

Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church

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Monday - Friday

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass 5:00 p.m.

(Except Sundays) 8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Religious Education

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Devotions

Rosary

Daily before Mass at 8:05 a.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Daily after Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Every Saturday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

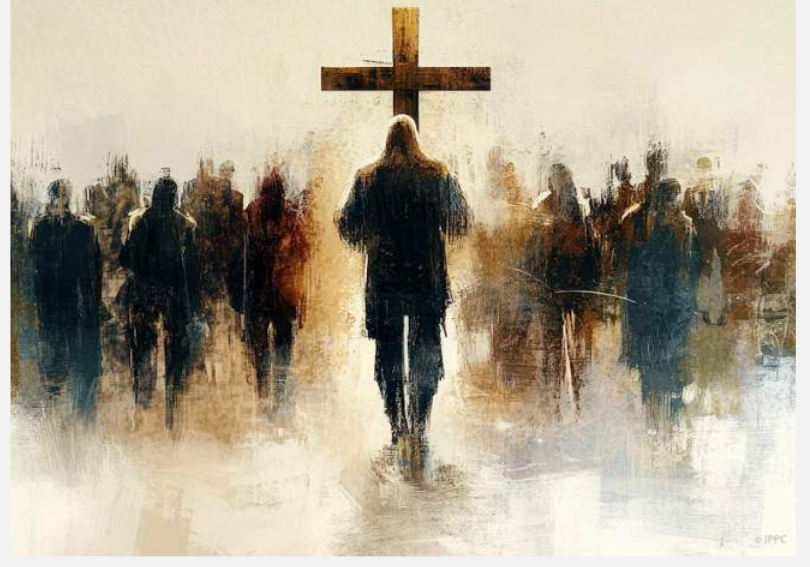
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every 1st Friday of the month from

3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Whoever does not carry his
own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27



September 7, 2025 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Membership

Our Parish Family invites all its members to participate fully in our spiritual & social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register with us. Please let us know if your address or email changes.

Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners

If you know of someone who is homebound, please notify our parish office so that they may receive pastoral and sacramental care of the church.

Email: office@ourladyofthevalleyluray.org

Send announcements by Monday noon to:

bulletin@ourladyofthevalleyluray.org

Visit our website at: ourladyofthevalleyluray.org



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday: September 6 - Saturday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Ted Booker

5:00 p.m. - Linda Falcone +

Sunday: September 7 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. - Ted Booker

11:15 a.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Parishioners

Monday: September 8 - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. - Fr. Paul Burns, C.S.S. +

Tuesday: September 9 - Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:30 a.m. - Jeanne Wilhelm +

Wednesday: September 10 - Wednesday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Nancy Molino

Thursday: September 11 - Thursday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Carolyn Noeth

Friday: September 12 - Friday of the 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Antonio Molino

Saturday: September 13 - Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. - Lennis Atkins

5:00 p.m. - Our Lady of the Valley Parishioners

Sunday: September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 a.m. - Thanksgiving to the Poor Souls +

11:15 a.m. - Robert Fisher +



Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6ab, 6c Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 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, 5 and 6-7 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

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Helping Our Parish Grow WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of August 31

Sunday Collection: \$1853.25

Poor Box: \$63.00

Candles: \$25.00

Mass Intentions: \$50.00

Building Fund: \$111.00



Second Collection - Today

Catholic University of America

September 14

Religious Education

Mass Intentions

Please know that having the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass said for a special intention or in loving memory of a departed relative or friend brings many graces. The standard donation is \$10.00. Mass cards are available at the parish office, the sacristy, and on annex side table.

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The second week of each month (**Sept. 13-14**) OLV collects packaged, canned goods, and nonperishables for the needy of our community. Please leave your food only donations in the church vestibule.

The collection for August was 418 pounds of food. Jan. 2025 to date: 3,650 pounds. Since January 2016: 22,935 pounds.

*Thank you for participating in this
very worthy cause*

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington

Prayer of the Faithful: That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share all of our gifts.

Diocesan Week of Service: Love in Action – Service in Community

The Diocese of Arlington invites you to take part in a powerful witness of our faith from November 9 -16 for the first Diocesan Week of Service, a time dedicated to putting Love in Action through Service in Community. Rooted in the Gospel and inspired by the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, our parishes and ministries are joining together to bring Christ to our neighbors by serving individuals and families who are most in need—spiritually, emotionally, and physically. From feeding the hungry and visiting the sick, to comforting the sorrowful and praying for the living and the dead, this week calls each of us to live our faith in concrete and compassionate ways. Want to get involved? Visit: Arlingtondiocese.org/serviceweek. Let's serve with purpose, pray with hope, and grow together in the love of God.

Note: OLV will be having several different Community Service projects in which you can participate. More details to follow soon.

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Married in 2000 or 1975?

All golden and silver jubilarians are welcome!
Contact your parish office today to register!

Sunday October 19, 2025

Cathedral of St. Thomas More | 2:30 pm
3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA

The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington | Principal Celebrant and Homilist

The Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
703.841.2550 | familylife@arlingtondiocese.org | @arlingtonfamily

Stewardship Reflection

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

LUKE 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us.

Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

Retreat for Person's Facing Serious Illness

Seeking Rest and Renewal? Amid illness and uncertainty, God's love remains a source of comfort and strength. You and your caregiver are warmly invited to a peaceful weekend retreat for person's facing serious illness. This retreat is an opportunity for prayer, reflection, spiritual guidance, and gentle care. Diocesan priests, medical professionals, and volunteers will accompany you with compassion and support. Come find spiritual healing, hope, and rest in God's loving presence. For questions or to register, email retreat@ccda.net, and a nurse will contact you within a few days. For further information, please call (703)841-3830. Space is limited.



Please call the parish office 540-743-4919, if you would like to remove or add a loved one's name to our bulletin prayer list.

Our Lady of the Valley Covenant

We, the parish family of Our Lady Of The Valley, do hereby covenant ourselves to God by working to proclaim His word, build His community, celebrate His liturgy and serve His people. We affirm this covenant to You, Father, in unity with the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. Please call the parish office at least a month prior to the date you desire to have your baby baptized.

Weddings

Couples planning to be married should contact the parish office at least six months before the wedding date. All engaged couples must take the Marriage Preparation Course.

Parish Council & Finance Committee

These committees meet quarterly. If you have positive recommendations or feedback, please contact the parish office.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Msgr. Paul V. Heller Council 8393 business meeting is on the 1st Monday and their social meeting is on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Ladies Council

Ladies Council holds it's regular meetings on the third Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 10:00 A.M. in the meeting room.

Youth Group

OLV Youth Group meets in the church from 6 - 8 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month for prayer, dinner, social time, and discussion of topics central to our faith.

Women's Scripture Study Group

OLV Women's Group meets every Saturday from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. for prayer, learning and mutual encouragement.

PRAY For our Sick

Ezekiel Arias, David Atkins, Kathleen Calen, Thyra Calen, Julian Campbell, Tyler & Danae Campbell, Frank Caruso, Gary Clarkson, Danny Collins, Gregory Counts, Thomas Craze, Marc Cyphert, Michael Cyphert, Teresa Dean, Ed Dwyer, Beverly Dwyer, Bill & Clare Evon, Tony Fox, Marsha Fratkan, Rachel Golden, Barbara Gray, Ruth Green, Barbara Hiler, Savannah Knave, Tom Long, Jenny Cano-Lopez, Kay Lucas, Mary Keyser, Robert Montemayor, Bob Moulden, Cathy Panzica, Sandy Parker, Anthony Rivera, James Rostetter, Dino Sfreddo, Sandra & Wayne Showalter, Debbie Snellings, Amber Starke, Meghan Sterett, Lillian Taylor, Robert Taylor, Charles Wood, Laken Vaughn, Maria Vaughn, Oanh Vaughn

REMEMBER Our Deceased

Brian Abrams, Vera Allen, Maureen Barrett, Richard Benner, Thomas Blanche, David Bobzien, James Bradecamp, Sharon Brunck, Joseph Bugica, Dcn. Richard Burrell, Norman Burzynski, Edward Cain, Victor Calen, Joseph Campbell, Sharon Campbell, Betsy Clark, Luzmilla Clark, Farley Clinton, Sandy Collins, James Collins, Sandy Counts, Pat Covington, Louis Cumberland, Michael Czinkota, Waid H. Dean, Hajna deKun, Theresa Dispenzirie, Maria Erazo, Robert Fisher, Eleanor Fisher, Ed Frohlich, Mark Frohlich, Stephen Frohlich, Robert Goff, Harold Granberg, Steve Gray, John Greer, Frances Hannah, Ann Helms, Roy Hiler, Yvette Hyde, Delores Johnson, Robert Keane, Irene Keller, Fritz Kestermann, David Lightowler, Mary Jane Lloyd, Rex R. Lloyd, Alice Lundblad, David Lundblad, John Maitland, Ruth Martin, Jose Molina, Leona Miller, Michael Myer, Chris Nestor, Ruby Norton, Barbara Claire O'Neill, Matthew Parowski, Joseph Pechie, Shirley Reese, Hans D. Reusch, Dan Schneible, Audrey Sedwick, Edward Showalter Sr., Paul Showalter, Burrous Snellings, Sr., Ron Sommers, Betty Starke, Chester Taylor, Thomas VanDerveer, Helen VanDerveer, Leon Vaughn, Ritchie Vaughn, Rosita Vega, Evelyn Vlkojan, John Vlkojan, Mary Ann Waybright, Charlotte West, Ray West, Philip Wirdzek Jr., Jan Zwanzinger

REFLECTION

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Whether your job is to design a plane or design a plain dress, it is always easier when you have a model. It makes the concept not only more realistic but also quite tangible. Take the matter of following Christ in the contemporary world. Are there possible models available for that? The answer is a compelling “yes.” They are our saints.

Happening today, at a Mass in St. Peter’s Square at the Vatican, Pope Leo IV will be canonizing two people who are just such models for us. Happily, both were young men, handsome in life; fun loving; athletic; and popular with friends. Above all, they were both courageous. They both put their friendship with Christ as their top priority. Unfortunately, each contracted a disease that took them away from us much too soon. Still, they exemplify today’s Gospel.

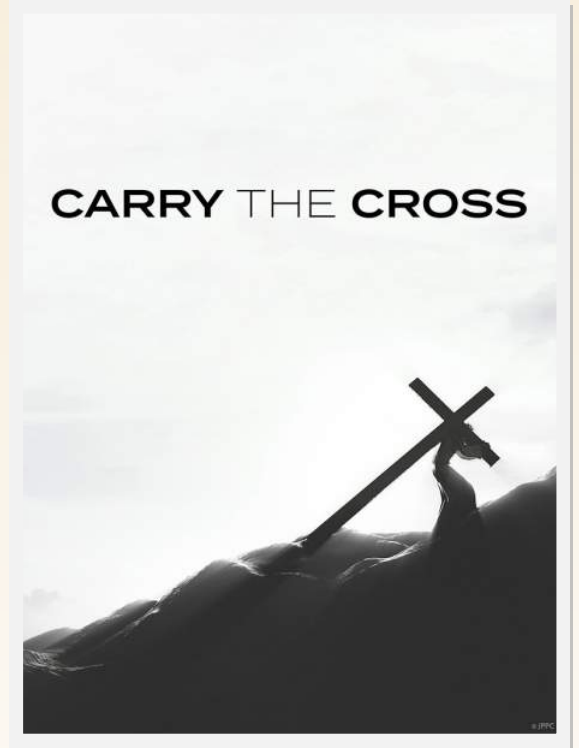
The first man named **Pier Giorgio Frassati**, who lived in Turin, Italy, and died of polio at age 24 on July 4, 1925. Pier from an early age loved his faith. He joined the St. Vincent de Paul society at his parish at age 17, which led him to love serving the poor. Often, he would do things like give his bus fare to a poor beggar and then run home in time for dinner.

His favorite hobby was mountain climbing. He would regularly organize trips into the mountains with his close friends and organize prayers, liturgies, and conversations about the Faith on the way up or down from the summit. After what would be his last climb he wrote on a photograph the words “Versa Alto” which means “To the heights!” His remains were found incorrupt and now lie in the cathedral of Turin.

The second was named **Carlo Acutis**, born in London on May 3, 1991, moved to Italy where he grew up to be a happy go lucky soccer player and computer whiz, but with an early devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament. He died of leukemia in 2006, and so, at age 15 he becomes the first saint of the millennium. He researched and created a website, which is still available, on which he documented many Eucharistic miracles up to our own time. He was faithful to daily Mass, and he also wanted to promote the Real Presence, that he called “my highway to heaven.” There is a traveling exhibit of his findings that has been on display in the United States. Carlo’s remains are also incorrupt, and you can view them in the church at Assisi.

These are just sketches of these two new saints. Much more information is available about them in books and online. The gift of these two new young saints is surely one that can inspire young Catholics and all of us at any age. We need them as models. So often we can be victims of lethargy about the Mass and the Real Presence in our churches. So good to remember that: “A good example has twice the value of good advice.”

God love you and give you, His peace.



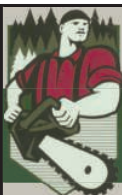
**Welcome
to Our Church!**



..... ROMANS 12:10
Be devoted to one another
in love. Honor one
another above
yourselves.

Then shall two be in the field; the
one shall be taken, and the other left.

..... MATTHEW 24:40



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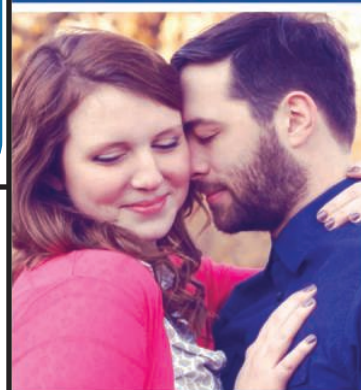
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