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"Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

16th Sunday in Ord. Time
July 17, 2022

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

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON 7/18 - St. Camillus de Lellis (OFM/EFM)
 6:15am..... Don Resh †
 9:00am..... Domenico Khan Do & Maria Man Tran †

TUE 7/19 - St. Vincent de Paul (EFM)
 6:15am..... Migdalia Ball †
 9:00am..... Wilson "Bud" Shatzer †

WED 7/20 - St. Apollinaris of Ravenna (OFM)
 6:15am..... Marion Lee Martin, Jr. †
 9:00am..... Margaret & Roy Kelly

THU 7/21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi (OFM/EFM)
 6:15am..... Geraldine L. Sloat †
 9:00am..... Mary Alison Childers

FRI 7/22 - St. Mary Magdalen (OFM)
 6:15am..... Robert Anthony Burke †
 9:00am..... Eliano Garcia, Jr. †

SAT 7/23 - St. Bridget of Sweden (OFM/EFM)
 9:00am..... William F. Kearns, Jr. †

Meets Sunday Obligation
 5:00pm Joseph Khâm Vũ & Maria Cúc Lã †

SUN 7/24 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OFM)
7th Sunday after Pentecost (EFM)
 7:30am..... Horst Batt †
 9:00am..... Bud Shatzer †
 11:00am..... Parishioners of Saint Lawrence
 12:30pm..... Philip Schnur †



During your travels this summer, remember that you can find Catholic Churches and Mass times in your area. Go to Masstimes.org for more information.

Liturgical and Ministry Activity
This Week At a Glance

Mon 7/18 **Confessions** after 9am Mass
Perpetual Help Novena 7:15pm

Tue 7/19 **Legion of Mary** 7:30pm

Wed 7/20 **Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30 - 1pm
Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00am Mass
Confessions 7 - 7:45pm
Exposition Begins 7pm and ends with
**Holy Hour** 7:15-8:15pm

Thur 7/21 **Knights of Columbus** 7:00pm

Fri 7/22 **Confessions** after 6:15 Mass

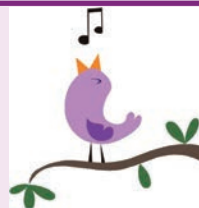
Sat 7/23 **Confessions** 3:30 - 4:30pm

Thursday Night Gatherings -- High School Seniors & College Students
George Mason University

George Mason University's Catholic Campus Ministry is hosting weekly summer events for college students and graduating high school seniors every Thursday night in June and July at the St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel (4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax). It's a great way to meet college students from different schools who are home for break and/or meet future classmates before school starts! Like us on Facebook: College Summers with GMU CCM. Find out more at www.gmuccm.org or email ysierral@gmu.edu.

CHOIR

The 11am choir practices weekly at 7:30 pm on Thursdays in Hammond Hall. Come join us or contact the office for more information.



40 Hours - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.
COME AND ADORE OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR!

The Diocese has been holding 40Hour Adoration sessions throughout the year in preparation for our Golden Jubilee year!

St. Lawrence will hold its 40 hours of Adoration on August 9th, starting at 8am until Midnight of the Feast Day of St Lawrence on August 10th.

-Sign up for your Sacrificial Offering of Time Before the Blessed Sacrament on Sign Up Sheets that are in the Vestibule--Make Sure to Grab Those Early Morning/Late Evening Slots--We Are Sure They Will Be Grabbed Up Fast:)

Contact the Office with any questions

PARISH COOKOUT - The Knights of Columbus will be serving charcoal-grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. Join us under the trees behind Hammond Hall and reconnect with your fellow parishioners. Please bring a potluck side dish or dessert to share. This Sunday, July 17th from 2-4 pm



INTRODUCING "TMIY" TO ALL FATHERS SEEKING PEACE IN THEIR CALLING

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honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. The program harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive!

Discover TMIY Online At: <https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/>

If you are interested in exploring this excellent program, call the office and leave your name for Chris Isham, who is coordinating this effort to help fathers in this modern age!

We Are Approaching Building Project Pledges in the Amount of \$1.7 Million, Just short of our \$2m GOAL

Thank you for those giving new pledges and those giving more than their original pledge, and those who have pledged anew!

Registration is now open for Religious Education Classes. All children not attending Catholic schools should be registered for Religious Education beginning with Grade 1. Classes are offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7pm and begin in September. Please fill out a registration form and provide a copy of your child's Baptism certificate with the registration. Forms are in the back of the church or online. **The early bird discount ends August 15st.** For more information, call the Religious Education office at 703-971-8541.

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD. We pray for those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, most recently we remember: Newborn Ruby Joyce Lynch, Chris Henderson (son of Fred and Stella Henderson), Mary Awo (mother of Margaret Awo) and Razule Sajous, (mother of Michel Sajous).

We also pray for the souls of the following deceased loved ones on the anniversary month of their deaths:

Tony Cook (d. July 5, 1991)
Dorothy Lozak, (d. July 8, 2016)
Olga Zechmann (d. July 16, 2019)
Enrico Piccinini (d. July 27, 2017).

(If you have a memorial of a death you wish remembered, please contact the office giving the name and anniversary date)

UKRAINIAN RELIEF EFFORTS. If you would like to help those impacted by war in Ukraine, please feel free to donate online to:

-Knights of Columbus at: <https://donate.kofccharities.org/team/413751>
or leave a donation in the Black Bucket in the Narthex marked UKRAINIAN RELIEF.

Baby Cradle Baby Items Needed



The MaRiH Center serves pregnant women and their children, to give options especially for women in crisis. Donations such as those listed below can be left in the cradle near the entrance of the Narthex. Our volunteers make weekly pick ups and deliver the donated items to MaRiH Center:

- Baby clothes up to size 2T
- Baby equipment especially non-expired car seats and strollers that collapse easily
- Maternity and nursing clothes
- Formula, baby food, and diapers (except Walmart Parent's Choice due to chemical smell)
- Other items, such as shoes, bottles, diaper bags, toys, books, stuffed animals, and bedding
- Baby wipes are in short supply.

There is also an Amazon baby registry that MaRiH has created. Please visit their site marih.org to see other needs. Thank you for your generosity!

Share Sunday is this weekend. Thank you for your generous support in assisting area adults and children with emergency and self-sufficiency services. Your financial and material goods donations make such a difference in those individual's lives. **THANK YOU!**

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The Associates of St. John Bosco

All new college students are invited to a FREE College Night! Offered at four locations this summer, it is a great opportunity to meet other recent high school graduates, hear personal experiences and tips from current college students, ask questions, feast on pizza and receive a Bosco Bundle of books and sacramentals. Event runs from 7-9pm

*July 20th at the Basilica of St. Mary and
July 27 at Holy Cross Academy in Stafford.*

For more information, and to register go to ASJB.org

Three times in October 1859, the Virgin Mary appeared to a 28-year-old Belgian immigrant, Adele Brise, in Champion, Wisconsin (USA). This is the only approved Marian apparition in the United States.

Mary's direction was simple: "Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation." "But how shall I teach them who know so little myself?" Adele asked. Mary replied, "Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do. Go and fear nothing. I will help you."

This Wisconsin apparition is the only approved Marian apparition in the USA and what does Our Blessed Mother request but for us to become catechists.

Please answer the call of Mary and become a Catechist at Saint Lawrence. Contact Anne-Marie Pierce 703-971-8541 to volunteer as a Catechist or Assistant for Grade 1 to 8 Monday or Wednesday evenings 7-8:15pm. Thank you and God bless you.

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.

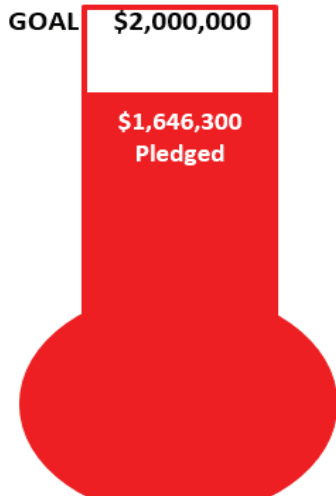
Religious Education (CCD) - All children not attending a Catholic School who are in the first grade and up should be enrolled in the Parish Religious Education Program. Call the Religious Education Office at (703) 971-8541 for details or email religioused@stlawrencealex.org

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, or if you need to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

NARTHEX Pledge Progress



Volunteers Needed To Regularly Take Donated Items to the Mariah Pregnancy Assistance Center!

Here is a chance to live the Gospel and actually support the Pro-Life Cause by directly supporting pregnant women in their choice to keep their baby! The Mariah center directly assists young women in maintaining their baby's health before, during and after birth.

Our child donation program requires a volunteer to move the donated items from St Lawrence's Narthex to the Mariah center 1-2 times per week- and these great baby items are sorely needed to assist these ladies who are trying to make the right choice in caring for and bringing their babies into the world.

For information, contact the office at 703-971-4378. This will not take much time, is wildly helpful to these mothers, and is personally rewarding.

August Angels: Koinonia has kicked-off their Back-to-School Program to help area children in need! They are presently collecting NEW backpacks and school supplies. The following items are NEEDED MOST:

It's easy to donate! **Now thru Aug. 12**, place items in our Narthex donation bin or bring directly to Koinonia 6037 Franconia Rd, MTWF

- 3 ring binders (1, 2 & 3 inch) and tabbed subject dividers
- 1, 3, and 5 subject spiral notebooks (Wide and College Rule)
- Loose Leaf Paper (Wide and College Rule)
- Marble Composition Notebooks (Wide and College Rule)
- Pencil cases/pouches and 2-pocket folders
- Backpacks (neutral colors offer flexibility)

9am-12:30pm, Th 9am-4pm. If you would like the fun job of "stuffing" backpacks (Aug. 12) or helping with distribution (Aug. 13), call Koinonia 703/971-1991 or click the volunteer tab at koinoniacares.org.

Thank you



Register for Classes in English, Citizenship, GED and more!

Register for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Computer Literacy, GED, ESOL for Childcare, ComTIA or Citizenship preparation. Different class levels are available. Classes are available online with some offerings available in person in Manassas, Falls Church, Woodbridge, and Sterling. Classes begin in August and September. The classes are 12 weeks and includes the class materials. Space is limited and are low cost. Financial assistance may be available. Please contact us at 571-208-1572 or ewd@ccda.net for more details.

Please Pray for the Sick of our parish family, including: Anne Marie Pierce, our DRE, Dr. Ronald Gripshover, Jay Farabaugh, Melanie Brady, Justin Pham, Raymond Stanekenas, Rita MacQueeney, Donald Lawson, Minh Tran, Anthony Torres, Leah Bloom, Richard Kuron, Sr., Jack Marzan, Matthew Peters, Patricia Lewis, Leah, Francis Flaherty, Barbara Gaul, John Forrester, William Geoghegan, Donna Sullivan, Kurt Steinbacher, Joan Curley, Renate Craft, Mary Kirby, Zemui Teklu, Kathleen MacQueeney, Duyen Tran, Randy Souther, Robert Nguyen, Antonio Yu An Leng, Maria Victorino, Jaime Guzman, Eduardo San Diego, Jun Tolentino, Karina Hanna, Jerry Alexander, John D'Adamo, Dolores Sullivan, Christal Eve Herrera, Maria Bonfanti, Joan Charters and Judith Ferry.

Mary, Mother of God, we seek your intercession for our sick!!!



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