

# ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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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**Sacristan**

Tatyana Nguyen

## May 22, 2022 6th Sunday of Easter

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- MON 5/23 - St. Julia of Corsica** *(Historic)*  
 6:15am .....Abram Pereira  
 9:00am .....Terrence Brennan †
- TUE 5/24 - Our Lady Help of Christians** *(Historic)*  
 6:15am .....Abram Pereira  
 9:00am .....Dr. Alan Romine
- WED 5/25 - St. Bede the Venerable** *(OFM)*  
 6:15am .....Beth Chwika  
 9:00am .....Tatyana & Minh Nguyen
- THU 5/26 - St. Philip Neri** *(OFM/EFM)*  
**Ascension of the Lord**  
 6:15am .....Dottie Schulz *(In Thanksgiving)*  
 9:00am .....Olivia Spencer  
 6:00pm .....Dr. Ronald Gripshover
- FRI 5/27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury** *(OFM)*  
 6:15am .....Beth Chwika  
 9:00am .....Charlene Ann Reidy †
- SAT 5/28 - Our Lady, Queen of Apostles** *(EFM)*  
 9:00am .....Tao Nguyen Family
- Meets Sunday Obligation*  
 5:00pm .....Parishioners of Saint Lawrence
- SUN 5/29 - Ascension of the Lord** *(transferred from 5/26)*  
**Sunday after the Ascension** *(EFM)*  
 7:30am .....Maria Anderko †  
 9:00am .....Joan & Tom Cormack †  
 11:00am .....Charlene Ann Reidy †  
 12:30pm .....Joan & Tom Cormack †

### 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.

### Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week *At a Glance*

- Mon 5/23 **Confessions** 9:30am  
**Religious Education Classes** 7-8:15pm  
**Perpetual Help Novena** 7:15pm
- Tue 5/24 **High School CCD** 7-8:15pm  
**Legion of Mary** 7:30pm
- Wed 5/25 **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
- Sat 5/28 **Confessions** 3:30 - 4:30pm



The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual **Tootsie Roll drive** benefiting KOVAR, a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity serving people with intellectual disabilities. KOVAR provides grants supporting such things as transportation, job skills training, independent living education, as well as interest-free home loans. All these initiatives help the recipients to improve their quality of life, as well as live more independently in their communities.

Please donate generously and get some Tootsie Rolls to take home with you!

### CHOIR

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



**THANK YOU!** Over 450 lbs of food, pantry goods, toiletries and cleaning items were collected during last Saturday's Drive-thru Drop-off Collection for Koinonia, which was followed by a successful Share Sunday at all the Masses. Donations included five plastic tubs of fresh fruits and vegetables, generous grocery gift cards, and other much-needed items. Thank you to the volunteers and all who gave in any way. **A special shout-out to St. Bernadette's Fall 2023 Team #1 students, their teachers and parents who supported the food drive as a Work of Mercy project for their Confirmation Prep.**



## Monthly Bulletin Report of Financial Matters - Budget Report for April 2022

### April 2022 - Monthly Collection Report

Budgeted Collection: \$85,616

Sunday Collections: \$78,017

### Collection Short of Budget

*Note: 481 of 590 envelopes were used last month  
Faith Direct Giving accounts for 289 donor families*

**Offertory Report.** We thank you for meeting your obligation as Catholics to support your church. (Such support meets one of the 5 Precepts of Holy Mother Church.) We wish all parishioners to be comfortable in how they give, but we primarily encourage the use of Faith Direct Electronic giving (see [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net)) which is the least costly to administrate (more donated dollars go to the poor, charity and other liturgical/sacramental expenses). Of course, the use of envelopes is still a great tradition--and giving in either of these ways, or as many do in cash, sets a great example for your children and those around you who may not give yet; even with Faith Direct you receive cards you can drop in the collection basket to show your support for your Parish and to be an example to others. We hope this information will help you understand better the finances of your parish.

## SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES.

**WOW. As of May 8, you have donated and sent \$14,116 via the American Knights of Columbus to Polish KofC Councils to directly support refugees fleeing the fighting in Ukraine!**

## 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: Frank O'Meara, Jean Moretti (mother of Fr. Mark Moretti), William Roland Suttle, and Chris Henderson (son of Fred and Stella Henderson).

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

Kenneth Wayne Anderson, (d. May 25, 2021)  
Diane Pray (d. May 19, 2017).

*(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.



## 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!

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!!  
CPR, AED, and First Aid  
Lifesaving Training at St. Lawrence**

St. Lawrence Catholic Church has purchased and installed AEDs (automated external defibrillators) in each of the Church buildings. These portable medical cardiac devices are used in conjunction with CPR to save the lives of heart attack victims. Importantly, these AED units are only lifesaving devices if they are used by people trained in CPR and the use of AEDs.

**You too can be a life saver!** Our parish is providing First Aid, CPR, and AED certification training. These courses normally cost between \$140 and \$200 per student, but we have negotiated a special rate based on number of registrants. The class date is **Saturday, June 11.** Space is limited, register by sending an email to: [office@stlawrencealex.org](mailto:office@stlawrencealex.org). Send your \$25.00 deposit to the office to confirm your seat.



**Thinking of replacing or getting rid of your old car?** Please consider donating it to Catholic Charities. A parishioner of ours (who prefers to remain anonymous) saw this ad in the bulletin and donated their car to the ministry, *Cars for Families*. That family's generous donation provided reliable transportation for a another family in desperate need of transportation. Other non-operational cars or vehicles such as trucks, RVs and even jet skis and snowmobiles are accepted. Donating is EASY! They handle the paperwork and you receive an IRS donation receipt. Visit [www.cda.net](http://www.cda.net) for more info.

**Are You a New or Expectant Mother Looking for Help?** **Gabriel Project** has many amazing mentors with lots of experience, not only in raising children, but also in living a life firmly rooted in Christ. So, whether you're a brand new mom or a mom looking for support because you are new to the area, contact Gabriel Project at (703) 841-3810, or visit the website at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/gabriel.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/gabriel.aspx). Gabriel Project - (866)-444-3553 - [www.helpforpregnantwomen.org](http://www.helpforpregnantwomen.org)



**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 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](http://faithdirect.net) and enroll securely online or call 1-866-507-8757. Note: Our parish code is VA325.

**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.

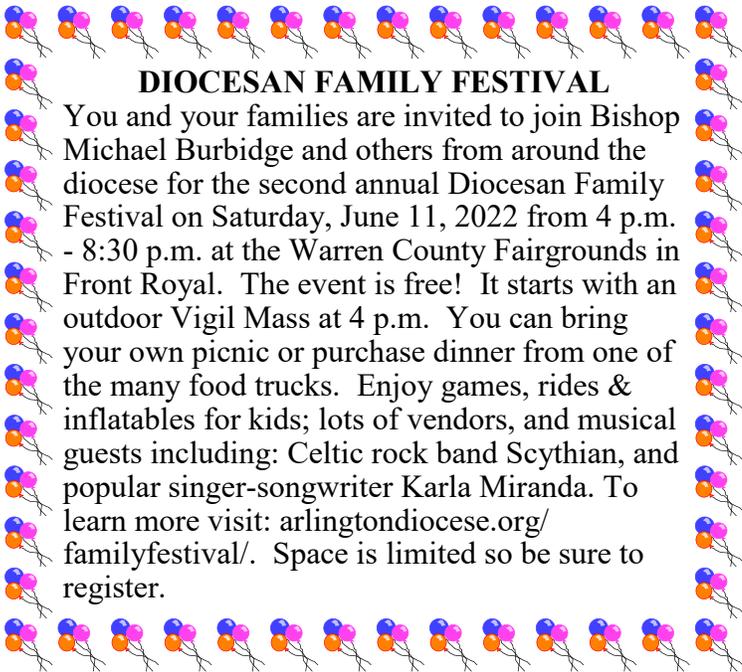
**Religious Education (CCD)** - All children not attending a Catholic School who are in the first grade and up should be enrolled in the Parish Religious Education Program. Call the Religious Education Office at (703) 971-8541 for details or email [religioused@stlawrencealex.org](mailto:religioused@stlawrencealex.org)

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org). Space is limited; deadline to register is Friday June 6.



**DIOCESAN FAMILY FESTIVAL**

You and your families are invited to join Bishop Michael Burbidge and others from around the diocese for the second annual Diocesan Family Festival on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 4 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal. The event is free! It starts with an outdoor Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. You can bring your own picnic or purchase dinner from one of the many food trucks. Enjoy games, rides & inflatables for kids; lots of vendors, and musical guests including: Celtic rock band Scythian, and popular singer-songwriter Karla Miranda. To learn more visit: [arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival/](http://arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival/). Space is limited so be sure to register.

**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 a few summers ago.

**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](mailto:volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net) or call 571-208-1572 for more info.

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- 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: 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!!!**

