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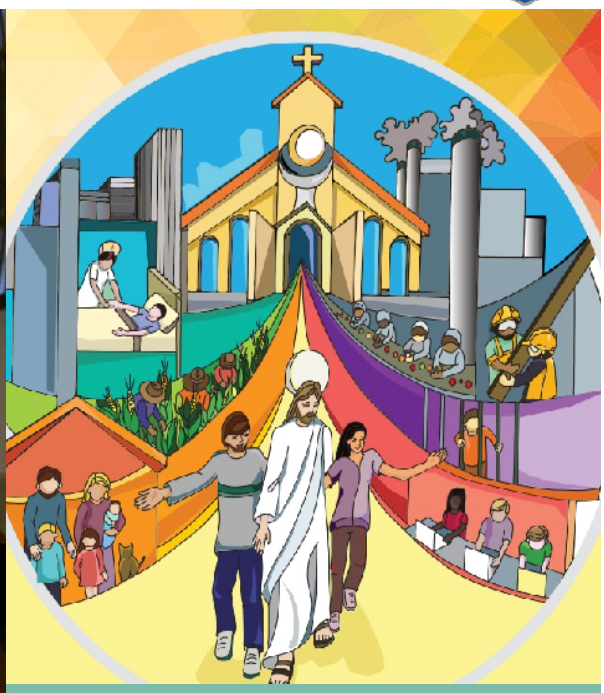

Catechetical Sunday

September 20, 2020 ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours: Mon - Fri
9:30am - 1:00pm
1:30pm - 5:30pm

St. Louis School
703-768-7732

St. Vincent De Paul Helpline
703-765-0050

Pastor: Rev. Keith O'Hare
Parochial Vicars:
Rev. Mark Mullaney
Rev. Andrew Haissig

Sunday Mass
7:30am 8:45am
10:30am *Traditional Ad Orientem*
12:30pm

Saturday Mass
8:45am
5:30pm Vigil Mass

Monday-Friday Mass
6:30am 8:45am

Confessions
Mon-Sat: 9:15am
Wednesday: 6:30pm
Saturday: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Sunday: 8:30am-9:15am

Misa en Español
Domingo 3:00pm
Confesiones: Dom. 2:15pm-3:00pm
Grupo de Oración
Sábado 6:30pm

Poor Clare Monastery
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Mass Every Day
7:00am (Gregorian chant)
Sunday Devotions
Eucharistic Exposition
8:00am - 4:00pm
Rosary 4:00pm
Benediction 4:30pm

Pro Deo et Pro Patria

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The Third Sunday of September is observed annually as "Catechetical Sunday." This weekend we express our sincerest appreciation for the important role of catechists in the lives of our children. Catechists (in support of parents, who are the first teachers of the Faith) play a unique and life-changing role in the lives of children!

The pandemic has directly impacted the Religious Education program here at St. Louis Parish (as it has likewise impacted programs across the Diocese). Nevertheless we have discerned that the best way to provide religious formation for our children this year is by working more directly - and in-person - with parents. Beginning this week the church will be in use every Monday and Wednesday evening so that parents can participate in weekly sessions that support them directly in their roles as the first teachers of the Faith to their children. (Students who are preparing for Confirmation will be attending these sessions, sitting side-by-side with their parents). This permits families to continue the religious formation of their children in a socially-distanced safe space.

Certain schools may not currently be in session, but thanks be to God the important work of catechesis will go on without hesitation! May God bless Mrs. Johnson (Director of Religious Education) and all of you who generously serve as catechists!

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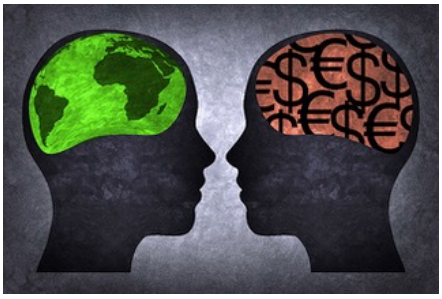
In this election year it is critically important to be fully informed on the issues at stake. (The vacancy on the Supreme Court only highlights more clearly how important ii is to be an informed voter. As Christians we know that the pro-life movement is the Civil Rights movements of our time.) Don't rely on the media to provide all the information you need to make informed decisions. Check out the updated election issues summary provided by the Virginia Catholic Conference at vacatholic.org Men and women of the highest ethical principles have created this summary to properly guide us on the serious matters at stake.

May God bless you in your calling as a Christian and as an American citizen!

Your Pastor,
Father O'Hare



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ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND ETHICAL CHALLENGES IN A SELFIE WORLD

Mark your calendars for this
dynamic presentation on Tuesday, 9/29 at 7pm!!

Father Jerome Magat, P.S.S., is a moral theologian and professor who founded the Guadalupe Free Clinic in Colonial Beach, the Arlington Diocese's first free medical clinic for the poor. He has served as the Director of Liturgy and Professor of Homiletics and Liturgy at St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, CA, as well as an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at St. Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. Having finished his advanced studies in Rome, he is now completing his doctorate in Moral Theology.

Life Chain

The 2020 Alexandria Life Chain will be conducted along Franconia Road on Sunday, October 4, from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM, from Saint Lawrence Parish to Springfield Mall. Social distancing between participants will be observed. Life Chain signs will be available for individual and parish use from Saint Lawrence's parish hall. All are invited to stand up and prayerfully witness to the sanctity of human life!

Saint Louis Drive-In Movie Night!

Free Admission

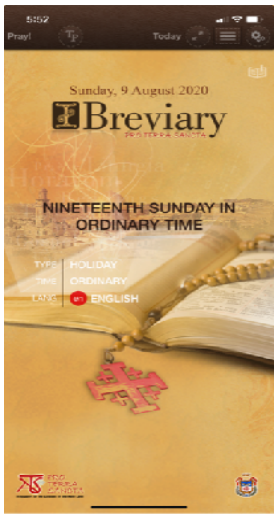
September 25 • Doors open at 7PM

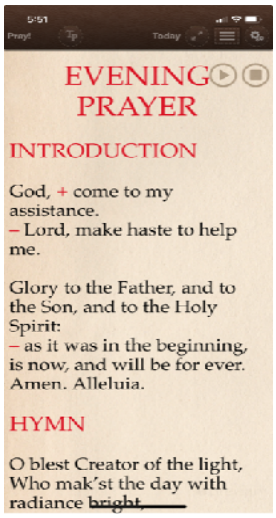
Movie will run from 8-10PM

2907 Popkins Ln, Alexandria, VA

Solemn Vespers for Couples!
Third FRIDAY of the month!
7pm-8pm

Eucharistic Adoration for 30 minutes (includes Evening Prayer, a brief homily, silent meditation, and Benediction) Followed by a dynamic interactive discussion for couples only.





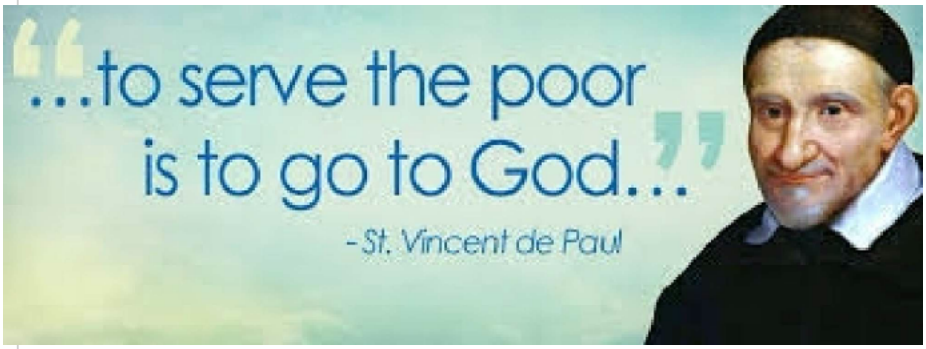
To participate in Solemn Vespers (if you do not own a copy of the Liturgy of the Hours), please download the free app: iBreviary. This app contains all the prayers that will be used for Solemn Vespers and Solemn Benediction.

Weekly Catholic Bioethics Class with Father Mullaney

Father Mullaney's class on Bioethics will take place every Tuesday at 7pm in the church, and every Wednesday at 10:30am in the church. As Catholics, our reverence for human life and adherence to the Ten Commandments provides us with the tools necessary to rightly accept or reject advancing medical procedures and societal policies. Fr. Mullaney will explore many issues that are current and quickly changing. The teachings of the Catholic Church allow a well-formed conscience to discern what is morally acceptable and what is not. Ethical challenges are encountered in our daily life, and often in very personal and emotional situations: in our medical care, when facing death, in difficulties in conception and pregnancy, facing genetic testing and screening, understanding sexuality and gender, disabilities, mental health issues, consent, medical research and more. Please plan to come to learn how to navigate these many topics and maintain a Catholic perspective. This class will be available both in-person and on-line. Contact Fr. Mullaney for the reading list.

Prayer for the Homebound

Lord, you have a special love for those who are weak, infirm, and dependent. Bless the homebound parishioners of our parish as they carry their daily crosses. May our prayers bring them strength and consolation, and the Sacraments sanctify and inspire them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
This week we pray especially for the following homebound parishioners:Dorothy O'Donnell, Francis O'Hara, Ann Pacholec, Maria Panameno, Renato Panameno, and Chris Schreiner.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Louis provides direct financial assistance for emergencies to families who live within our parish boundaries. We pay for rent to avoid eviction, utility bills, medical bills, and emergency food cards, when needed. This is only possible through your generosity; thank you for your ongoing support to our Society!

Requests for help have increased significantly during the Covid 19 Pandemic. From March to August the St Louis St. Vincent de Paul Society provided $31,050 in assistance to 76 families. That's well beyond the $20,000 we typically spend in a six-month period, or $40,000 annually.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of our conference. Training is provided. All visits and our meetings are currently being conducted virtually by phone. We are especially in need of bilingual members to assist with requests from our Spanish speaking neighbors.

For more information please contact Dave Hobart: hobietwo@hotmail.com or Robin Bachman at robin@svdpalexandria.org.

Donations can be offered through your monthly parish envelope, Faith Direct, or Venmo. Thank you again for your financial assistance and prayers!

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Virtual Harvest Soirée

September 21 - 26

Please join us at our Virtual Harvest Soiree Fundraiser for Tepeyac OB/GYN by helping pregnant women in need. (Replaces our annual November Gala due to COVID-19 guidelines).

MOTIVATIONAL MONDAY
September 21, 7:00pm

Father Leo Patalinghug of Plating Grace will share his insights.

12 Noon - Silent Auction opens until Friday 6pm.

TEACHABLE TUESDAY
September 22, 7:00pm

Father Bresnahan from St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Clifton, VA will share a teachable moment from his life!

WELLNESS WEDNESDAY
September 23, 7:00pm

Hear **Dr. Lorna Cvetkovich** share ideas on how women can stay healthy and well throughout their life.

THROW-BACK THURSDAY
September 24, 7:00pm

Dr. Bruchalski will reflect about the inspiration behind Tepeyac, from many years ago.

FANTASTIC FRIDAY
September 25

6:30-7:00pm Enjoy cooking with Father Leo Patalinghug of Plating Grace, award-winning author, chef and speaker, who will teach you how to cook a delicious pasta meal with the ingredients from your **Wine & Dine Wow Box** ($250).

7:00-8:30pm Free LIVE Virtual Soiree begins with **Father Bresnahan, Dr. Bruchalski, Will Waldron,** and our guest, **LILA ROSE** of Live Action. Stay tuned for Live Auction, Inspirational stories, Awards, and much more!

SOIREE SATURDAY
September 26, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Sponsors and their guests are invited to join us for an in-person reception at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, Virginia with hors d'oeuvres, drinks and desserts. Attendance is limited, due to COVID-19 guidelines. However, you may enter the Soirée Raffle to attend, as spots become available. To purchase tickets, go to DivineMercyCare.org.

Any questions, please call Divine Mercy Care at 703.934.5552. If you can't join us, prayerfully consider a donation to Divine Mercy Care.

Register at DivineMercyCare.org to participate for free.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

Happy Birthday ST. LOUIS SCHOOL!

St. Louis Catholic School was dedicated on September 15, 1956 by the Most Reverend Peter L. Ireton, Bishop of Richmond. Opened with 4 teachers and 185 students, the school was run by the Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis from Allegany, NY.

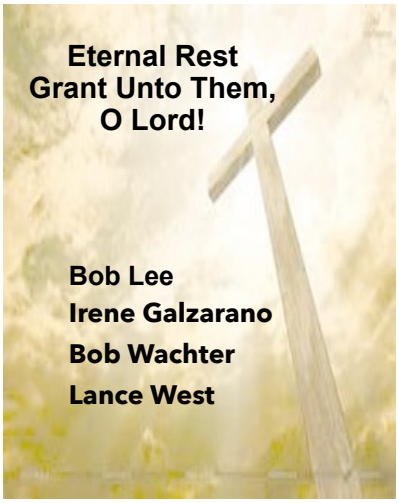
At 64 years young, St. Louis Catholic School & Preschool continues to thrive with 58 faculty and staff and 460 students in PK – 8th grade.

Principal Anne Dyke ~ www.stlouisschool.org ~ 703-768-7732

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, September 21
6:30am, Intentions of Helen Webb
7:00am-Poor Clare, Intentions of Amelia Naegele
8:45am, Intentions of Matt Webb
Tuesday, September 22
6:30am, Intentions of Dylan Naegele
7:00am-Poor Clare, Intentions of Gabriela Mazuelos
8:45am, Intentions of Joseph Hribar
Wednesday, September 23
6:30am, +Ben Montero (1st year anniversary)
7:00am-Poor Clare, +Laura Giannoni
8:45am, Intetntions of Hippocrates Pimentel
Thursday, September 24
6:30am, Intentions of Evelyn Montero
7:00am-Poor Clare, Intentions of Sonia and Nicholas Wagner
8:45am, Intentions of Gerry Wagner (Birthday)

Friday, September 25
6:30am, Intentions of Reparation for the sins of the Clergy
7:00am-Poor Clare, Intentions of Beth Schrader
8:45am, Intentions of Keith Snider
Saturday, September 26
7:00am-Poor Clare, +Robert J. Huddleston and Family
8:45am, Intentions of Charlie S. Webb
5:30pm, Intentions of Barbara Travis
Sunday, September 27
7:00am-Poor Clare, +Thomas Glithero
7:30am, +Robert and Joan Sheuermann
8:45am, +Fred Tyler
10:30am, Intentions of People of St. Louis
12:30pm,+David Hsu
3:00pm, Intentions of Samuel Orellana (Birthday)



Monday	**Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	**Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest** Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	**Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs** Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; Phil 2:1-11, or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

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