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You are Peter, and upon this rock
I will build my Church.

Matthew 16:18



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 preBaptismal 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.

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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

Monday, 6/30	First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Ch.
6:15 a.m.	Patrick Brennan
9:00 a.m.	Megan & Han Nguyen
Tuesday, 7/1	St. Junipero Serra
9:00 a.m.	Dan Begg+
Wed., 7/2	Visitation of the BVM
9:00 a.m.	Susan Mason+
Thursday 7/3	Saint Thomas
9:00 a.m.	Amanda Mitchell
Friday 7/4	St. Elizabeth of Portugal
9:00 a.m.	Deacon Michael A. Waters
Saturday 7/5	St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria
9:00 a.m.	Faithful Departed Souls
(Vigil Mass)	
5:00 p.m.	Tony Cook+
Sunday 7/6	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m.	Missa Pro Populo
9:00 a.m.	Homero Alberto+
11:00 a.m.	Richard Potosnak

Knights of Columbus PARISH COOKOUT

SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, July 20
The Knights of Columbus will grill hamburgers and hot dogs. Join us under the tress behind Hammond Hall and reconnect with your fellow parishioners. Please bring a potluck side-dish or dessert to share.

Mary's Comfort, an allvolunteer nonprofit maternity shelter in Northern Virginia, has volunteer opportunities available: We are in need of an experienced accountant or bookkeeper to assist our current accounting team; the commitment of time is flexible and is completely remote. We are also looking for a Shelter Director to help manage our direct care team; this role can also be flexible and revolve around your skills and time availability. Please provide a brief summary of your interests or experience to: maryscomfortva@gmail.com. For more information, visit: <https://www.maryscomfortva.org/>.

Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

Mon	Confessions 9:30 a.m. OLPH Novena 7:15 p.m.
Tues	Legion of Mary 7:30 p.m.
Wed	Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00 Mass Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Confessions 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.
Thur	11:00 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
Fri.	Confessions 6:15 a.m.
Sat.	Confessions 3:30 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 oneonone basis. This is an opportunity to provide our children with methods to improve reading skills for their education and life skills. Fore more information, contact the parish office at 703-971-4378

Thank you to ALL who gave financially or with pantry goods at last weekend's Share Sunday. Donations to Koinonia totaled 271 pounds! Also thanks to the volunteers who gave of their time to staff the collection tables.

Celebrate the Holy Year with Us! Join the Exciting Holy Year Tour!

As we joyfully celebrate this Holy Year 2025, Bishop Burbidge invites you to embark on a spiritual journey by participating in a special Holy Year Tour of eight designated holy sites within our diocese. This church tour offers the faithful a unique opportunity to pray throughout our diocese and receive a plenary indulgence by meeting certain conditions, such as prayer, reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Holy Year Tour is a chance for personal renewal, deeper faith, and communal celebration For more details on the sacred sites, plenary indulgences, and the Holy Year 2025, visit [https:// www.arlingtondiocese.org/holyyear2025](https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/holyyear2025).

**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 July 14.

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, Al and Sandy Bertini, Lorenzo Betia, Leah Bloom, Dave Bocchino, Maria Bonfanti, Betty Bonifer, Melanie Brady, Luis Cristian Carranza, Joan Charters, Barry Childers, 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, Norma Kemp, 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!!!**

**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, 7034028335.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

We pray for those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, most recently we remember:

Martha Ann Jones, Roseann Frances Branagan, Olivia Miranda Kliukevic, Fermin Villar, Aubrey Polson, Dai Pham, and Joan Curley.

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

Marcelo Alvarez (d. June 3, 2022)
Antonio Tenorio (d. June 6, 2012)
William Eppolito (d. June 7, 2000)
Steve Dreslin (d. June 7, 2020)
Jason Balbin (d. June 10, 2013)
Thomas Eppolito (d. June 11, 1978)
Roseann Berman (d. June 13, 2008)
Tuyet Bach Vu (d. June 14, 2016)
Kathleen Schamel (d. June 17, 2017)
Patrick A. Francis (d. June 22, 2014)
Rosalie Duncan (d. June 24, 2016)

(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.cdda.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@cdda.net; phone: 7037512766.

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 online go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/pray/sttheresesociety/>

Also, please continue to pray for:

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

THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

EWTN's Free Family Celebration Event

This year's EWTN Family Celebration promises to be bigger and better than ever. You'll hear hopefilled 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

Following St. Joseph to Jesus – Men's Silent Retreat

He played an essential role in the greatest event in human history; husband to Mary, adopted Father of Jesus Christ, a quiet carpenter... and a righteous man. Aside from these things we don't know much about St. Joseph — but what we do know can help us to be better Men...husbands, and fathers. Join Fr. John Riley at our Arlington Diocese Retreat Center at the edge of the Shenandoah Mountains in White Post, VA to "rest and pray" with Christ. This retreat begins at 6 pm Friday **July 11th** and concludes Sunday July 13th with lunch at noon. Retreat cost is \$299. For further information, please contact Father John Riley at: john.riley@arlingtondiocese.org For more information about San Damiano and retreats being offered in the months ahead, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat

Living the Sacrament of Marriage, a Married Couples Retreat

A retreat for married couples to contemplate the gift of their Sacrament. We will pray individually and together, pondering the graces of Marriage and reflecting on God's promises and Presence in the life of a family. We shall also consider how God elevates the capacity of spouses to love each other and their children, and how He makes the home of a family a privileged place of healing and sanctification. Join Fr. Daniel Hanley, coordinator of the blessed Stanley Rother House of formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, at the San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA for this unique retreat opportunity. This retreat will begin at 6 pm Friday **July 18th** and conclude Sunday July 20th with lunch at noon. Retreat cost is \$499 per couple. For further information, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at: mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

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 3hour 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) 2810611 or email dsteel@bnsic.org

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 onetime 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 nonexpired car seats

- 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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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) 2081572 or email ewd@ccda.net

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.



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 7039718541 to find out more information.

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 cover many different Catholic devotions including praying for someone at Mass, offering a Holy Hour, and praying a Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, or Novena for the intended recipient. **Special occasion cards are also available: Birthday, Thank You, Get Well, Sympathy, and each of the Sacraments.** 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.**



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. Visit ChestertonChristTheKing.org to learn more, [connect with us here](#), or [register to attend an upcoming information session](#) (July 16)

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 'tryouts' 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.

SAINT AMBROSE SUMMER SESSIONS

Mondays, June 30 - July 21, 2025 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church (3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale, VA 22003) Have you read through The Beatitudes recently? They're...enigmatic. Challenging. Wonderful. Bizarre. Brilliant. Is it possible to actually...live this way? Saint John Paul II calls The Beatitudes "the Magna Carta of Christianity." The Catechism says they're the "heart of Jesus' preaching." Join us this summer at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Annandale as we seek to unpack what The Beatitudes mean for our daily lives as Catholics. Refreshments/Fellowship at 6:30 pm with Session talks at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. The Summer Sessions expiration date is July 28, 2025.



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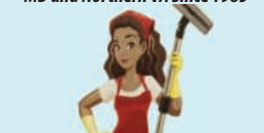
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