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*St. Josemaria
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September 5, 2021 ~ Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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

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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 *Traditional Ad Orientem*

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

703-768-4918
2505 Stone Hedge Drive
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 REFLECTION

Dear Friends,

Happy Labor Day Weekend! The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated in New York City on September 5, 1882. In 1894 that local celebration was made a national holiday and we've been celebrating it ever since. Our Christian faith teaches us clearly the dignity of work and the dignity of the worker. The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers this beautiful reflection:

"Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from him. It can also be redemptive. By enduring the hardship of work in union with Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth and the one crucified on Calvary, man collaborates in a certain fashion with the Son of God in his redemptive work. Work is for man, not man for work. Everyone should be able to draw from work the means of providing for his life and that of his family, and of serving the human community." (Paragraphs 2427-2428)

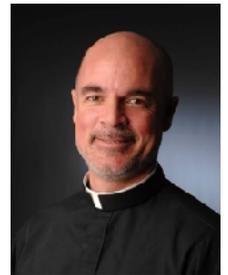
This Labor Day weekend we give thanks to God for all those who have worked hard and provided for us; we give thanks for our own ability to work; we pray for all workers to be provided a fair wage and appropriate working conditions; and finally we pray for all those who are currently unemployed and seeking the blessing of gainful employment.

St. Joseph, patron saint of laborers, pray for us!

Your Pastor,



Father O'Hare



New Tuesday Evening Mass
Mass will be celebrated
(Latin, Novus Ordo) at 6:30 pm every Tuesday

New and Improved Parish Registration Form!

If you are already a registered parishioner, please look for the NEW and improved registration form in the church vestibule. It is a white two-sided form located on the bottom row of the bookrack. Complete the form and return it to the parish office so we can update your information in our new data base system.

If you are not already registered, please complete the form so that you will be a fully registered member of this parish family. Thank you for your assistance!

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Dates to be announced

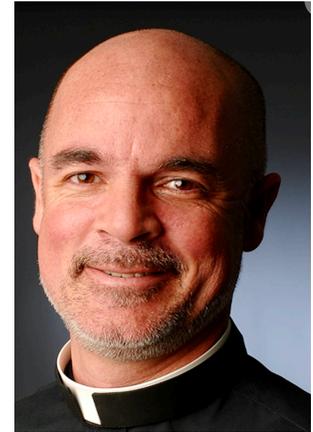
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Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

and EWTN
with Fr. O'Hare
Dec. 7th-11th



Highlights:

- Attend a live show at EWTN
- Tour of EWTN
- Rosary and Benediction with the Franciscan Friars
- Attend Morning televised Mass at EWTN
- Tour the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- Healing Service
- Tour of the JP II Eucharistic Museum
- Mass in the Crypt where Mother Angelica is buried
- Spiritual talks by Fr. O'Hare and the Franciscan Friars

Cost will include airfare, lodging, and meals.

Limited space available.

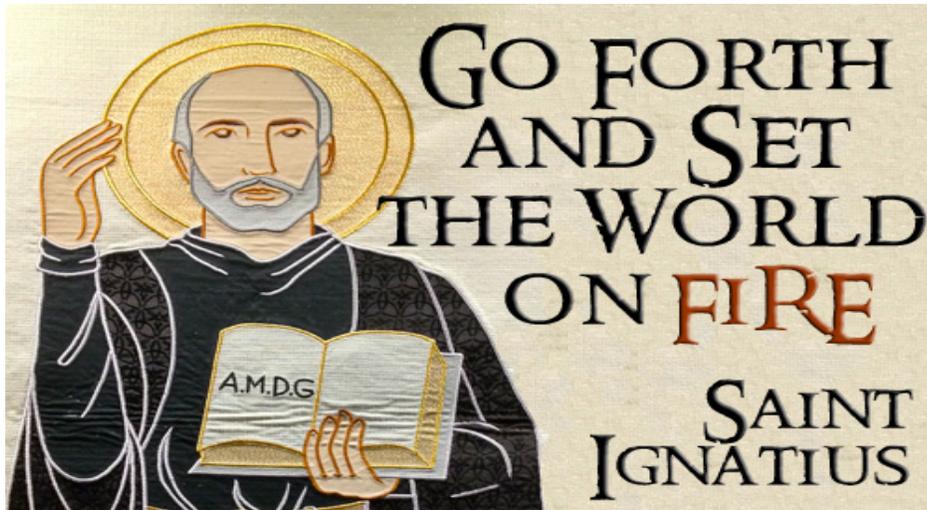
Contact the parish office to reserve.

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Lord, Teach Me to Pray

A Spiritual Journey with St. Ignatius of Loyola



Lord, Teach Me to Pray is a three-part Ignatian prayer series developed to meet the desire for on-going spiritual growth; for an appropriate response to the call to holiness; and for a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord. In facilitated faith-sharing prayer communities, the Lord, himself, teaches us to pray.

Part 1: Praying Christian Virtues

Praying Christian Virtues will introduce you to the meditative and contemplative way of prayer devised by St. Ignatius of Loyola, enabling you to further develop your prayer life. This 12-week program is facilitated in a group setting, meets for 2 hours once a week, and requires fifteen minutes of daily prayer on assigned scriptures. (No prerequisites)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT lordteachmetoprayer.com.

FOR ALL WOMEN

Starts: Sunday, September 12, 2021
Time: 10am
Location: St. Clare room (next to adoration chapel)

For more information or to register, contact the office at (703) 765-4421.

Registration for Religious Education

The Religious Education program at Saint Louis has a family focus that includes attendance by parent and child together. Recent statistics indicate clearly that the faith life of children is more dependent on the faith life of their parents than on any other factor.

Classes will meet every other week on either Monday or Wednesday evenings, beginning on these dates at 7 pm:

- Monday, September 27 -- Confirmation preparation classes
- Wednesday, September 29 -- English language First Communion preparation classes
- Monday, October 4 -- Family of Faith classes (for children who have already received First Communion and are in Grades 3-6)
- Wednesday, October 6 -- Spanish language First Communion preparation classes

To register your child, please use the online form on the parish website at:

<https://saintlouisparish.org/re-registration>

Questions? Please contact Eric Miller at faith@saintlouisparish.org or 703-765-4421 ext 406

Adoration Chapel Schedule

The Adoration Chapel will be open this week from Wednesday 7am through Saturday 4pm. Stay tuned for the schedule week to week as we gradually get back to the ordinary 6-day adoration schedule. Note: maximum seating is 6 chairs. Adorers are to follow the same guidelines as provided by Bishop Burbidge with regard to Mass attendance. For more information, contact Princess Fermin at prinfermin@yahoo.com



New on-line System ~ We Adore Him

Sign up for an Hour Appointment with Jesus!

Jesus wants to spend an hour in quiet prayer with you every week! Sign up for a weekly hour of Eucharistic Adoration in our private Adoration Chapel OR sign up to be a substitute Adorer (when another Adorer can't make it). We make it easy with our new on-line system called "We Adore Him"!

To sign up for an account contact Princess Fermin at

Evening of Recollection for Women 1st Thursday of the Month!

All women are invited to a monthly evening of prayer, confessions, a spiritual talk by Fr. O'Hare, Eucharistic Adoration, and social time on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7pm.

See you there!
Next one will be
on October 7

For info contact the parish
office.



Evening of Recollection for Men 3rd Thursday of the Month!

All men are invited to a monthly evening of prayer, confessions, a spiritual talk, Eucharistic Adoration, and social time on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm.

See you there!
Next one will be on
September 16

For info contact the parish
office.



Bible Study is Back!

Have fun learning and discussing Scripture in an engaging format! The next book that we'll learn about (using a video series) is the book of Romans. We'll meet on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the School Library. Begins September 15. For info, contact John and Lina Gray at johngray91@gmail.com

SERVICE



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: Margaret Dulaney, Cecilia Hanes, Nellie Hiebert, Phoebe Ianelli, Donna Jenkins, and Bob Kopaz.

Collecting Bread for the Hungry!

Bread for Our Brothers Volunteers- We are looking for a few new volunteers to help with our Thursday evening bakery collection effort at the Panera in Beacon Shopping Center.

For information contact Jim McCracken- jimmcva@verizon.net.



Cantor Auditions

Do you sing well? Do you read music? You are invited to audition to serve as a Cantor for Mass. Contact our Parish Music Director at music@saintlouisparish.org or call the Parish Office.



FELLOWSHIP

The St. Louis Mothers' Group

The St. Louis Mothers' Group continues to meet on Wednesdays throughout the summer months from 10-12, and we welcome all parish moms (and their children) to join us! Weather permitting, we typically meet in the yard facing Walsh Hall, though we will be doing periodic field trips as well. For the most up to date info on plans for each week, please consider joining our email list or Facebook group, where we share announcements, prayer intentions, etc. Please contact Theresa Talavera at 571-331-8441 or tatalavera@yahoo.com for more information.

Are You Grieving?

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? You may have lost him/her recently or years ago.... Come to a monthly opportunity for prayer and conversation. "Grief and Grace" begins with a holy half-hour in the church followed by informal conversation led by Father O'Hare. The next session will be Wednesday, September 15, 12:30pm-2:00pm.



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Mass at 5pm at St. Thomas More Cathedral, Saturday September 18

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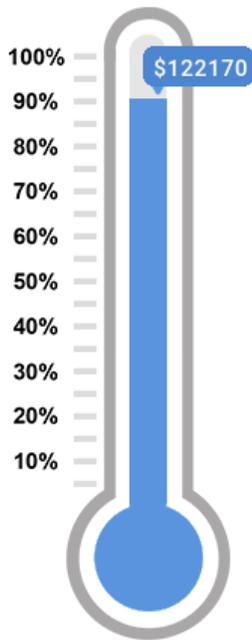
Our own Director of Youth Ministry (Andrew Lane) will be providing the musical entertainment for this special event

 RETROUVILLE
A PROGRAM FOR MARRIAGE COUNSELORS

Retrouvaille Helps Married Couples Revive Troubled Relationships

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about how to register for the program beginning on the weekend of October 15, 2021. Please CALL 703.351.7211 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

Goal: \$134000

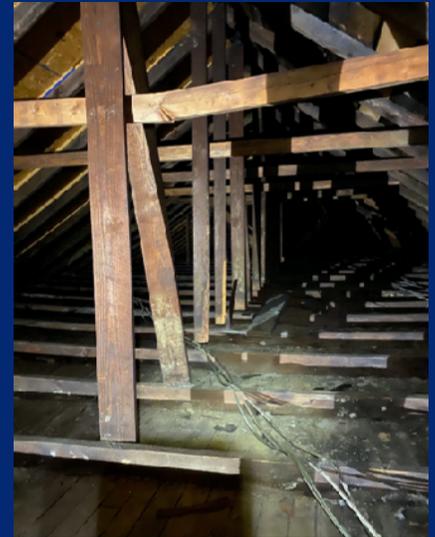


Weekly Maintenance Fund

St. Louis Parish is a family and every family has to save up for future expenses! Since late January we have now been internally setting aside 10% of the weekly offertory collection in support of important Facilities Improvements.

The updated goal for the Walsh Hall project is now \$134,000, based on the precise estimates that have now been provided to us. The amount indicated in the thermometer includes both the 10% of weekly offertory as well as donations to the "Parish Maintenance Fund."

As you see the thermometer rise each week, you are reminded that your donations really do make a lasting difference! As a parish family we can do this if we all do our part!



Current photo of interior damage Walsh Hall roof

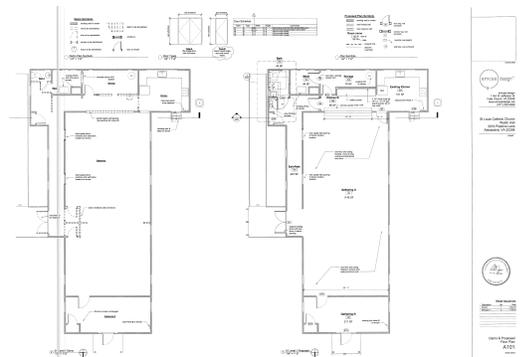


Make a Generous Donation!

Our historic parish hall stands in need of substantial repair of the roof; remodeling of the bathroom (which does not meet ADA standards); replacement of the electrical (which is not up to code); replacement of the carpet (which is over 20 years old); and more - but we believe in the resurrection! Walsh Hall has a beautiful history as the original chapel where Mass was first celebrated here in our neighborhood, and as the former one-room schoolhouse for the children of Groveton built in 1888.

I kindly ask you to consider donating specifically for this repair/remodel project. A "risen" Walsh Hall will serve important functions (funeral receptions, social events, meetings, and more). It will also enable the parish to make available a large selection of books from our wonderful library.

Despite the increase in building costs, the precise estimate for all the repairs and remodeling is a very reasonable \$133,446. Kindly consider donating directly to the "Parish Maintenance Fund" through Faith Direct or by check made out to St. Louis Church. Our current efforts have put us about \$12,000 short of the amount needed. The actual construction work is estimated to take just 5 weeks. So, God willing, with your support we can look forward to blessing our newly renovated Walsh Hall in late September or early October! Thank you in advance!



Troop 680 Eagle Scout Outdoor Classroom Project

Nathaniel Miller, a parishioner and scout with Troop 680 is building an outdoor classroom behind the EDC center at St. Louis Catholic School. The construction of the classroom will cost approximately \$1500 and any donations would be greatly appreciated. Checks should be made out to Troop 680 and sent to the Parish Office. For more information contact the parish office. The classroom will make a lasting difference to both the students and faculty of St. Louis. Thank you for your support. God Bless!



Knights of Columbus Recruiting

Mark your calendar, for the weekend of Sep 11/12, when the men of Mt. Vernon Council

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Sacred Liturgy 101 with Fr. Mullaney

The Sacred Liturgy is the Church's official public and communal worship. While the celebration of the Eucharist is the Church's principal act of worship, the Liturgy also includes the celebration of the six additional sacraments, the official daily prayer of the Church (the Liturgy of the Hours), and liturgies for special celebrations. As the Church's official worship, each of these liturgies has at its heart the celebration of the "Mystery of our Faith" – that is, the Sacred Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This mystery, known as the Paschal Mystery, is the continuing work of our redemption by Christ and through his Church.

We, as Catholics, must understand every liturgical celebration first and foremost as the work of God – through, with, and in Jesus Christ; it is his saving work for us and in us, and only then can we understand it as "our work" of responding with praise, thanksgiving, supplication and fidelity. This understanding is, with the Spirit's help, the way to a deeper experience of a most profound mystery of our faith. Beginning in September 2021, Fr. Mullaney will teach a class on the many components of Sacred Liturgy; the historical, theological, and supernatural elements of our acts of worship thereby resulting in a deeper understanding, and perhaps leading to greater holiness!

Tuesday night from 7-8:30pm
Wednesday morning from 10-11:30am



St. Louis Library is Open!

Our wonderful library collection is now available at several locations on our parish campus! Use the self check-out system and enjoy! Books can be found in the following locations: church vestibule; parish office; San Damiano Room; St. Francis Room; St. Clare Room.



Please fill out the form provided on the clipboards

“Woe to me if I should prove myself but a halfhearted soldier in the service of my thorn-crowned Captain.”

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen



We are #MountainMovers

Every week St. Louis School begins with a schoolwide assembly. Morning announcements, prayers, the pledge of allegiance and a patriotic song help us begin our day in community. Fr. O'Hare shares the Sunday gospel reading and engages students often with a reflection or spiritual thought they can take with them for the week. Our Monday assembly is one tradition that helps root our students in their faith.



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

LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Monday, September 6

6:30am, No Mass
 7:00am, Intentions of Paloma Yanez
 8:45am, Intentions of Timothy & Guadalupe Williamson (Wedding Anniversary)

Tuesday, September 7

6:30am, +Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Woznak
 7:00am, +Timothy Swartz
 8:45am, +Ann Marie Brice (Honor of her birthday)
 6:30pm, Intentions of Barry O'Hare

Wednesday, September 8

6:30am, +Mr. & Mrs. David Afton
 7:00am, +Doris Ghedotte
 8:45am, +Larry Aversano

Thursday, September 9

6:30am, Intentions of Beth Schrader
 7:00am, Intentions of Gregory Winkler
 8:45am, Intentions of Guy DesJardins

Friday, September 10

6:30am, Intentions of Rosa Ortega
 7:00am, +John Jost
 8:45am, +Charles Martin

Saturday, September 11

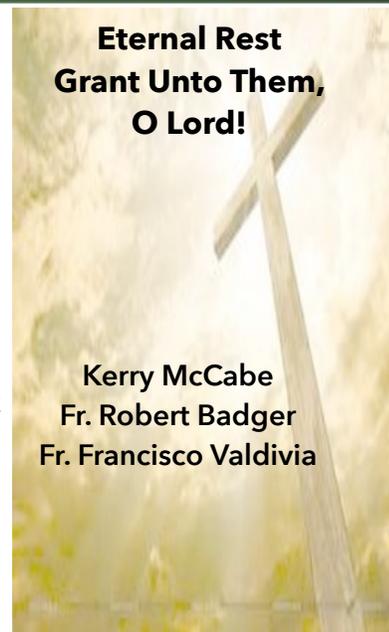
7:00am, +Jay Anthony
 8:45am, +Maria Cabrera
 5:30pm, +Edward Conaty

Sunday, September 12

7:00am, +David G. Afton
 7:30am, Intentions of Arnold & Lucile Kurtz (65th Wedding Anniversary)
 8:45am, +Linda Horton
 10:30am, Intentions of People of St. Louis
 12:30pm, +Jessin Williams
 3:00pm, +Alfonso Fregoso Lopez

**Eternal Rest
 Grant Unto Them,
 O Lord!**

**Kerry McCabe
 Fr. Robert Badger
 Fr. Francisco Valdivia**



Monday	Col 1:24—2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 50:4c-9a; Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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