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Third Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2022

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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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Please note: NO 6:15 Mass on Thurs. or Friday

MON 5/02 - St. Athanasius (OFM/EFM)

6:15am..... Dr. Alan Romine †

9:00am..... Danny Ortua

TUE 5/03 - Sts. Philip & James the Less (OFM)

6:15am..... Tono Bonilla †

9:00am..... Louis Hoffman

WED 5/04 - St. Monica (EFM)

6:15am..... Panchy Bonilla

9:00am..... Hector Ayuso

THU 5/05 - St. Pius V (EFM)

9:00am..... Mary †

FRI 5/06 - St. Evodius (Historic)

9:00am..... Agnes Vijn †

SAT 5/07 - St. Stanislaus of Cracow (EFM)

9:00am..... Sovanny Saray †

Meets Sunday Obligation

5:00pm..... Anita Rivero †

SUN 5/08 - Fourth Sunday of Easter (OFM/EFM)

7:30am..... Josephine Turk

9:00am..... Helen Donovan †

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

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

Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

Sun 5/1 **K of C Breakfast** after 7:30 & 9am Masses

Mon 5/2 **Confessions** 9:30am
Religious Education Classes 7-8:15pm
Perpetual Help Novena 7:15pm

Tue 5/3 **High School CCD** 7-8:15pm
Legion of Mary 7:30pm

Wed 5/4 **Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30 - 1pm
Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00am Mass
Confessions 7 - 7:45pm
Religious Education Classes 7-8:15pm
Exposition Begins 7pm and ends with
.....**Holy Hour** 7:15-8:15pm

Thurs 5/5 **Knights of Columbus Meeting** 7pm

Fri 5/6 **First Friday Adoration - St. Mary's** 10-11pm

Sat 5/7 **First Saturday Devotions** 8:30 am
Confessions 3:30 - 4:30pm

Parish Breakfast - Sunday, May 1

After the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses

Join your fellow parishioners for the monthly parish breakfast in Hammond Hall after the 7:30 and 9:00 Masses on Sunday, May 1st. The Knights of Columbus will be serving your breakfast favorites:

scrambled eggs,
bacon, sausage, and
pancakes. The cost is
\$5 per person or \$15
for families.



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.)

May 14: Nats game!

We're off to cheer on the Nats against the Astros! To reserve your ticket(s), please RSVP by May 2. Feel free to bring family and friends.

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. You may also contact her to be added to the email listserv to hear about future events.



Pray the Holy Rosary

CHOIR

Come join us for practice and to sing at the 11am Mass.

Next practice is Thursday at 7 pm in Hammond Hall on

May 12th.

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PLEASE GIVE

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We serve our Homebound parishioners by bringing the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ to their home-if you are interested in joining this incredibly rewarding ministry PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY OFFICE.

Training will be provided!

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: Jean Moretti (mother of Fr. Mark Moretti) and William Roland Suttle.

We also pray for the souls of the following deceased love ones on the anniversary of their deaths:

Sovanny Saray, (d. April 7, 2021) and Kenneth Wayne Anderson, (d. May 25, 2021).

(If you have a memorial of a death you would wish remember, 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.



St. Lawrence 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 to see other needs. Thank you for your generosity!

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)

serves single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for: Country & Western dancing (May 7); Thursday lunches (May 12 and 26); visit to Gunston Hall (May 14); talk by Dawn Beutner, author of *Saints: Becoming an Image of Christ Every Day of the Year* (May 19); dinner in Alexandria (May 22); annual picnic (June 19). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com

Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps Registration Lottery -

Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (current freshmen through seniors) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs Sunday-Thursday, July 10-14. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters runs Sunday-Thursday, July 17-21. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open the month of March. See the videos and photos from past years, get more information and register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.

Catholic Family Night - A Night of Comedy and Big Band Jazz - May 6th, 2022 - 6:30pm Saint Louis Catholic Church. Free and open to the public. Join us for an evening of good clean family fun and laughter; an evening of vibrant Big Band Jazz and improv comedy radiant in the happy life we have in Christ. First, our very own local Catholic improv group, FOOLS! Comedy Improv, will warm up the crowd with some good laughs. Then enjoy the cool tones of local award-winning big band, the Hot Lanes. Food and drink available for purchase and other fun activities available as well.

Catholic Campout May 6-8, 2022 - Attention Families: Please join us at the Catholic Campout, Friday, May 6 - Sunday, May 8! Spend a beautiful spring weekend camping with your family at the Catholic Campout. The weekend includes camping, activities, entertainment around the bonfire, Chick-fil-A dinner, and Vigil Mass with Bishop Burbidge. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholiccampout to register or for more information.

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

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

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.

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 17-19. The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth will lead the retreat this year, and the theme is "Heart to Heart: Love the Lord with all your heart, soul and strength" (Deut. 6:5). 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 6.

ATTENTION PARENTS & TEENAGERS OF ST. LAWRENCE PARISH! **It's time to get involved** with Your St. Lawrence Youth Program. At St. Lawrence, we want to help our Teens (along with their parents) grow in their Faith, grow closer to/and have deeper relationship with God and Family and to keep involved in, and feel a part of, St. Lawrence Catholic Church Parish!

** Join us for Some or All of the following activities:*

- ♦ *Tuesday night: Tuesday night High School Class 7pm-8:15pm: Grow in your Faith with Religious Education, Prayer, Watch Movies from Formed.org, Food, Fellowship, Fun*
- ♦ *Youth and Parent Cookouts/Bonfires*
- ♦ *Pizza/Movie Night & Fundraising Events*
- ♦ *Pro-Life Events and Charity/Service with other parish groups*
- ♦ *Diocese Annual WorkCamp June 2022*

Contact Joseph Stakem at youth@stlawrencealex.org
Or call 703-971-5715

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. The prayers can be done at home on your own time. To see a sample 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 this past summer.

Volunteer Teachers Needed! Catholic Charities, Education and Workforce Development is in need of volunteer English, citizenship, and workforce development teachers for our sites in Manassas, Sterling, and our virtual classrooms. Training, lesson plans, and curriculum are provided! Our 12-week sessions start in March! If interested, please contact volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net or call 571-208-1572 for more info.

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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](https://www.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: 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, Chris Henderson, 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, Richard Woodford, Christal Eve Herrera, and Maria Bonfanti.

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



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