

ST. LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Prodigal Son

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sept 11, 2022

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

Parish Clergy

Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr., *Pastor*
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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

There is **NO 6:15am Mass Monday or Tuesday this week**

MON 9/12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

9:00am..... Levy Malto †

TUE 9/13 - St. John Chrysostom

9:00am..... Ine †

WED 9/14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6:15am..... Ellie Robinson †

9:00am..... Lan & Tien

THU 9/15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

6:15am..... Greg Mitchell

9:00am..... Kathleen Schamel †

FRI 9/16 - Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian

6:15am..... Todd Kochutin †

9:00am..... Rudy Feliciano †

SAT 9/17 - St. Robert Bellermino

9:00am..... Maria Quy Nguyen †

VIGIL MASS - Meets Sunday Obligation

5:00pm..... Lan & Tien

SUN 9/18 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am..... Maria Tang Pham †

9:00am..... Saint Lawrence Parish Catechists

11:00am..... Maria Mat Tran †

ON-LINE SALE: \$5 CATHOLIC BOOKS! Each month Tan Books offers a selection of materials for just **\$5 each**, some of which normally sell for \$20-30. To view titles for September, go to Tanbooks.com and follow the tabs for "Sale" and "\$5 books". While we feature some of these sale books at times on the Book Rack, they move quickly so you may also want to browse Tan on-line.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Wrap someone in need of spiritual assistance in a hand-made prayer shawl.

Do you Knit or Crochet? Would you like to learn? The PSM is starting back making shawls for those in need of a visible sign of our prayers for them. If interested in a few hours of time each month--even at home, Call the office at 703-971-4378

Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week *At a Glance*

Mon 9/12	Confessions after 9am Mass Religious Ed Classes 7:15-8:00pm Perpetual Help Novena 7:15pm
Tue 9/13	High School CCD & RCIA 7:15-8:00pm Legion of Mary 7:30pm
Wed 9/14	Fatima Prayer Cell after 9:00am Mass Confessions 7 - 7:45pm Religious Ed Classes 7:15-8:00pm Holy Hour 7:15-8:15pm
Thu 9/15	Knights of Columbus 7:30pm Choir Practice 7:30pm
Fri 9/16	Confessions 6:45 am
Sat 9/17	Confessions 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Religious Education Classes Begin

Monday, September 12, Grades 1-8
Tuesday, September 13, High School & RCIA
Wednesday, September 14, Grades 1-8
All classes are held from 7:00 - 8:15 pm

The first week will be Orientation Nights, and it is mandatory attendance for all parents and students to go over all guidelines, curriculum, safety, etc.

If you haven't registered yet, please do so right away and join us this week for Orientation. You can register online at our website www.stlawrencealex.org or pick up a form in the vestibule of the church or the Religious Education office. **Call 703-971-4378 for more info.**

Religious Education for High School Students

ATTENTION! (Reminder) Parents with High School aged kids, St. Lawrence has high school youth class on Tuesday nights from 7-8:15 pm and has other scheduled events for the Youth throughout the year. Please register your High Schoolers and be put on a mailing list for upcoming events, etc. Email the Youth Office at youth@stlawrencealex.org or call 703-971-4378,



RCIA class begins this Tuesday, September 13, 2022.

Do you want to learn more about your Catholic Faith? Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? Please call the Religious Education Office at 703-971-8541 or email religious@stlawrencealex.org to register for the classes.

CCD Catechists Needed - Come teach our Youth--or be an assistant teacher in religious education classes on Monday or Wednesday Evening for an important hour!!!!

Help Mold our Future Catholics!!

Contact Joseph Stakem at 703-971-8541 to volunteer as a Catechist or Assistant.

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HELPING YOUR CHURCH MEET ITS GOAL TO PAY OFF THE NARTHEX PROJECT COSTS

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\$1.7 Million, Just short of our \$2m GOAL

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Come Listen to Archbishop Cordileone at Saint Raymond Catholic Church

Please join the St. Raymond's Family this Monday, September 12 at 7 pm (inside the church) for our Distinguished Speaker Series with Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone, the Archbishop of San Francisco and Chairman of the US Bishop's Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. His Excellency's talk is entitled "The Mass: Essence and Foundation of the Western Civilization" and is located at Saint Raymond of Penafort Church, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield, just off the Fairfax County Pkwy. This event is free and open to the public. No RSVP required. For questions, please contact 703-440-0535 or mary.butler@straymonds.org.

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.)

September 24: Diocesan Young Adult Mass!

Join us as Bishop Burbidge celebrates Mass with the young adults of the diocese! Mass is at 5pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. A reception with free drinks and food will follow. Please email Liesl if you'd like to attend with the group.

October 29: Halloween Haunt at King's Dominion!

Join us to ride some roller coasters and enjoy the Halloween Haunt at King's Dominion! We will leave around noon to drive down to the park, and be returning late. Carpooling is available. Please RSVP to Liesl by October 25.

RSVPs can be sent to Liesl Baumann liesl.baumann@gmail.com. You may also contact her to be added to the email listserv to hear about future events.

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 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.

Koinonia's Clothing Closet is now accepting gently used **FALL and WINTER clothes** for adults and children. There is an anticipated need especially for men's small and medium sized long sleeve shirts and jeans/pants. Also needed are women's bras and **NEW** socks and underwear for all ages (for boys/men, boxer briefs preferred).

Clothing items can be dropped off directly at Koinonia, 6037 Franconia Rd, MTWF 9am-12:30pm, Th 9am-4pm, 2nd Sat only 9am-12:30pm. Thank you!



PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

We pray for those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith, most recently we remember: Robert Travers

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

- Jeffrey S. Martin (d. September 1, 2011)
- Thomas Joseph O'Connor (d. September 3, 2018)
- Thomas Leich (d. September 7, 2013)
- Yonathan Petros (d. September 11, 2017)
- Chris Ann Lavelle (d. September 13, 2021)
- Michael Washlack, Jr. (d. September 15, 2021)
- Tang Phi Pham (d. September 28, 2012)
- Sarah "Sally" Ahlgren (d. September 23, 2014)

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

Mother Daughter Retreat

The Women's Apostolate to Youth invites you to a Mother-Daughter retreat (for girls in grades 7-9) entitled, "God's Plan for My Life: The Vocation of Woman" on September 24, 2022. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to forge a stronger bond with your daughter by sharing and deepening your devotion to the great Archangel St. Gabriel--chosen by God to help us understand our true vocation and intercede for us to develop an obedient spirit and a love for our Eucharistic Lord.

The retreat includes talks, activities (fun!), as well as opportunities for confession, adoration, and Mass and begins at 8:30 am and concludes at 3:30 pm at St. Raymond of Penafort Church, 8750 Pohick Rd. Springfield. The \$60 fee includes materials, breakfast, and lunch for both mother and daughter and \$15 per additional daughter.

For more information and to register visit <https://www.waywomen.com/daystar-stgabriel>
Sorry, we cannot accept registrations at the door



The 27th Alexandria Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 2. Life Chains have been conducted annually for 35 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 starting 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. Proper social distancing between persons will be observed.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated: **“Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.”**

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Join us next Sunday for our Parish Picnic from 2-6pm We'll have a moon bounce, mechanical bull, a huge slide and sno cones for the children to enjoy. The Knights will grill hamburgers and hotdogs and we ask that you bring a pot-luck side dish or dessert to share. We look forward to a great afternoon with our parish family.



CCW NEWS Ladies, are you looking for a way to be more involved and connected in our parish? The Catholic Council of Women (CCW) is meeting September 11th at 2 pm in Hammond Hall. Come learn about the CCW and our upcoming activities. We will also have a game of Catholic Trivia. You can bring a team (The Choir? The Lectors? The Catechists?) or just join in for some fun while we learn more about our faith. Please bring a light snack to share.

BOOK RACK NEWS. Consider picking up **Celebrate Life Magazine** available on the pamphlet rack. Published by American Life League, this issue's articles include "Rachel Weeping" about a memorial bringing solace to many suffering grief after an abortion; "National Day of Remembrance Sept 10" on the importance of remembering the tiny human lives lost; "Pro-Life Basics" explaining why some who oppose pro-life efforts respond with anger and urging us to pray for them. Page 6 offers instructions for joining *The Marian Blue Wave*, endorsed by Bishop Michael Burbidge, whereby Catholics across America commit to praying one weekly Rosary on their own time to end all abortions and close abortion facilities in the U.S. (MarianBlueWave.com)

All Young Adults (ages 18-35) are invited to join Bishop Burbidge for the 15th Annual Diocesan Mass & Reception for Young Adults at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 24th at our Mother Church - the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Following the Mass there will be complimentary beer, wine, and delicious appetizers with live music and dancing to close the night! Whether you are single, married, or have children – all are welcome to join us! Complimentary childcare will be provided if you register your children in advance. See our Facebook event or contact yam@arlingtondiocese.org for info.

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!

Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1972 or 1997? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2022 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 16th at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, Va. Contact the parish office to register no later than October 3, 2022. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.



Please Pray for the Sick of our parish family, including: Anne Marie Pierce, our DRE, Dr. Ronald Gripshover, Jerry Alexander, Giovanna Faustina Annarella, Leah Bloom, Melanie Brady, Marie Bonfanti, Luis Cristian Carranza, Joan Charters, Renate Craft, Nancy Crowley, Joan Curley, John D'Adamo, Bob Farabaugh, Jay Farabaugh, Francis Flaherty, John Forrester, Barbara Gaul, William Geoghegan, Jaime Guzman, Karina Hanna, Christal Eve Herrera, Mary Kirby, Richard Kuron Sr., Donald Lawson, Antonio Yu An Leng, Patricia Lewis, Kathleen MacQueeney, Rita MacQueeney, Jack Marzan, Robert Nguyen, Matthew Peters, Justin Pham, Eduardo San Diego, Hannelore Smallfield, Randy Souther, Raymond Stanekenas, Kurt Steinbacher, Dolores Sullivan, Donna Sullivan, Zemui Teklu, Jun Tolentino, Anthony Torres, Minh Tran, Marie Victorino.

Mary, Mother of God, we seek your intercession



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