

**SAINT LAWRENCE
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
50th Anniversary 1967-2017**

6222 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310
Rectory: (703) 971-4378 FAX: (703) 971-0331
office@stlawrencealex.org · www.stlawrencealex.org

June 25, 2017

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rev. Ronald J. Gripshover, Jr.

Pastor

Rev. Daniel S. Spychala,

Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael A. Waters,

Permanent Deacon

Director of Religious Education:

Anne-Marie Pierce 703-971-8541,
religious@stlawrencealex.org

Youth Minister: Joseph Stakem

703-971-5715, youth@stlawrencealex.org

Music Director: Raymond St. Pierre

music@stlawrencealex.org

Finance Office: finance@stlawrencealex.org

Parish Secretary: Cynthia Dreslin

office @stlawrencealex.org

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday Vigil : 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Extraordinary Form Latin Mass 12:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS M - F: 6:15 and 9:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday 7:15 p.m. - 8:00 pm

Friday 6:45 a.m. and Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - Holy Hour

HOLY HOUR WITH BENEDICTION

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL
HELP**

Monday at 7:30 p.m.

(after 9:00 a.m. Mass on Holidays)

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Begin at 8:30 a.m

Baptism - First and Third Sundays at 1:45 p.m. by appointment. Parents are requested to make arrangements with the parish office 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. in the Rectory office. Parents are encouraged to attend this class before the birth of their child. **Baptisms in the Extraordinary Form may be requested by calling the parish office.**

Sponsor Certificates - These are testimonies to the fact you are a practicing Catholic in the parish and are issued to those wishing to be a Godparent or sponsor a candidate for Confirmation. 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 parish office 6 months before desired wedding date.** 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 Religious Education Program. Call the Religious Education Office at (703) 971-8541 for information.

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 Anne-Marie Pierce, 703-971-8541.

Parish Registration - Prior to receiving particular services from the parish, one must be registered. Registration cards are available on the website, at the rectory or in the vestibule of the Church. For additional information, call the Rectory.

Prayers/visits for Ill or Homebound - If you or someone you know is ill and would like to be placed on the prayer list or have communion brought to the home, please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

June 25, 2017
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass Schedule for the Week

MONDAY, 6/26 - Saint Josemaria Escriva

6:15 a.m. NO MASS
 Private: Fathers' Day Novena
 9:00 a.m. Lawrence Dsouza †

TUESDAY, 6/27 - Saint Cyril of Alexandria
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. William Dateno †
 9:00 a.m. Harold Dsouza (In Thanksgiving)

WEDNESDAY, 6/28 - Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

6:15 a.m. Bill Dateno †
 9:00 a.m. Tien Vu

THURSDAY, 6/29 - Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

6:15 a.m. Janice Albany †
 9:00 a.m. Luz & Walter Sykes

FRIDAY, 6/30 - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

6:15 a.m. William Dateno †
 9:00 a.m. Megan & Han Nguyen

SATURDAY, 7/1 - Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

9:00 a.m. Consolacion Aventino †
 5:00 p.m. Frank Santone †

SUNDAY, 7/2 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Honorita Pantoja †
 9:00 a.m. Elizabeth Ahn
 11:00 a.m. Marvin Spielbauer †
 12:30 p.m. St. Lawrence Parishioners (Extraordinary Form Mass)

This Week in Our Parish

Sun. **Youth Choir Practice** 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.
 Mon. **Confessions** after 9:00 a.m. Mass
Novena 7:30 p.m.
 Tues **Legion of Mary** 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. **Eucharistic Adoration** begins after 9:00 a.m. Mass
Fatima Prayer Cell - after 9:00 a.m. Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.
Confessions - 7:15 - 8:00 p.m.
Holy Hour 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
 Thurs. **NO Bingo on June 29**
Contemporary Choir 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. **First Saturday Devotions** begin at 8:30 a.m.
Confessions 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Call to the Religious Life. "So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." God is always looking out for what's best for us. If He is calling you to be a priest, sister or brother, there is nothing to fear. Take a risk and call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.

Christ House - If you are interested in helping feed the poor once a month on a Monday afternoon, volunteers are desperately needed. Please email the CCW President at ccw@stlawrencealex.org or call Elisabeth or Naedean at 703-924-1850 for more information.



St. Lawrence Parish is pleased to welcome Will Nyce, an Arlington Diocesan seminarian who will be spending the summer with us.

Religious Education News: Vacation Religion School will be held the week of July 10-14th from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for children aged 5-10. Register early as there are limited spaces available. Deadline to register is June 30, 2017. **Registration is now open for CCD** for the 2017-2018 School Year. Forms are available on our website, in the Rectory, Church, and Hammond Hall. **Volunteers are needed for classes in September and tuition discounts are available for catechists.** For additional information, contact the Director of Religious Education, Anne-Marie Pierce at 703-971-8541 or email religioused@stlawrencealex.org

Youth Group News - Thanks to all Parishioners for your generous support and prayers. 8 youth and 4 adult leaders from St. Lawrence are able to attend the Annual Arlington Diocese WorkCamp 2017 from June 24 - June 30. We will help the poor and needy, we will grow in our Faith and Charity and keep the St. Lawrence Parishioners in our prayers.

♦ July Activities include Diocesan Kings Dominion Day, Friday, July 28th.

For additional information, please contact Joseph Stakem in the Youth Office by email at youth@stlawrencealex.org or 703-971-5715.

Parish Directories: The directories are in. If you have not yet received yours, please come by the Rectory during regular business hours. Thank you.

Assistant Director(s) - A Woman's Choice Pro-life Crisis Pregnancy Center has immediate openings for two part-time assistants to the Associate and Executive Directors. One position is in the Falls Church location and another in our Herndon location. Hours would be Monday through Friday from 9:30 to 2:30. Candidates must be dedicated to the pro-life movement, bilingual in English and Spanish and be willing to be trained in counseling pregnant women. For more information please contact Dolores Wisecarver at AWCLife@VACoxMail.com or call 703-538-4305.

Please pray for the sick of our parish family including Melanie Brady, Helen Mekenie, Mary Vu, Justin Pham, Jay Farabaugh, Betty Bonifer and Raymond Stanekenas.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in Hammond Hall. All are invited to join in knitting, crocheting, organizing, or bagging the shawls which are then given to those who are ill and in need of prayers. **The shawls are available, free of charge**, for men, women and children who are ill. Their name will be added to the list of those for whom prayer is offered. If you or someone you know would like to have a prayer shawl, please contact the rectory office. The next meeting is July 14th.



Pray the Holy Rosary



Parish Anniversary Pilgrimage
November 6 - 16, 2017 to the Marian
Shrines of Portugal, Spain and France.
Please contact Anne-Marie Pierce for
more details by phone 703-971-8541 or
email religiously@stlawrencealex.org.

Interested in learning more about the Faith? St. Lawrence is pleased to offer our parishioners a **free subscription to Formed.org**, where you can discover all the best Catholic content in one place (movies, great programs, inspiring talks and popular ebooks). To register, go to formed.org, enter our Parish Code Z2NDHT. Create your personal account using your email and a password. **Featured for Pentecost for the month of June: The Wild Goose**, a 14-part series on Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit...by Fr. Dave Pivonka T.O.R. (under the "Study" heading, in the Discover the Catholic Faith Section. If you have questions, please call the rectory office at 703-971-4378 or Joseph Stakem in the Youth Office at 703-971-5715.

Share Sunday. Thank you for your generous support of Share Sunday. Over 212 lbs. of food was delivered to Koinonia last weekend.

Do you have a heart for those in need and *1 hour of time once a month*? **SHARE SUNDAY** is looking for **2 volunteers** to staff the donation table outside church before and after the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass the third weekend of each month. This is a low-pressure, high-reward ministry! Some lifting of full grocery bags is required. For more info contact Ann Mika at 703/313-7690 or mikas4@cox.net

The Associates of St. John Bosco are conducting two more College Night workshops for recent High School graduates: July 12, St. Mary's Lyceum, 313 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA July 26, St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception, 1009 Stafford Avenue, Fredericksburg, VA All workshops are held from 7-9 p.m. and are offered free of charge. Each student will be given a Bosco Bundle which includes a set of religious books, a crucifix and rosary for use at college. Please register in advance at www.asjb.org

Registration is now open for Angelus Academy 2017-2018. Call 703-924-3996 or email angelusacademy.org

Laudate! Choir Camp- Foster your child's love of music this summer with an exciting, intense, and rewarding choir camp, held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, July 31 - August 4. Open to rising 2nd-12th grade children, with activities tailored to all skill levels. Go to laudatechoircamp.com for more information. Emphasis on the rich Catholic choral tradition.



When traveling out of the area, go to www.masstimes.org to find a Catholic Church near you. Remember that leaving the area on vacation or business does not mean a vacation from hearing Holy Mass. It is a mortal sin to miss Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation through your own fault.



There is a wonderful Catholic tradition to enthrone your home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Consecrate it to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please visit this website for more information on the Enthronement and

Consecration: <http://sacredheartenthronement.org/welcome-to-the-enthronement-ministry!.html>. You can visit this website for resources on the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary: <https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/heart/index.htm>. This superb tradition of Enthronement carries with it many blessings, graces, and promises for your home and greatly aids the faithful soul on the road to holiness.

Senior Men and Women meet every other Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in Hammond Hall for socialization and BINGO games. Bring your bag lunch or food to share. **New players are welcome!**



Dog Obedience Training: Beginning Tuesday, July 11, Dog Solve LLC will be conducting dog obedience training sessions on our parking lot in the evenings. A percentage of every registration fee will be paid to St Lawrence for the use of our parking lot. These classes will be held every Tuesday at 7:00pm for 8 weeks. The trainer is a retired US Army K-9 dog instructor and kennel master. If you are interested in signing up for a program in puppy training or adult dog obedience classes, please visit their website: dogsolve.com.

Faith Direct: The option to make your contributions to the parish electronically is available by using Faith Direct. Visit www.faithdirect.net and enroll securely online or call 1-866-507-8757. Our parish code is **VA325**.

Christendom College - Summer Theology Courses at Christendom Graduate School - Learn more about the Faith by taking an on-line course (May 15th - August 22) or on-campus sessions (June 27 - August 5th). Synoptic Gospels are offered Tuesday and Thursday evenings at our Alexandria Campus (on Queen of Apostles grounds). Visit <http://graduate.christendom.edu/>, email graduate.school@christensom.edu or call 703-658-4304.

Gabriel Project - support for pregnant women, for new mothers or those mothers new to the area. Call 703-841-3810, or visit the website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/gabriel.aspx. 866-444-3553 www.helpforpregnantwomen.org. **Project Rachel** is a post-abortion healing ministry open to anyone who seeks healing after abortion. Project Rachel - 888-456-HOPE - www.helpafterabortion.org

Bishop Ireton High School welcomes new students to join our community for the 2017-18 school year. **Summer Camps** for rising 1st graders through rising 12th graders will be offered at the Alexandria campus. A variety of camps include sports, theatre, and science. Sign up online at bishopireton.org or call Peter Hamer 703-751-7606 or hamerp@bishopireton.org