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Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS- SUNDAY

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am

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 3:30-4:30pm

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October 1, 2023 26th Sunday in Ord. Time

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON 10/02 - The Holy Guardian Angels

6:15am Matthew Schnur

9:00am Jane Palladino †

TUE 10/03 - Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

6:15am Mary Gray

9:00am Thomas & Alice O'Connor †

WED 10/04 - Saint Francis of Assisi

6:15am For the Souls Dying Today †

9:00am Stephanie Coquia

THU 10/05 - Saint Francis Xavier Seelos

6:15am Maria Sang Tran

9:00am Jerry Alexander †

FRI 10/06 - Saint Bruno

6:15am Mary Ellen Hinkle †

9:00am Corazon A. Toledo †

SAT 10/07 Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00am Maria Nguoi Doan †

Sat Vigil (Meets Sunday Obligation)

5:00pm Đôminicô Ký Vữ & Maria Đinh Phưởng

SUN 10/08 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Jose Dalusung †

9:00am Michael Chapman

11:00am Parishioners of Saint Lawrence

Anne-Marie Pierce thanks everyone for all the kind notes and cards you sent for her birthday. She said she was overjoyed with your kind thoughts and remembrances and will keep you all in her prayers.

CCD Classes have begun If you have not registered yet, please register right away online on our website or in person.

Full 2023-2024 CCD Class Schedule has been posted on the website under Faith Formation, Religious Education Calendar.

We are still in need of Catechist Assistants for Monday-Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:15pm Please come help assist our Catechists in teaching our children their Faith. It is a very rewarding experience!

Questions? Call or email Joseph Stakem at 703-971-8541 or religioused@stlawrencealex.org.

Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

Sun 10/1 **Parish Breakfast** after 7:30 & 9:00 Mass

Mon 10/2 **Confessions** 9:30am
CCD Classes 7-8:15pm
Perpetual Help Novena 7:15pm

Tue 10/3 **Parents Ministry Playgroup** 10-11:30
CCD Classes for H.S. and RCIA 7-8:15pm
Legion of Mary 7:30 pm

Wed 10/4 **Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30am - 1:00pm
Fatima Prayer Cell after 9am Mass
CCD Classes 7-8:15pm
Confessions 7:00-7:45 pm
Holy Hour 7:15 - 8:15

Thu 10/5 **11am Choir Practice** *New Time: 7:00pm*

Fri 10/6 **Confessions** 6:45am
First Friday Nocturnal Adoration
(St. Mary Basilica) 10-11pm

Sat 10/7 **First Saturday Devotions** begin at 8:30am
Confessions 3:30-4:30pm

Join your fellow Parishioners for First Friday Nocturnal Adoration!

The Nocturnal Adoration Society, of which St. Lawrence has participated in for over 40 years, has all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the month at the Basilica of St. Mary in Old Town Alexandria. St. Lawrence is responsible for the 10:00 PM – 11:00 PM hour. During this hour, both silent and vocal prayer are incorporated in the time spent with our Eucharistic LORD. The vocal prayers follow the *Little Office of the Blessed Sacrament* by praying several Psalms and beautiful Eucharistic meditations. Security is provided by Alexandria Police officers. We warmly invite you to come and join us for this special time with our LORD Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!



The 28th Alexandria Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 1. Life Chains have been conducted annually for 36 years across the United States and Canada on the First Sunday of October as prayer vigils and public witnesses to the sanctity of human life.

The Alexandria Life Chain will be held along Franconia Road from Saint Lawrence to the Springfield Mall. The time will be from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM, rain or shine. Life Chain signs will be available for pick-up at Hammond Hall starting at 2:00 PM. All Saint Lawrence parishioners and families are encouraged to participate and show our commitment to the protection and sanctity of human life.

**TMIIY IS LOOKING FOR GOOD MEN WHO
ARE TRYING TO BE GOOD CATHOLICS IN
A COMPLEX WORLD
EVERY Saturday Morning-7am**

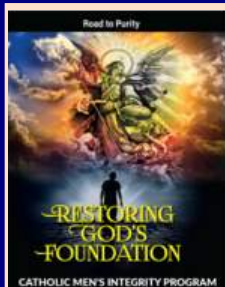
Classes have begun

**A Program Designed to help Men
Seeking SPIRITUAL PEACE**

That Man is You! Call the office for info.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Any women of the parish interested in an evening bible study this fall, please call or email the parish office and leave your name and phone number. We plan to meet on Thursday evenings from 6:45 to 9:00 pm in Hammond Hall, beginning soon. Call for details.

Cooking Up Some Fun with FIAT The Little Sisters of the Poor are cooking up some fun for FIAT high school girls interested in growing spiritually and exploring their vocation. Saturday October 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the St. Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington, D.C. The day will include Mass, baking, lunch and some time of adoration. Sponsored by the Office of Vocations. Space is limited, visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514. Deadline to register (but don't wait!): October 6.



FREE PROGRAM -

Restoring God's Foundation is a Catholic based men's integrity program that serves to restore God's foundation of authentic sexuality by guiding men to freedom from sexual sin. This weekly program educates men on God's plan, developing powerful tools for fighting the battle, developing integrity and accountability, developing fraternal brotherhood, engaging in the Sacraments of the Catholic Church and then seeking to heal souls from the emotional damage resulting from life events that fuel the addictive process and create a skewed view of sexuality. Register now at <https://courses.roadtopurity.com>. It's free to parishioners.

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

We pray for those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, most recently we remember: **Joe Bonifer, Mark Paschall, Jerry Alexander, Ofelia Dalusung, Jane Palladino, Rolando Pasia, Jose Dalusung, John Noblet, Nerhin Said, Rose Morgan, and Reyes Ponce.**

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

Dora Marie Ciardullo (d. October 4, 2018)
Gloria Buckley (d. October 8, 2015)
Bill Pailin (d. October 10, 2017)
Frederick Henderson (d. October 11, 2013)
Benjamin Simpao (d. October 12, 2015)
Frank Santone (d. October 13, 2016)
Laureano Gomez (d. October 19, 2015)

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

Take Aim at Holiness at the Quo Vadis Paintball Challenge

- Calling high school boys interested in growing in holiness and virtue! Join Quo Vadis, along with some priests and seminarians, for a day of Mass, talk and an epic Paintball competition. Saturday, October 28, 8:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., at Corpus Christi Catholic Church and Pev's Paintball in Aldie. Cost is \$50, includes equipment and lunch (financial aid is available). Space is limited, email the Office of Vocations to reserve a spot and get the permission form that is due October 13, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org, or visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis.

KOINONIA UPDATES:

The Koinonia Clothing Closet is now accepting new and gently used **Fall and Winter clothing**. All adult and children's sizes are appreciated, especially **Men's small and medium and Boys' sizes 8-14**. Thank you!



PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC)



We are a social group, mostly 60 and over. (Are you 40 to 59? Ask about our free associate-member group.) For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com

International Week of Prayer and Fasting October 20 - 28. The goal of the IWOPF is for the conversion of all peoples and nations, to build a culture of life, to defend the sanctity of marriage and family life, for peace and to implore God's Mercy, and for all priests, vocations, and holiness of the members of the Church. The Virtual Conference will be held on October 20, 21, & 23. Saturday, October 28th will be an all day in-person prayer vigil at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For more details or to register for the online conference go to: www.iwopf.org.



Join us after the 7:30 and 9:00 am Mass this Sunday for the Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast. The Knights cook a delicious breakfast and you can relax and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners while helping support the K of C charitable causes.

Behold Your Mother: Mary in Art, Music, and Charity

Join the diocesan Golden Jubilee Committee at Nativity Catholic Church in Burke, VA, on Friday, October 6 at 7 p.m. for an evening of art and music featuring work by local Catholic Artist Chrissy Curtis and local professional musicians. The evening will highlight her new triptych of paintings reflection Our Lady as our adopted mother in Christ, dedicated to Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Adoption Services. Her work will be highlighted in an art show featuring several new paintings commissioned by local Catholic artists for the Jubilee and paired with Catholic Charities ministries. See information about other events on the diocesan website. A short concert and reception will follow.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Emmitsburg -

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge and our diocesan family on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the National Shrine Grotto of Our of the Rosary), from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The day will feature a talk on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mass, procession to the Grotto cave with recitation of the Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/pilgrimage-emmitsburg/>

**BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD:
Having the Mind of Christ in an Age of Error**

How should a Catholic man respond to Christ's challenge to have his mind totally transformed ? **The 25th Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, directed by The Very Reverend Paul D. Scalia**, will be held on Sat. Oct. 28 from 9:15am--1:15pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church, 8750 Pohick Rd., Springfield VA 22153. There is no charge for this event, **but you must register before Oct. 22 to attend. Donations gratefully accepted. To register go to www.waywomen.com/mensretreat** For more information, contact Robin Maas at rmvlmaas@gmail.com.

Young Adult - Frassati Retreat - Come climb with us! Join us Friday-Sunday, November 10-12, at the Arlington Diocese's San Damiano Retreat Center for a weekend of spiritual adventure! Together we will scale the peaks and navigate the troughs of the spiritual life as we ascend "the Heights" with Pier Giorgio Frassati and Jesus Christ. Fr. John Riley will guide us to the summit, and for more adventurous souls - come along on a Sunday afternoon excursion to the summit of a Blue Ridge Peak! Retreat cost is \$285, and financial assistance may be available. For further information or to register for this retreat, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org.

Please Pray for the Sick of our parish family, including: Anne Marie Pierce, Dr. Ronald Gripshover, Giovanna Faustina Annarella, Jenny Antoun, Lorenzo Betia, Leah Bloom, Maria Bonfanti, Betty and Joe Bonifer, Melanie Brady, Luis Cristian Carranza, Joan Charters, Barry Childers, Renate Craft, Nancy Crowley, Joan Curley, John D'Adamo, Anna Deaver, Felicia DiFeo, Evan Duncan, Bob Farabaugh, Jay Farabaugh, Francis Flaherty, John Forrester, Barbara Gaul, William Geoghegan, Julia Delli Gatti, Patricia Gilcrest, Jaime Guzman, Karina Hanna, Christal Eve Herrera, Judy and Kevin Jackson, Judith Jackson, Mary Kirby, Richard Kuron Sr., Donald Lawson, Antonio Yu An Leng, Patricia Lewis, Viviana Ferrer Lopez, Kathleen MacQueeney, Rita MacQueeney, Palbo Maldonado, Jack Marzan, Martha Mastic, Deborah Miller, Nhung "Kim" Miller, Robert Nguyen, Matthew Peters, Justin Pham, Aubrey Polson, Ginny Rauer, Joanne Robertson, Vin Rosano, Eduardo San Diego, Hannelore Smallfield, Randy Souther, Raymond Stanekenas, Kurt Steinbacher, Donna Sullivan, Zemui Teklu, Jun Tolentino, Anthony Torres, Minh Tran, David Verbano, and Marie Victorino.

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



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PARISH SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES

Baptisms - Baptisms are held the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 12:30 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.

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 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.



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