

OUR CHURCH

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CLERGY

Reverend Frederick H. Edlefsen, *Pastor*
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Ms. Mary Beth Harney, *Director of Religious Education*
Mrs. Leigh Hasson, *Interim Director of Religious Education*
Mr. Tom Bartolomeo, *Director of Music*
Ms. Marianne Rodriguez, *Office Manager*
Ms. Tatyana Rasmussen, *Sacramental Secretary*

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM & 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Saturday: Closed
Sunday: 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you are a Catholic residing within the zip code of 22202 or regularly attend Our Lady of Lourdes Church, please register as our parishioner! Registration forms are available in the entrance of the church and in the rectory office. Completed forms should be submitted to the rectory office (or put through our mail slot after business hours).

MASSES

Monday – Friday: 6:45 AM, 12:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM; 5:30 PM (Vigil Mass)
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM; 5:00 PM (Spanish)
Federal Holidays: 9:00 AM
Holy Days: 12:00 PM, 7:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM
Thursday: 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM
Saturday: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Sunday: 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM (Spanish)
Please contact our office for Confessions by appointment.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Wednesday: 12:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

First Friday of the Month: 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

OUR SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptisms are performed in a group on the third Sunday of the month immediately following the 12:00 PM Mass, or roughly 1:00 PM. Please contact Tatyana Rasmussen at the rectory office to arrange.

FIRST COMMUNION

Please contact our Director of Religious Education at dre@ololcc.net for more information.

CONFIRMATION

Please contact our Director of Religious Education at dre@ololcc.net for more information.

Adult Confirmation classes for individuals who have already received both the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion are available each spring after Easter. Please contact Tatyana Rasmussen at the rectory office to register.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

RCIA classes are available for adults in need of the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Classes begin each fall and Sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday of the following year. **Our 2020-21 Program begins Monday, September 21!** Please contact Tatyana Rasmussen at the rectory office to register.

MARRIAGE

Please contact a priest 6-7 months prior to your intended wedding date to begin Marriage preparation. An overview of the Arlington Diocese's marriage preparation policies is available on the diocesan website: www.arlingtondiocese.org.

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Please contact the Rectory Office to arrange.

FUNERALS

Please contact the Rectory Office to arrange.

SPONSORSHIP REQUIREMENTS

For Baptism Godparents & Confirmation Sponsors

1. Must be age 16 or older
2. Must not be the mother or father of the candidate
3. Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation
4. If married, must be sacramentally Married in (or with the permission of) the Catholic church
5. Must lead a life in keeping with the Catholic faith

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes,

I would like to extend special blessings and congratulations to our boys and girls who made their First Communions last Sunday at the 8:00 AM Mass and 5:00 PM Spanish Mass:

Kevin Baten y Baten	Charles Maney
Merrill Bowman	Anya Marwaha
Jesus Castro	Savannah Mizer
Emerson Castro Quintanilla	Arly Perez Baten
John Gallagher	Kaitlyn Quintanilla
Laine Graziano	Micaela Zuniga Rodriguez
Elijah Guevara Cruz	

Please keep all of these children of God, for whom Jesus has a special place in his Heart, in your prayers. "Truly I tell you, unless you are converted and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). St. Therese of Lisieux recalled her First Communion, saying how she felt so close to Jesus, as if it were just her and Jesus alone gazing at each other and understanding each other. Also, please pray for our entire parish community, that we always be good guides and examples of Catholic faith for our youth.

Many thanks to Mary Beth Harney, Leigh Hasson, Ana Rivera, Sophia Quishpe and our volunteer catechists who helped to prepare these children for their First Communion. Also, special thanks to their parents and guardians, who have supported them in their preparation to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

In Christ and his Mother,
Fr Edlefsen

PRAYER CHAIN

Have an urgent need for prayers? Members of Our Lady of Lourdes parish will pray for your intention. Please call Eileen at **703-521-0079** with your request. No names or personal details necessary; your confidentiality is assured.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

Tuesdays | 7:00 PM | Our Lady of Lourdes

Pray a weekly rosary for the unborn! Join our Pro-Life Committee for a rosary to end abortion on Tuesdays at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes.

SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE FOR CHRIST HOUSE

Collecting donations through the next 3 weekends!

Our food drive is right around the corner! Our Lady of Lourdes will collect nonperishable food for Christ House at weekend masses the last three weekends in September: September 12/13, 19/20, and 26/27. Requested items include cereal, peanut butter and jelly, canned meat and vegetables, and pasta. A complete list of needed food can be found in the church atrium. Whatever you can provide to help feed the hungry will be greatly appreciated. Additionally, if you have a vehicle and are willing to assist in transporting our food collections to Christ House Food Pantry on Monday, September 21 and/or September 28, please contact Donna Hansberry at dchansberry@gmail.com. Thanks to those who have already offered to assist—much obliged!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—CCD STARTS SEPT. 13!

2020-21 CCD Program (September 13, 2020–May 16, 2021): This year's CCD program combines virtual instruction with in-person classroom sessions. Students in grade 2 (First Communion candidates) and grade 8 (Confirmation candidates) meet for in-person classes every Sunday. Students in all other grades receive virtual lessons via the Spirit of Truth curriculum and meet monthly for in-person events on their grade's designated Saturday. All in-person activities are conducted in the parish hall with COVID-19 mitigation practices observed. CCD registration forms and calendars are available at the rectory office and on the parish website. Please submit forms to the rectory office. For more information, visit the "Education" tab on www.ololcc.net, or contact our Director of Religious Education at dre@ololcc.net.

We Need CCD Teachers: Do you love your faith? Enjoy working with children? Please come help our Religious Education Program! Teachers must submit to a background check, attend a 4-hour Child Protection seminar, and sign an Oath of Fidelity to the Catholic faith. For more information, please contact our Director of Religious Education at dre@ololcc.net.

ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

Our Lady of Lourdes conducts Adult Education courses on spiritual topics throughout the academic year. Sessions meet two Sunday per month at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall. Open to all, no registration required, coffee and pastries served! Check this space for upcoming courses and dates. For more information, please contact our Director of Religious Education at dre@ololcc.net.

RCIA: ADULT BAPTISM, COMMUNION, & CONFIRMATION

Mondays | 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM | Our Lady of Lourdes

Our 2020-21 course of the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins September 21, 2020! Classes will be held on Monday nights from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the lower level of the Parish Hall. A special invitation is extended to all adults who would like to become Catholic and to adult Baptized Catholics who have not yet received First Communion or Confirmation. Sacraments will be conveyed during the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 3, 2021. To register, please contact Tatyana at **703-684-9261** or olol@ololcc.net.

VOCATIONS

"Where two or three are gathered in My name..." The community that gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might you lead as a priest, deacon, religious brother, or sister? Call Fr. Michael Isenberg at **703-841-2514** or write to michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT FOR WOMEN

You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Saturday, October 17, 2020 in both English and Spanish. Location to be disclosed upon registration. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's mercy. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at **888-456-4673** or info@helpafterabortion.org.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Sept. 12 & 13: Catholic University

The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at the Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church, located in Washington, DC. Learn more at www.catholic.edu.

2020 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

♦ **Just \$5.5K to go!** We have raised **\$142,462.00** and reached **96%** of our parish goal of **\$148,000.00** with **23%** household participation as of August 13!

Have you made your pledge to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal? The BLA supports our Diocese in its mission of sharing the love and mercy of Christ through serving the needy, educating and forming youth, encouraging vocations, promoting a culture of life, and assisting the clergy, religious, and lay people who help build and strengthen our diocesan Church. Please join us to continue God's work! Learn more about the many ministries supported by the BLA and make your donation online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/bishops-lenten-appeal.

FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING

Our Lady of Lourdes accepts online donations via Faith Direct! You can donate to all of our parish's first and second collections, as well as set up recurring payments on your own schedule. To sign up, please visit www.faithdirect.net and enter parish code **VA327**. Online giving is quick and secure for you, and the easiest way for our church to receive and process your contributions. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." (EZEKIEL 33:7)

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level requested? The Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all that He has given us, especially with those gifts meaning the most to us.

ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington provides assistance to anyone sexually abused as a minor by a priest, deacon, teacher, employee, or representative of the Arlington Diocese. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are encouraged to contact the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator to receive support, consultation, and referrals. Our diocese is committed to assisting victims/survivors throughout the healing process. For more information, please call 703-841-2530 or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection.

DIOCESAN COVID-19 RESOURCES PAGE

Where to Live Stream Masses & More!

The Arlington Diocese has provided a Covid-19 resource page with links to livestreamed and recorded Masses, prayers, daily readings, and more! Please visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/covid19resources.

PRAISE & WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

Sept. 8 | 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM | St. Leo the Great, Fairfax

Join us for prayer, praise, and worship from 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM on the second Tuesday of each month at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church (3700 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax, VA 22030.) Our Holy Hour on Tuesday, September 8, will feature popular musical artists Valerie and Rocco Repetski and homilist Fr. Stephen Vaccaro. Confessions will be available. All are welcome, so please bring a friend. To learn more, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion or email info@helpafterabortion.org.

50TH & 25TH MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Oct. 4 | 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Cathedral of St. Thomas More

Register by Friday, September 11, to participate! Are you celebrating a silver (25) or golden (50) wedding anniversary this year? Couples married in 1970 or 1995 are invited to join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2019 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 4, at 2:30 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More (3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA 22203). Registration is required; please register by Friday, September 11, via Tatyana at the Our Lady of Lourdes parish office at 703-684-9261 or olol@ololcc.net. For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

RESPECT LIFE CONFERENCE WITH BISHOP

Sept. 12 | 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM | Holy Spirit, Annandale

What do respect life outreach and advocacy look like now that the laws passed in the Virginia General Assembly 2020 session have taken effect? Join us Saturday, September 12, for an assessment of threats to human life and dignity and suggestions for effective practical grassroots response at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (5121 Woodland Way, Annandale, VA 22003.) Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM in the church. Our program will be held from 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM in the gymnasium. Bishop Michael Burbidge will offer opening prayer. Our keynote speaker is Victoria Cobb, President, Family Foundation. Guest speakers are Olivia Turner Gans, President Virginia Society for Human Life and Jeff Caruso, J.D., Executive Director, Virginia Catholic Conference. Light refreshments served. Tickets are \$10.00. Please register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/RLC.

ENGLISH, CITIZENSHIP, & GED CLASSES ONLINE!

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington's Education and Workforce Development program provides English, Citizenship, GED, and other job skills classes and training. Registration is now open! Registration fee: \$125 for 12 weeks (includes course materials). Please call **571-208-1572** or email ewd1@ccda.net for details.

LATIN MASSES AT ST. RITA IN ALEXANDRIA

Latin Masses are celebrated at St. Rita Parish (3815 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305) every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 PM. Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes are most welcome to participate in these nearby Latin Masses!

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 5
9:00 AM	The Songco Family by Juana Songco
5:30 PM (Vigil)	All Parishioners (L/D)
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 6
8:00 AM	All Parishioners (L/D)
10:00 AM	All Parishioners (L/D)
12:00 PM	All Parishioners (L/D)
5:00 PM (Spanish)	All Parishioners (L/D)
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 7
9:00 AM	All Souls in Purgatory +
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 8
<i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
6:45 AM	Kathleen Moore by James & Mary Ellen Tibbs
12:00 PM	Rito G. & Angelita S. Baylon + by Hubert Baylon
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
<i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i>	
6:45 AM	Cathy Nei
12:00 PM	Stephen Dusza + by Diane Dusza
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
6:45 AM	Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Avella
12:00 PM	Maria Wallace + by William Wallace & Family
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
6:45 AM	Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Avella
12:00 PM	Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Avella

LABOR DAY MASS & RECTORY HOURS

The Our Lady of Lourdes rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 7, for Labor Day. There will be one public Mass at 9:00 AM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Wilda Berry, Ed Boehme, Rosa Diequez, April Garcia, Ron Harris, & Jose Silva

Names published for one month. Please contact Tatyana at the rectory office to arrange.

IN MEMORIUM

Deby Browning & Peter Stickles

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS

You can sponsor altar and tabernacle flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one or to commemorate a special event! Sponsorship is \$50.00 per week. Please contact Tatyana at **703-684-9261** or **olol@ololcc.net** to arrange.

Upcoming Weeks Available: Sept. 20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 18

WEEKLY EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 6
4:15 PM	Spanish Confessions (Church)
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 7
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 8
12:30 PM	Confessions (Church)
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
12:30 PM	Miraculous Medal Novena (Church)
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
12:30 PM	Confessions (Church)
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
4:00 PM	Confessions (Church)
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
8:45 AM	CCD Grade 2 (Parish Hall)
10:45 AM	CCD Grade 8 (Parish Hall)
4:15 PM	Spanish Confessions (Church)

COVID-19 UPDATES: PUBLIC MASSES RESUMED

We have resumed our regular schedule of Masses! All Masses are open to the public.

Parishioners are asked to take the following precautions in church:

- ◆ Face masks must be worn inside the church
- ◆ A social distance of 6 feet must be maintained at all times, including while seated in pews and while in line for Communion
- ◆ Receiving Communion via the hands is recommended
- ◆ Confessions must be heard behind the screen

Bishop Burbidge has granted a dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation to all Catholics in the Arlington Diocese. This dispensation continues through our reopening and is extended until further notice.

Bishop Burbidge respectfully suggests that the following individuals continue to stay home on Sundays:

- ◆ those above the age of 65
- ◆ those with an increased risk due to health conditions
- ◆ anyone experiencing flu-like symptoms or who may have been exposed to COVID-19

While unable to attend Mass, observing the Sabbath with prayer or another devotion, such as a holy hour or rosary, demonstrates good will and sincerity. A sample prayer of Spiritual Communion follows:

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

For detailed health and safety recommendations, please see the Arlington Diocese website for an Arlington COVID Response Guide for the Lay Faithful: **www.arlingtondiocese.org**

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Blue Sky Tree Removal