

ST LAWRENCE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sep 3, 2023

*The Passion
of St John the
Baptist*

22nd 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

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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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

MON 9/04 - St. Rosalia

6:15am **NO 6:15 Mass - Labor Day Holiday**

9:00am Emmett O'Hare

TUE 9/05 - St. Teresa of Calcutta

6:15am Carlos Chalbaud †

9:00am Đa Minh Cu Đình †

WED 9/06 - Blessed Bertrand of Garrigues

6:15am Ann Gallagher †

9:00am Jane Palladino † and Lisa Dinger

THU 9/07 - Saint Regina

6:15am Jane Palladino †

9:00am Vladimir Sasis †

FRI 9/08 - Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:15am Librada Garcia Yabut †

9:00am Lillian Hampton †

SAT 9/09 Saint Peter Claver

9:00am Anne Marie Pierce

Sat Vigil (Meets Sunday Obligation)

5:00p Parishioners of Saint Lawrence

SUN 9/10 - 23th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Anne Marie Pierce

9:00am Eugenia Savage †

11:00am CCD Students



The Legion of Mary is hosting a reception after the 9am Mass on September 8, in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Birthday. Please join us for light refreshments in Hammond Hall after Mass.



St. Lawrence

Council of Catholic Women

Service • Parish Life • Faith

The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) will be meeting on Sept 24th at 2pm in Hammond Hall. We invite all women of the parish to bring light snacks to share as we discuss the upcoming year and enjoy a game of St. Lawrence Parish Trivia.

Liturgical and Ministry Activity This Week At a Glance

- Mon 9/04 Confessions 9:30am
Perpetual Help Novena **9:30am**
- Tue 9/05 Parents Ministry Playgroup 10-11:30
Legion of Mary 7:30 pm
- Wed 9/06 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30am - 1:00pm
Fatima Prayer Cell after 9am Mass
Confessions 7:00-7:45 pm
Holy Hour 7:15 - 8:15
- Thu 9/07 11am Choir Practice **New Time: 7:00pm**
Knights of Columbus 7pm
- Fri 9/08 Confessions 6:45am
Legion of Mary Reception after Mass 9:30
- Sat 9/09 Confessions 3:30-4:30pm

CCD Classes begin September 11th - 13th

Orientation Night - Mandatory for Parents to attend with their Children.

Monday: Sept. 11 7-8pm Grades 1-8

Tuesday: Sept. 12 7-8pm High School & RCIA

Wed: Sept. 13 7-8pm Grades 1-8

Meet teachers, go over new rules, get text books.

If you have not registered yet, please register right away online on our website www.stlawrencealex.org or in person.

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

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

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

Parents with Babies & Young Children

Bring your kids and join the parents' ministry every Tuesday from 10-11:30am in the back classroom of the parish hall. Contact parents@stlawrencealex.org with any questions.

**TMIIY IS LOOKING FOR GOOD MEN WHO
ARE TRYING TO BE GOOD CATHOLICS IN
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Classes begin September 9th

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That Man is You! Call the office for info.

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year? Were you married in 1973 or 1998? Then join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 3 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. Contact your parish office to register no later than Monday, October 2, 2023. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.



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: **Jerry Alexander, Ofelia Dalusung, Jane Palladino, Rolando Pasia, Jose Dalusung, John Noblet, Nerhin Said, Rose Morgan, Reyes Ponce, and Robert Corgan.**

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

Jeff Martin (d. 9/1/11)
Jack Dreslin (d. 9/1/82)
Tom Leich (d. 9/7/13)
Yonathan Petros (d. 9/11/17)
Vincent MacQueeney (d. 9/13/13)
Michael Washlack, Jr. (d. 9/15/21)
Beverly Eppolito (d. 9/16/13)
Sally Ahlgren (d. 9/23/14)

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



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.) Meet us for Square Dancing (Sep 5); Outdoor Stations of the Cross (Sep 6) and more. For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc. With questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com

KOINONIA UPDATES:

The Koinonia Clothing Closet is now accepting new and gently used **Fall and Winter clothing**. All adult and children's sizes are needed and appreciated. **Mens' small and medium** jeans, tops, and jackets are usually in high demand.



Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion Care for Women After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, September 30, 2023. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

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.



Our parish garden is one of the most beautiful gardens in Alexandria thanks to the loving attention of Tien Vu, our talented Facilities Manager. We 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 the rectory office or speak with Mr. Vu if you wish to volunteer 20 - 30 minutes a week to this ministry. God bless you.

Book Rack News: BOOK RACK NEWS:

September Magnificats are now available as well as a selection of **2024 religious wall calendars and a spiral planner**. Thanks to a summer sale at Ignatius Press, we are offering an assortment of **Bibles in regular and large print**, hard cover, paperback, and leather editions. For those following Fr. Mike Schmitz's podcast, we have a few copies of Ascension Press's *Bible in a Year*.

Parish Picnic Sep. 17th 2-4pm.

Join us in the picnic area for delicious charcoal grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners. We ask that you bring a potluck dish or dessert to share.



We'll have a mechanical bull, giant slides, bounce house, snow cones and more!

CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults

Bishop Burbidge invites all young adults (ages 19 to 35, single and married) from parishes across the Diocese of Arlington to join him at CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults. Join him on Saturday, September 23, 2023, for the annual Mass for Young Adults, an inspirational keynote from Mr. Sam Goodwin who was trapped in Syria's notoriously brutal prison system, breakout sessions, dinner, prayer, live music, vendors, ministry booths, and plenty of social time! Make new friends and connect to your local Young Adult Ministries as we contemplate how we've been CALLED to holiness. We are excited to offer complimentary childcare for this conference! Invite your friends! The Mass and Conference will run from 2-9:15 p.m. Register now to take advantage of Early Bird Pricing! To register: https://secure4.arlingtondiocese.org/Young_Adult_Conference/Register.aspx

Retreat for People Facing Serious Illness October 6-8, 2023

- This retreat offers a unique opportunity for those facing serious physical illness to participate in a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. Celebrate life and the love of the Lord Jesus in a beautiful and comfortable place among caring and generous people. The retreat will be at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia.

Retreat is at no cost to participants and is appropriate for individuals facing serious illness and their caretakers. We are unable to accommodate individuals who are dealing with Serious Mental Illness or Impaired Memory.

Space is Limited! *Registration closes September 15* Contact retreat@ccda.net or call (703)841-3830.

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, Marie 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!!!



Please consider donating your car to the parish to assist Parishioners in need. A tax receipt will be given. Call Deacon Mike for more information.

The MaRiH Center, a crisis pregnancy and pregnancy resource center in Alexandria, is seeking volunteers and donations. We have been providing free, confidential help to women experiencing crisis pregnancies as well as material, practical support to young families since 1974. Check out our website at www.marih.org to learn more, access our Amazon wishlist, or make a donation. Contact us at marihcenter@gmail.com or (703) 370-4774. Come take a tour and chat. Thank you for your love and prayers.



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 **Note: No Clothing is needed at this time.**
- Baby equipment; e.g., **MOST NEEDED** are non-expired car seats and strollers that collapse easily.
- Maternity and nursing clothes
- Formula, baby food, and diapers
- Other items: shoes, bottles, diaper bags, toys, books, stuffed animals, bedding
- Baby wipes -- which are in very short supply. There is also an Amazon baby registry that MaRiH has created.

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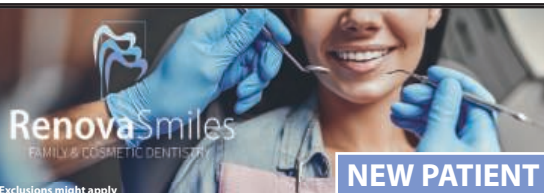
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