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!

Week 28: The roof is now sealed so drywall work can begin inside the New Narthex. Here is a peek of the Baptistry side of the new Narthex, which is coming along nicely (the large opening will be a wall of windows into the Church).

Pray to St Joseph (see below) for the protection of our workers.
February 2, 2020
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

*(OFM = Ordinary Form Mass [New])
(ESM - Extraordinary Form Mass [Traditional])*

**MONDAY, 2/3 - Saint Blaise (OFM/ESM)**
6:15 am  Kim Laycock †
9:00 am  Ruth Benitez †

**TUESDAY, 2/4 - Saint Andrew Corsini (ESM)**
6:15 am  Remy Dinion & Imee †
9:00 am  Fr. Patrick Kokorian

**WEDNESDAY, 2/5 - Saint Agatha (OFM/ESM)**
6:15 am  Antone & Anna Nguyen
9:00 am  Jennifer Fanny Duncan †

**THURSDAY, 2/6 - Saint Titus (ESM)**
6:15 am  Antone & Anna Nguyen
9:00 am  Loui Barrios †

**FRIDAY, 2/7 - Saint Richard of Lucca (Historic)**
6:15 am  Giuse & Maria Nguyen
9:00 am  Kuya Cesar De Castro †

**SATURDAY, 2/8 - Saint Josephine Bakhita (OFM)**
9:00 am  Phero Pham Quoc Tien †
5:00 pm  Tom Turk † (Vigil Mass)

**SUNDAY, 2/9 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am  Dorothy Monroe †
9:00 am  Virginia Lambert †
11:00 am  Parishioners of St. Lawrence
12:30 pm  Dinh Family (Living/Deceased) (ESM)

**Day of Prayer and Healing for Women**
Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, March 21, 2020. 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 at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

**Project Rachel:** If you would like to receive periodic emails forwarded from the Diocese of Arlington with specific ways you can be of support to those who have been affected by abortion through prayer or practical means, please contact Cindy in the Parish Office at 703/971-4378 or office@stlawrencealex.org. Thank you!

**Please Pray for the Sick** of our parish family, including Jay Farabaugh, Melanie Brady, Justin Pham, Raymond Stanekeenas, 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 William Geoghegan.

This Week in Our Parish

**Sun.** Youth Choir Rehearsal - 12:00 pm
(except 2nd Sunday of the month)

**Mon.** Confessions 9:30 am in Hammond Hall
Religious Education Classes 7:00 - 8:15 pm
Novena to OLPH 7:15 pm

**Tues.** Rosary Makers 9:30 am
High School Religious Ed Classes 7-8:15 pm
R.C.I.A. Classes 7-8:15 pm
Legion of Mary 7:30 pm

**Wed.** Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am - 7:15 pm
Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00 am Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3:00 pm
Religious Education Classes 7:00 - 8:15 pm
Confessions 7:00 - 7:45 pm
Holy Hour 7:15 - 8:15 pm

**Thurs** 11:00 am Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm

**Friday**
First Friday Devotions at Basilica of St. Mary
Saint Lawrence’s time is 10-11 pm
Confessions 6:45 am
Vespers 7:00 pm (1st and 3rd Fridays)

**Sat.**
Pro-Life Rosary - 9-10 am (2839 Duke St.
Alexandria, Virginia)
Confessions - 3:30 - 4:30 pm

All are invited to Celebrate World Marriage Sunday with Mass and free dinner with Bishop Burbidge on February 8, 2020 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More. All married couples are invited to attend. Dinner is Free but you must RSVP at arlingtondiocese.org/wms20 because space is limited.

**SAVE THE DATE--PASTA DINNER:** - Our Knights of Columbus will be holding the Annual Family Pasta Dinner fundraiser on February 8, starting at 6pm in Hammond Hall. Bring your family and friends for authentic Italian pasta, wine, music, and plenty of fun. This is the Knights’ big fundraiser of the year in support of KOVAR – a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity that provides assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities. Tickets are $10 for an adult and $6 for children (family pricing is available) and will be available for advance sale the weekends of 25-26 January and 1-2 February before and after all Masses. See you there!

Pray the Holy Rosary
February 2, 2020
We are real close to our original goal--help us not only meet, but exceed that goal in 2020.

PLEASE PLEDGE TODAY!!

Electronic giving for the Project can be made via Faith Direct. See: www.faithdirect.net

Goal $1.2 Mil
$1 million
$750,000
$500,000
$250,000

Exciting interior work goes on out of sight as the new Narthex takes shape (now that the roof is complete and water leaks are no more)! We had some interior work completed on fire alarm updates that are required now under County Code.

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.

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

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

NARTHEX
FUNDRAISING

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 am. 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.
Share Sunday: 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!

Angelus Academy 2019-20 Rolling Admissions: Tuition assistance may be available for parishioners. Share the treasures of a solid Catholic education with your child(ren)/grandchild(ren). Call us to schedule a tour or to arrange a shadow day for your child(ren)! Re-registration for current families begins in January and is due on February 5. Winter Open House coming in February! Check our website (AngelusAcademy.org) for more information.

Please join the Alexandria-Springfield Chapter of the Catholic Business Network (www.CBNNoVa.org) on Tuesday, February 11th at 5:30 p.m. at Michael’s Little Italy (formerly La Trattoria), 2nd Floor, 305 S. Washington St, Alexandria, Va. 22314 for networking, food, friendship and our guest speaker, Karen Beck who will provide tips on how to “Reach Your 2020 Goals.” Please RSVP at www.CBNNoVa.org in the “Upcoming Events” column and contact Paula Potoczak at PMPlaw@Earthlink.net or Madeline Caporiccio at MCaporiccio@McEnearney.com with any questions. Pre-registration is preferred.

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated this Sunday. Please pray for those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day.

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Men – Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for men (ages 18-55) February 29-March 1, 2020. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, and talking with priests and seminarians. Cost is $60 and includes overnight and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Retreat starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is Friday February 14. There is a similar retreat for women June 26-28.

FIAT Day of Recollection for High School Girls
Sunday, February 9th from 9 am - 4:45 pm at Holy Trinity Parish in Gainesville. For more info go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/FIAT; email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or call 703-841-2514.

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 2nd, 2020.

Prime Time Single Catholics (PTSC) serves single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for: lunch (every Thursday); Mass, concert, and lunch in DC (Feb. 5); Flamenco dance program (Feb. 8); bowling (Feb. 15); piano concert at St. Luke Church (Feb. 16); dinner at Guapo’s in Shirlington (Feb. 23); Institute of Catholic Culture dinner and talk (March 1). For details, see our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Book Rack News: Magnificats for Feb and March are now available on the book rack in Hammond Hall and also in the Parish Office for your convenience during the church renovations.

Separated? Divorced? Widowed???
The Rebuilding Program, sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life, helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, February 23rd and meets Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8:00 PM at the St. Martin De Porres Senior Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information email facilitator@copingrebuilding.com, or visit us on the web at http://www.copingrebuilding.com.

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/men or arlingtondiocese.org/women

Interested in Homeschooling? St. Raymond Homeschool Information Workshop will take place on Saturday, February 15th, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM in the St. Raymond of Peñaafort Parish Hall, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield. If you have ever considered homeschooling or are a veteran homeschooler, come meet other Catholic homeschooling families and learn about homeschooling life. Topics include: Getting started in homeschooling, Homeschooling through high school, Homeschooling multiple ages, Spirituality in the homeschool, and Home management. Questions? Email: straymondhsg@gmail.com

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Your Sacrificial Gift Will Help Create a Safe/Reverent Home!

-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.)

**Narthex Pledge Cards/Envelopes in Your Pew**

**ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS:**
High School Youth Religious Education class is held every Tuesday at Hammond Hall from 7 - 8:15 pm. We are studying our Faith using the Catholic Catechism and watching ECHO with Bishop Donald Hying on FORMED.ORG (you can watch at home for free).

HELP OUR NARTHEX FUNDRAISING EFFORTS AND LOVINGLY 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 partially 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 (or e-mail at deacon@stlawrencealex.org) For Details*