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!
January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS
(OFM = Ordinary Form Mass [New])
(EFM = Extraordinary Form Mass [Traditional])

**MONDAY, 1/20 - Saint Sebastian (OFM/EFM)**
6:15 am  NO Mass - Holiday
9:00 am  Rosalie Anne Ricardo

**TUESDAY, 1/21 - Saint Agnes (OFM/EFM)**
6:15 am  Susan & Chris Rasmus
9:00 am  Emy Bonilla

**WEDNESDAY, 1/22 - Saint Anastasius (EFM)**
6:15 am  Private Intention
9:00 am  Robert Schamel ✝

**THURSDAY, 1/23 - Saint Raymond of Penafort (EFM)**
6:15 am  Fr. Gripshover
9:00 am  Anna Breslin Pierce ✝

**FRIDAY, 1/24 - Saint Timothy (EFM)**
6:15 am  Mike & Ann Marie Verrier
9:00 am  Francis Flaherty

**SATURDAY, 1/25 - Conversion of Saint Paul (OFM/EFM)**
9:00 am  Leon & Cam Nguyen
5:00 pm  Gil Coquia ✝ (Vigil Mass)

**SUNDAY, 1/26 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
7:30 am  Charles ✝ and Anna Mary Palladino
9:00 am  Tammy Fantz ✝
11:00 am  In Thanksgiving - The Rodrigue Family
12:30 pm  Parishioners of St. Lawrence (EFM)

If you would like blessed Epiphany Water and Chalk, and a “script” for the blessing of your home, please come by the Rectory office!!

This Week in Our Parish

**Sun.**  Council of Catholic Women Meeting  2:00 pm
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.**  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**  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.

Public Vespers - on the first and third Friday of the month, we will chant the “Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join us at 7:00 pm in the Chapel in Hammond Hall.

“To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Michael Isenberg (703) 841-2514, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

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 William Geoghegan.

**SAVE THE DATE-PASTA DINNER:** - our Knights 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!
We had a great 2019--thanks to the generosity of many, many parishioners--We are nearing our original goal--help us not only meet, but exceed that goal in 2020.

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

The interior of the Narthex is being fitted out with walls, electrical and plumbing installation and rapidly moves toward completion. We have replaced our diseased trees (removed 2 months ago) and added several more around the grounds!

All liturgical activity will now take place in the main Church--with use of the temporary chapel in Hammond Hall on reserve if construction noise will be too much.

Continue to pray the St. Joseph prayer on the cover for the success of the project and 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.
This month's Share Sunday is Jan. 18-19. Donations benefit those in need, including neighbors in our local community served by Koinonia's food pantry and clothing closet. Gift cards to Dollar Tree and any grocery store are also much appreciated.

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.

FROM THE ARlington DIOCESE VOCATIONS OFFICE

Morning of Reflection for Vocations All are invited to join the St. Thérèse Vocation Society for their annual Morning of Reflection on Saturday, February 1 from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at St. Veronica Catholic Church in Chantilly. The day will include continental breakfast, spiritual conference, Mass and Holy Hour. There is no cost but please RSVP with the Office of Vocations by January 27 at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

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 Isenbarger at (703) 841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.

FIAT Day of Recollection for High School Girls - Finding your place in God's plan requires building solid relationships with God, yourself and others. The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus are coming from Steubenville, OH, to put on this day, which will include Mass, talks, workshops, prayer and fun. Sunday February 9, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish in Gainesville. Registration and payment due January 31, 2020. Learn more and register: www.arlingtondiocese.org/FIAT; email vocations@arlingtondiocese.org, or call (703) 841-2514.

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

Council of Catholic Women Events

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.

The January meeting of the CCW will be January 19 at 2:00 in Hammond Hall. Our guest speaker is Lindsay McDermott who will speak on The Pro-life Movement in the New Evangelization.

Join Us for an Evening of Prayerful Remembrance and Intercession, January 22nd - Please gather with us to pray and seek healing and forgiveness as we observe the 47th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The event will take place at the Basilica of St. Mary in Old Town, Alexandria at 7:00 p.m. in remembrance of women, men, families, health care providers, and all directly or indirectly impacted by abortion. The evening will include: Eucharistic Adoration, intercessory prayer, personal testimonies from those who have been affected by abortion and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For more information, call Lumina at (877) 586-4621, email Project Rachel at info@helpafterabortion.org or visit online at https://stmaryoldtown.org.

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of the Fatima (the Blue Army) will sponsor a diocesan-wide Eucharistic Holy Hour on Sun., Jan. 26 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.
GIVING IS EASY
-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 do-
nations at any time and we will update your pledged/
donated amount!!!

(Contact Deacon Mike for more info.)

ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS: Please join us for the Pro Life Mass and March on Friday, January 24, 2020. Mass is at 10:30 am and the bus departs at 11:10 am. Sign up in the Church or the Rectory. Youth Group is attending Life is Very Good evening of prayer, January 23rd at Eagle Bank Arena at George Mason University. 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).

Parents: Any questions or to sign up, please contact Joseph Stakem, Youth Ministry Office, at 703-971-5715 or email youth@stlawrencealex.org

I am pleased to be at the service of the parishioners of St. Lawrence on a more permanent basis. Up to this point I have had the pleasure of offering Mass, both Novus Ordo and the Extraordinary Form, here for the last 2½ years, on an “as needed” basis. I am a priest of the Archdiocese of Washington and recently celebrated my 70th birthday. This means that I was permitted to retire from my position in the Archdiocesan Archives and seek retirement wherever I wished. St. Lawrence in Alexandria was at the top of my list.

Father Gripshover and I first met at Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland in 1991 when we both entered the seminary, though I am considerably older than him (and the other priests who serve here). I remained at the Mount for three years and then transferred to the Pontifical North American College in Rome where I resided for an additional three years. I was ordained in 1997 and served in many parochial and administrative positions in Washington. My favorite assignment was as secretary to William Cardinal Baum who was, many years ago, the Cardinal-Archbishop of Washington (1973-1980). He was also assigned to various positions in the Roman Curia from 1980-2000. I was assigned to him and his secretary of thirty years, Msgr. James Gillen. That assignment began in October 2005 and ended with the death of His Eminence on July 23, 2015.

I am originally from Sioux City, Iowa, and spent my formative years there before attending college at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas (1972). I also studied at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Library Sciences (1976) and Catholic University in History (1980). I worked as a professional reference librarian in the Geography and Map Division of the Library of Congress from 1976-1991. I also studied at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary (1994) and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (The Angelicum, 1997) in Rome pursuing theological studies at both schools. Prior to entering the seminary, I was heavily involved with Pro-life work in the Archdiocese of Washington.

I have come to know and appreciate many of you and hope to know even more now that I will be serving St. Lawrence as a Visiting Priest.

Sincerely in the Lord Jesus, Msgr. Patrick Dempsey

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