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March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

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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.

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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 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. during Lent

Friday 6:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. during Lent

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, 3/17	St. Patrick
6:15 a.m.	Rene Blocher †
9:00 a.m.	Jane Palladino †
Tuesday, 3/18	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
6:15 a.m.	Private Intention
9:00 a.m.	Joseph Thinh Đỗ
Wednesday 3/19	St. Joseph
6:15 a.m.	Hugh Reynolds †
9:00 a.m.	Joseph Potosnak †
Thursday 3/20	Saint Wulfran
6:15 a.m.	Dallas Hunley †
9:00 a.m.	Thomas & Laura Bourgeois †
Friday 3/21	Saint Benedict
6:15 a.m.	Pierce Brennan
9:00 a.m.	Patricia Eaton †
Saturday 3/22	St. Isidore the Farmer
9:00 a.m.	Yoly Malferrari †
5:00 p.m. Vigil	Celestine Schamel †
Sunday 3/23	Third Sunday of Lent
7:30 a.m.	Pedro Antonio Flores Family †
9:00 a.m.	Missa Pro Popula
11:00 a.m.	Joseph E. Potosnak †



This Second Sunday of Lent invites us to contemplate *the Transfiguration*. Jesus had announced he would suffer greatly, be rejected and put to death. We can imagine what must have happened in the heart of his friends, his disciples: the image of a strong and triumphant Messiah would be killed like the worst of wrongdoers. He "led them up a high mountain" (the elevated place where heaven and earth touch). Here, he is transfigured before them. His face radiant and his garments glistening, which provide a preview of the image as the Risen One, offer to those frightened men *the light*, the light of hope, the light *to pass through the shadows*; death will not be the end of everything, because it will open to the glory of the Resurrection. Thus, Jesus announces his death; he takes them up the mountain and shows them what will happen afterwards, the Resurrection.

We cannot remain on the mountain and enjoy the bliss of this encounter on our own. Jesus himself brings us back to the valley, among our brothers and sisters and into daily life. We are called to experience the encounter with Christ so that, enlightened by his light, we might take it and make it shine everywhere.

Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

Mon 3/17	Confessions 9:30 a.m. CCD Classes 7-8:15 p.m. OLPH Novena 7:15 p.m.
Tues 3/18	OCIA 6:30-7:30 p.m. CCD Classes 7-8:15 p.m. Legion of Mary 7:30 p.m.
Wed 3/19	Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00 Mass Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Confessions 6:30-8:00 p.m. CCD Classes 7-8:15 p.m. Holy Hour 7:15-8:15
Thu 3/20	French Conversation Class 10:30 - Noon Spanish Conversation Class 12:15 - 1:30 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. 11:00 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Fri. 3/21	Confessions 6:45 a.m. K of C Lenten Fish Fry 5:30 - 7 p.m. Confessions 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross 7:30 p.m.
Sat 3/22	That Man is You 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Confessions 3:30-4:30 p.m.



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN MONTHLY MEETING - MARCH 16 ROSARY MAKING DEMONSTRATION

Ladies, come to learn how to make rosaries March 16th at 12:30 p.m. in Hammond Hall after a brief meeting. A kit to make one Rosary will be provided to each person.



We will also pray the **Stations of the Cross** at 1:00 p.m. in the church, meditating on Mary's viewpoint using the booklet "Mary's Way of the Cross" Join Us.

Our next Share Sunday is the weekend of



March 15-16. Food pantry donations will help our less fortunate community members who are being served by Koinonia. Gift cards are also appreciated.



**PRAY THE ROSARY
FOR THE HEALTH OF
OUR HOLY FATHER**

CONFESSION and STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Times are extended on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Confessions are offered on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed every Friday at 7:30 p.m.



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 April 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, Sandy Bertini, Lorenzo Betia, Leah Bloom, Dave

Bocchino, Maria Bonfanti, Betty Bonifer, Melanie Brady, Luis Cristian Carranza, Joan Charters, Barry Childers, Baby Reese Clasen, Josie Cofer, Renate Craft, Nancy Crowley, Ann Cullen, Joan Curley, 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, 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, Robert Nguyen, Matthew Peters, Dai Pham, Justin Pham, Larry Poh, Aubrey and Lori Polson, Ginny Rauer, Herman & Martha Rollandini, Vin Rosano, Eduardo San Diego, Hannelore Smallfield, Randy Souther, Raymond Stanekenas, Kurt Steinbacher, Donna Sullivan, Lily 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: **Mary Anne Choi, Federico Carreon, Elie Feghali, James Bennett, Balthazar Yambao, Christopher Cruz, Elvira DePaolis, Sarah Anne Valandra, Jay Farabaugh, Mulumebet Demissie, James Stakem, Jr. (Father of our DRE, Joe Stakem), John Dina, Joanne Robertson, Benjamin Sarmiento, Catherine Sih Nkuo, and Geraldine Martin.**

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

Aileen Marie Sullivan (d. March 2, 2013)
Hung Tran (d. March 8, 2022)
Joseph Bosch (d. March 9, 2002)
Msgr. Frank E. Mahler (founding pastor of St. Lawrence) (d. March 13, 2019)
Sergio Annarella (d. March 14, 2014)
Willy Canonizado (d. March 18, 2023)
Celestine Schamel (d. March 22, 2010)
Carolyn Gotzens (d. March 24, 2018)
Joseph Ho Yuen (d. March 25, 1984)
Gil Coquia (d. March 25, 2015)
Mauricia "Rory" Tenorio (March 27, 2018)

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

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:

Seminarian Sean Mazary who was here with us at St. Lawrence a few summers ago.

Matt Chapman, in formation for the Diaconate.

Sister Gaudete Maria, daughter of Tien Vu and Lan Do (who work in your parish). Sister Gaudete Maria has taken the second step of her vocation with the Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus in Ohio.

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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.

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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.) Come on out with us to: square dancing (March 18, 25); Thursday lunches (March 27); Breakfast at K of C Arlington (March 16); Christ House (March 22); Cherry Blossom Walk (March 30). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

A Holy People - Living the Scriptural and Social Teaching of our Faith Journey to the heart of Christ this Lent! Join the Diocese for A Holy People: Living the Scriptural and Social Teaching of Our Faith, a guided, in-person series that will enrich your Lent with prayer, Scripture, and the Church's rich social teaching. Five Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, March 11 through April 8. Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Burke Hall, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, Virginia

ORDINATION OF TRANSITIONAL DEACONS

On April 26, 2025, Bishop Burbidge will ordain twelve seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate: James Harbour, Donghan Lee, **Sean Mazary**, Eric McDade, Alexander Solsma, Teko Teko-Agbo and Aaron Zanca. The Mass will be held at The Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington at 11:00 a.m. and will also be livestreamed. Visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/Ordinations to learn more about these men, what led them to seminary, and about the ordination events.

Pray for our future priests!

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

- 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



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ST LAWRENCE ROSARY MAKERS

If you would like to learn to make rosaries to help spread the faith, we have a monthly meeting in Hammond Hall. No experience is necessary. If you can tie a knot, you can make a rosary to spread Mary's love for Christ! **NOTE: The Rosary Makers will meet on Tuesday, April 1 at 10 a.m. Call the parish office for more info.**



CLOTHING NEEDS: Koinonia is currently accepting Fall and Winter clothing in adults' and children's sizes.

Garments can be new or used without stains or tears. Drop-off is at 6107 Franconia Rd (corner of Beulah) Call 703/971-1991 or check their website koinoniacares.org for office hours. Thank you!



The Knights of Columbus LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS THRU 4/11



The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry dinner is an iconic feature of Lenten Fridays, and is held from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. in Hammond Hall. Enjoy a delicious meal with your fellow parishioners and support the Charitable activities of the K of C. Meal includes Fried or baked fish, French fries, coleslaw, mac and cheese and green beans. Price is \$15 for a full plate, \$10 for a half plate.

Our Fish Fry is held every Friday for six weeks. Upcoming dates: March 21, 28 and April 4 and 11.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

French conversation classes meet every Thursday in Hammond Hall from 10:30 - 12:00 Noon

Spanish conversation classes meet every Thursday in Hammond Hall from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.



If interested, call the parish office and leave a message. ALL ARE WELCOME

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!

2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL -

The Bishop's Lenten Appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and to support the various programs and ministries that help tens of thousands of people in our Diocese. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a pledge that will allow you to share your gifts with your neighbors. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, or go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code at right to make a gift.



SCAN ME



Please keep all our Religious Education students in your prayers. Bishop Paul S. Loverde, Bishop Emeritus of Arlington. Conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation on the following student:

Matteo **Lorenzo Ruiz** Alvarez

Liam **Michael** Brown

Anna **Joan of Arc** Dinh

Valeria Dos **Jacinta Marto** Ramos

Chloe **Catherine of Siena** Flores

Tess **Agnes** Klejdys

Elio **Sebastian** Lantin

Matthew **Matthew** Naidu

Isabella **Rita** Nguyen

Franco **Thomas Aquinas** Ocampo

Leighton **Joan of Arc** Odom

Xavier **Michael** Pagatpatan

Amedeo **Anthony of Padua** Spigolon

Ava **Anthony of Padua** Tran

Ethan **John the Baptist** Versace



You are invited to **BROWSE** the **BOOK RACK** for **spiritual reading this Lenten season**.

Whether you desire to deepen your prayer life, better understand teachings of the church, learn from the Saints, or come to know and love Jesus Christ more, we hope there is a title that will help you on that journey.

FIAT Days with the Franciscan Sisters of the

Eucharist (For high school girls) What do sisters do all day? Sometimes they garden! In the spirit of St. Francis, spend a day working in God's creation with the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and gets some good insights to prepare for Holy Week. It's Saturday April 12 from 9am – 3pm at their convent in Falls Church. Day will include Mass, talk, lunch and gardening. Bring gardening gloves and tools if you have them. Cost is \$15. For more information and to register visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT, or contact vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register and submit permission form is April 6.



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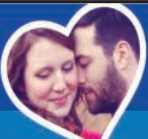


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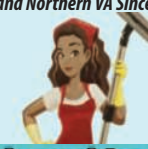
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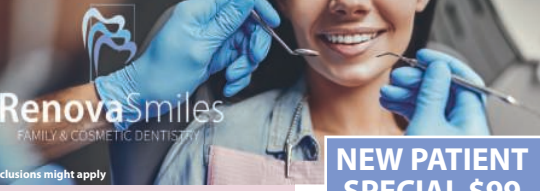
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