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

M 9:30am; W 7-7:45pm; F 6:45am; Sat 3:30-4:30 pm

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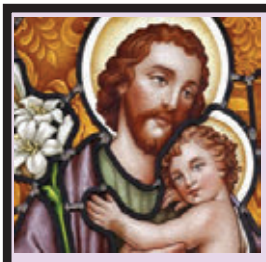

The Year of St Joseph

Dear faithful, the Pope has declared this the year of St Joseph, with that in mind, you may wish to pray to Jesus' Foster Father for his intercession in your prayers! Here is an example of an appropriate prayer:

Bless me, Oh dearly beloved father, St. Joseph; bless my body and my soul; bless my resolutions, my words and deeds, all my actions and omissions, my every step; bless all that I possess, all my interior and exterior goods, that all may redound to the greater honor of God. Bless me for time and eternity and preserve me from every sin. Obtain for me the grace to make atonement for all my sins by love and contrition here on earth, so that after my last breath I may, without delay, prostrate at thy feet return thee thanks in heaven for all the love and goodness thou, O dearest father, hast shown me here below. *Amen.*

St Joseph, Protector of families….Pray for us
St Joseph, Protector of the Church….Pray for us

August 29, 2021
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 8/30 - Saint Fiacre of Brie *(Historic)*
6:15am····· Nathan Dsouza (in Thanksgiving)
9:00am····· Consolacion & Gregoria Aventino ✝

TUE 8/31 - Saint Raymond Nonnatus *(EFM)*
6:15am..... Repose of the Souls in Purgatory most in need
9:00am..... Sarah Chwiki

WED 9/1 - Saint Anna *(Historic)*
6:15am····· **NO MASS**
9:00am····· Aspen Lagman & Angelina Messing

THU 9/2 - Saint Agricolus *(Historic)*
6:15am····· **NO MASS**
9:00am····· Cau Nguyen ✝

FRI 9/3 - Saint Gregory the Great *(OFM)*
6:15am····· All Souls ✝
9:00pm····· Sao Nguyen ✝

SAT 9/4 - Saint Rosalia *(Historic)*
9:00am····· Dominic De Nguyen ✝

Vigil Mass *(Meets Sunday Mass Obligation)*
5:00pm····· Emmett O'Hare

SUN 9/5 - 23rd nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *(OFM)*
15th Sunday after Pentecost *(EFM)*
7:30am····· Lydia McLeod ✝
9:00am····· Dominique Hieu Nguyen ✝
11:00am····· The Mitchells
12:30pm····· Parishioners of Saint Lawrence

SAVE THE DATE -- Parish Picnic September 19 from 2-6 pm. Food, fun, games, mechanical bull, moon bounce, giant slides and more! Come enjoy a great afternoon with your fellow parishioners. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week *At a Glance*

Mon 8/30	**Confessions** 9:30am **Perpetual Help Novena** 7:15 pm
Tue 8/31	**Legion of Mary** 7:30pm
Wed 9/1	**Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30am-1pm **Fatima Prayer Cell** after 9:00am Mass **Confessions** 7-7:45pm **Exposition Begins** 7pm and ends with.. ...**Holy Hour** 7:15-8:15pm .....
Thur 9/2	**Knights of Columbus** 7:00 pm
Fri 9/3	**Confessions** 6:45am **Nocturnal Adoration** 10-11 pm (St. Mary's)
Sat 9/4	**First Saturday Devotions** 8:30 am **Confessions** 3:30-4:30pm

CLOTHES DRIVE. Koinonia is currently accepting donations of **new and gently used Fall and Winter clothing and shoes** for children and adults (all sizes) to help those in need. Items may be left in the donation bin in our church narthex OR brought directly to Koinonia, 6037 Franconia Rd (small building in back parking lot). Hours: M-W F 9-12:30, Thu 9-4, and 2nd Sat each month 9-12:30. Thank you!

CCD Teachers and Assistants needed – This is an opportunity to Teach and Improve your knowledge of Our Catholic Faith.

Adult and Teen Catechists needed for 2021– 2022 school year. Please contact Anne-Marie Pierce 703-971-8541 religioused@stlawrencealex.org You will use a teacher's edition (book with the answers) for your class but you will not just teach -- you will also learn from your students. There are openings in grades 3 to 6 Monday or Wednesday 7pm to 8:15pm. Teach a class with your spouse, or old and new friends. We are all called to live our faith, teach our faith and pass on our faith. **Registration for classes is still open!!!!**

ATTENTION PARENTS & TEENAGERS OF ST. LAWRENCE PARISH! It's time to get involved with Your St. Lawrence Youth Program. At St. Lawrence, we want to help our Teens (along with their parents) grow in their Faith, grow closer to/and have deeper relationship with God and Family and to keep involved in, and feel a part of, St. Lawrence Catholic Church Parish! (**we really need parental participation to accomplish this!!)**

Join us for Some or All of the following activities:

- *Tuesday night : Tuesday night High School Class 7pm-8:15pm: Grow in your Faith with Religious Education, Prayer, Watch Movies from Formed.org, Food, Fellowship, Fun*
- *Hiking Saturday morning in Sept./Oct*
- *Youth and Parent Cookouts/Bonfires*
- *Diocesan Rally Youth Event in October with Bishop Burbidge*
- *Pizza/Movie Night & Fundraising Events*
- *Pro-Life Events and Charity/Service with other parish groups*
- *Diocese Annual Workcamp June 2022*
- *Other ideas?*

*Email or call **Joseph Stakem,** Coordinator of Youth Ministry at **youth@stlawrence.org or call 703-971-5715***
PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HELP!!! WE NEED YOUR SERVICES -- BECOME AN USHER!

We are in need of Ushers in this Post-COVID Era, Especially at the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass and the 1230pm Sunday Mass! Simple Duties, great reward!!

Call the Office at 703-971-4378 Mon-Fri for info

HELP!!! WE NEED YOUR SERVICES -- BECOME A SUNDAY MORNING COUNTER!

Simple Duties assisting on a counting team in proper counting and processing of collections! 8:30am-10:30am Sunday (1 Sunday a month).

MEMORIALIZE A LOST CHILD.

Within our Fr McAfee Memorial Garden, there is a small area surrounded by a circle of red roses, the symbol of life and the Right to Life. Designed by our Knights of Columbus Council 9407, this **Memorial Garden for Unborn Children** honors the memory of all souls lost to abortion, miscarriage, and still-birth. The Garden provides a peaceful place of prayer for an end to abortion, for all little ones lost prior to birth, and for those seeking hope and healing due to their loss.

Several new memorial stones have already been installed in this garden. Please visit the garden to see these memorials. You can purchase memorial stones anonymously that are engraved with names of children lost during pregnancy or due to abortion.

Arrangements have been made with ***Engraved-rock.com*** in Washington state to take orders for personalized memorial stones to be included in this Garden. There are two options for ordering:

Signature Rock: 3"-5" for $40, suitable for 1-3 words (e.g.: name + date + graphic)

Small Rock: 7"-11" for $90, accommodating a brief inscription of up to 8-10 words

All stones are natural and engraved to last many years. In addition to selecting the size, you will choose the font, wording, and graphics (Cross, heart, angel, rose, etc) to design your memorial. Your final design will be sent to you and the Pastor for approval before the stone is engraved (without any personal information attached to the proof sent to the pastor). The memorial stone will then be completed and shipped with others directly to St. Lawrence Church for installation in the Garden. Of course, you are free to order a second stone shipped to your home, if desired.

Your confidentiality is important! Identifying information will not be shared with the Pastor or other church staff in any part of the ordering, approval or shipping process. However, all memorial stones are subject to approval before being included in the Garden (as noted above). To purchase a memorial stone through Engraved-rock.com:

Via PHONE: 509-715-0630; Inform Linda Greene your order is for the St. Lawrence Church Memorial Garden *(Remember that Pacific Time is 3 hours behind us).*

Via Internet: Go to: https://engraved-rock.com Select "Order Personalized Garden Stones," choose the small or medium rock size and enter design information. If you need help, use the CONTACT tab in the main menu. After entering your billing information, select "Ship to a different address." For first/last name enter: Memorial Garden; Company: Saint Lawrence Church; Address: 6222 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310. In the "Order Notes" box write: For the St. Lawrence Memorial Garden. Feel free to contact the Office if you have any questions!

NARTHEX FUND-RAISING PROGRESS
Current Pledges: $1,436,198

New Goal - $2 million

$1,750,000

$1,500,000

$1,250,000

Original Goal $1.2 Mil

$1 million

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$250,000

Our parish garden is one of the most beautiful gardens in Alexandria thanks to the loving attention of Tien Vu, our talented Facilities Manager. I would like a team of volunteers called "Our Lady's Gardeners" to help Tien pick up the leaves, especially those large magnolia leaves in front of Our Blessed Mother. Please contact Anne-Marie Pierce at 703-971-8541 if you wish to volunteer 20 -30 minutes a week to this ministry. God bless you.

Volunteer Teachers Urgently Needed!

Volunteer Teachers Needed! ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) , Computer Literacy, and GED teachers are needed to teach virtually or in person. Teachers are only asked to teach one class period per week but may teach more if desired. We allow teaching in pairs for those who wish to teach with a friend or spouse. No experience or foreign language ability necessary and all materials and training provided! If interested, please email volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net or call 571-208-1572.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES

Baptisms - Baptisms are held the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 1:45 pm. Please contact the office at least one month in advance. Parents must be registered members of the parish and first time parents must attend a one session pre-Baptismal class, usually held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Parents are encouraged to attend this class before the birth of their child; please call to register. The Godparent(s) must provide a Sponsor Certificate from their parish before the Baptism. Baptisms in the Extraordinary Form may be requested by calling the parish office.

Sponsor Certificates - These are Parish testimonies to the fact you are a practicing Catholic in the parish and are issued to those wishing to be a Godparent or sponsor for a Confirmation candidate. You must be registered in the parish and first time Godparents must attend a class before a certificate will be issued.

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. Note that living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the marriage preparation time.

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. Call the Religious Education Office at (703) 971 -8541 for details or email religioused@stlawrencealex.org

R.C.I.A. - The Rite 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. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the Religious Education Office, Anne-Marie Pierce, 703-971-8541 or email religioused@stlawrencealex.org

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.

EMERGENCY APPEAL 2021-HAITI Earthquake and Storm

This Weekend, August 28-29, we will be collecting for the people of Haiti who have been ravaged by natural disasters. Look for envelopes in the pews marked "Haiti Relief" and collection buckets for the next two weekends!

HAND-Carved Olive Wood Figures Supporting Christians in the Holy Land. On the weekend of **Sep.4th-5th, 2021,** there will be a display of beautiful olivewood handmade carvings from the Holy Land in our church. During this difficult time, Bethlehem is Shut Down, No Tourism, No income. Carving olivewood **Now** is the only source of income of the Christian families who still living in the Holy Land.
Christians in the Holy Land used to be more than **37%** of the population. There is less than **1%** now. As Christians of faith, it is our duty to support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. YOU can support them by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after mass. For more information, please contact us at 202-302-5889 or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

MAKES A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Mother Daughter Retreat - The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9) entitled, "**To Light and Guard, To Rule and Guide: Your Guardian Angel's Mission to Form You into a Woman of Integrity"**. The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for confession, adoration, and Mass and begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Penafort Church, 8750 Pohick Rd. Springfield. The $55 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter and $15 per additional daughter. For more information and to register (by Sept 11) visit https://www.waywomen.com/daystar Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door.

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, William Geoghegan, Donna Sullivan, Kurt Steinbacher, Joan Curley, Renate Craft, Mary Kirby, Zemui Teklu, Kathleen MacQueeney, Duyen Tran, Randy Souther, Robert Nguyen, Antonio Yu An Leng, Evangeline Azarraga, Maria Victorino, Jaime Guzman, Eduardo San Diego and Jun Tolentino.

Mary, Mother of God, we seek your intercession for our sick!!!

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women in English and Spanish: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy! You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC) serves single Catholics 40 and over. Upcoming events include mini-golf at Upton Hill Regional Park (Aug. 29); picnic at Occoquan Regional Park (Sept. 5); Nationals baseball (Sept. 19). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Faith Direct Electronic Giving: 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 more of 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. Note: Our parish code is **VA325.**

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