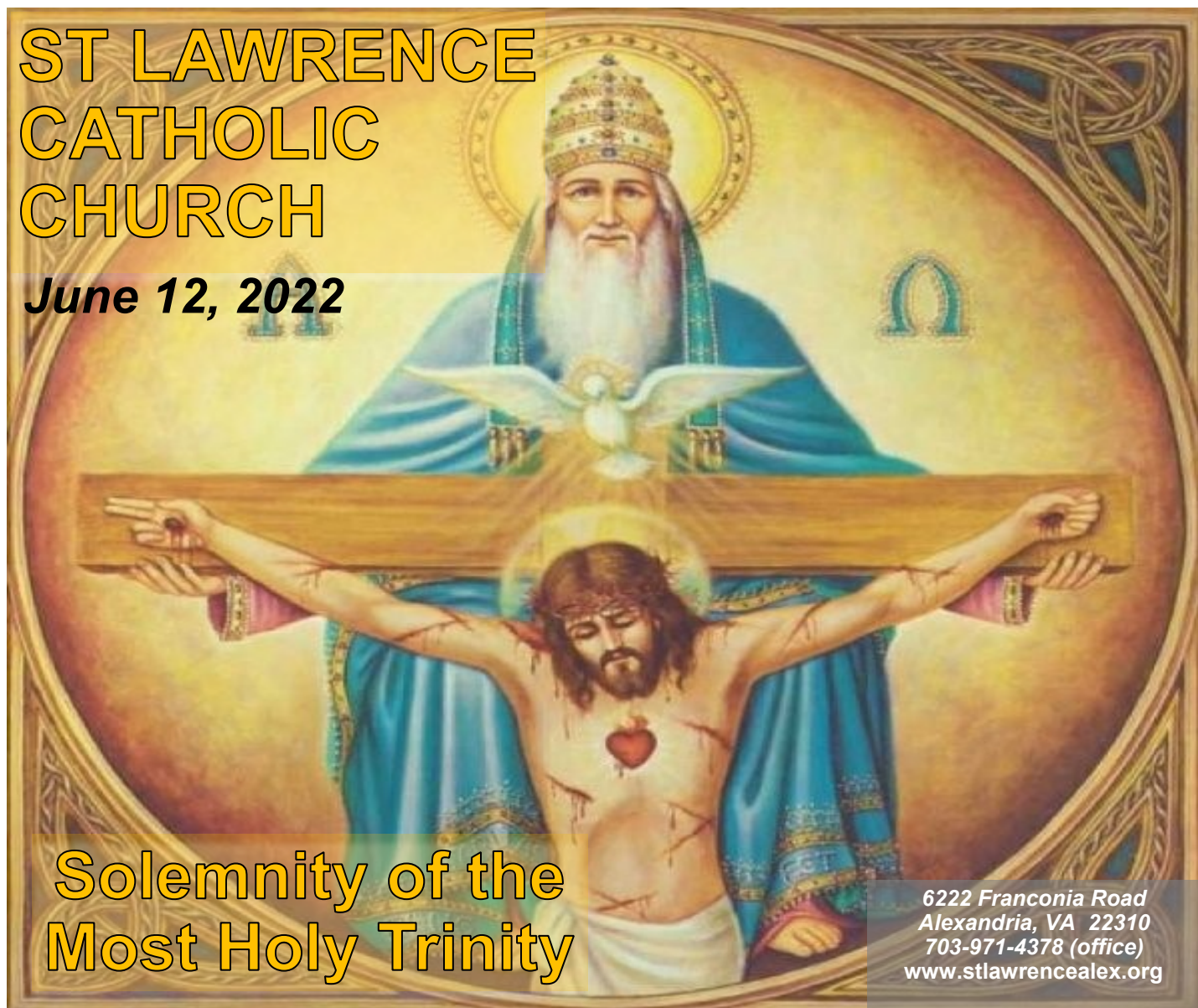


# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**June 12, 2022**



## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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

#### Parish Clergy

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**Msgr. Patrick Dempsey, *Visiting Clergy***

**Rev. Maurice Mei Akwa, *Parochial Vicar***

**Rev. Joseph Okwei Ocran, *In Residence***

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*Permanent Deacon - Office & Finance Manager*  
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# June 12, 2022 Trinity Sunday

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

**MON 6/13 - Saint Anthony of Padua** (OFM/EFM)

6:15am .....Christine Hoehl †

9:00am .....Richard Samson †

**TUE 6/14 - St. Basil the Great** (EFM)

6:15am .....Msgr. Patrick Dempsey (Ordin. Anniv.)

9:00am .....Nick Prospero

**WED 6/15 - Sts. Vitus, Modestus & Crescentia** (EFM)

6:15am .....Maria Bao Nguyen

9:00am .....Emmett O'Hare

**THU 6/16 - St. Benno** (Historic)

6:15am .....Patty Seballos

9:00am .....Olivia Spencer

**FRI 6/17 - St. Harvey** (Historic)

6:15am .....Yvello Antonni Seballos †

9:00am .....Kathleen Schamel †

**SAT 6/18 - St. Ephrem of Syria** (EFM)

9:00am .....Benjamin Dael Del Mundo

### Meets Sunday Obligation

5:00pm .....Eduardo & Estrella Kern †

**SUN 6/19 - Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**

7:30am .....Tom Turk †

9:00am .....Candida Bautista †

11:00am .....Father's Day Novena

12:30pm .....Parishioners of Saint Lawrence

## Basilica of Saint Mary to Host Relics of Saint Padre Pio

On Thursday, June 23, 2022, relics of Saint Padre Pio will be available for veneration at the Basilica of Saint Mary. Through a partnership with the Saint Pio Foundation, the first-class relics -- which include a crust of Saint Pio's wounds, cotton gauze stained with his blood, and a lock of his hair -- will be available for public veneration on June 23 after the 8 a.m. Mass until the 12:10 p.m. Mass. After the 12:10 p.m. Mass ends, Father Jerome Fasano -- the former pastor of Saint John the Baptist Church in Front Royal who has a deep devotion to Saint Pio and a keen understanding of the humble Italian priest's spirituality -- will give a reflection on the Saint's life. After the reflection ends, public veneration of the relics will continue until 8 p.m. in the Basilica, which is located at 310 South Royal Street in Alexandria.

## Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

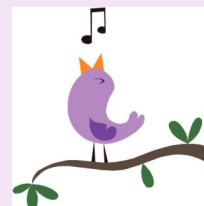
- Mon 6/13 **Confessions** 9:30am  
**Perpetual Help Novena** 7:15pm
- Tue 6/14 **Legion of Mary** 7:30pm
- Wed 6/15 **Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30 - 1pm  
**Fatima Prayer Cell** after 9:00am Mass  
**Confessions** 7 - 7:45pm  
**Exposition Begins** 7pm and ends with  
.....**Holy Hour** 7:15-8:15pm
- Thur 6/16 **Knights of Columbus - Marian** 7:00pm
- Sat 6/18 **Confessions** 3:30 - 4:30pm

### Thursday Night Gatherings - George Mason Univ.

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](http://www.gmuccm.org) or email [vsieral@gmu.edu](mailto:vsieral@gmu.edu).

## CHOIR

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



## St. Lawrence Young Adults

Are you a young adult looking to build community with others in the parish? Come join the St. Lawrence Young Adults!

**Upcoming Events:** (These events are for parishioners ages 21 to 39 of any vocation.)

### June 25: Trivia Night!

We will meet at Liesl's home for pub-style trivia. Please bring a snack, dessert, or drink to share. RSVP by June 23.

RSVPs can be sent to Liesl Baumann at [liesl.baumann@gmail.com](mailto:liesl.baumann@gmail.com). You may also contact her to be added to the email listserv to hear about future events.

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

## **That Man is You! TMIY**

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**

*Thank you for those giving new  
pledges and those giving more  
than their original pledge!*

## **JOIN SATURDAY PRO-LIFE 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.

**PRAY FOR OUR DEAD.** We pray for those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, most recently we remember: 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:

Jason Balbin (d. June 10, 2013)  
Steve Dreslin, (d. June 7, 2020)  
Kathleen Schamel (d. June 17, 2017)  
Tuyet Vu (d. June 14, 2016).

*(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:

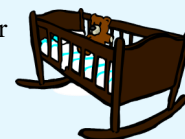
-Knights of Columbus at: <https://donate.kofccharities.org/team/413751> or aim your smartphone camera at the following QR code:

-You can continue to leave a donation in the Black Bucket in the Narthex marked UKRAINIAN RELIEF.

**Please continue to pray for an end to the war and its terrible consequences to the innocent citizens of Ukraine.**

## **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](http://marih.org) to see other needs. Thank you for your generosity!



Not sure how to dispose of your old and worn American flags? The Knights of Columbus will take care of that for you! Just drop those flags in the box in the Narthex and the Knights will properly dispose of them. Please drop them off before Saturday, June 18th at 1pm when they will be properly retired.



## 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

*June 29 at St. Mark's in Vienna;  
July 6 at St. Michael's in Annandale,  
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 [religious@stlawrencealex.org](mailto:religious@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 [religious@stlawrencealex.org](mailto:religious@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.

**Mark your calendars for June 17th and 18th, when Catholic apologist Trent Horn will be coming to speak at Holy Spirit Parish in Annandale.**

Trent will be speaking about the "Hard Sayings" of the Bible on Friday, June 17th at 7 pm. On Saturday, June 18 at 10 am, he will be speaking on the topic: Persuasive Pro-life: How to talk about our culture's toughest issue. If you ever get tongue-tied trying to explain why you're pro-life, Trent will explain the non-religious reasons to oppose abortion and equip you to graciously make your case in the public square.

**Share Sunday is the weekend of June**

**18-19.** Food supply in Koinonia's pantry often dips low in summer. They greatly appreciate our help. **Most needed: Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Cereal, Feminine Products (eg. Kotex pads), All-Purpose Cleaners, and Laundry Detergent.** On-going needs: Flour, Sugar, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Salad Dressing, Canned Tomatoes, Peas, Stew, Chili, and Pasta (eg. Chef Boyardee), Coffee (regular, not instant), Dish Soap, Dishwasher Detergent, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Bath Soap, Razors, Shaving Cream, Shampoo, Conditioner, Paper Towels, Tissues, and Toilet Paper. Grocery gift cards and monetary donations are used by our parish and Koinonia in assisting others. **Thank you!**

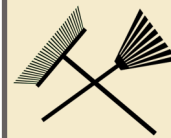
**For your convenience, a DRIVE-THRU DROP-OFF is scheduled for Sat. June 18 from 2-4 pm.** Pull up to the cones in the church parking lot to drop-off your pantry donations (see list above) in the outdoor bins, or pop open your trunk and volunteers will collect the donations from your car.

Thank you for your support! Of those in need in your community.

**The Knights of Columbus,** through INOVA Blood Donor Services, are sponsoring a blood drive on Sunday, June 26, 8 am-1 pm, in Hammond Hall. Make an appointment at <https://bit.ly/SLCC062022> or by calling INOVA at 866-256-6372 (sponsor code 3354).



Questions? Contact parishoner Joy Arvind at 201-755-9202 or [joyarvind@gmail.com](mailto:joyarvind@gmail.com)



**Our Parish Garden** is one of the most beautiful gardens in Alexandria thanks to the loving attention of Tien Vu, our Facilities Manager. I would like a team of volunteers called "Our Lady's Gardeners" to help Tien pick up the leaves (especially those large magnolia leaves in front of Our Blessed Mother statue). Please contact Anne-Marie Pierce at 703-971-8541 if you wish to volunteer 20-30 minutes a week to this ministry. God bless you.

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**SOME Videos to Consider:**

**Presence, the Mystery of the Eucharist**  
**Forgiven, the Transforming Power of Confession**  
**Or for Children: The Witness Trilogy**

**Teach Your Children (and Yourself) About Our Faith - Go to Formed.org and select "Sign up as a parishioner," put in "St Lawrence," to enjoy learning about your Faith!!!**

**Please Pray for the Sick** of our parish family, including: Newborn Ruby Joyce Lynch, 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, and Maria Bonfanti.

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

