

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 27, 2022

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



PURIFIED

PARISH OFFICE: 703-998-6100

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9:00 am - Noon, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm,
7:00 - 9:00 pm; Sunday, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

*The church BUILDING closes at 9:00 pm, Mon. - Fri.
& following 5:00 pm Masses on Sat. & Sun.*

PARISH WEB SITE:

www.blessedsacramentcc.org

PARISH E-MAIL: parish_office@bscva.org

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/Blessed-Sacrament-Catholic-Church-210791706782/>

INSTAGRAM: @blessed_sacrament_youth

DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON:

www.arlingtondiocese.org

SUNDAY MASSES: Church

Vigil Mass on Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00*, 11:00*, 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm

**NURSERY: At ECC through main school entrance*

Sunday in Spanish: 2:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES: Church

Monday - Friday, 6:30 & 8:30 am

Saturday, 8:30 am only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Chapel

Monday thru Friday, 7am - 8 am

Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday)

Spanish Community, Sundays, 1:15-1:45 pm

ROSARY: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am: Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Chapel, Friday, 9 am- 5 pm

PARISH CLERGY:

Rev. John D. Kelly, Pastor
 Rev. Mark Carrier, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Guillermo Gonzalez, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Thomas Yehl, Y.A., Parochial Vicar

PARISH STAFF:

John McCrary, Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgy
 Susan Doyle, Director of Religious Education
 Marie Niernberger, Bulletin Editor / Liturgical Environment

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD): (September - May)

Grades Pre-K-8 Parishioner Registration NOW OPEN!

See the FAITH FORMATION page of the parish website for further information.

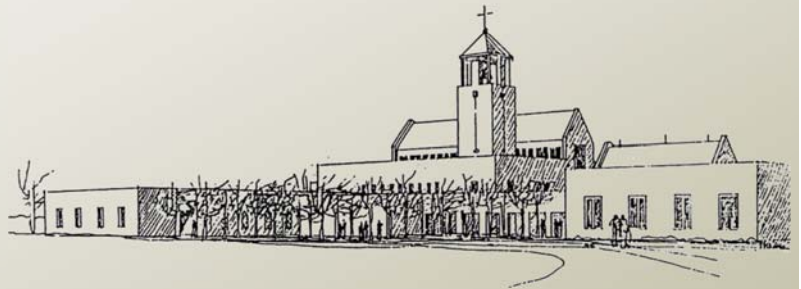
BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: Celebrations are held on one Saturday per month. A parent and godparent preparation program is required. Arrangements should be made at least 3 months prior to the baby's due date. Call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: The preparation program must begin *not less than* six (6) months in advance. For weddings celebrated in this church, we cannot confirm a wedding date until after the first appointment with a priest. Call the parish office.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Questions? Call parish office or email: sdoyle@bscva.org

PRAYERS AT MASS FOR THE SICK OR RECENTLY DECEASED: Call the parish office for mention at Sunday Masses.

MASS CARDS: Available, in person, at the parish office during regular hours.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

"To create an educated community to serve Christ and one another with integrity and respect."

Katherine Chelak, principal

1417 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

703-998-4170

www.bssva.org



www.FaithDirect.net ~ Our church code: VA 12.
 Your **ONLINE** gifts through *FaithDirect* will help
 our parish finances throughout the year.

Offertory Collection

Our Offertory Collection for *February 13th* was \$33,239.32. This does include *FaithDirect*.

We also collected \$230.00 - Poor Box, \$28.00 - Building Repairs,
 \$4.00 - Quinn School Endowment, and \$168.00 - Arlington Catholic Herald.



2022 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA)

"Do this in remembrance of me."

After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us remember the tender nature of Christ as together we give of ourselves to others.

You make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org or scan the QR code.

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- 7:30 am ~ Spec Int - Fielder Family (Rita Koch)
 9:00 am ~ Mary Frances Sweet+ (Kelly Family)
 11:00 am ~ Mass for the People
 12:30 pm ~ Msgr Peter Smith+ (Winnie Robinson)
 2:00 pm ~ Michael Zumerling+ (Irene Zumerling)
 5:00 pm ~ For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ Rev Tony Casey+
 8:30 am ~ Spec Int - Rios Family (Jessie & Bill Keppler)

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 - Weekday (Shrove Tuesday)

- 6:30 am ~ Rev Msgr John J Powis+ (Ed Andrews)
 8:30 am ~ Ron Thongtavee+ (Stropko Family)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2 - ASH WEDNESDAY (Fast & Abstinence)

- 6:30 am ~ Kenneth Fiduk+ (Robert Fiduk)
 8:30 am ~ Mass for the People
 Noon ~ Matthew Garten+ (O'Keefe Family)
 7:00 pm ~ Jean Rounds+ (Stephen Sisel)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 am ~ Jimmy Neary+ (Ed Andrews)
 8:30 am ~ Jim Burkhardt+ (Bud & Connie Hart)
 7:00 pm ~ Helene Dixson+ (Rev John Kelly)

FIRST FRIDAY, MARCH 4 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

- 6:30 am ~ Souls in Purgatory+ (Lana Sarrantonio)
 8:30 am ~ Paul Ruff+ (George & Mary Cushmac)
 7:00 pm - English / 8:00 pm - Spanish ~ Stations of the Cross

FIRST SATURDAY, MARCH 5 - Saturday after Ash Wednesday

- 8:30 am ~ Spec Int - Joseph Fernandes
 5:00 pm ~ Marie Aarhus+ (R E Aarhus)

SUNDAY, MARCH 6 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 am ~ Armand Capitanio+ (Lou Capitanio)
 9:00 am ~ Nelly Tshiteya+ (Bridget Ishmael)
 11:00 am ~ Joe Braddock+ (Bertha Braddock)
 12:30 pm ~ Mass for the People
 2:00 pm ~ Rosa Maldonado Martinez+ & Nancy Maldonado Martinez+ (Family)
 5:00 pm ~ James Keightley+ (George & Mary Cushmac)

**FAST AND ABSTINENCE ~**

The norms, according to the USCCB: Everyone, age 14 and over, is bound to obey the law of abstinence from eating meat. Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays within the season of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, everyone over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year is also bound to observe the law of fast. On these two days only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, therefore, are the only days of both fast and abstinence.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, 2/27: Sir 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16;
 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c;
 Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: J1 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14
 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6;
 Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19;
 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, 3/6: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,
 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13



March 2nd ~ MASSES:

6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12 noon, 7:00 pm

CONFESSION: 7:00 - 8:00 am

LENTEN SCHEDULE

***DAILY MASSES** (beginning March 3rd)

Monday – Thursday: 6:30 & 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Friday: 6:30 & 8:30 am (No evening Mass, only Stations of the Cross)

Saturday: 8:30 am

***ROSARY**

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 am

***CONFESSIONS**

Monday - Thursday: 7:00 - 8:00 am & 7:30 pm

Friday: 7:00 - 8:00 am (No evening confession)

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Fridays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

All Fridays: 7:00 pm ~ Spanish: 8:00 pm





MALCOLM ALLS
MARIA JUAREZ ASCENCIO
AIDA BALDERRAMA
IAN BALLUTIS
FR. MICHAEL J. BAZAN
MICHAEL HART
FRANCES HOLLAND
PATSY LAYER
FRANK McDERMOTT
JAMES McTAGUE
BRUCE MILLER
MARY MILLER

MARILYN NIERNBERGER
NORMA RAFFAELE
ANA RAMOS
KATHERINE SENIA
TIM TOBIN
MAUREEN WAHL
VINCE WHITMORE

(Please call the parish office
with additions & deletions)



Please join us in prayer as we ask for God's guidance & protection of troops, law enforcement, EMT's, firefighters, healthcare workers or anyone serving in harm's way. (Please call the parish office to include or delete a name on this list.)

Cole Barry, Ryan Barnett, Michael Bouffard, Jason Brooks, Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byrns, Cady Byrnes, Tim Byrnes, Nicholas Cale, Adam Conlan, Robert Corso, Analee Cuellar, Nathalia Cuellar, Bradley Cundari, Matthew Cundari, Nuno Cunha, Richard Demarais, Dennis Donley, Maddy Dooley, George C. Fletcher, Nicholas Fletcher, Tommy Gadell, Victor Gaetan, Joshua Hindenburg, Faith Holman, David Jordan, Jonathan Jordan, Matthew Kitzerow, Steven Kitzerow, James Kunder, Allison Landsman, Christopher Love, Grace McCaffery, Mateo

McGrath, Sam Mills, Timothy Mills, Lisa Mullaney, Hanna Porterfield, Gray Posey, Thomas Rands, Jamie Reynolds, Erik Rogers, Mary Severs, Ryan Stancik, Jared Steen, Travis A. Stoffer, Kyle Thomas, Josh Truman, Michael Voigt,



FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Visit with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays. Come to pray any time, but mid-day & afternoon visits are most needed. The Daily Chapel is open from Exposition at 9:00 am until Benediction & Reposition at 5:00 pm.

(Please let someone in the parish office know if there is no one else in the chapel and you have to leave.)

Please prayerfully consider scheduling an hour in prayer at Adoration on Fridays. We would like to maintain a list & schedule to assure that there is always someone at prayer with our Lord.

Please contact Jenny Grover ~ Email or Call: jdrivera7@aol.com / (202)669-7214

CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR Weekly ~ 2:00 - 3:00 pm Parents are welcome to bring young children to adore our Lord. *(Please know that the Chapel may be noisier than usual during this time.)* Children's prayer ideas? Contact Susan Doyle in the parish office.



**Saint Joseph,
Pray for Us and
Pray for Our Priests**

**Pray for the defense,
advocacy and protection of priests.**

*Let us pray each day
for a priest of the diocese
(listed in alphabetical order):*

Sunday, 02/27 - Rev. Scott Sina
Monday, 02/28 - Rev. Charles C. Smith
Tuesday, 03/01 - Rev. Jonathan M. Smith
Wednesday, 03/02 - Rev. Daniel S. Spychala
Thursday, 03/03 - Rev. Terrence R. Staples
Friday, 03/04 - Rev. Stefan P. Starzynski
Saturday, 03/05 - Very Rev. Michael G. Taylor, VF

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Take advantage of the rich resources of **FORMED.ORG**

You can enjoy all the offerings available without creating an account. Formed is now accessible to every parishioner by simply using our custom URL: <https://blessedsacramentcc.formed.org> (code: nr1029)



Weekly Diocesan TV Mass

10:30 & 11:00 am Sundays on Channel 50 (WDCW)
Other Masses on Cable & Satellite stations:
6:30 am on UPTV (Passionist Fathers)
& 8:00 am, Noon & 7:00 pm on EWTN

Listen to CATHOLIC RADIO

WMET 1160 AM

and via the (free) Ave Maria Radio APP!

Visit: www.grnonline.com



ALTAR SERVERS

Girls & Boys, Third Grade thru High School, are invited to serve at the Altar. Download a registration the form from the parish website & drop it by the parish office. Questions? Call the parish office or email Fr. Gonzalez at: frggonzalez@bscva.org



Sunday Nursery OPEN at 9 & 11 am Masses

Walking age to age 6 welcome! (Don't need to be potty-trained, just walking.) Early Childhood Center rooms of the school, access at the main school doors. No charge.
In accordance with CDC guidelines, staff will wear masks.

Vacation Bible School

We hope to bring it back July 11-14, 9 am-12 noon

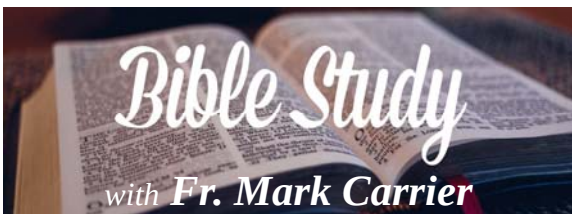
We cannot open registration until we know we have enough adult volunteers

Can you help?

Please contact **Susan Doyle** (703) 998-6100

2 BUSY 2 PRAY?

Try 2 minutes 2 virtue ~ Sign up NOW! www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue



Fr. Carrier's Bible Study is temporarily suspended ~ Please watch here for announcements when new sessions will begin

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm or

Wednesday mornings, 9:15 am ~ MEETING ROOM

(Drop-in: No registration necessary) Questions? email: mfcaime@cs.com

ALSO: Visit Fr. Carrier's blog ~ sanctiscriptores.blogspot.com



Ladies of the parish:

Magnificat ~ Join us for our continued deepening of appreciation for the Eucharist. This session will include the program "**Presence**" and the book, **Bread that is Broken.**

Once again, meetings will be offered in the morning and evening, starting February 28.

To receive information and registration, email

MagnificatBSCC@gmail.com



"Knights News"

The Blessed Sacrament Knights invite all parishioners to share in the Olympic spirit with a donation to the council's **Special Olympics Polar Plunge** effort. Our council had one Knight plunge in 38 degree waters at Virginia Beach on February 5! To date, the Virginia Knights of Columbus have raised \$136,000 for Virginia Special Olympics this year. To donate, please the Blessed Sacrament Knights Team page at <https://impact.specialolympicsva.org/team/405884>

Thanks for your generosity and your support to Special Olympics.



DONUT SUNDAY - February 27th ~ TODAY!

Join us in QUINN HALL on the last Sunday of each month, following morning Masses, for fresh Donuts, Coffee, Juice & Fellowship!



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 3rd ~ 7:00 pm ~ MEETING ROOM / PARISH LIBRARY (weather/storms permitting!)

We are working on hats & scarves in addition to our lap blankets, baby blankets & prayer shawls. Thanks to our anonymous crafters! We have yarn if you need it. Drop-off your hand-made donations at the parish office any time.

Questions? Call Lana at 703-299-8389 (or email Marie at mniernberger@bscva.org)



St. Monica, diamond of unwavering faith, pray for us! It is estimated that 20 million Americans consider themselves to be lapsed Catholics. More than likely, we all know someone within each of our own families who simply no longer practices the faith or has not yet come to know Jesus. St. Monica is patroness & powerful intercessor. ~ *Join us today, & everyday, along with 130+ petitioners as we pray for the return of fallen-away Catholics;* ~ *Unite your loved ones into our daily prayers through our prayer list found in the Sacred Heart Chapel (specify 'St. Monica prayers');* ~ *Pray!* Greg Golubin 202-437-1274



The SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Northern Virginia

Meets at 2:30 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every month in the Daily Chapel.

Please call the Parish Office for more information. (703) 998-6100



Have you ever thought that you would like to do a little more for God?

You, with God's Holy Spirit, may help Jesus, Mary, and yourself with Spiritual Works of Mercy!

THE LEGION OF MARY

Meeting day & time: **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm**

Questions? Call or email the parish office with your contact information. (703) 998-6100 parish_office@bscva.org



Fun for Seniors

- ◆ **BRIDGE is BACK on TUESDAYS at the PARISH CENTER!** ~ 12 Noon to 3 pm
Contact Ann Corro for more information (703) 370-3664
- ◆ **SAINT MARTIN de PORRES SENIOR CENTER** ~ 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria 22304
All Alexandria residents, 60+ years old are welcome! Daily activities & lunch. Transportation will be provided, but you must RSVP ~ Call 703-751-2766
- ◆ **SENIOR SERVICES of ALEXANDRIA (SSA)** ~ Join "SSA Connection" to get a weekly email with the latest videos, information on activities & services, TED Talks, recipes & much, much more for Seniors in Alexandria! Email to: communications@seniorservicesalex.org

Blessed Sacrament 39+ Singles Contact: Tom Palumbo - tomtal1@verizon.net 703-313-8388

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC) serves diocesan single Catholics 40 and over.

Meet us for: Thursday lunches and Much more!

Details, visit: bit.ly/ptsc Questions or RSVP: Tom ptscnva@gmail.com.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

E-membership in the Knights of Columbus for eligible Catholic men (age 18+) is available.

Visit <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> to learn more.

Potential members also can send an email to gk11947@kofc.org or call the Parish Office and leave a message. A Knight will return your call. **Vivat Jesus!**

MEN'S GROUP ~ All men of the parish are welcome!

Saturdays ~ 7:00 - 8:30 am ~ QUINN HALL

Questions? bsmensgroup@gmail.com

Join us whenever you can to grow in faith, fraternity & fellowship!



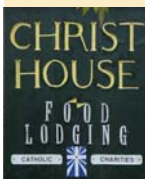
Victim Assistance Program for Those Sexually Abused as a Minor ~ The Catholic Diocese of Arlington provides comprehensive assistance to anyone who as a minor was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, teacher, employee or representative of the diocese. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, who will provide support, consultation, referrals. The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is committed to assisting victims/survivors throughout the healing process. For further information, call (703) 841-2530 Or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/



How You Can Help Recently Arrived Afghan SIV Holders

As events in Afghanistan continue to unfold, Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services welcomes Afghan SIV holders (*individuals who assisted US operations in Afghanistan*) to Northern Virginia. If you are interested in assisting, please email: lourdes.iglesias@ccda.net or visit:

www.ccda.net/give-help/donate-goods-and-transportation/help-immigrants-and-refugees/



CHRIST HOUSE ~ 131 S. West Street, Old Town

You can help serve the vulnerable from this Alexandria-based facility.

Contact: Sister Annie Juan - aniliza.juan@ccda.net

Blessed Sacrament parish provides dinner casseroles & serving help (Covid-Safe!) to Christ House Alexandria on the first Wednesday of every month! Volunteer casserole preparers &/or helpers are needed—discover the best way you can help.

Families, & teens needing service hours are especially welcome! Contact: Mary Kilkenny 571-296-6969 mary.kilkenny@yahoo.com



ALIVE!, Inc. NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS!

www.alive-inc.org

703-837-9300

Monetary donations are greatly needed & gratefully accepted. Please visit the website for more information on how to help.

Interested in volunteering? Contact Liz Feiler at lfeiler@alive-inc.org



Mother of Light Center ~ www.motheroflightcenter.com

421 Clifford Ave., Alexandria, Monday-Saturday, 10 am-2 pm. (703) 850-6701 Volunteers greatly accepted!

Email: motheroflightcenter@gmail.com



COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST

www.commissionedbychrist.org CBC is a ministry within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington that organizes LOCAL & OVERSEAS mission trips for families and adults.

VIRTUAL EVENTS NOW! Visit the website for info.

Blessed Sacrament Parish Office Business Manager position available April 1. This position requires a Bachelor's degree in business and accounting, with previous experience as a business manager and supervising employees. This position supports the Pastor and fulfills administrative, financial, payroll, facilities and maintenance, responsibilities. Must have experience in non-profit accounting, and certified public accounting (CPA) preferred. Knowledge of Microsoft Office® and Quickbooks® is necessary. Prepares and administers budget and P&L statements, and must attend evening Finance Council meetings quarterly. Email your resume to: parish_office@bscva.org



The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM ~ We need lunches!

Next Distribution: Sunday, March 13th

Individuals & families are invited to make & donate bag lunches for distribution on the 2nd Sunday of each month to the residents of *The Carpenter's Shelter* in Alexandria. We need a dedicated, monthly crew to insure we have enough to supply the clients lunches for the following week. Items are dropped off on the 2nd Sunday by 10 am to a cart outside Quinn Hall. Each bagged lunch to include - a sandwich (preferably meat and/or cheese with NO dressing), a dessert & a piece of fruit. Donations of bulk items are also welcomed.

Please call to sign up or with questions - Lana at 703-299-8389 **Thank you!**





Our Fruitful Love

NEW Resource for Couples struggling with Infertility. The Diocese of Arlington, through the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, has developed a website called Our Fruitful Love to better accompany those suffering infertility and infant loss. To learn more about on-line resources and mentors, or if you would like to share your story, visit www.ourfruitfullove.com

Annual Women's Conference: True Presence to Calm the Present

Dear Ladies, the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and the Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women hope you can join us for a day of spiritual enrichment & fellowship with talented Sonja Corbitt, author and TV and radio host, along with Stephanie Burke, Executive Director of the Avila Institute, Saturday, March 12, 2022 at St. Joseph Church in Herndon from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of our presenters and then participate in a listening session with Bishop Burbidge where they can share their experience of being Catholic in the current age, as well as their hopes and dreams for the Church in preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops. Tickets are \$65 per person early bird (thru February 11th); \$80 after February 11th. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/women

Diocese of Arlington Annual Men's Conference

Join Bishop Burbidge and Catholic men from around the Diocese of Arlington for a day of spiritual renewal and fellowship focused on the power of the Eucharist on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The theme is Eucharistic Lord: Dispelling Darkness and Overcoming Evil with speakers Msgr. Stephen Rossetti and Deacon Michael Forrest. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of our presenters and then participate in a listening session with Bishop Burbidge where they can share their experience of being Catholic in the current age, as well as their hopes and dreams for the Church in preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops. Tickets are \$65 per person thru February 4; \$80 after February 4. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/men



Find Heaven in Your Home

Did you know that putting your Catholic faith at the heart of family life makes everything else you're worried about come together? So don't wait any longer! Check out Trinity House Community's free workshop, letters, & other tools for living out your Catholic faith in a well-run & joyful home! Co-Directors Soren & Ever Johnson invite you to learn more by visiting trinityhousecommunity.org.



Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese - straight to your inbox.

Sign up here: arlingtondiocese.org/email



44th Annual Gaelic Mass in Honor of St. Patrick

All are welcome to the 44th annual Gaelic Mass in Honor of St. Patrick, organized and hosted by the Col. John Fitzgerald Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH). The Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas More Cathedral, 3901 North Cathedral Lane, Arlington, VA on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

Sean O Riada Mass in its original Gaelic will be celebrated in honor of Saint Patrick, along with organ and harp accompaniment. The celebrant will be Rev. M. Valentine Keveny from County Mayo, Ireland.

A reception will immediately follow in Burke Hall.



RESPECT LIFE

Helpful Resources: www.arlingtondiocese.org
www.usccb.org (~search~) "religious liberty"
www.vacatholic.org (Virginia Catholic Conference)
 #WhyWeMarch MarchForLife.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ~ 40DaysForLife.com www.PrayForLife.org

GABRIEL PROJECT: Gabriel Project (GP) provides financial & spiritual assistance to pregnant women in need. If you know someone who can benefit from GP services, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact us at (703) 841-3810 or go online at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/gpavolunteer

PROJECT RACHEL: Share the good news of God's merciful love post abortion.

Project Rachel can make a confidential referral to a priest and/or counselor:
 (888) 456-HOPE (4673) or www.helpafterabortion.org

'FIRST SATURDAY' Rosary Team

Did you know that the 'no-show' rate can go up by 70% when there are people peacefully praying outside an abortion facility? Please join the prayer team every First Saturday to pray the rosary at 10:30 am at the Falls Church facility located at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA.

For inquiries, contact Amy McNerny at (703) 841-3817 or respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org

ROSARY for LIFE

Every Saturday ~ around 9-9:15 am ~ women's clinic at 2839 Duke St (near Bishop Ireton H.S.)
 ~ Our "turn" to lead is 2nd Saturday of the month.

PRAISE and WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the *2nd Tuesday of each month*, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Prayer along with music. Special intention will be for the conversion & healing in families. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome. Watch livestream at: arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion

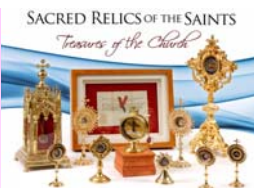
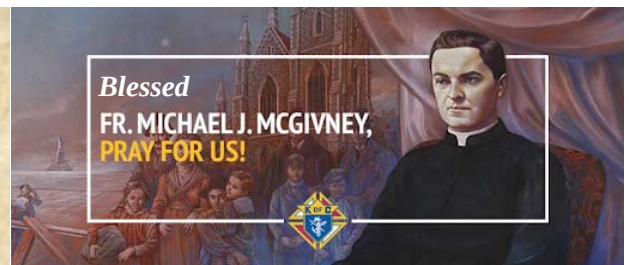
FREE Ultrasound Exam COUPON

Pregnant (or think you might be) and considering abortion? Please call or text 703-946-3077 to schedule your free ultrasound today with **ABC Women's Health and Ultrasound Center**. If you need a ride we can help with transportation. *Se habla espanol*. Visit abcwomenshealth.com. This coupon is valid for one free ultrasound. Limit one per client.

Join the Father McGivney Guild

Fr. Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus was beatified in October 2020. The Knights of Columbus invite all Catholics and followers of Christ to join the **Fr. McGivney Guild**. The Guild prays and assists advocates in furthering the Vatican path to sainthood. Free membership includes a quarterly newsletter containing uplifting spiritual stories and updates on efforts to raise Fr. McGivney to full sainthood. Pick up a hard copy brochure outside the parish office or Visit: <https://fathermcgivney.org>

Father McGivney, protector of the poor and widowed, Pray for us.



Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church ~ Teaching & Exposition

The Basilica of Saint Mary, Old Town Alexandria - Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. +
 St. James, Falls Church, Sanctuary & Heller Hall (School) - Wednesday, March 9, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics, will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. *Please spread the word.*

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