

**Second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2025**

# *Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church*

*1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302*

*This is my **chosen** Son*



*Listen to Him.*

LUKE 9:35

## **LENTEN SCHEDULE**

(March 6th - April 16th)

### **\*DAILY MASSES**

**Monday – Thursday:** 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Friday:** 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. (No evening Mass)

**Saturday:** 8:30 a.m.

### **\*CONFESSIONS**

**Monday - Thursday Morning:** 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

**Wednesday Evening:** 7:30 p.m. (following Mass)

**Friday Morning:** 7 - 8:00 a.m. (No evening confession)

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

### **\*STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Friday:** 2:30 p.m. (with school),

7:00 pm, 8:00 p.m. in Spanish

### **\*EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Fridays:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### **\*ROSARY**

**Monday - Saturday:** 8:00 a.m.



**SUNDAY MASSES:** (Church) **Saturday Vigil:** 5 pm; **Sundays:** 7:30, 9:00\*, 11:00\*am, 12:30 pm, 5pm

**Sunday in Spanish:** 2:00 pm

**\*NURSERY:** At ECC through main school entrance

**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 - Check Holy Day/Seasonal Schedules) Spanish Community, Sundays, 1:15-1:45 pm

**ROSARY:** (Church) Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** (Chapel) Fridays, 9 am- 5 pm

**PARISH OFFICE:** 703-998-6100

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday., 8:30 am - Noon, 1 pm - 7 pm; **Fridays,** 8:30 am - Noon, 1 pm - 5 pm. (No evening hours)  
**Sunday,** 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The church BUILDING closes at 9:00 pm, Monday - Friday & following 5:00 pm Masses on Saturday & Sunday

**PARISH WEB SITE:** [www.blessedsacramentcc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentcc.org)

**PARISH E-MAIL:** [parish\\_office@bscva.org](mailto:parish_office@bscva.org)

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

**INSTAGRAM:** @blessed\_sacrament\_youth

**DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON:** [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org)

**PARISH CLERGY:**

Rev. John D. Kelly, Pastor  
 Rev. Mark Carrier, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Andrew Clark, Parochial Vicar  
 Rev. Peter St. George, Parochial Vicar

**PARISH STAFF:**

William Lucardi, Director of Music  
 Susan Doyle, Director of Religious Education  
 Marie Niernberger, Bulletin Editor / Liturgical Environment

**YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD):** (September - May)**Grades Pre-K-8**

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](mailto:sdoyle@bscva.org)

**PRAYERS AT MASS FOR THE SICK OR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Call the parish office for mention at (2) Sunday Masses.

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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

1417 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

703-998-4170 [www.bssva.org](http://www.bssva.org)

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

Katherine Chelak, principal

**Readings for the Week:****Sunday, March 16th, Second Lent:**

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

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4  
 Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11  
 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20  
 Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
 Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab,  
 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab  
 Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday, March 23rd, Third Lent:**

Jos 5:9a, 10-12  
 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.  
 2 Cor 5:17-21  
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Blessed Sacrament Summer Camps****\*Planes, Trains, and Automobiles Camp:**

June 16-20: \$380.00

**\*\*Let the Good Times Roll Camp:**

June 23 -27: \$380.00

Please send the registration form in with the  
**\$100.00 per week, per child, non-refundable deposit**  
 to the Blessed Sacrament School office labeled summer  
 camp. The registration form can be found on the school  
 website [www.bssva.org/school](http://www.bssva.org/school)

If you have any further questions feel free to contact

Ms. Conques at [Summertime@bssva.org](mailto:Summertime@bssva.org)

**We hope to see you this summer!**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16th - Second Sunday of Lent**

7:30 am ~ **Chester R Gromek+** (Family)  
 9:00 am ~ **Ronald Aarhus+** (Rosemary Aarhus)  
 11:00 am ~ **Mass for the People**  
 12:30 pm ~ **Deacon Lynn Sherman+** (Barbara Sherman)  
 2:00 pm ~ **Marcial Lopez+** (Lina Lopez)  
 5:00 pm ~ **Sp In - Landers & Donohoe Families+** (D Landers)

**MONDAY, MARCH 17 - Lenten Weekday (St. Patrick, Bishop)**

6:30 am ~ **Joanna Amsbary Brennan+** (Suzanne Brennan)  
 8:30 am ~ **Sp Int - Patricia Sullivan** (Sullivan Family)  
 7:00 pm ~ **Renfrow Family Deceased+** (Lorna Basse)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 18 - Lenten Weekday**

6:30 am ~ **Kathleen Montavon+** (Tony Santelli)  
 8:30 am ~ **Maria Von Braun+** (Bernadette Chang)  
 7:00 pm ~ **Mary Evans+** (O'Keefe Family)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 - ST. JOSEPH, Spouse of the BVM**

6:30 am ~ **Jose & Laura Gamarra+** (Laura Del Aguila)  
 8:30 am ~ **Michael Chizmar+** (Mary Lee Charles)  
 7:00 pm ~ **Nestor Paz+** (Maria Paz)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20 - Lenten Weekday**

6:30 am ~ **Dennis Sumner+** (Reynolds Family)  
 8:30 am ~ **Sp Int - Kimberly Santoro** (BS Sunshine Class)  
 7:00 pm ~ **Virginia Lasko+** (Rick & Jody Porterfield)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21 - Lenten Weekday**

6:30 am ~ **Auda Amarilias Castillo+** (Joan & Les Pierre)  
 8:30 am ~ **William Wallace+** (The Serra Club)

**SATURDAY, March 22 - Saturday After Ash Wednesday**

8:30 am ~ **In Thanksgiving** (Sharnica de Silva)  
 5:00 pm ~ **Jack LaForniere+** (Krista Anderson)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd - Third Sunday of Lent**

7:30 am ~ **Anna Pollog+** (Lou Capitano)  
 9:00 am ~ **Jack Kelleher+** (Kathy Steward)  
 11:00 am ~ **Margaret McCormack+** (Harrington Family)  
 12:30 pm ~ **Mass for the People**  
 2:00 pm ~ **Souls in Purgatory+** (Lana Sarrantonio)  
 5:00 pm ~ **Ann McCormick McQuillan+** (Art & Lorraine Bennett)

**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.)

Ryan Barnett, Michael Bouffard, Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byrns, Nicholas Cale, Adam Conlan, Robert Corso, Analee Cuellar, Nathalia Cuellar, Bradley Cundari, Matthew Cundari, Nuno Cunha, Ryan Cunha, Richard Demarais, Dennis Donley, Maddy Dooley, George C. Fletcher, Nicholas Fletcher, Tommy Gadell, Victor Gaetan, Liz Hummelt, Joshua Hindenburg, Faith Holman, David Jordan, Jonathan Jordan, Matthew Kitzerow, Steven Kitzerow, James Kunder, Allison Landsman, Joseph Lim, Christopher Love, Brian Lynch, Alexa Mastrostefano, Grace McCaffery, Lisa Mullaney, Hanna Porterfield, Gray Posey, Thomas Rands, Jamie Reynolds, Erik Rogers, Mary Severs, Bryce Simpson, Ryan Stancik, Jared Steen, Travis A. Stoffer, Kyle Thomas, Josh Truman, Michael Voigt, Abby Warden.



**FRIDAY  
EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

Visit with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on **Fridays**.

Come to pray any time, but mid-day & afternoon visits are most needed. Call the parish

office to be put on a list of regular visitors. 703-998-6100

The **Daily Chapel** is open from **Exposition at 9:00 a.m.** until **Benediction & Reposition at 5:00 p.m.**

(Please notify the parish office if the chapel is empty and you have to leave.)

Please prayerfully consider spending **just one hour** in prayer.

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 Looking for a nearby evening or overnight Adoration time? A few of our neighboring parishes might have a time that fits your needs... all of their websites have detailed information.

Saint Rita, Alexandria - [stritaalexandria.com](http://stritaalexandria.com)

Basilica of Saint Mary, Old Town - [stmaryoldtown.org](http://stmaryoldtown.org)

Saint Joseph, Old Town - [stjosephva.org](http://stjosephva.org)

Saint Anthony of Padua, Falls Church - [stanthonyparish.org](http://stanthonyparish.org)

Queen of Apostles, Franconia - [queenofapostles.org](http://queenofapostles.org)

Saint Louis, Alexandria (Richmond Highway) - [saintlouisparrish.org](http://saintlouisparrish.org)



**Saint Joseph,**

**Pray for Us and Pray for Our Priests**

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

**Let us pray each day for a priest of the diocese**

**Sunday, 3/16** - Rev. Tarsicio D. Buitrago, (Ret.)

**Monday, 3/17** - Rev. Jaso C. Burchell, LT, CHC, USN

**Tuesday, 3/18** - Rev. Richard T. Carr

**Wednesday, 3/19** - Rev. Mark F. Carrier

**Thursday, 3/20** - Rev. Christopher P. Christensen

**Friday, 3/21** - Very Rev. Robert C. Cilinski

**Saturday, 3/22** - Rev. Andrew W. Clark

*Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish*

**MARIA JUAREZ ASCENCIO, JUDY BOWMAN, J. COLLINS, A.J. HANILAND, SAM HODUS, MICHAEL HART, FRANK McDERMOTT, JOHN MILATZO, BRUCE & MARY MILLER, SR. JEAN NOWAK, OP, LUCRECIA PALLO, DONNA RAFFAELE, NORMA RAFFAELE, IRVINE RODRIGUEZ, JIM SHERWOOD, HARRY THOMPSON, Jr., TIMOTHY TOBIN, MAUREEN WAHL, CHRISTIE WALTON, VINCE WHITMORE.**

(Please call the parish office with additions & deletions)

## Offertory Collection

Our Offertory Collection, with *FaithDirect* for **March 2nd** was \$32,464.04

We also collected \$184.00 - **Poor Box**, \$238.00 - **Building Repairs Fund**,  
\$178.00 - **Quinn School Endowment**.

*Our California Wildfire Relief Collection, including FaithDirect was \$2,987.00. Thank you!*



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



## 2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

This year's theme is: **"Abounding in Hope."**  
After reflecting upon the blessings God has given  
you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. Sharing  
your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of  
thousands across our diocese.



You can make a gift at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code:

SCAN ME

### Dear Good People of Blessed Sacrament,

Our parish needs your help so that we can reach out to those who have experienced the death of a loved one - to give comfort and support them during a time of sadness and grief. Would you please consider becoming a member of one of our **Blessed Sacrament Funeral Teams**? This spiritual work would be open to adult men and women of our parish. The teams help set up the church for the Funeral Mass, greets the family and other mourners, act as hospitality ushers, and guides the readers and gift bearers who will be taking part in the celebration of the Funeral Mass.

It is a wonderful opportunity to welcome people to our parish during a difficult time in their lives and to help them feel at ease as they celebrate the Church's Funeral Liturgy. If you feel God might be calling you to be involved in this work of mercy and compassion, please **contact Father Kelly through the parish office**. We would then schedule training Sessions for those interested.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important outreach to those who mourn.  
God bless you and fill you with His grace!

Faithfully yours in the Lord, **Fr. Kelly**

## DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT ~ Saturday, MARCH 29th

10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon ~ Front Parking Lot

Bring your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila folders, window envelopes, etc.

(Please, **NO** - newspapers, magazines, cardboard, metals, binders, hard-drives, disks or tapes, etc.)



**Cash Donations gratefully accepted. Thank you for your support!**



Enhance your Lenten journey  
at our Wednesday Evening Series ~

# The Art of Sanctity

Four Wednesdays ~

March 19<sup>th</sup> & March 26<sup>th</sup>,  
April 2<sup>nd</sup> & April 9<sup>th</sup>

7:30 p.m. (following Mass)  
Quinn Hall



Join us for

## HEAVEN in YOUR HOME Family Gathering

**Everyone is invited - & bring the kids!**

Meet up with other families for food, fellowship & support in building a faith-filled home.



**Saturday,  
MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6 - 8 pm, Quinn Hall**

**Please RSVP on the website  
or use QR code.**

**6 pm: Dinner & Fellowship**

**6:30-7:15 pm: Presentation for Adults w/ Small Group**

**Discussion** (while Virtus-trained volunteers supervise the kids)

**7:15-8 pm: Fellowship & Dessert**

Free event.

**PLEASE BRING TO SHARE - drinks  
or a dessert**

Learn more at  
[TrinityHouseCommunity.org](http://TrinityHouseCommunity.org)



## FISH DINNERS!

**Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00 - 7:00 pm**



**\$15 Adult / \$7 kids / \$30 Family**  
**Cash, Card, Venmo, Paypal!**  
**Carry-out available**



**Bring the family for a simple, meatless meal of fresh,  
fried or baked fish entrees, fries, mac-n-cheese,  
coleslaw, veggies, rolls, salad, etc.**

**Teens - Great opportunity to earn some service hours by helping out!**



## ...Parish Groups...



### Calling all moms!

A group for mothers of young children (including infants) has formed.

**Join us to pray the Rosary on Thursday mornings -- kids play, moms pray!**

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. in the Little Marian House

(next to parish staff parking, 1601 West Braddock Rd)

Please contact Susan Doyle ~ [sdoyle@bscva.org](mailto:sdoyle@bscva.org)

or call the parish office for info.



### Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd ~ 7:00 pm ~ MEETING ROOM / PARISH LIBRARY (Weather Permitting!)

Our dedicated Knitters, Crocheters & Stitchers produced over 293 items for babies & our neighbors in 2024!

We continue our work on 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](mailto:mniernberger@bscva.org))



**BLESSED SACRAMENT 39+ SINGLES:** Contact: Tom Palumbo - [tomtal1@verizon.net](mailto:tomtal1@verizon.net) 703-313-8388

**PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC):** We are a social group, mostly 60 and over.

Meet us for: Lunch on Thursdays and many more activities.

(40 to 59? Ask about our free associate-member group.)

For details, visit our website: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc)

Questions or to RSVP, email Tom at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com)



**BRIDGE on TUESDAYS at the PARISH CENTER** ~ 12 Noon to 3 pm

Contact Ann Corro for more information (703) 370-3664

**LINE DANCING on MONDAYS in QUINN HALL** ~ 1:30 p.m., no experience necessary!

**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](mailto:communications@seniorservicesalex.org)



### Are you interested in playing Mah Jong ?

We're looking for people to play this fascinating, ancient game here at Blessed Sacrament, during the day, on a regular basis.

Please call Lana Sarrnatonio (703) 299-8389

for information on the game and when players will meet.



**Expectant moms (and dads):** How can we help you?

We are forming a **Visitation Ministry** to serve mothers for the first 40 days after birth by bringing meals, running errands, babysitting older children, etc.

Contact Maureen Tovey at (734) 395-0862 or [tovey.maureen@gmail.com](mailto:tovey.maureen@gmail.com)

OR...are you someone who would like to serve in our **Visitation Ministry**? Contact us!



**MEN'S GROUP ~ All men of the parish are welcome!** Come & Join us in Quinn Hall next Saturday!

~ Open for hot breakfast @ 6:30 a.m. ~ Program @ 7:00 a.m. Questions? [bsmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:bsmensgroup@gmail.com)

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

Magnificat  
Women's Group



**Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical History**  
by Stacy Mitch. The Spring Study explores the lives of Old and New Testament women. Morning or Evening Sessions run February 3 through mid-April. See the parish website for details. <https://blessedsacramentcc.org/groups/womens->



## ...Community Outreach...

**Holy Year ~ Pilgrims of Hope ~ 2025 Tour of Churches ~** As we joyfully celebrate this Holy Year 2025, Bishop Burbidge invites you to embark on a spiritual journey by participating in a special Holy Year Tour of eight designated holy sites within our diocese. This church tour offers the faithful a unique opportunity to pray throughout our diocese and receive a plenary indulgence by meeting certain conditions, such as prayer, reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Holy Year Tour is a chance for personal renewal, deeper faith, and communal celebration. To inspire participation, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will offer a special memento for the first 50 participants who complete the tour. This keepsake will serve as a lasting reminder of your faith journey of hope during this extraordinary year. For more details on the sacred sites, plenary indulgences, and the Holy Year 2025, contact each parish office or visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/holy-year-2025>.



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**[www.alive-inc.org](http://www.alive-inc.org)** 703-837-9300

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Questions? Email our Blessed Sacrament rep: [BSCCAlive@gmail.com](mailto:BSCCAlive@gmail.com)

Interested in volunteering? Sign up online: <https://www.alive-inc.org/we-need-volunteers-alexandria-va/>

### **The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM ~ Next Delivery: APRIL 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. **Thanks!**

Questions? Marie at 703-998-6100 x.104 or [mniernberger@bscva.org](mailto:mniernberger@bscva.org)



#### *Blessed Sacrament* **Carpenter's Shelter Monthly Dinner Program**

Blessed Sacrament parishioners provide dinner for the residents of **The Carpenter's Shelter** on the third Monday of every month. A menu is set and a sign up genius request is emailed asking for volunteers to cook or buy the food and drop it off at the Shelter. Volunteers to help serve the dinner are also needed.

If you are interested in volunteering please send your email address to [mblersani@outlook.com](mailto:mblersani@outlook.com) You will receive a monthly request where you can sign up to provide food and or be a server. Any questions please contact **Maribeth** at 703-346-5778. **Thank you!**



### **Mother of Light Center** [www.motheroflightcenter.com](http://www.motheroflightcenter.com)

**\*\*\*NOW CFC eligible!**

421 Clifford Ave., Alexandria, Mon.-Sat., 10 am-2 pm. (703) 307-5902 Email: [motheroflightcenter@gmail.com](mailto:motheroflightcenter@gmail.com)



#### **Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!**

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### **2 BUSY 2 PRAY? Try 2 minutes 2 virtue**

Sign up NOW! [www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue)



**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@vakofc.org](mailto:gk11947@vakofc.org) or call the Parish Office and leave a message. A Knight will return your call. **Vivat Jesus!**



### **OUR NEXT DONUT SUNDAY is April 13th**

(after 7:30, 9 & 11 a.m. Mass)

Join us in QUINN HALL for Donuts, Coffee,  
Juice & Fellowship!

## ...Respect Life, etc...



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

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE ~ 40DaysForLife.com** [www.PrayForLife.org](http://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](http://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](http://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 Falls Church facility at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA. For inquiries, Amy McInerney at (703) 841-3817 or [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org)

### ROSARY for LIFE

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

### 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 español*. Visit [abcwomenshealth.com](http://abcwomenshealth.com).

This coupon is valid for one free ultrasound. Limit one per client.

## FRANCISCAN AT HOME

*Online learning at your convenience*

The Diocese of Arlington has purchased memberships to **Franciscan at Home** for every parish in the diocese!

Visit <https://franciscanathome.com/free-institution-signup>

Enter your information into the required fields and select the green "Create new account" button at the bottom of the page (all fields with an \* are required). Next, select your diocese and your parish or school from the available drop-down list. Click select the "Sign up."



### 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. **Join us today, & everyday, 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

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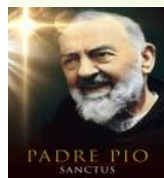
You can enjoy all the offerings available without creating an account. **Formed** is now accessible to every parishioner by simply using our custom URL:

<https://blessedsacramentcc.formed.org> (code: nr1029)

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### Every Second Tuesday

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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion)



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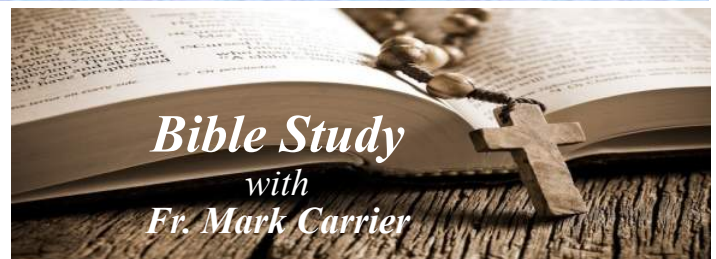
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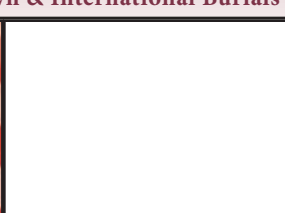
  
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