The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Week 27: The roof is now partially completed—making the interior watertight—so that drywall and other interior refinishing can get underway. The exterior is getting its trim finishing—and the detail in the trim will give the whole Narthex great eye-appeal. 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!
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.

Candlemas Day is next Sunday, February 2. Candles will be blessed at the 9:00 am and 12:30 pm Masses. Parishioners may bring candles from home for a special blessing on this Feast of the Presentation of our Lord.

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.
We are closing on 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

More and more exciting changes occur every day, now that interior work can continue with drywall work and other work held off while the building was made watertight. Exterior landscaping and grading are making the site even more shipshape!

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!

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 testimonials 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.
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!

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.

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.

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 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 - 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.

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.

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/women or arlingtondiocese.org/men

The Arlington Division of the World Apostolate of 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.

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.

Share Sunday: We had an amazing Share Sunday collection last weekend with 506 lbs of donated items for Koinonia’s food pantry! Thanks to all who gave financially or who shopped and contributed needed goods to this month's drive.
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 For Details -- we have a family that would like to partially fund a memorial.