HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS-
SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am and

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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

Week 30: WOW! The windows are now in. Get a look at the light this allows into the new Narthex—so much more triumphant. Note that three of these windows have been committed to stained glass memorials—which will beautify the reverence of the atmosphere of the Narthex all the more. Pray to St Joseph (see below) for the protection of our workers.

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!

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

Pray the Holy Rosary
February 16, 2020
Thank you all for your generosity --and for your continued generosity as we go forward. We edge close to our original goal!!

Please pledge today!!

Electronic giving for the Project can be made via Faith Direct.

Do not be alarmed, our Stained Glass windows have not been stolen—the Stained Glass Windows in the Main Church are being removed for maintenance and repairs (just like all the stained glass windows that were in the old Narthex). Note that all the windows are a planned part of the new construction!!

All liturgical activity will continue to take place in the main Church—with use of the temporary chapel in Hammond Hall on reserve if construction activity requires that action. Look for notifications of any change in venue.

Continue to pray to St. Joseph prayer for the protection of our workers!

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, please contact the rectory to make arrangements.
ST. LAWRENCE PARISH RETREAT - Men’s Weekend: MARCH 20th – 22nd, 2020
Women’s Weekend: MARCH 13th – 15th, 2020

Need to get away from the constant “busyness” of today’s world? Renew your spirit with a retreat. The men of St. Lawrence Parish go on retreat each year during Lent at the LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE in Southern Maryland. This silent retreat is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. It begins Friday evening with the Sacrament of Penance and dinner, and closes with Mass and lunch on Sunday. The retreat theme for this year is: “Lord, Teach Us to Pray”. Each retreatant is free to structure the weekend to suit your own personal needs.

To make a reservation, call Loyola at 301-392-0801. A deposit of $115 will reserve a private room with a half bath for you. The suggested offering for the weekend is $245 or $195 for first time retreatants and for young adults under age 30. Find more information at loyolaonthepotomac.com or reserve a room at reservations@loyolaretreat.org

The Bishop O’Connell Fine Arts Department presents: Broadway Desserts - 2020 - An evening of Broadway musical selections and desserts. Saturday, Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. Upper Gym This is our biggest fine arts fundraiser of the year, much of which goes to financial support to students unable to fund some elements of their participation. Your elegant evening begins as you enter the performance venue and are seated within the ‘setting’ of Broadway and New York City. Reserved table seating is arranged as eight seats per table. At your table you will enjoy dessert ‘sliced’ from a delicious assortment, as well as coffee or tea based on your preference. Visit www.bishopoconnell.org/desserts to purchase tickets!

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on Sun., Feb. 23 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.

St. Raymond’s Lenten Women’s Retreat invites women to a retreat lead by the Women’s Apostolate to Youth (WAY) on Saturday, March 7th - Topic: “St. Therese of Lisieux: Happy Victim of Merciful Love”. Time: 8:30am -1:30 pm; Location: St. Raymond of Peñafort Parish Hall (8750 Pohick Rd, Springfield, VA 22153). The retreat will explore this very young, obscure French nun’s conviction that Jesus wants above all else to be loved, not feared, and how accepting this as her mission led to a life of heroic sacrifice, intense suffering and to the devotion of countless Catholics today. Check in: 8:30am - 8:50am downstairs at the parish hall before going to 9:00am Mass, followed by continental breakfast, talks, confession/adoration, periods of silence, lunch, brief reflection and resolutions. Please RSVP on St. Raymond’s parish website www.straymonds.org/lentenwomensretreat or contact St. Raymond’s Parish Office 703-440-0535 or email eva.radel@straymonds.org. No cost to attend but please register.

The Shroud of Turin - One of the World’s Greatest Mysteries

Come hear Bill Wingard present the history, science and the passion of Jesus Christ -- as seen in the Shroud of Turin. Presentation will be held Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 pm in Hammond Hall. Please contact Anne-Marie Pierce in the Religious Education office at 703-971-8541 for additional information or to register to attend this exceptional event.

Arlington Diocese Annual Women and Men’s Conferences Coming Soon! - Men’s Conference Saturday, March 7th; Women’s Conference Saturday, March 14th. Both will be held at St. Joseph’s in Herndon from 9 am - 2 pm. To register or for more information go to arlingtondiocese.org/women or arlingtondiocese.org/conferences

The CCW scholarship application is now available for the 2020 school year. This application is for a $1000.00 scholarship for a girl who will graduate from high school in 2020 and plans to attend a 2 year or 4 year college or a trade school. Applicants must be completed and sent to Donna Piscitelli at ccw@stlawrencealex.org by March 1st.

Share Sunday is Feb. 15-16. Koinonia’s greatest need is for pasta sauce, coffee, and laundry detergent. Also requested for the food pantry are: Jelly/jam, pancake syrup, sardines, flour, sugar, ketchup, mayo, salad dressing, all-purpose cleaner, shampoo and conditioner, toothpaste, shaving cream and razors, tissues, paper towels, toilet paper, baby diapers (size 6), and bath soap. Thank you for your support!
Your Donation is a sign of obedience to the Precept of the Church that We Each Help Provide For the Needs of the Church
-You can make a pledge and pay over a period you specify – (Either electronically or "in pew”).
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!!!
(Contact Deacon Mike for more info.)

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS—Youth Work Camp Support
St. Lawrence will be sending 8-10 Teens to WorkCamp 2020 in Winchester, Virginia in June to help those in need and to grow closer to God and stronger in the Catholic Faith. Therefore, to fundraise, the Youth will be holding their Spring Silent Auction and Bazaar from Friday, February 28th - Sunday March 1st. Donations of slightly used items will be accepted at the Youth Ministry Office in Hammond Hall. Please visit, email or call Joseph Stakem, Youth Ministry Office, at 703-971-5715 or youth@stlawrencealex.org

Right to Life issues in Virginia--Be Informed
Being Faithful Catholics and Citizens in the Virginia Commonwealth. The Virginia Catholic Conference (VCC) is the unified voice of the Bishops of Arlington and Richmond to give Virginia Catholics greater knowledge and influence in decisions by state and federal lawmakers that affect human life and dignity. The VCC E-mail Advocacy Network lets you know when legislation is coming before either the General Assembly or Congress on matters that the Bishops feel are urgently important. This gives citizens the opportunity to contact their elected representatives to make their voices heard. Citizens enrolled in this network receive short alerts about bills and can quickly send messages about them to their legislators if they decide to do so. Register at https://vacatholic.org/action-center/