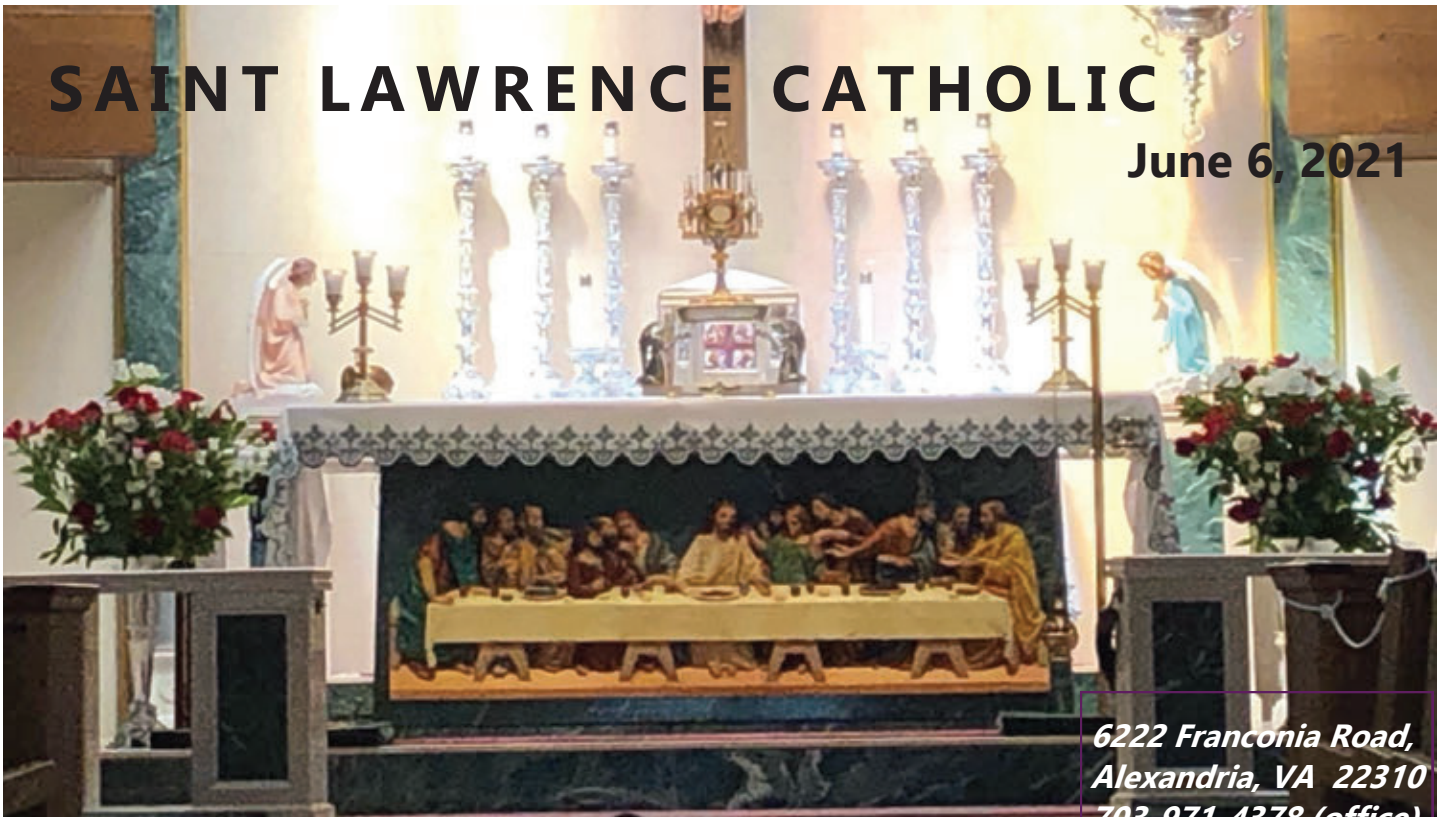


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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS- SUNDAY

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

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The Year of St Joseph

Dear faithful, the Pope has declared this the year of St Joseph, with that in mind, you may wish to pray to Jesus' Foster Father for his intercession in your prayers! Here is an example of an appropriate prayer:

Bless me, Oh dearly beloved father, St. Joseph; bless my body and my soul; bless my resolutions, my words and deeds, all my actions and omissions, my every step; bless all that I possess, all my interior and exterior goods, that all may redound to the greater honor of God. Bless me for time and eternity and preserve me from every sin. Obtain for me the grace to make atonement for all my sins by love and contrition here on earth, so that after my last breath I may, without delay, prostrate at thy feet return thee thanks in heaven for all the love and goodness thou, O dearest father, hast shown me here below. Amen.

*St Joseph, Protector of families....Pray for us
St Joseph, Protector of the Church....Pray for us*



June 6, 2021 Corpus Christi Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 6/7 - Saint Robert of Newminster (*Historic*)

6:15am..... Lina Pava (In Thanksgiving)

9:00am..... Steve Dreslin †

TUE 6/8 - Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces (*EFM*)

6:15am..... Sarik Saray †

9:00am..... Danny Cook

WED 6/9 - Saint Ephrem of Syria (*OFM*)

6:15am..... Khim Khov †

9:00am..... Gia Dinh Nguyen Pham Family

THU 6/10 - Saint Margaret of Scotland (*EFM*)

6:15am..... Kang Khov †

9:00am..... Timothy J. Carroll †

FRI 6/11 - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (*EFM*)

6:15am..... Elizabeth Hammond

3:00pm..... Jose & Catalina Gomez †

SAT 6/12 - Immaculate Heart of the BVM (*OFM*)

9:00am..... Dominic De Nguyen †

Vigil Mass (*Meets Sunday Mass Obligation*)

5:00pm..... Neary Thach

SUN 6/13 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (*OFM*)
4th Sunday after Pentecost (*EFM*)

7:30am..... Parishioners of Saint Lawrence

9:00am..... Carroll Zimmerman †

11:00am..... Brandi Sullivan †

12:30pm..... Julieta Fuster †

Day of Healing and Prayer - Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women in English and Spanish: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

Mon 6/7 **Confessions** 9:30am
Perpetual Help Novena 7:15 pm

Tue 6/8 **Legion of Mary** 7:30pm

Wed 6/9 **Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30am-1pm
Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00am Mass
Confessions 7-7:45pm
Exposition Begins 7pm and ends with..
...**Holy Hour** 7:15-8:15pm

Fri 6/11 **Confessions** 6:45am

Sat 6/12 **Confessions** 3:30-4:30pm

This Week in Our Parish

Most COVID restrictions now lifted by the Bishop! We are no longer required to maintain social distancing, mandatory masking and Mass restrictions designed to reduce the risk of spreading the Virus. *God be praised.* We will still refrain from having gifts brought up to the altar and the exchange of peace until further notice.

Thank you for all your patience with respect to attending Holy Mass under restrictions!

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the parish breakfast on Sunday, June 6th, after the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses. We'll be reverting to pre-Covid service, with widely spaced tables. Carryout will be available. Come get your favorite brunch goodies and enjoy getting together again with your fellow parishioners.



IN THANKSGIVING

I wish to thank all of those who expressed their appreciation and prayers on the occasion of my Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood over the past couple of weeks. I also wish to thank all those in the CCW, Legion of Mary and the Knights..etc, who orchestrated the wonderful receptions after Masses. I particularly express my gratitude to those who gave me gifts, which I will use to help pay for new albs and other vestments (e.g. cassocks) as they are all getting too large for me. Thank you very much! And, in your charity and kindness, I ask that you please continue to keep me and all priests in your prayers!

God's Blessings on you all, *Fr. Gripshover*



Thank you to all who contributed to May's Share Sunday, whether at the drop-off before Masses or in the Narthex bin throughout the month. Pantry donations in May exceeded 295 lbs. Our next Share Sunday will be the weekend of June 20. A "most needed" list is posted near the Narthex bin but can also be found at koinoniacares.org and will be printed in next weekend's bulletin.

CHRISTENDOM GRADUATE SCHOOL

Registration for Christendom Graduate School's summer semester is open. Graduate theology and classical language courses may be attended in-person between June 20 and July 30 at Christendom College's undergraduate campus in Front Royal, Virginia. Those in consecrated life are welcome to join us in Front Royal for our annual Vita Consecrata Institute, which runs between June 28 and July 23. There is a special discounted audit rate for catechists, seniors and religious. For details, please visit our website <<https://Daduate.christendom.edu>> or contact the office at 703-658-4304 / graduate@christendom.edu.

Religious Education Classes- Registration is now open!
Classes are offered for Grades 1-12 for the 2021-22 school year. Forms are available at the parish office and Religious Education office. For further information, please contact Anne-Marie Pierce at 703-971-8541 or religioused@stlawrencealex.org.

SEEKING CATRECHISTS -- An Opportunity to Teach Our Catholic Faith.

Catechists, Teen Assistant Catechists and Adult Assistant Catechists needed for 2021– 2022 school year. Please contact Anne-Marie Pierce religioused@stlawrencealex.org



Our parish garden is one of the most beautiful gardens in Alexandria

thanks to the loving attention of Tien Vu, our talented 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. 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.

MEMORIALIZE A LOST CHILD. Within our Fr McAfee Memorial Garden, there is a small area surrounded by a circle of red roses, the symbol of life and the Right to Life. Designed by our Knights of Columbus Council 9407, this **Memorial Garden for Unborn Children** honors the memory of all souls lost to abortion, miscarriage, and still-birth. The Garden provides a peaceful place of prayer for an end to abortion, for all little ones lost prior to birth, and for those seeking hope and healing due to their loss. We are updating this Garden with the addition of new statues and memorial stones you can purchase anonymously that are engraved with names of children lost during pregnancy or due to abortion.



Arrangements have been made with [Engraved-rock.com](http://engraved-rock.com) in Washington state to take orders for personalized memorial stones to be included in this Garden. There are two options for ordering:

Signature Rock: 3" -5" for \$40, suitable for 1-3 words (e.g.: name + date + graphic)

Small Rock: 7" -11" for \$90, accommodating a brief inscription of up to 8-10 words

All stones are natural and engraved to last many years. In addition to selecting the size, you will choose the font, wording, and graphics (Cross, heart, angel, rose, etc) to design your memorial. Your final design will be sent to you and the Pastor for approval before the stone is engraved (without any personal information attached to the proof sent to the pastor). The memorial stone will then be completed and shipped with others directly to St. Lawrence Church for installation in the Garden. Of course, you are free to order a second stone shipped to your home, if desired.

Your confidentiality is important! Identifying information will not be shared with the Pastor or other church staff in any part of the ordering, approval or shipping process. However, all memorial stones are subject to approval before being included in the Garden (as noted above). The initial ordering window is open now through May 31. To purchase a memorial stone through Engraved-rock.com:

Via PHONE: 509-715-0630; Inform Linda Greene your order is for the St. Lawrence Church Memorial Garden (*Remember that Pacific Time is 3 hours behind us*).

Via Internet: Go to: <https://engraved-rock.com> Select "Order Personalized Garden Stones," choose the small or medium rock size and enter design information. If you need help, use the CONTACT tab in the main menu. After entering your billing information, select "Ship to a different address." For first/last name enter: Memorial Garden; Company: Saint Lawrence Church; Address: 6222 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310. In the "Order Notes" box write: For the St. Lawrence Memorial Garden. Feel free to contact the Office if you have any questions!



As a reminder, the following resources are available for those needing assistance:

- > Pregnancy Assistance - Gabriel Project 703/841-3810
- > Confidential help after abortion - Project Rachel 703/841-2504 (for women); 703/841-3833 (for men)
- > Support after Miscarriage or Stillbirth - A Mom's Peace 703-347-4805

**NARTHEX FUND-
RAISING PROGRESS**
Current Pledges:
\$1,402, 023

New Goal - \$2 million

\$1,750,000

\$1,500,000

\$1,250,000

Original Goal \$1.2 Mil

\$1 million

\$750,000

\$500,000

\$250,000

OFFERTORY REPORT

Monthly Budgeted Offertory
\$70,000

Mar 2021 \$58,012

(\$11,900 Below Budget)

Apr 2021 \$65,635

(\$4,365 Below Budget)

Envelopes Mailed: 530*

Envelopes Used:

March: 376

Apr: 363

**NOTE: We reduced our envelope mailing from all 1480 registered families to families that have given \$1 or more in the last ten years, reducing our mailing to 530 envelopes each month--to save printing and mailing costs.*

Faith Direct (Electronic Giving) Users
270

Average Faith Direct Offertory
per month: \$8820

DONATE CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

Koinonia continues to accept new and gently-used children's Spring/Summer clothing. **Especially needed are girls' and boys' clothing sizes 4-6.** Some parishioners have enjoyed buying clothing from Walmart or thrift stores to donate to Koinonia. You may drop-off donations at Koinonia (6037 Franconia Rd; M, T, W, F 9am-12:30pm, Thur 9am-4pm, and 2nd Sat of month only 9am-12:30pm) OR drop off clothing at St. Lawrence in the Narthex bin located in the back of the church.

Book Rack: Summer reading for youth is available on the parish book rack, in the popular **graphic novel format**. Titles include *The Truth is Out There: Brendan & Eric in Exile* and *The Big Picture* both by "Amadeus", the pen name of a contemplative priest with ties to St. Lawrence! Also in graphic novel format are *The Saints Chronicles Books 1-6* from Sophia Press. Book #1 contains stories of Saints Patrick, Jerome Emiliani, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Henry Morse, and Joan of Arc. **On the rack you will also find \$1 booklets from the KofC and Catholic Information Service** on a wide range of topics including: The Early Church, Is There a God?, The Eucharist, The Lord's Prayer, and Mary.

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.

Document Shredding - Saturday, June 26, 10 am-1 pm - St. Lawrence Parking Lot



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a document shredding event on Saturday, June 26, 10 am to 1 pm, in the church parking lot. Finish your spring cleaning by bringing your confidential papers for secure shredding. Your donations will support Marian Homes of Fairfax County, which helps intellectually disabled adults live productive, more independent lives in the community.

LOOKING FOR GREAT RESOURCES TO IMPROVE YOUR (and your children's) PRAYER LIFE, and INCREASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE FAITH??

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JUST TWO EXAMPLES!

Watch "St Joseph-a 4 Part Series"

Or watch FORMED's "PRESENCE, The Mystery of the Eucharist"

Teach Your Children (and Yourself) About Our Faith -
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MANY COVID RESTRICTIONS LIFTED--But we are still dispensed from physically attending Holy Mass on Sundays and other Holy Days by our Bishop because of COVID--if one feels unable to be in public during these waning COVID times--and even though nothing can replace being physically present at Holy Mass--the dispensation requires those not attending Holy Mass to set aside time on these days to view Holy Mass virtually, or to perform some other specific devotion (a special Rosary, Reading of the Bible...etc.), to constructively meet our obligation.

Know that Holy Mass on Sundays will no longer be recorded and posted Online. In order to assist those who cannot make it physically so they can meet their dispensed obligations -- we invite you to go to the **Arlington Diocese Website for alternatives to view Holy Mass.**

Please Pray for the Sick



of our parish family, including 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, John Bonfanti, Chris Henderson, Leah, Francis Flaherty, Barbara Gaul, John Forrester, Bud Shatzer, Bon Le, 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, Evangeline Azarraga, and Maria Victorino.

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Women

Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out. The annual diocesan discernment retreat for single women who feel called to a religious vocation is Friday-Sunday, June 18-20. The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia will be leading the retreat this year, which will aim to help you know yourself and discover the amazing woman God has created you to be. It will also include tools to aid your prayer and discernment, as well as opportunities for prayer, confession, spiritual direction and Q&A with the sisters. Cost is \$60 (financial assistance is available). For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Space is limited; deadline to register is Friday June 4.

**PRAY THE HOLY
ROSARY**



Faith Direct Electronic Giving: We encourage the use of Faith Direct for our Parishioners. The option to make your contributions to the parish electronically adds convenience and consistency to your contribution, and saves the cost of mailing envelopes -- so more of your Church donations goes toward pastoral needs vice administrative costs. In order to show your support, especially as an example to your children and others, Faith Direct provides cards you can place in the baskets passed in Church. Visit faithdirect.net and enroll securely online or call 1-866-507-8757. Note: Our parish code is **VA325**.

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