

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION - SERVICES

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.

Baptisms - Baptisms are generally held the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:30 pm. Parents must be registered members of the parish and first time parents must attend a one session pre-Baptismal class, offered once a month, usually the second Saturday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Sponsor Affidavits attest that a parishioner is in good standing and is qualified to act as a Godparent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation. See website for requirements and Parishioner Sponsor form.

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.

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. Please call for details.

O.C.I.A. - The Order 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. Contact the Religious Education Office.

Mary has chosen
the better part.

Luke 10:42

The 16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 20, 2025

Parish Clergy and Staff

Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr., Pastor
office@stlawrencealex.org

Rev. Maurice Mei Akwa, Parochial Vicar
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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS, LITURGICAL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

M - F: 6:15 and 9:00 a.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Monday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Friday 6:45 a.m.

Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

NOVENA to Our Lady Perpetual Help

Monday 7:15 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Wed 9:30 - 1 p.m.

HOLY HOUR Wednesday 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

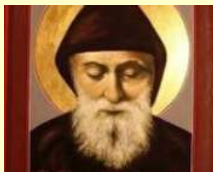
MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

No Public 6:15 Masses M-F this week

Monday, 7/21 9:00 a.m.	Saint Lawrence of Brindisi Willa Potosnak
Tuesday, 7/22 9:00 a.m.	Saint Mary Magdalene Jon & Eliza Schnur
Wed., 7/23 9:00 a.m.	Saint Bridget of Sweden Rafael Christancho †
Thursday 7/24 9:00 a.m.	Saint Sharbel Makhlūf Horst Batt †
Friday 7/25 9:00 a.m.	Saint James the Greater Thomas & Laura Bourgeois †
Saturday 7/26 9:00 a.m.	Saints Joachim and Anne Linda Mills
(Vigil for Sun.) 5:00 p.m.	Sr. Gaudete Maria
Sunday 7/27 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jim & Lorraine Shine Enrico Piccinini † Missa Pro Populo

Talk by Raymond Nader
President of the Family of Saint Sharbel
Monday, July 21st 6-8 p.m.

Join us in Hammond Hall for a
reception from 6:00 - 6:30
p.m. followed by a talk and
Q&A from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m.



PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY
FOR THE PEACE IN THE
WORLD.

Liturgical and Ministry Activity

This Week At a Glance

Mon 7/21	Confessions 9:30 a.m. OLPH Novena 7:15 p.m. St. Sharbel Talk & Reception 6-8 p.m.
Tues 7/22	Legion of Mary 7:30 p.m.
Wed 7/23	Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00 Mass Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Confessions 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Holy Hour 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.
Thur 7/24	11:00 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Fri. 7/25	Confessions 6:45 a.m.
Sat. 7/26	Confessions 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

READING TUTORIAL

CLASS FOR CHILDREN

This is an opportunity to develop your child's reading skills. Classes will begin in July for children of the parish who need to improve their reading skills. A retired Fairfax County teacher with a Master's Degree, Patricia Gomez, has volunteered to give classes on a one-on-one basis. This is an opportunity to provide our children with methods to improve reading skills for their education and life skills. Contact the parish office at 703-971-4378.

THIS SUNDAY - Knights of Columbus Cookout
from 2-4 p.m. Join us under the
trees behind Hammond Hall for hot
dogs and hamburgers grilled by the
Knights of Columbus. Please bring
a potluck side dish or dessert to
share. **ALL ARE WELCOME**



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Men of the parish, are you looking for a way to grow in faith, give back to the community, and build strong friendships? If you are interested in growing in your faith, helping those in need, serving your parish and

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Our Knights support our parish with our renowned monthly Breakfasts, extremely popular "Fish Frys", summer Barbeques, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, and more. We bring our community together and support important causes. Whether you're new to the parish or a longtime member, there's a place for you with the Knights.

To learn more or get involved, please scan the QR code, or contact our Financial

Secretary Dan McGee at danmcgee777@gmail.com

JOIN THE KNIGHTS
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The Council of Catholic Women VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider volunteering for our **Christ House Ministry** through CCW. St. Lawrence provides an evening meal every second Monday of the month at Christ House in Old Town. **The next date is August 11.**



Volunteers provide ingredients for the main course, vegetables, bread, desserts, and/or their time to support this ministry. Please contact our coordinator Rita Tassa by emailing

either ccw@stlawrencealex.org or office@stlawrencealex.org

Please Pray for the Sick of our

parish family, including: Anne Marie Pierce, Dr. Ronald Gripshover, Colleen Adamson, Curley Anderko, Giovanna Faustina Annarella, Jenny Antoun, Lorenzo Betia, Leah Bloom, Dave Bocchino, Maria Bonfanti, Betty Bonifer, Melanie Brady, Luis Cristian Carranza, Joan Charters, Pat Childers, Reese Clasen, Josie Cofer, Renate Craft, Nancy Crowley, Ann Cullen, John D'Adamo, Anna Deaver, Gary DeMarco, Felicia DiFeo, Kevin Donaleski, Evan Duncan, Hilda Elizondo, Francis Flaherty, John Forrester, Barbara Gaul, William Geoghegan, Julia Delli Gatti, Patricia Gilcrest, Jaime Guzman, Carl Haines, Karina Hanna, Christal Eve Herrera, David Hoff, Elizabeth Horswell, Judy and Kevin Jackson, Judith Jackson, Mary Kirby, Tom Kirby, Jr., Richard Kuron Sr., Donald Lawson, Antonio Yu An Leng, Patricia Lewis, Luisa, Kathleen MacQueeney, Rita MacQueeney, Rose Marie Malatesta, Jack Marzan, Martha Mastic, Deborah Miller, Nhung "Kim" Miller, Pamela Moore, Robert Nguyen, Matthew Peters, Justin Pham, Steve Piscitelli, Larry Poh, Lori Polson, Ginny Rauer, Herman & Martha Rollandini, Vin Rosano, Eduardo San Diego, Hannelore Smallfield, Randy Souther, Raymond Stanekenas, Kurt Steinbacher, Donna Sullivan, Lily Tan, Rebekah Tan, Henry Taylor, Zemui Teklu, Jun Tolentino, Anthony Torres, Minh Tran, Grace Valenciano, David Verbano, Marie Victorino and Fran Visco *Holy Mary, Mother of God, we seek your intercession for our sick!!!*



PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

We pray for those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, most recently we remember: **Barry Childers, Lai Wah Tang, Patricia Mankin, Martha Ann Jones, Roseann Frances Branagan, Olivia Miranda Kliukevic, Fermin Villar, Aubrey Polson, and Dai Pham.**

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

Tony Cook (d. July 5, 1991)
John Burchett (d. July 12, 2021)
Joanne Robertson (d. July 13, 2024)
Judith Ferry (d. July 14, 2022)
Olga Zechman (d. July 16, 2019)
John Bruen (d. July 17, 2017)
Jose Dalusung (d. July 20, 2023)
Rolando Pasia (d. July 25, 2023)
Enrico Piccinini (d. July 27, 2017)

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

Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Senior

Center (SMdP) is looking for volunteers with various opportunities. SMdP provides services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, happiness, and independence. Volunteers are needed for breakfast and lunch; activities, arts and crafts, exercise instructor, computer/tech instructors, nutritionist, and more opportunities listed online at <https://www.cceda.net/seniorservices>. Center hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Flexible schedules based on availability. SMdP is located at 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. Contact maria.mellor@ccda.net; phone: 703-751-2766.

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 and prayers can be done at home on your own time. For a 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:

Rev. Mr. Sean Mazary, Matt Chapman, and Sister Gaudete Maria.

SATURDAY PROLIFE ROSARY PRAYER VIGIL

Please join St. Lawrence at the Rosary Prayer Vigil conducted every Saturday morning, 9:05 – 10:15 am, outside the abortion clinic at 2839 Duke Street, Alexandria. St. Lawrence has led this prayer vigil for over 30 years outside one of Virginia's largest abortion providers. For further information, contact the rectory or Bruce Borzino, 703-402-8335.

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)



We are a social group, mostly aged 60 and over. (35 to 59? Ask about our free associate-membership group.) Accompany us to: dinner (Aug. 2); concert and dance (Aug. 3); outdoor concert (Aug. 6); square dancing (every Tuesday); walk at Sky Meadows State Park (Aug. 8); Thursday lunches (Aug. 14 & 28); dinner/walk at Huntley Meadows (Aug. 10); brunch (Aug. 17); talk by Dawn Beutner, Editor for Saints at *Magnificat* magazine (Aug. 21); serving meal at Christ House (Aug. 23); movie/dinner (Aug. 24); picnic (Aug. 31). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

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EWTN's Free Family Celebration Event

This year's EWTN Family Celebration promises to be bigger and better than ever. You'll hear hope-filled messages from EWTN hosts and clergy, attend Holy Mass with The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Confession and Adoration, and meet your favorite EWTN personalities. And best of all, it's free! Doors open at 8:00 am in Tysons, Virginia, on Saturday, **August 30th**. Seating is limited so reserve your spot today by registering online at www.ewtn.com/familycelebration

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Volunteers Needed

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS VOLUNTEER DOCENT AT THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your own faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a Docent (Tour Guide)/ Receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hours and days are flexible, with an expectation of just a minimum of two 3-hour shifts per month. Our greatest need is for weekday mornings or afternoons. Training will be provided. Anyone interested should please contact Dee Steel, Director of Visitor Services., via telephone at the Basilica at (202) 281-0611 or email dsteel@bnsic.org

Retreat for Person's Facing Serious Illness

Seeking Rest and Renewal? Amid illness and uncertainty, God's love remains a source of comfort and strength. You and your caregiver are warmly invited to a peaceful weekend retreat for person's facing serious illness. This retreat is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual guidance, and gentle care. Diocesan priests, medical professionals, and volunteers will accompany you with compassion and support. Come find spiritual healing, hope, and rest in God's loving presence. Retreat is held the weekend of **October 3-5** at the San Damiano Retreat House in White Post, Virginia. For questions or to register, email retreat@ccda.net, and a nurse will contact you within a few days. For further information, please call (703) 841-3830. **Space is limited.**

Electronic giving through Faith Direct

Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support our church and the ministries you cherish. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.



The MaRiH Center, a crisis pregnancy and pregnancy resource center, needs donations and volunteers.

Items 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: **Please note that large, heavy bags of clothing are too cumbersome to our volunteers. Smaller bags would be helpful. Thank you!**

- Baby clothes up to size 2T
- Maternity and nursing clothes
- Formula, baby food, and diapers
- Baby equipment; e.g., **MOST**

NEEDED are non-expired car seats and strollers that collapse easily.

- Other items: shoes, bottles, diaper bags, toys, books, stuffed animals, bedding
- Baby wipes -- which are in very short supply.

There is also an Amazon baby registry that MaRiH has created. Check out the website at www.marih.org to learn more. Thank you for your generosity!



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Summer food donations are greatly appreciated at Koinonia. **Please help fill their shelves!** Pantry items may be brought to Masses on **Share Sunday weekend, July 19-20** or to the **"August Angels" school supply drive-thru drop-off which also benefits Koinonia, Sat. July 19 from 2-4:30pm** in our church parking lot. Most

needed this month:

Fresh Fruit & Veggies	Chili, Beef Stew
Sugar, Flour, Oil	Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup
Salad Dressing	Reg. and Decaf Coffee
Canned Salmon and Sardines	Flavored Rice or Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce	Dry Pasta
Dry Soup (Ramen)	Canned Soup (not creamed style)
Brownie and Cake Mix	Dish and Dishwasher Detergent
Laundry Detergent	All-Purpose Cleaners
Shampoo and Conditioners	Razors and Shaving Cream
Toothpaste and Toothbrushes	Kleenex, TP and Paper Towels
Grocery and Dollar Tree Gift Cards	THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Parish Groups on Summer Break

ST. LAWRENCE ROSARY MAKERS will take a break over the summer and meet again on **Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Hammond Hall.** All are welcome. Call the parish office for more info.



FRENCH AND SPANISH CONVERSATION CLASSES. Our foreign language classes are on a break for the summer. Please look for details on classes resuming in the fall.

THAT MAN IS YOU! A Catholic Man's Leadership Program. We have completed our third year of meetings and will resume in the Fall after Labor Day. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office to leave a message for the Program Coordinator, Chris Isham.



ONLINE ENGLISH & CITIZENSHIP COURSES

Catholic Charities is offering online English & Citizenship courses for adults. Registrations are open. Class Days: Monday & Wednesday/ Tuesday & Thursday Class Times: 9:30-11:30 a.m./ 7-9 p.m. Schedule: August 11—December 18, 2025/ September 2—December 18, 2025. Cost: English: \$200; Citizenship: \$125. For questions, call (571) 208-1572 or email ewd@ccda.net



Chesterton Academy of Christ the King will be opening in the Fall of 2026, hopefully at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in

Alexandria. The more than 70 Chesterton Academies nationwide are known for their strong spiritual formation anchored in daily Mass as well as their rigorous, integrated classical curriculum oriented toward the good, the true, and the beautiful. Chesterton high schools form joyful, faithful, curious, articulate, and resilient young men and women prepared for college and for life. Parent information sessions will be held throughout the summer (July 28). Visit Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org to learn more, [connect with us here](#), or [register to attend an upcoming information session](#)



PRAY IN SONG

The 11 am choir is looking for additional members. If you enjoy prayer through song, please join us for practice Thursdays at 7pm and for Mass at 11am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. There are no 'try-outs' and all are welcome!

St. Monica Prayer Group

Men and women are invited to attend on the first and third weeks of the month - Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm and/or Friday mornings at 8:00 am. The group meets in the Family Room in the Narthex. For more information contact the parish office at and leave your name and contact info.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Are you a practicing Catholic in the Parish and think you would like to volunteer to Lector at a weekday 9:00 a.m. Mass? Please contact Joseph Stakem at 703-971-8541 to find out more information.



Lectors

Send the Encouragement of Prayers!

Looking for a tangible way to let a loved one know you prayed for them? **Stop by our recently restocked rack of Catholic greeting cards from NovenaCards.com available for purchase in the parish narthex!** The cards are located on the small wall rack located on the left side as you enter church, adjacent to the ladies restroom. **The suggested donation is on the back of each item and Book Rack payment envelopes are provided for your use.**



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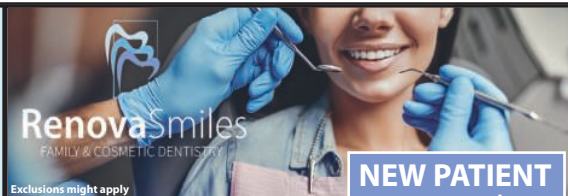
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