Pro Populo 9:00 a.m. Michael Oberg † 11:00 a.m. Regina Murao †

PARKING LOT REPAIRS Beginning on Monday, August 18th, the resurfacing work will begin and will last, please God, for four days. This portion of the project will be done in two phases. A MAP WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN showing which entrance to use and where to park during these two phases. There will be construction cones marking the work areas to avoid. Please pray that our Lord gives us good weather to get this work completed expeditiously!

Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

Mon 8/11	Confessions 9:30 a.m. OLPH Novena 7:15 p.m.
Tues 8/12	Legion of Mary 7:30 p.m.
Wed 8/12	Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00 Mass Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Confessions 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Holy Hour 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Thur 8/14	11:00 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus 7:30 p.m.
Fri. 8/15	Confessions 6:45 a.m.
Sat. 8/16	Confessions 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of our patron Saint Lawrence. Please come celebrate and spend some time with fellow parishioners after all Sunday Masses Aug 10th. Coffee, donuts and bagels will be provided by the Council of Catholic Women.



NEXT SUNDAY - PARISH COOKOUT

The next Knights of Columbus parish cookout will be held August 17 from 2-4 p.m.

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD

RAIN OR SHINE (in Hammond

Hall in the event of inclement

weather). Join us under the trees for

hot dogs and hamburgers grilled by the Knights of

Columbus. **Please bring a potluck side dish or**

dessert to share! All parishioners are welcome!



40 Hours - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION. COME AND ADORE OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!

St. Lawrence continues to hold its 40 hours of Adoration until Midnight of the Feast Day of St Lawrence on August 10

Sign up for your Sacrificial Offering of Time before the Blessed Sacrament on Sign Up Sheets that are in the Narthex.

Join us to Celebrate 25 Years of the St. Louis Mother's Group

Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31 at
St. Louis Catholic Church, Alexandria

Saturday - 4 p.m. Vigil Mass, 5-10 p.m.
Dinner, Dancing and Social
Sunday, Donuts and Family Time after
8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.



PRAY THE ROSARY FOR ALL SUFFERING FROM ADDICTION

Please Pray for the Sick of our

parish family, including: Anne Marie
Pierce, Dr. Ronald Gripshover, Colleen
Adamson, Curley Anderko, Giovanna
Faustina Annarella, Jenny Antoun,
Lorenzo Betia, Leah Bloom, Dave
Bocchino, Maria Bonfanti, Betty Bonifer,
Melanie Brady, Luis Cristian Carranza,
Joan Charters, Pat Childers, Reese Clasen,
Josie Cofer, Renate Craft, Nancy Crowley, Ann Cullen,
John D'Adamo, Anna Deaver, Gary DeMarco, Felicia
DiFeo, Kevin Donaleski, Evan Duncan, Hilda Elizondo,
Francis Flaherty, John Forrester, Barbara Gaul, William
Geoghegan, Julia Delli Gatti, Patricia Gilcrest, Jaime
Guzman, Carl Haines, Karina Hanna, Christal Eve
Herrera, Elizabeth Horswell, Judy and Kevin Jackson,
Judith Jackson, Mary Kirby, Tom Kirby, Jr., Richard
Kuron Sr., Donald Lawson, Antonio Yu An Leng, Patricia
Lewis, Luisa, Kathleen MacQueeney, Rita MacQueeney,
Rose Marie Malatesta, Jack Marzan, Martha Mastic,
Deborah Miller, Nhung "Kim" Miller, Pamela Moore,
Robert Nguyen, Matthew Peters, Justin Pham, Steve
Piscitelli, Larry Poh, Lori Polson, Ginny Rauer, Herman
& Martha Rollandini, Vin Rosano, Eduardo San Diego,
Hannelore Smallfield, Randy Souther, Raymond
Stanekenas, Kurt Steinbacher, Donna Sullivan, Lily Tan,
Rebekah Tan, Henry Taylor, Zemui Teklu, Jun Tolentino,
Anthony Torres, Minh Tran, Grace Valenciano, David
Verbano, Marie Victorino and Fran Visco *Holy Mary,
Mother of God, we seek your intercession for our sick!!!*



SATURDAY PROLIFE ROSARY PRAYER VIGIL

Please join St. Lawrence at the Rosary Prayer Vigil
conducted every Saturday morning, 9:05 – 10:15 am,
outside the abortion clinic at 2839 Duke Street,
Alexandria. St. Lawrence has led this prayer vigil for
over 30 years outside one of Virginia's largest
abortion providers. For further information, contact
the rectory or Bruce Borzino, 703-402-8335.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

We pray for those who have gone before us, marked
with the sign of faith, most recently we remember:

**Patricia Terlecki, Barry Childers, Lai Wah Tang,
Patricia Mankin, Martha Ann Jones, Roseann
Frances Branagan, Olivia Miranda Kliukevic,
Fermin Villar, Aubrey Polson, and Dai Pham.**

We also pray for the souls of the following deceased
loved ones on this month's anniversary of their
deaths:

Herman Verbano (d. 8/5/21)
William Curley (d. 8/5/2018)
James F. Stakem, Jr. (d. 8/10/2024)
Michelle Cio (d. 8/13/13)
Genevieve Grippo (d. 8/15/2022)
John Malatesta (d. 8/22/2016)
Rev. Gerry Petta (d. 8/24/2012)
Jane Palladino (d. 8/14/2023)
Ofelia Dalusung (d. 8/19/2023)
Jerry Alexander (d. 8/26/2023)

*(If you have a memorial of a death you wish remembered in the
Parish please contact the office, giving the name and
anniversary date.)*

Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (SMdP) is looking for volunteers with various

opportunities. SMdP provides services to prevent
isolation of seniors and promote their
wellness, happiness, and independence.
Volunteers are needed for breakfast and
lunch; activities, arts and crafts, exercise
instructor, computer/tech instructors,
nutritionist, and more opportunities listed
online at <https://www.cdda.net/seniorservices>. Center
hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm.
Flexible schedules based on availability. SMdP is located
at 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304.
Contact maria.mellor@cdda.net; phone: 703-751-2766.



Pray Daily for a Future Priest or Sister:

See the parish pamphlet rack for a brochure explaining the
Diocese of Arlington's St. Therese Vocation Society
Members commit to praying daily for vocations and for
individuals in formation as priests and religious. Those who
join receive a quarterly calendar in the mail which lists the
name of one person to pray for each day. There are no dues
or required meetings and prayers can be done at home on
your own time. For a prayer calendar or to sign-up on-line
go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/st-therese-society/>

Also, please continue to pray for:

**Rev. Mr. Sean Mazary, Matt Chapman, and Sister
Gaudete Maria.**



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To learn more or get involved, please scan the QR code, or contact our Grand Knight at GK9407@vakofc.org

THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON EWTN's Free Family Celebration Event

You'll hear hope-filled messages from EWTN hosts and clergy, attend Holy Mass with The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Confession and Adoration, and meet your favorite EWTN personalities. And best of all, it's free! Doors open at 8:00 am in Tysons, Virginia, on Saturday, **August 30th**. Seating is limited so reserve your spot today by registering online at www.ewtn.com/familycelebration

Electronic giving through Faith Direct



Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support our church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Accompany us to: square dancing (every Tuesday); Thursday lunches (Aug. 14 & 28); dinner/walk at Huntley Meadows (Aug. 10); brunch (Aug. 17); talk by Dawn Beutner, Editor for Saints at *Magnificat* magazine (Aug. 21); serving meal at Christ House (Aug. 23); movie/dinner (Aug. 24); picnic (Aug. 31). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.



The MaRiH Center, a crisis pregnancy and pregnancy resource center, needs donations and volunteers.

Items can be left in the cradle near the entrance of the Narthex. Our volunteers make weekly pick ups and deliver the donated items to MaRiH Center: **Please note that large, heavy bags of clothing are too cumbersome to our volunteers. Smaller bags would be helpful. Thank you!**



- Baby clothes up to size 2T
- Maternity and nursing clothes
- Formula, baby food, and diapers
- Baby equipment; e.g., **MOST NEEDED** are non-expired car seats and strollers that collapse easily.
- Other items: shoes, bottles, diaper bags, toys, books, stuffed animals, bedding
- Baby wipes -- which are in very short supply.

There is also an Amazon baby registry that MaRiH has created. Check out the website at www.marih.org in more. Thank you for your generosity!

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St. Monica Prayer Group

Men and women are invited to attend on the first and third weeks of the month - Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm and/or Friday mornings at 8:00 am. The group meets in the Family Room in the Narthex. For more information contact the parish office at and leave your name and contact info.



Angelus Academy. *Where the Truth of Catholic teaching takes flesh in the lives of 3 year-old to 8th grade children and their families.*

We love having St Lawrence parishioners at our school. What a blessing it is to be learning together! We are continuing to accept applications for the 2025-26 school year as space permits. Spots are filling up fast--apply soon! [Angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying](https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying). Angelus Academy is celebrating its 25th anniversary this fall. We'd love to have you be a part of our celebrations! Call or email Julie Maimone, Director of Admissions, for more information or to schedule a tour this summer: admissions@angelusacademy.org or 703-924-3996 x 18

Parish Groups on Summer Break

ST. LAWRENCE ROSARY MAKERS will take a break over the summer and meet again on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Hammond Hall. All are welcome. Call the parish office for more info.



FRENCH AND SPANISH CONVERSATION CLASSES. Our foreign language classes are on a break for the summer. Please look for details on classes resuming in the fall.

THAT MAN IS YOU! A Catholic Man's Leadership Program. We have completed our third year of meetings and will resume in the Fall after Labor Day. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office to leave a message for the Program Coordinator, Chris Isham.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume their weekly Thursday Bible Study groups in September. Join other women from the parish to study and pray. Stay tuned for more details on the starting date and time



Our next Share Sunday is the weekend of Aug. 16-17. Thank you to all who donate financially or with pantry items when coming for Mass! Most needed at this time:

Grocery and Dollar Tree Gift Cards	Flour, Sugar, Cooking Oil
Cereal, Coffee (Reg or Decaf)	Mayo, Ketchup, Salad Dressing
Canned Fruit	Pancake Mix
Canned Soups	Canned Pasta, Chili, Stew
Flavored Rice or Pasta	Dish Soap, Dishwasher Detergent
Ramen Soup	Deodorant, Bar Soap
Laundry Detergent	Shampoo, Conditioner
Shampoo, Conditioner	Toothbrushes, Toilet Paper

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

PRAY IN SONG



The 11 am choir is looking for additional members. If you enjoy prayer through song, please join us for practice Thursdays at 7pm and for Mass at 11am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. There are no 'try-outs' and all are welcome!

Chesterton Academy of Christ the King will be opening in the Fall of 2026, hopefully at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Alexandria. The more than 70 Chesterton Academies nationwide are known for their

strong spiritual formation anchored in daily Mass as well as their rigorous, integrated classical curriculum oriented toward the good, the true, and the beautiful. Chesterton high schools form joyful, faithful, curious, articulate, and resilient young men and women prepared for college and for life. Parent information sessions will be held throughout the summer.

Visit Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org to learn more, [connect with us here](#), or [register to attend an upcoming information session](#)



2025 Mental Health Day of Prayer - "I Am With You Always" On August 23, from 9:15 am - 2:15 pm, you are invited to attend the 2025 Mental Health Day of Prayer, with the theme "I Am With You Always: Healing From Trauma and Loneliness" at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. The day features small group discussions, a keynote luncheon with Dr. Maura McFadden, and Holy Mass celebrated by our shepherd, Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, at 11 am. *This event is free, but please register at:* arlingtondiocese.org/mentalhealthdoph. We look forward to seeing you there.



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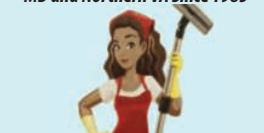
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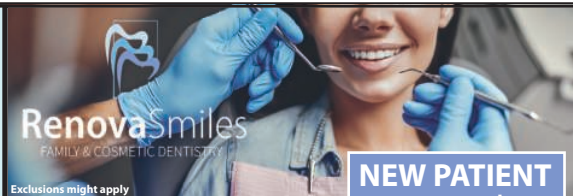
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