

1st Sunday of Lent ~ March 6, 2022

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



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 20th* was \$32,915.82. This does includes *FaithDirect*.

We also collected \$38.00 - Poor Box, \$1,119.00 - Building Repairs,
 \$171.00 - Quinn School Endowment, and \$97.00 - 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.



Corner

The First Sunday of Lent

Dear Good People of Blessed Sacrament,

I hope and pray this finds you well. It feels like spring is on the way and what a beautiful time of year it is to celebrate God's creation.

Last Sunday we priests had the privilege of meeting Msgr. Martin T. Quinn's nephew and his family. They were visiting the area and wanted to come to see the parish their uncle had founded in 1946. Msg.'s nephew had been here to visit last in 1963. They took lots of photos and we gave them holy cards from our recent 75th anniversary commemoration. It was a delight to meet and talk with them!

As a people of God we have entered into this penitential season of Lent. For these forty days we are asked to pray, fast and give alms as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. I encourage all of us to take advantage of the many ways to grow in God's grace and holiness of life. Daily Mass, Confession, spiritual reading and the Way of the Cross are all means to having a sincere conversion of heart. Our parish is offering many opportunities to aid us spiritually. Please consult our bulletin and parish website. Let us pray for one another that the graces of this season will help us love and serve God with greater fervor.

We congratulate our parish member Dominican Brother Brendan Baran who was ordained a Deacon on March 12, 2022. We assure him of our prayers as he continues his journey towards Priesthood! We also want to thank our Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus for hosting our monthly doughnut Sunday. We all enjoy these special treats and appreciate your efforts to make it happen!

Our Blessed Sacrament School Auction was on February 26th and was a huge success. We thank all our parish members for their support and involvement in helping our parish school thrive. The proceeds this year will go towards the new playground that will be built this spring and summer.

Sincere thanks for your amazing support of the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. As of Monday, we are at 26% of our parish goal of \$540,000 at \$142,609 with an 8% participation. I have every confidence we will meet our goal and I am so grateful for your devotion to this annual appeal to provide for so many ministries and works of charity throughout the Diocese of Arlington.

As part of the 2023 Synod of Bishops, our Holy Father Pope Francis has asked each parish to conduct a listening session to get our input on the theme "*For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*". This session will include prayer, scripture and a series of questions which we will be asked to reflect and respond to. More information and details will follow.

Our hearts are heavy with the sad events taking place in the Ukraine. Having grown up in a Ukrainian/Polish community in PA, I am aware of their history and their long struggles to enjoy freedom and independence. We pray that God will protect them and that they will be able to defend themselves and their freedom to be a nation under God!

Have a blessed and fruitful Lenten journey and trust in our prayers for you and your family. The Lord bless and hold us in His loving care!

Fondly yours in Him,

Rev. John Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS**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)

MONDAY, MARCH 7 - Saints Perpetua & Felicity

- 6:30 am ~ Patrick & Marie Walsh+ (Family)
 8:30 am ~ Natividad Granados (Rodolfo & Malu Granados)
 7:00 pm ~ Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis

TUESDAY, MARCH 8 - Saint John of God

- 6:30 am ~ Souls in Purgatory+ (Lana Sarrantonio)
 8:30 am ~ John Shackelford+ (Stropko Family)
 7:00 pm ~ Owen Terrell+ (Ginger & John Harrington)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9 - Saint Frances of Rome

- 6:30 am ~ John Bauman+ (Ann Murphy)
 8:30 am ~ Dr William Carnazzo+ (Mike & Marcella Hadeed)
 7:00 pm ~ Priest's Intention

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 - Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ Paul G Ruff+ (Wittinger Family)
 8:30 am ~ Tom Timmers+ (Bud & Connie Hart)
 7:00 pm ~ Priest's Intention

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 - Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ Sr Megan Rice+ (Ed Andrews)
 8:30 am ~ Kate Pastore Miller+ (Mary Lee & Roger Charles+)
 7:00 pm ~ Stations of the Cross (English) ~ (8:00 pm - Spanish)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am ~ Carol Marie McWilliams+ (A Friend)
 5:00 pm ~ Josephine Kelly+ (Saturday 5 pm Mass Ushers)

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

- 7:30 am ~ Msgr Frank Mahler+
 9:00 am ~ Paul Ruff+ (Jay & Jan Test)
 11:00 am ~ Debbie File+ (Herrington Family)
 12:30 pm ~ Peter Plastow+ (Rosalie Gilroy)
 2:00 pm ~ Irma Castro Medrano+ (Domenico Family)
 5:00 pm ~ Mass for the People

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, 3/13: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

LENTEN SCHEDULE***DAILY MASSES** (March 3rd-April 13)

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

Friday: 6:30 & 8:30 am

(Fridays - No evening Mass or Confession, only Stations)

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: jdriver7@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, 03/06 - Rev. Lawrence B. Terrien
Monday, 03/07 - Rev. Gregory Thompson
Tuesday, 03/08 - Rev. Christopher F. Tipton
Wednesday, 03/09 - Rev. Joseph B. Townsend
Thursday, 03/10 - Rev. Augustine Minh Hai Tran
Friday, 03/11 - Rev. Nhi Dinh Tran (Ret.)
Saturday, 03/12 - Rev. Clarence M. Trinkle (Ret.)

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<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



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.

Listen to CATHOLIC RADIO

WMET 1160 AM

and via the (free) Ave Maria Radio APP!

Visit: www.grnonline.com



Vacation Bible School

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

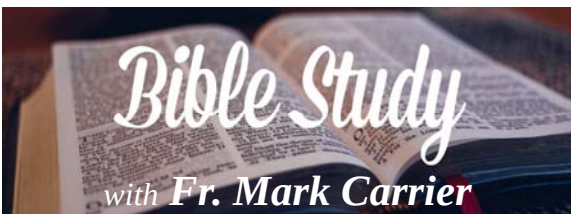
We cannot open registration until we know we have enough adult volunteers

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 & evening. **To receive information and registration, email MagnificatBSCC@gmail.com**

St. Patrick's Day Senior & Retiree's Luncheon

Thursday ~ March 17th
Mass - 11 a.m. in Daily Chapel
Lunch following in Quinn Hall

YOU MUST REGISTER to ATTEND!
Call the Parish Office ~ (703) 998-6100

Want to help us prepare?
Call Marie at 703-998-6100 x104
Or email: mniernberger@bscva.org

PARISH MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION:

It is important that you are *registered* in our parish so that we may respond appropriately to your various needs.

All parishes within the Diocese of Arlington have set, geographical boundaries. These boundaries are used to calculate an accurate census of the faithful in our diocese, to establish the most equitable eligibility for school enrollment, and to assure that our clergy are able to respond to your pastoral needs in a timely manner.

Registration is also necessary for you to receive offertory envelopes and for certifications of eligibility. For example, to be *married in the church*, to be a *godparent* or to be a *sponsor for confirmation*. You must also be registered if you require a reference, or wish to enroll in our school or in our CCD program. Registration Forms are available at the Parish Office, or on the parish website.

Adult children over 21 years old should register on their own if they still reside within our boundaries.

Please also notify the parish office of family status changes or if you move.



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 7th ~ 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 in the Meeting Room / Parish Library**

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.



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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!



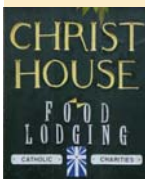
Victim Assistance Program for Those Sexually Abused as a Minor ~ The Catholic Diocese of Arlington provides comprehensive assistance to anyone who as a minor was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, teacher, employee or representative of the diocese. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual 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



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VIRTUAL EVENTS NOW! Visit the website for info.



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!**



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 immediately follows 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

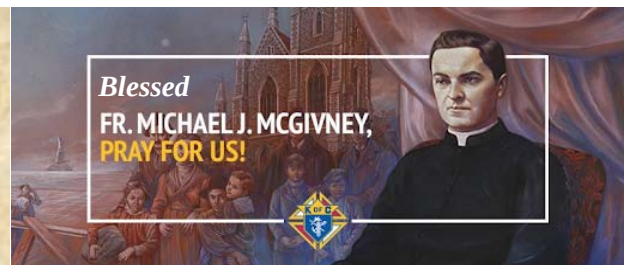
Pregnant (or think you might be) and considering abortion? Please call or text 703-946-3077 to schedule your free ultrasound today with **ABC Women's Health and Ultrasound Center**. If you need a ride we can help with transportation. *Se habla espanol*.

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



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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