

SAINT LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 11, 2020

Parishioners Publicly Evangelize on Our Belief that All Life is Precious and Important During the Annual Life Chain Event, Oct 4 2020. *Pray for the Souls Lost to Abortion!*

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28th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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 7:00 - 7:45pm; F 6:45am; Sat 3:30-4:30 pm

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New This Week-News Corner

-9am Daily Holy Mass will continue to be recorded and Published Daily -- But Daily Mass recording will end Oct 11 due to a noticeable increase in Mass attendance and a marked decrease in viewing virtual Mass! Sunday recordings will continue.

-We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesdays--In a Modified schedule to start:
After Wed 9am Mass to 1pm
7pm-8:15pm (Holy Hour begins 7:15pm)

-We are praying the Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help on Monday evenings at 7:15 pm

During Phase 3 of the reintegration plan, parishioners are invited to come to Church All Public Masses have resumed with Restrictions

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MASS INTENTIONS

- MON 10/12 - Saint Wilfred (OFM)**
 6:15am NO MASS - Holiday
 9:00am Christine Baumann
- TUE 10/13 - Saint Edward the Confessor (EFM)**
 6:15am Thomas Turk †
 9:00am John Nassar †
- WED 10/14 - Saint Callistus I (OFM/EFM)**
 6:15am Charles Herman Clark †
 9:00am Steve Dreslin †
- THU 10/15 - Saint Teresa of Jesus (OFM/EFM)**
 6:15am Nguyen Dang †
 9:00am Laksana Kik Shapiro
- FRI 10/16 - Saint Mary Margaret of Aloque (OFM)**
 6:15am Mansour Moridzadeh †
 9:00am Daminih Hung Do †
- SAT 10/17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch (OFM)**
 9:00 am Phallaka Kik
- Vigil Mass (Meets Sunday Mass Obligation)**
 5:00 pm Camila Silva †
- SUN 10/18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (OFM)**
20th Sunday after Pentecost (EFM)
 7:30 am Philomena & Benj Bianchini †
 9:00 am Lauren Gomez †
 11:00 am Parishioners of St. Lawrence
 12:30 pm Kevin Dreslin

FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE: Breaking the Yoke of Slavery From Within and Without

Gentlemen: The civil turmoil and political division in our country presents a major spiritual challenge to all of us. What is being asked of faithful Catholic men in this time of trial? **The 22nd Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, directed by The Very Reverend Paul D. Scalia, will be held on Sat. Oct. 24 from 9:15am--1:15pm at St. Raymond of Penafort Catholic Church, 8750 Pohick Rd., Springfield VA 22153. Is no charge for this event, but you must register before Oct. 20 to attend. To register go to www.waywomen.com/mensretreat For more information, contact Robin Maas at rmvlmaas@gmail.com.**

Quo Vadis Bike Retreat with Priests High school boys are invited to join some Arlington priests and seminarians for a bike retreat on Saturday October 24, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The group will meet at St. Rita Church in Alexandria for Mass then ride to Hains Point for some races, a talk, hanging out and picnic lunch before returning to St. Rita. Bring your own bike and lunch. For more information and to register, visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis, or contact vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to submit permission form is Friday, October 16.

This Week in Our Parish

All Scheduled Public Masses are still being celebrated--other Parish liturgical activities are also starting. Come to our Monday evening Novena and Exposition on Weds (9:30am-1pm) and Holy Hour starting with Exposition at 7pm! The Main Church is open 7 Days a Week until 9pm for private prayer.

(Please wear a mask and wash your hands thoroughly before entering church. Please maintain social distancing. We undertake all these measures, in an abundance of caution, for your safety).

Angelus Academy is a small, vibrant, faith-filled community of caring educators and supportive parents who are committed to raising the next generation of well-educated, prayerful, patriotic Catholic leaders dedicated to serving others with great love. **Angelus Academy** offers a Catholic liberal arts education in the classical tradition.

Will you join **Angelus Academy** in its efforts to ensure that the next generation knows what truly matters in this world?

Please prayerfully consider a donation to the **Messengers of Hope** campaign. As an independent Catholic school, we receive no funds from the Diocese or the state; we rely entirely on tuition and donations to cover our expenses.

To donate, please go to AngelusAcademy.org and click on "donate" or mail a check directly to the school: 7644 Dynatech Court, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

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.



FIAT Day 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. Hang out with the sisters, pray together and get your hands a little dirty helping in their garden. It is Saturday, October 17, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at their convent in Falls Church. Day will include Mass, talk and gardening (and social distancing). Bring gardening gloves and tools if you have them, and your own picnic lunch. For more information and to register visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT, or contact vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register and submit permission form is Friday, October 9.

Our next **SHARE SUNDAY** is the weekend of Oct. 17-18. A coinciding "Drive-thru Drop-off Donations Event" to benefit Koinonia's food pantry will be Sat. Oct 17, 1:30-4:30 pm. This has been a popular option for people who prefer to drive up and deposit donations in an outdoor collection bin, or pop open their trunk and have volunteers remove the items for them! Current pantry needs are: Sugar and flour (small packages preferred), mayo, mustard, ketchup, pancake syrup, chili/hash/stew, gravy, jelly, tea, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaners, dish & dishwashing detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes (single packs), shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, deodorant, bath soap, diapers (size 6), paper towels, tissues, and grocery store or Dollar Tree gift cards. **Your generosity is making a difference in our community. Thank you!**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." **Pope Saint Pius X**



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2021 Wall calendars from St. Benedict Press are in! Visit the parish **Book Rack** to view the options: Angels, Mary and the Saints, and Life of Jesus. Additional calendars are being ordered. Also available are small Miraculous Medals, October and November Magnificats, and children's books on the Saints. On the **pamphlet rack**, look for the new Act of Consecration to St. Joseph prayer card which has an iconographic image of St. Joseph and the infant Jesus on the front.



Please Pray for the Sick of our parish family, including Jane Palladino, Jay Farabaugh, Melanie Brady, Justin Pham, Raymond Stanekenas, Rita MacQueeney, Donald Lawson, Alice O'Connor, 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, Bon Le, William Geoghegan, Francis Flaherty, Donna Sullivan, Keven Hermenau and Julietta Fuster.

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 - (ON HOLD DURING PHASE II) If you are ill and would like to be placed on the prayer list or have Holy Communion brought to the home, please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

NARTHEX PLEDGE FUNDRAISING REPORT

A humble "Thank you" to for the generosity of all Parishioners Who Continue to Meet--**and, Yes, Even Exceed**--Their Pledges for the Beautiful Construction of our Narthex.



As we have discussed with your Finance Committee and you, the Parishioners, costs for the Narthex project almost doubled, mostly due to necessary, but unanticipated, compliance costs the County required in order to get our permit to build (think: the Stormwater remediation engineered pre-treatment "pond", Upgrades to our entire Fire Alarm System, Water and Sewage requirements, Easements for the County, as well as material costs increases during the period between estimates and actual purchase, as well as work changes necessitated by the outlay of our building).

The Great news is that we have how exceeded our original \$1.2 Million Pledge Goal by almost \$48,000, and you have paid just over \$1Million toward those pledges already!!

As you Are Able, please Pledge, Give or Continue to Give to this project which has made your church more welcoming, more reverent and more peaceful!!

Electronic giving can be made via Faith Direct. See: www.faithdirect.net

-Your Pledges have made your Renovation project happen!! -- Help cut any debt NOW!!!
(Donate either electronically or "in pew"). Every little bit helps!!

NOTE: If you have already made your donation and/or paid off your pledge, your additional donations can be made at any time and we will update your pledged/donated amount!!!

(Contact Deacon Mike for more info.)

Memorial Stone Custom Dedication:
We still have two left at the greatly reduced price of 19,500 (a deal we get to engrave several at once)!

See our St. Mark stone (opposite) for just one idea of what can be engraved in the dedication portion of the stone!

Call Deacon Mike for more info!!



R.C.I.A. CLASSES HAVE BEGUN. Need to receive a sacrament, join the Church, or learn more about your Faith? Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults classes MEET Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining RCIA, please contact Anne-Marie Pierce, our Director of Religious Education, e-mail religioused@stlawrencealex.org or at 703-971-8541.

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will hold their next meeting on Sunday, October 18th from 2-4 pm. Fr. Francis Peffley will be speaking on Marion Apparitions. All are welcome.

Thank you for your generous support to our recent annual Mission Appeal. Our parishioners donated over \$4,100 to provide essential services to support the people of the Diocese of Sylhet in Bangladesh.

CCD students - sign up now for Religious Education classes

You are all so missed we need to see and hear you once again in Hammond Hall learning about Jesus and our beloved Catholic Church. Small classes, social distancing, and masks will be required but we will still have fun as we get closer to Jesus. **Sign up now.**

Registration forms are in the parish office, Hammond Hall, and Church Narthex. Remember to attach a copy of your baptism certificate to your registration form. **School has started!!!**

God bless you.

SUFFERING BECAUSE OF ABORTION? Post-Abortion Healing Retreats for Women: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, October 17, 2020** (in both English and Spanish). Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Offering Spiritual Acts of Mercy for Those Hurting from Abortion: Abortion leaves living wounded in its wake. Would you consider offering a Spiritual Bouquet in English or Spanish on behalf of the women attending the above retreat? Spiritual Bouquets &/or Letters of Encouragement may be submitted by email to info@helpafterabortion.org up to 1 day prior to the retreat. For more information please visit: www.helpafterabortion.org or call (703) 841-2504.

LaserTag for Altar Servers Returns!

Calling all 5th-12th grade boys! We will again host the Annual Altar Servers LaserTag at St. Lawrence on Sunday Nov 1st @ 2PM behind Hammond Hall! Food will be served following the fun and games of LaserTag with the boys of the parish. All current altar boys are invited to attend and even if you are not a current server, come and join in the fun, meet the other boys who serve at Mass and discover if serving the parish at the altar during Mass is something for you! Please RSVP to the Church Office by Thursday October 29th.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass intention remembered here at Saint Lawrence, please come to the rectory office to schedule a specific date and time. Also, included with your monthly offering envelopes are Mass Intention envelopes. These are for unscheduled Masses which are sent to mission parishes or retired priests and are celebrated elsewhere for your intention. A donation toward the Mass is not required, but is customary, and is given to the priest offering the Mass--a great way to support our retired and mission priests. Please contact the Rectory at 703-971-4378 if you have questions.

HELP "Usher" in the New Narthex. Ladies and Gentlemen--the parish is in particular need of ushers to serve at the Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass and the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. If you normally attend either of these Masses, please consider helping with this important ministry. We really need a commitment for regular, weekly ushers, but if you cannot serve every week, please consider if you could back-up our regular ushers who have to be absent from time to time.

If you are interested, please see one of the ushers at the Mass or call the Head of the Usher Program, Dave Hurley at 703-921-2502 or email headusher@kofc9407.org

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