

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

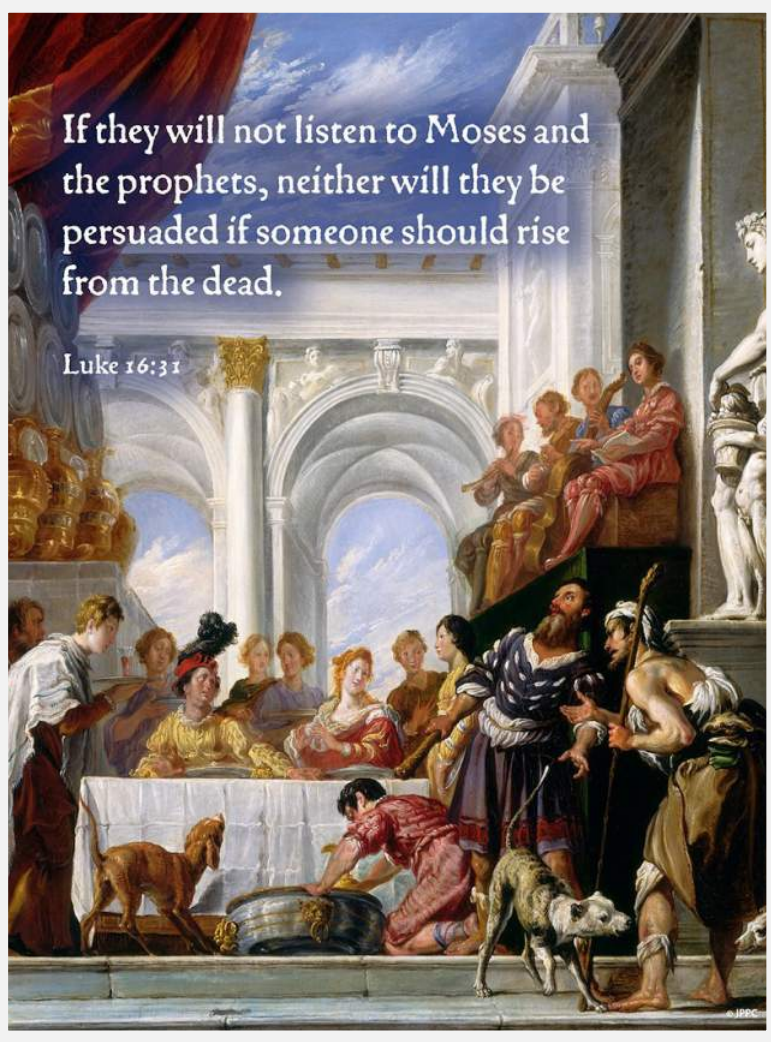
Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

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.



September 28, 2025 - Twenty-Sixth 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 27 - Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:30 a.m. - William and Rachel Breeden

5:00 p.m. - Philip King, Sr. +

Sunday: September 28 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. - Meghan Sterett

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

Monday: September 29 - Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

8:30 a.m. - Laura Gossin

Tuesday: September 30 - Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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Wednesday: October 1 - Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. - Mary Quinn

Thursday: October 2 - Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 a.m. - Mary Quinn

Friday: October 3 - Friday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. - Roy Hiler, Jr.

Saturday: October 4 - Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi

8:30 a.m. - Mary Quinn

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

Sunday: October 5 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. - Mary Quinn

11:15 a.m. - Paul and Melanie McGurin



Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22 Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29 Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14 Lk 17:5-10

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Helping Our Parish Grow

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Week of September 21

Offertory Collections: \$1,318.01

Poor Box: \$102.00

Candles: \$50.00

Mass Intentions: \$60.00

Building Fund: \$111.00

Utilities / Maintenance: \$30.00



Second Collection - October 5

Shrine of Immaculate Conception



Irene Sommers has faithfully served the parish for the last four years as office secretary. She has now decided to retire. We certainly want to wish her health and happiness in retirement.

All Best Wishes Irene!

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The second week of each month 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 September was 470 pounds of food. January 2025 to date: 4,120 pounds. Since January 2016: 23,405 pounds.

Thank you for participating in this very worthy cause

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington

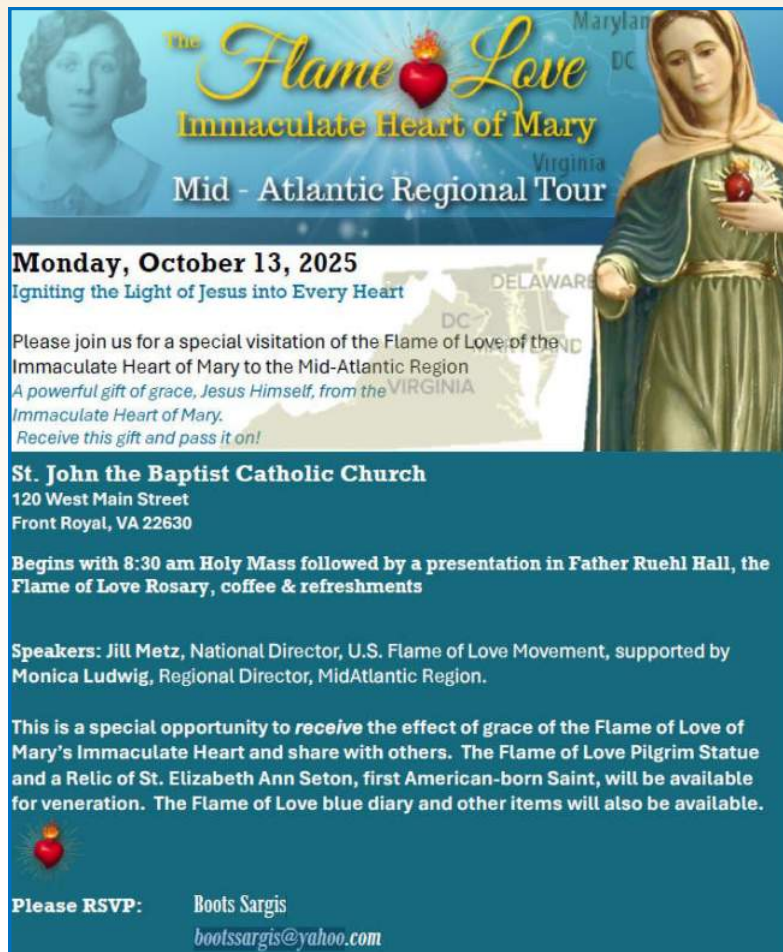
Prayer of the Faithful: That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share all of our gifts.

Are You Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary?

If you were married in 1975 or 2000, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2025 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Contact the parish office to register no later than October 3. For more info, visit: Arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee

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 through 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. More details about our own OLV parish community service project coming soon.



The Flame of Love
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Mid - Atlantic Regional Tour

Monday, October 13, 2025
Igniting the Light of Jesus into Every Heart

Please join us for a special visitation of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to the Mid-Atlantic Region. A powerful gift of grace, Jesus Himself, from the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Receive this gift and pass it on!

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
120 West Main Street
Front Royal, VA 22630

Begins with 8:30 am Holy Mass followed by a presentation in Father Ruehl Hall, the Flame of Love Rosary, coffee & refreshments

Speakers: Jill Metz, National Director, U.S. Flame of Love Movement, supported by Monica Ludwig, Regional Director, MidAtlantic Region.

This is a special opportunity to **receive** the effect of grace of the Flame of Love of Mary's Immaculate Heart and share with others. The Flame of Love Pilgrim Statue and a Relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, first American-born Saint, will be available for veneration. The Flame of Love blue diary and other items will also be available.

Please RSVP: Boots Sargis
bootssargis@yahoo.com

Stewardship Reflection

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."

LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



Pray for Vocations

"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." (Luke 16:31) This Priesthood Sunday, pray for vocations and for those who have answered the call to be witnesses of the Gospel. Write a letter or send a message to a priest who has inspired you, letting them know that you are praying for them, and ask them to pray for you as you discern your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



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.



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, Hilda Pruitt, 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



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, Kathy Donaldson, 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

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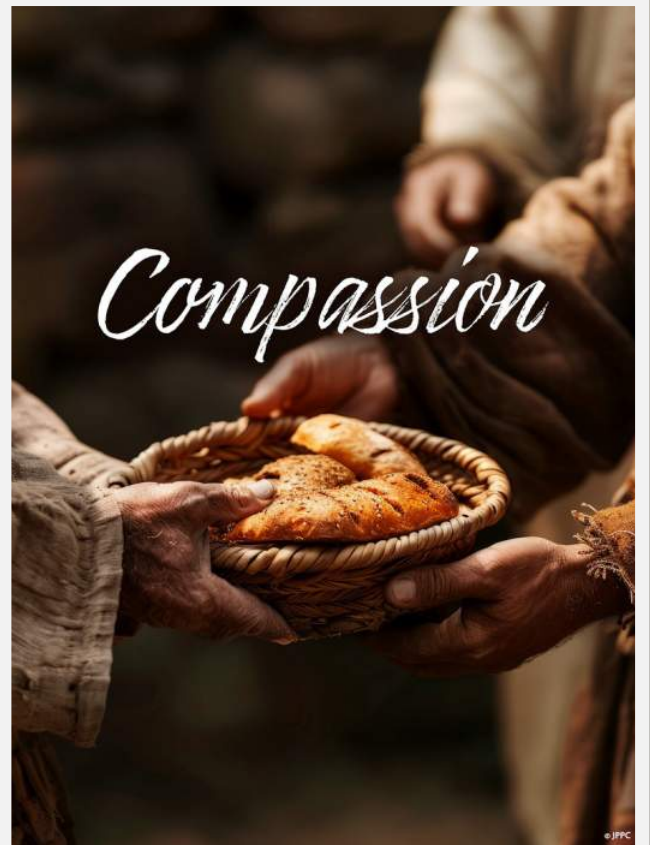
by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Were you to ask me, I would call it “The Dream Machine.” No, it is not a car; a sleep aide for insomniacs; or an “AI” genie.

It is the lottery machine that stands in many a place of business to lure you into fantasy by offering a ticket that just may net you millions. I have watched the elderly approach one with an air of desperation about them; the well-dressed businessperson with a certain shrug of disdain; and the young with the wide-eyed confidence of a seasoned game player. I even know a bishop who says he will insert a dollar a month into the gadget just for fun.

In the context of a homily, one might expect me to condemn all those folks for being somehow morally deficient for gambling or taking an unnecessary chance with money that could have been given to charity. In fact, the state of Pennsylvania makes clear that lottery betters are benefiting senior citizens, giving the government funds for social programs.

The point in all this is to weigh the supposed good against the Gospel. Particularly with this weekend’s Scriptures.



A few verses ahead of the section in Paul’s letter to Timothy that we read at Mass makes the all-important distinction about the place of money in our lives. It states that “it is the love of money that causes all our problems with it. Not money itself, which could be labeled “morally neutral.” It is how we rank it in our list of valuables that makes all the difference.

The point for all of us is to acknowledge that there really is no such thing as “The Dream Machine,” for the lottery or games of chance or anything else. The gospel tells us that Jesus is very clear about His attitude toward love of money, but He also assures us that God the Father has a certain dream about each of us. As His adopted children, we each have a mansion in the Father’s kingdom custom built for us. No need to buy a ticket. That comes with Baptism. God’s dream will all come true for all of us, unless by unrepented sin we toss our ticket away.

In the meantime, we have lesser, simpler truths which I believe Jesus would approve, to help us along regarding money, here is one of those: “Money will buy you a fine dog, but only love will make him wag his tail.”

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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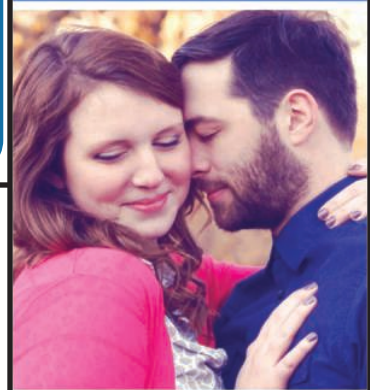
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