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BULLETIN DEADLINE
Submissions are due in writing on Friday at Noon, one full week prior to publication. If a holiday occurs during the week, the deadline is the prior Thursday at noon.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday Vigil
5:00 pm

Sunday
7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (en español), 5:00 pm

Weekdays
6:15 am and 9:00 am (Saturday 9:00 am only)

Holy Days
Consult inside of bulletin

CONFESSIONS
Tuesday after the 6:15 and 9:00 am Masses
Friday
7:00 pm
Saturday
3:30 pm
or anytime by appointment

HOLY HOUR
Friday
7:30 pm

BAPTSIMS
Sunday at 2:30 pm. Offered weekly. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must attend a preparation class.

MARRIAGES
Couples wishing to be married MUST contact a parish priest at least six months prior to the wedding date.

HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS
Please notify the Rectory so that hospitalized or homebound parishioners can receive the pastoral care of the Church.

PARISH REGISTRATION
If you live within our parish boundaries and have not as yet registered, registration forms are available in the church vestibule.
Dear Friends,

A challenge as we move forward throughout the summer months (and ultimately the rest of our lives) is to live always with an awareness of how close the Lord is to us. The Eucharist is not a thing or simply a ritual action, but truly is the presence of Jesus Christ and the fullness of His Divine and unconditional love. With reverence we receive Him and in so doing we are configured more completely to Him. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian faith because Jesus is the source and summit of Christian faith.

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This past week we celebrated Independence Day. Certainly it is a day of rest, entertainment, and spending time with family and friends (that might be fireworks enough). But there is a seriousness about that day as well. It is a day to understand more fully how blessed we are to live in a nation founded upon principles of the dignity of each individual person. Our rights do not come from the State but come from God.

Many in our nation more and more successfully seek to redefine Freedom of Religion. Freedom of Religion is not permission from the government to let “churchy” people gather in a building on Sunday. It is a fundamental human right which includes not only the right to worship but the freedom of all to live their lives in the public sphere according to their consciences. Efforts to limit our freedom as people of faith to full participation in the public life of our nation while remaining true to the deepest convictions of our consciences are relentless. So must we be. We are called to persevere in prayer and action.

In Christ,

Rev. David A. Whitestone

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**Battle of the Servers Tournament and Picnic**

Bishop Burbidge invites the altar servers from all our parishes to come to the revamped *Battle of the Servers Tournament and Picnic* on Tuesday, July 30, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Get your parish server team together to compete against other parishes and win the prize. Games include Gaga Ball, an Altar Server Relay, Knock-out, and more. Prizes will also be awarded for the parish with the most points and the most spirit. There will be a time of prayer with the Bishop, and a lunch of hot dogs and burgers will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Servers should sign up with their parish, who then registers the parish group with the Office of Vocations. If your parish is unable to participate as a group, servers can come with an adult chaperone(s), simply advise the Office of Vocations at (703.841.2514). There is no charge to attend. **Deadline to register: Monday July 22.**

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**Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty**

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome—for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us—this great land will always be “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
We ask you to please remember those in need of our daily prayers especially, Kevin Murray.

Please also remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially, Nancy Chotiner.

Local Musicians Lead Praise and Worship

Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at St. Leo Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Holy Hour on Tuesday, July 9 will feature popular musical artist Michelle Jacobeen. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. Confession will be available. All are welcome so please bring a friend. To learn more visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/ or email info@helpafterabortion.org

The Extraordinary Form
Traditional Latin Mass will be celebrated at Saint Leo’s at 7:00 pm on Thursday, July 18, 2019. All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Music at the 7:30 AM Sunday Mass during the summer months of July and August. Music will resume in September. Thank you.

RETREAT FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

The Retreat for People Facing Serious Illness offers a unique opportunity for men and women to come away for a weekend of refreshment and spiritual renewal in the love of the Lord Jesus. There is cost to participants. The retreat, held at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA, from July 12-14, is staffed by a team of health care professionals as well as priests and volunteers. Email contact information to Retreat@ccda.net or call the main phone line at (703) 335-2779 and dial option "9" for information on the retreat. To leave a message dial ext. 14.

BAPTISM CLASS IS MANDATORY at St Leo. The next class is Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Saint Matthew room. Please register at: 703-273-5369.

In addition to the regular schedule of Masses, Mass has been offered for the following intentions: Mary Moran, Jim Athans, Mary Moran, Special Intention, Francis Abernathy.

Low Gluten Hosts are available for those who need them. Please inform the sacristan before Mass begins.
South Leo the Great Catholic School

The school community leads by the example of Jesus, with respect and compassion for all, to foster faith and academic growth.

Visit our school and learn what makes us a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

PreK-8th Grade applications for the 2019-2020 school year are available in the school office. You may stop by to pick one up during school hours (7:30 am until 3:00 pm) or access forms on our website at: www.saintleothegreatschool.org/Admissions.

If you wish to visit the school, please call the school office to make an appointment for a tour 703-273-1211 ext. 645.

Financial Aid packets available upon request

PLEASE NOTE: Saint Leo parishioners receive preferential status in Pre-School through eighth grade applications. In-parish families must be registered.

URTM Presents Mary Poppins — July 16-21

One of the most popular movies of all time is capturing hearts... as a “practically perfect” Broadway musical presented by Upper Room Theatre Ministry now in its 18th season at All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas.

Based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the classic Disney film, this musical is filled with spoonfuls of imagination, heart, and whimsy. You and your family will be swept away by such iconic tunes as “Step in Time," “Chim Chim Cher-ee” and, of course, “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.”

Tickets are available at UpperRoomTickets.com.

SUNDAY TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

The Diocese of Arlington, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Washington, produces a weekly Sunday TV Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Viewers can watch the TV Mass Sundays from 10:30-11 AM on the DCW50 network. It is a wonderful opportunity for Mass and Spiritual Communion for those members of our Catholic family who are ill and unable to be physically present for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. Please visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/tv-mass.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
Help us raise money to send our teens to Steubenville Youth Conference!

**When:** Friday, July 12

**Where:** Woody’s Ice Cream in Fairfax City!

**What:** Woody’s will donate 10% of all purchases that day. Bring your friends, family, dog (they have free pup cups!) and support a weekend that changes lives.

Questions about spring and summer events? Email Melissa at youthministry@stleosfairfax.com. For permission forms, schedules and more, check out our website: www.stleosyouth.com. We are also on Twitter, so follow us at @stleosyouth! To sign up to receive our weekly emails and text message updates text STLYM to 845-76.
Attention Class of 2019: This summer, the Associates of St. John Bosco will be hosting four College Nights throughout the Arlington Diocese for graduated high-schoolers headed to college in the fall. The dates and locations are as follows. All events begin at 7PM and go until around 9PM:
- **July 17, 2019:** Basilica of St. Mary, Alexandria.
- **July 24, 2019:** St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Fredericksburg.

The purpose of these free events is to help students keep their faith while transitioning into college. Catholic college students from George Mason, Mary Washington, UVA, Virginia Tech, William & Mary and others will be in attendance to meet students and share their experiences of being a Catholic college student. Free dinner with registration and the chance to win door prizes! Student registration can be found by visiting this link: www.asjb.org.

### Catechism Classes

**Caregiver Essentials**

*Independent You* is offering classes from 1:00pm—2:00pm in Farrell Hall at Saint Mary of Sorrows in Fairfax, including free lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm. For RSVP or questions, please contact Mary Beth Croson at 703-350-2364 or via email at MaryBeth@independentyou.net. More Information: www.independentyou.net

**Class Schedule:**
- July 19 - Taking Care of Yourself

### Shepherd’s Center

In ministry with St Leo’s & a nonprofit organization providing support services for the elderly. For details please visit www.scfbva.org.

**Transportation Program**—If you need transportation to a medical appointment (Mon – Fri) or an accompanied shopping drive (offered Tues p.m. and Fri a.m.), contact the Shepherd’s Center of Fairfax-Burke transportation phone number 703-323-4788 at least five days in advance to make arrangements for your driver.

**Dementia Caregiver Support Group**—Meetings are held in the Fr. Ready Room of Nativity Catholic Church in Burke from 12:00pm-1:30pm, second Tuesday of each month. Please contact Eileen Thompson 703-451-8626 or eileen.thompson1@gmail.com to sign up.

For information or to join the St. Leo Rosary Makers please call: Jim Haynes 703-731-9456

### Horarios e Información SANTAS MISAS

**Español:** domingos a la 1:00 pm
**Inglés:** sábados–5 pm (Vigilia), domingo–7:30, 9, 11:00, 5pm

Para programar eventos en la Parroquia, contáctese con Beatrice: bszele@stleofairfax.com.

Para preguntas sobre el ministerio, los sacramentos o para reunirse con un sacerdote, consulte el sitio web o llame a la rectoría en cualquier momento. Las secretarias que hablan español están programadas: lunes, martes y jueves de 4 a 9 pm., los miércoles de 8 am. a 4 pm., y los sábados de 9 am. a 2 pm.

**Confesiones en español:** Los mismos días de la parroquia (martes, viernes y sábado) más los domingos de 12:00 p.m. a 12:30 p.m.

**Bautizos:** Preparación- llamar a Carlos Cea: 703-836-2139

**Matrimonio:** Todo Católico que desee contraer matrimonio debe contactar la parroquia por lo menos seis meses antes del evento. Para mayor información comunicarse con Diacono Jose Lopez 703-825-1983

**Sacramentos para Estudiantes de Secundaria:** llamar a la Oficina de Jovenes al teléfono 703-591-6089, ó email a stleosyouth@gmail.com.

**Hora Santa:** El grupo de oración de la parroquia los invita a una Hora de Adoración delante del Santísimo normalmente todos los últimos sábados del mes.

**Grupo de Oración** Sábados 6-8:30pm, Salon de Nuestra Sra de La Guadalupe. Coordinadora: Sofía Maco - 703-268-3406
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