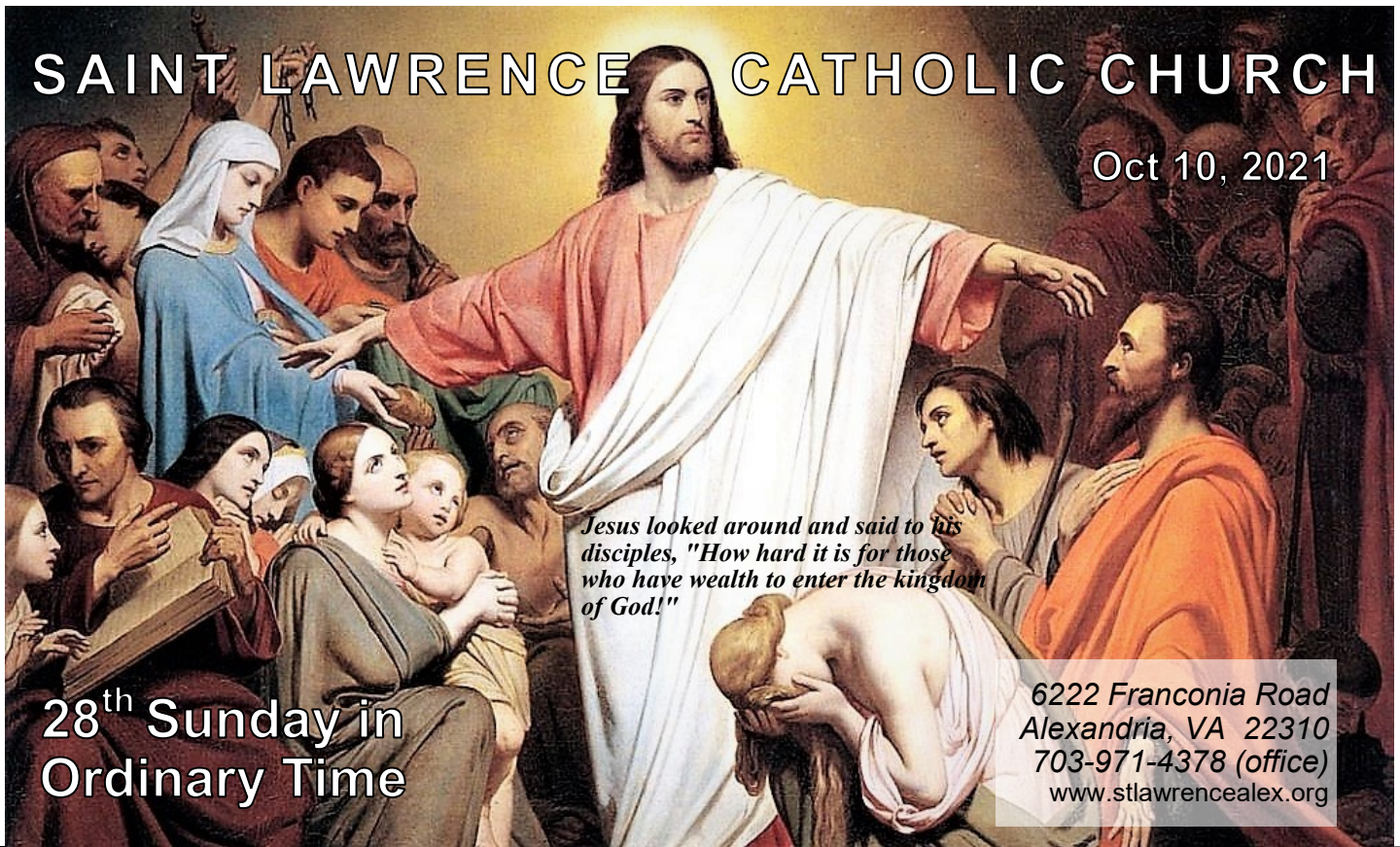


SAINT LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Oct 10, 2021



Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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

Parish Clergy

Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr., *Pastor*
office@stlawrencealex.org

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Rev. Maurice Mei Akwa, *In Residence*

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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*

October 10, 2021 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

MON 10/11 - St. John XXIII (OFM)

6:15amNO Mass - Holiday

9:00amNick and Ngoc



TUE 10/12 - Saint Wilfred (Historic)

6:15amThomas Turk

9:00amJane & Lisa Palladino

WED 10/13 - Saint Edward the Confessor (EFM)

6:15amNancy McKittrick †

9:00amFatima Prayer Cell

THU 10/14 - Saint Calistus I (OFM/EFM)

6:15amAnnette Sunga

9:00amGia Dinh Nguyen Pham Family

FRI 10/15 - Saint Teresa of Jesus (OFM/EFM)

6:15amAll Souls †

9:00pmJohn Nassar †



SAT 10/16 - Saint Hedwig (OFM/EFM)

9:00amThe Family of Sovanny Saray

Vigil Mass (Meets Sunday Mass Obligation)

5:00pmCarol Stim †

SUN 10/17 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OFM)

21st Sunday after Pentecost (EFM)

7:30amPhilomena & Beniamine Bianchini †

9:00amEdda Flórez †

11:00amAnna & Kirk D'Arville

12:30pmParishioners of Saint Lawrence

The 11am Mass Choir is in need of voices. All are welcome! Join us for practice in Hammond Hall Oct 21 and 28 at 7pm or contact the rectory for more information.

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Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

Mon 10/11 **Confessions** 9:30am
Perpetual Help Novena after 9:00 Mass
NO Religious Ed Classes -

Tue 10/12 **RCIA** 6:30 - 7:45 pm
High School Religious Ed. 7:00 pm
Legion of Mary 7:30pm

Wed 10/13 **Eucharistic Adoration** 9:30am-1pm
Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00am Mass
Religious Ed. Classes 7:00 - 8:15 pm
Confessions 7-7:45pm
Exposition Begins 7pm and ends with..
...Holy Hour 7:15-8:15pm

Thur 10/14 **Knights of Columbus - Marian** 7:30 pm

Fri 10/15 **Confessions** 6:45am

Sat 10/16 **First Saturday Devotions** 8:30 am
Confessions 3:30-4:30pm



Feeding the Community

Share Sunday is the weekend of

Oct. 16-17. We are grateful to all who donate financially or with gift cards and food donations to assist others. Pantry items currently most needed are: **Fresh fruit**, canned corn, canned salmon, cooking oil, ketchup, mayonnaise, cereal (any kind), Masa, sugar (small packages best),

spaghetti, laundry detergent, dish & dishwasher detergent, all-purpose cleaning supplies, shampoo & conditioner, shaving cream, razors, women's deodorant, toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, toothbrushes (including children's), toothpaste, baby diapers size 6, and grocery (Aldi, Lidl, Giant) & Dollar Tree gift cards.

While there is NO "drive'thru drop-off" scheduled this month for Share Sunday you have the option of leaving non-perishable donations in the Narthex bin anytime church is open. Thank you!

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! (**we really need parental participation to accomplish this!!)**

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
- ♦ **Hiking Saturday morning in Sept./Oct**
- ♦ **Youth and Parent Cookouts/Bonfires**

- ♦ **Diocesan Rally Youth Event in October with Bishop Burbidge**
- ♦ **Pizza/Movie Night & Fundraising Events**
- ♦ **Pro-Life Events and Charity/Service with other parish groups**
- ♦ **Diocese Annual Workcamp June 2022**
- ♦ **Other ideas?**

Email or call **Joseph Stakem**, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at youth@stlawrence.org or call 703-971-5715
PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Oktoberfest! - The Knights of Columbus will host their popular Oktoberfest celebration on Saturday, October 23. Happy Hour starts at 6 pm, dinner at 6:45 pm. Enjoy bratwurst, sauerkraut, and German potato salad, along with German beer and wine. Price: Adults \$18, \$10 for children 12 & under. Tickets will be available after all Masses and at the Rectory. A few tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds will benefit Knights of Columbus charitable activities and the local community.



Angelus Academy, *Where the Truth of Catholic teaching takes flesh in the lives of Pre-K - 8th graders and their families.* What a blessing it is to be learning together! Come visit us and see why our students love coming to school. Call or email us to arrange a personal tour. We are now accepting applications for 2022-23. <https://angelusacademy.org/admissions-overview/applying/>. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. www.AngelusAcademy.org 7644 Dynatech Ct., Springfield, VA 22153 703-924-3996

The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life of the Diocese of Arlington is pleased to announce the launch of a website devoted to couples suffering with infertility. This website serves as a platform where struggling couples can get information on all the available resources we have in the Diocese, particularly our pool of experienced mentors and counselors. www.OurFruitfulLove.com



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.

Several new memorial stones have already been installed in this garden. Please visit the garden to see these memorials. You can purchase memorial stones anonymously that are engraved with names of children lost during pregnancy or due to abortion.

Arrangements have been made with 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). 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!



PLEASE NOTE: This is **NOT** a parish fund-raising effort, but the cost of the stones is exactly what the company charges.

**NARTHEX FUND-
RAISING PROGRESS**
Current Pledges:
\$1,444,630

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



The CCW invites you to its October meeting on October 17 at 2 pm in Hammond Hall. Father Peffley, "The Juggling Priest," will speak about the Shroud of Turin: Follow the Science. There will be a slide show and handouts about the most recent scientific evidence supporting the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin.

All parishioners and guests are welcome.

Please bring a snack/dish to share.

All current COVID safety measures will be followed.

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.



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.

NOTICE: Shephard's Center Senior Transportation Service

Shepherd's Center is a non-profit that offers rides to those 50+ in age who no longer drive. They charge nothing for the services but they do not offer "same day" and ask for 5 days notice for the transportation you request. Shepherd's Center volunteers can take you to your medical and dental appointments, grocery store, banks, food banks ... etc.. The Center is also planning day trips, at minimum cost to their clients, in the near future. If you would

From the Vocations Office: - **Take a Hike! with FIAT and the Nashville Dominican Sisters** on Saturday, 10/16 join the FIAT high school young women and Dominican Sisters for some prayer, hiking and hanging out in Leesylvania State Park. Visit arlingtondiocese.org/FIAT 703-841-2514

Respect Life Month: Every October, we celebrate Respect Life Month. We consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. **Are you being called to help the parish Respect Life Committee?**



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, 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, Maria Victorino, Jaime Guzman, Eduardo San Diego, Jun Tolentino, Karina Hanna, Dolores Sullivan, Jerry Alexander and Laura Cassie Jones.

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

PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY



PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC) serves single Catholics 40 and over. . Meet us for: Mass at St. Bernadette Church/ brunch at Milano's (Oct. 10); walk and lunch in Occoquan (Oct. 11); Thursday lunches (Oct. 14 and 28); Okee Dokee Brothers concert in McLean (Oct. 16); dinner at Hot Peppercorn in Springfield (Oct. 24); walk and lunch in Leesburg (Oct. 30). For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com.

Diocesan Pilgrimage - Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him to mark this "Year of St. Joseph" at the diocesan Marian pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, October 30 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. This beautiful family event is free and there is no need to register. For complete schedule and details, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage



2022 Calendars from TAN

BOOKS are in! Browse the **narthex book rack** for three wall calendar options marked with days of fasting, special Saints' days, holy days, holidays, and the Sundays of the liturgical year for both the ordinary and extraordinary calendar. The Old Master Artwork calendar themes are: The Life of Our Lord, Mary and the Saints, and The Angels. There is also a spiral, lay-flat 16-month "Saints Calendar & Daily Planner", ready to begin using now. To purchase, see the suggested donation on the back of each item and use the book rack envelopes provided.



Volunteer Teachers Urgently Needed!

ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) , Computer Literacy, and GED teachers are needed to teach virtually or in person. Teachers are only asked to teach one class period per week but may teach more if desired. We allow teaching in pairs for those who wish to teach with a friend or spouse. No experience or foreign language ability necessary and all materials and training provided! If interested, please email volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net or call 571-208-1572.

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**.