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)
WEEKDAY
M - F: 6:15 and 9:00 a.m.  Saturday 9:00 a.m.
CONFESSIONS  M 9:30am; W 7:00 - 7:45pm;
F 6:45am; Sat 3:30-4:30 pm

Prayer to St. Joseph for the Narthex Update-Expansion Project

O glorious St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus; the most pure spouse of Mary ever Virgin; and the head of the Holy Family, and you have been chosen by Christ’s Vicar as the heavenly patron and protector of the Church founded by Christ. Therefore, it is with great confidence that we implore your powerful assistance for our narthex update-expansion project. By your great intercession for us, St. Joseph, help us to build up Christ’s Church by guiding this project to its completion. O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, we place this our intention for our parish in your hands.

St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church…
Pray for us!
St. Lawrence…Pray for us!
December 22, 2019 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

(OFM = Ordinary Form Mass [New])

(EMF - Extraordinary Form Mass [Traditional])

MONDAY, 12/23 - Saint Yvo of Chartres (Historical)
6:15 am Gladwyn & Alma Lagman
9:00 am Mike & Rebecca Delaney

TUESDAY, 12/24 - Saints Adam & Eve (Historical)
9:00 am Donald Trump
Vigil of Christmas
5:00 pm Vu & Do Family
7:00 pm Minh & Tatyana Nguyen Family
9:00 pm Gripshover Family

WEDNESDAY, 12/25 - The Nativity of the Lord (OFM/EFM)
7:30 am Anne-Marie Pierce Family
9:00 am Dreslin Family
11:00 am Rasmus Family
12:30 pm Parishioners of Saint Lawrence

THURSDAY, 12/26 - Saint Stephen, the First Martyr
6:15 am NO MASS
9:00 am Vincent Hien †

FRIDAY, 12/27 - Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist
6:15 am Vincent Hien †
9:00 am Sweet Potato

SATURDAY, 12/28 - The Holy Innocents (OFM/EFM)
9:00 am Elizabeth Golden †
5:00 pm Fred † and Stella Henderson (Vigil Mass)

SUNDAY, 12/29 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:30 am Alex Hofforth †
9:00 am Mary Marjorie Jung †
11:00 am Han Nguyen
12:30 pm Parishioners of Saint Lawrence (EFM)

From the Vocations Office: God chose to become man to lead us in a path of righteousness, is God calling you to grow in holiness? He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life Call Fr. Michael Isenberg, (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree. Many families who are in need will enjoy a wonderful Christmas through your generous donations.

Ushers Needed.

The parish is in particular need of ushers to serve at the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass, either part-time as back-ups for our regular ushers who have to be absent, or full-time for most Sundays.

If you are interested, please see one of the ushers at the 5:00 pm Mass, the 9:00 am Mass or contact the Head of the Usher Program, Dave Hurley at 703-921-2502, or via e-mail: hurley_dw@hotmail.com

Please Pray for the Sick of our parish family, including Jay Farabaugh, Melanie Brady, Justin Pham, Raymond Stanekenas, Rita MacQueney, Donald Lawson, Alice O’Connor, Minh Tran, Anthony Torres, Leah Bloom, Richard Kuron, Sr., Jack Marzan, Matthew Peters, Cindy Kuron, Patricia Lewis, Christian Escoto, John Bonfanti, Chris Henderson, Baby Leah, Barbara Gaul, John Forrester, Bud Shatzer, Bon Le and William Geoghegan.

Pray the Holy Rosary

"For a church is not a barber’s shop or a chemist’s or a market stall: it is the dwelling of angels and archangels; it is the kingdom of God; it is heaven itself. If someone gave you your own entrance into heaven, you would not dare to speak a word, not even if you were to see your own brother or father. Likewise in the church, only spiritual things may be spoken, for this is heaven.”
Thank you for those who have already supported this great effort! We are nearing our original goal—help us exceed that goal, given cost increases related to stormwater and other compliance issues!

**PLEASE ACT TODAY!!**

Electronic giving for the Project can be made via Faith Direct. See: [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)

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**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

*Interior Work continues, as the cement slab is completed around the outdoor atrium--causing some sidewalk disruption to accessing the Church!*

The Main Church is still closed during the week, with all liturgical activity taking place in the temporary chapel in Hammond Hall unless announced otherwise.

*Continue to pray the St. Joseph prayer on the cover for the success of the project and for the protection of our workers!*

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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS (Dec 24 and 25) AND THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY (Dec 31/Jan 1 New Year)**

(The Solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation)

**CHRISTMAS VIGIL - DECEMBER 24, 2019**

Mass held at: 5pm, 7pm, and 9pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25, 2019**

Mass held at: 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 12:30pm *(EFM Mass)*

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Mass held at 5pm

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY JANUARY 1, 2020**

Mass held: 9am, 11am, 12:30pm *(EFM Mass)* *(Note: no 7:30am Mass)*
This week you will find a wide variety of Calendars and reading material on the Book Rack in Hammond Hall. Also available are Magnificats and newly purchased materials from Ignatius Press.

**Gabriel Project:** Support for pregnant women, whether you’re a brand new mom or a mom looking for support because you are new to the area, contact Gabriel Project at 703-841-3810, or visit the website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/gabriel.aspx. Gabriel Project - 866-444-3553, www.helpforpregnantwomen.org.

**Project Rachel** is a post-abortion healing ministry open to anyone who seeks healing after abortion. Project Rachel – 888-456-HOPE - www.helpafterabortion.org.

**PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)** serves single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for: golf (every Monday); lunch (every Thursday); and a variety of other activities. For details, see our website: bit.ly/ptsc. RSVP to Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

2019-20 Rolling Admissions: Tuition assistance is available for all parishioners. Share the treasures of a solid Catholic education with your child(ren)/grandchild(ren). Call or email us to schedule a tour or to arrange a shadow day for your child(ren)! Admissions@angelusacademy.org; 703.924.3996.

**Eucharistic Holy Hour** - The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on Sun., Dec. 22 from 3 - 4 pm in the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Angels Church, 13752 Mary’s Way, Woodbridge. We hope you can join us to pray for world peace through the conversion of souls.

**Have you found yourself in a crisis?** Accidents, illnesses, and sudden unemployment can happen to anyone. If you don’t know how you are going to pay your rent or utilities, or even put food on the table this month, Koinonia may be able to help. Fairfax County is divided into small service areas, allowing residents to find aid close to where they live. Koinonia provides assistance for specific zip codes in the Franconia/Springfield area. For more info please call: 703/971-1991.

**PRAYER SHawl MINISTRY** usually meets the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Hammond Hall. All are invited to join in knitting, crocheting, organizing, or bagging the shawls which are then given to those who are ill and in need of prayers. The shawls are available, free of charge, for men, women and children who are ill. Their name will be added to the list of those for whom prayer is offered. If you or someone you know would like to have a prayer shawl, please contact the rectory office. The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry is this Friday, January 10th.

**Thinking of replacing or getting rid of your old car?** Please consider donating it to Catholic Charities. A parishioner of ours (who prefers to remain anonymous) saw this ad in the bulletin and donated their car to the ministry, Cars for Families. That family’s generous donation provided reliable transportation for another family in desperate need of transportation. Other non-operational cars or vehicles such as trucks, RVs and even jet skis and snowmobiles are accepted. Donating is EASY! They handle the paperwork and you receive an IRS donation receipt. Visit www.cda.net for more info.

**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 go 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.

**Choose Life License Plates** are available from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles for a nominal annual fee. Part of the revenue is transferred to Heartbeat International for distribution to tax exempt pregnancy centers in Virginia. For more information go to: //www.dmv.virginia.gov/dmvnet/plate_purchase/select_plate.asp?PLT=&PLTNO
**GIVING IS EASY**
- You can make a pledge and pay over a period you specify (Either electronically or “in pew”).

**IT'S THE END OF THE TAX YEAR**
If you are retired, you can give from your "required minimum distributions" of retirement accounts-you save on income taxes and we can use the whole donation.  
(Contact Deacon Mike for more info.)

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

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**ATTENTION TEENS AND PARISHIONERS OF ST. LAWRENCE PARISH**

The Youth Group will be offering Christmas decorations and gifts for donation to raise funds for WorkCamp 2020. Look for us in the month of December outside Church and in Hammond Hall.

High School Youth Religious Education class is held every Tuesday at Hammond Hall from 7 - 8:15 pm. All High School Youth are welcome to come to class on Tuesdays or to attend any events. Parents: Please contact us to get on the email list for planned events/activities. In December, we will be watching and discussing **ADVENT and the Story of THE NATIVITY.** Watch at home at Formed.org

Please call, email or come by and register to join us and discuss new ideas for our program. Please contact Joseph Stakem, Youth Ministry Office, at 703-971-5715 or email youth@stlawrencealex.org

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**HELP OUR NARTHEX FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AND MEMORIALIZE YOUR RELATIVE(S), OTHERS OR GROUP(S).**

- **Huge Apostle Memorial Stones Available for Memorials**
- **Huge Stained Glass Windows Available for Memorials**

We know these memorials are expensive, but they will stand for decades if not hundreds of years, and are the most significant memorials we have seen in our parish history. Consider:

1. You could paritally fund a memorial with another family;
2. You can have your group fund a memorial;
3. Your current Pledge will be credited toward the cost of a memorial.

**Talk to Deacon Mike For Details -- we have a family that would like to partially fund a memorial.**