

SAINT LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 10, 2021

The Baptism of our Lord

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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 7:00 - 7:45pm; F 6:45am; Sat 3:30-4:30 pm

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Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

Mon 1/11 **Confessions** 9:30am
CCD Classes 7:00 - 8:15pm
Novena-Our Lady of Perpetual Help 7:15pm

Tue 1/12 **RCIA Classes** 1:00pm
High School CCD 7:00pm
Legion of Mary 7:30pm

Wed 1/13 **Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30am-1pm
Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00am Mass
CCD Classes 7:00 - 8:15pm
Confessions 7-7:45pm
Exposition 7pm and...
Holy Hour 7:15-8:15pm

Thu 1/14 **Knights of Columbus Meeting** 7:00pm

Sat 1/16 **Confessions** 3:30-4:30pm

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BAPTISM of the LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 1/11 - Saint Theodosius *(Historic)*
 6:15am President Trump
 9:00am John A. Faraone †

TUE 1/12 - Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys *(OFM)*
 6:15am Margaret Melanson †
 9:00am Mary Prospero Fox †

WED 1/13 - Saint Hilary of Potiers *(OFM)*
 6:15am Ron Carpenter †
 9:00am Klaudia S.

THU 1/14 - Saint Felix of Nola *(EFM)*
 6:15am Hoa
 9:00am Philip Le

FRI 1/15 - Saint Paul the First Hermit *(Historic)*
 6:15am Eduardo & Estrella Kern ††
 9:00am J. P. Le

SAT 1/16 - Our Lady of Refuge *(Historic)*
 9:00 am Rockne Krill †

Vigil Mass *(Meets Sunday Mass Obligation)*
 5:00 pm John Thomas Maguire, USA †

SUN 1/10 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time *(OFM)*
Second Sunday After Epiphany *(EFM)*
 7:30 am Parishioners of Saint Lawrence
 9:00 am The Cofer Family (Living/Deceased)
 11:00 am Aaron Anzevino †
 12:30 pm Ruyen Dinh †

NOTICE: CCW MEETING CANCELLED

The CCW has decided to cancel its January meeting, which was to be held on January 17, due to the 10-person limit for gatherings. We hope to resume meetings as soon as larger gatherings are allowed.

SHARE WITH THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

Our next **SHARE SUNDAY** is the weekend of Jan 16 - 17. In addition to the collection before and after Masses, another "Drive-thru Drop-off Event" to benefit Koinonia's food pantry will be held on Sat. Jan 16, 1:30-4:30 pm. Requested pantry items are sugar, masa, cereal, beef stew, ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce, ketchup, mayonnaise, gravy, pork, beans, hamburger/chicken/tuna helpers, brownie/cake mix, cake topping, hot chocolate, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies (esp. All-Purpose), dish/dishwasher detergent, shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, paper towels, Kleenex, toilet paper, and gift cards (Aldi, Lidl, Giant, Dollar Tree). If you wish to donate at the Drive-thru, please pull up to the cones wearing a mask to drop off your items, or a volunteer will collect them from your trunk. **Thank you for your support these past months!**

This Week in Our Parish

All Scheduled Public Masses are still being celebrated--other Parish liturgical activities are also starting. Come to our Monday evening Novena and Exposition on Weds (9:30am-1pm) and Holy Hour starting with Exposition at 7pm! The Main Church is open 7 Days a Week until 9pm for private prayer.

(Please wear a mask and wash your hands thoroughly before entering church. Please maintain social distancing. We undertake all these measures, in an abundance of caution, for your safety).

Stimulus Check Quandry?

If you feel your finances are in order and your stimulus check, or a part of it, could be used by those less fortunate in our community or Diocese who are more adversely impacted by COVID, consider a donation to our Share Sunday or Poor Box Collections. These donations serve the poor and those in need exclusively.

See the Share Sunday information below--and use Poor Boxes near all the exits in the Church.



**LET YOUR FAITH BE SHOWN
AND YOUR VOICE HEARD--**
March for Those Who Cannot Speak

Please join other Saint Lawrence parishioners by participating in the 2021 **March for Life** in Washington, DC, on Friday, 29 January. A special pro-life Mass will be celebrated at Saint Lawrence at 10:15am prior to departure. Bus transportation from Saint Lawrence will depart after the Mass at 11:10 am and return at approximately 4:15 pm. Please sign the bus reservation rosters on the tables in the Narthex if you plan to use the bus transportation. Due to Covid-19, all marchers must wear masks or face coverings and observe social distance guidelines during the rally and the march. Call the Parish Rectory at 703-971-4378 for additional information.

Parish Finance Update - HELP with Offertory

A huge "Thank you" to all Parishioners Who Continue to support their church--even when limitations effect their ability to attend!

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR COMMITMENT AND HELP!

Our offertory collections were down nearly 19% in December (the first downturn since the start of the COVID Pandemic in last March/April.) They were closer to normal in November--THANK YOU to all our concerned St Lawrence Family

***Please use your envelope or You can also Use Faith Direct eGiving
(www.faithdirect.com)***



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, John Bonfanti, Chris Henderson, Leah, Francis Flaherty, Barbara Gaul, John Forrester, Bud Shatzer, Bon Le, William Geoghegan, Donna Sullivan, Julietta Fuster, Kurt Steinbacher, Joan Curley, Renate Craft, Mary Kirby and Zemui Teklu.

Narthex!

Would you or your Group like to get together and memorialize a beloved relative, or your family, or your Catholic Group?

HUGE MEMORIAL GRANITE STONES OF THE APOSTLES SURROUND THE OUTER SACRED HEART STATUE -- MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

-Apply your current Narthex donation pledge toward the cost of \$29,500 each Stone

-Join other families for a multiple memorial

-Customizable memorial at bottom of each stone!!!

See just how dominating and reverent these 4' x 4' Apostle-memorial stones will be!

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. The prayers can be done at home on your own time. To see a sample 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 seminarian Kevin Kelly who was here with us at St. Lawrence this summer.

NARTHEX PLEDGE FUNDRAISING REPORT

A humble "Thank you" to for the generosity of all Parishioners Who Continue to Meet--**and, Yes, Even Exceed**--Their Pledges for the Beautiful Construction of our Narthex.

New Goal - \$2 million

\$1,750,000

\$1,500,000

\$1,250,000

Original Goal \$1.2 Mil

\$1 million

\$750,000

\$500,000

\$250,000

Electronic giving can be made via Faith Direct.

See: www.faithdirect.net

**-Your Pledges have made your Renovation project happen -- now help pay for the extra costs NOW!!!
Donate either electronically or "in pew". Every little bit helps--in anonymous donations we have received over \$4000!**

***NOTE: If you have already made your donation and/or paid off your pledge, your additional donations can be made at any time and we will update your pledged/donated amount!!!
(Contact Deacon Mike for more info.)***



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 (on HOLD due to COVID), or if you need to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Angelus Academy

The Angelus Academy is a pre-K to 8th Grade school that features small classes and a vibrant, faith-filled community of caring educators and supportive parents who are committed to raising the next generation of well-educated, prayerful, patriotic Catholic leaders dedicated to serving others with great love. **Angelus Academy** offers a Catholic liberal arts education in the classical tradition.



Will you join **Angelus Academy** in its efforts to ensure that the next generation knows what truly matters in this world? Please prayerfully consider a donation to the **Messengers of Hope** campaign. As an independent Catholic school, we receive no funds from the Diocese or the state; we rely entirely on tuition and donations to cover our expenses. To donate, please go to AngelusAcademy.org and click on "donate" or mail a check directly to the school: 7644 Dynatech Court, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

Gabriel Project - support for pregnant women, for new mothers or those mothers new to the area. Call **703-841-3810**, or visit the website at:

www.helpforpregnantwomen.org

Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing ministry open to anyone who seeks healing after abortion. Call Project Rachel at:

703-841-2504 or visit the website at:

www.helpafterabortion.org

R.C.I.A. CLASSES CONTINUE. Need to receive a sacrament, join the Church, or learn more about your Faith? **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** classes **MEET** Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining RCIA, please contact Anne-Marie Pierce, our Director of Religious Education, at 703-971-8541, or via e-mail: religioused@stlawrencealex.org.

*While we are dispensed from attending Holy Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days by our Bishop--if one feels unable to be in public during these COVID times--even though nothing can replace being physically present at Holy Mass--**know that 9am Holy Mass for Sundays and Christmas will be recorded and posted Online each day by 11am (as well as the 12:30EFM)** so those who cannot make it physically can meet their obligations to honor these Holy Days under the Bishop's dispensation.*

USE FORMED.ORG TO IMPROVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH

*Teach Your Children (and Yourself) About Our Faith -
Go to Formed.org and put in "St Lawrence" to enjoy learning about your Faith!!!*

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 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**.

HELP "Usher" in the New Narthex. Ladies and Gentlemen--the parish is in particular need of ushers to serve at the Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass and the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. If you normally attend either of these Masses, please consider helping with this important ministry. We really need a commitment for regular, weekly ushers, but if you cannot serve every week, please consider if you could back-up our regular ushers who have to be absent from time to time. Talk to any Usher or the Priests/Deacon, or contact the rectory office.

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