

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ~ March 28, 2021
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



FORGIVE

The dispensation of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in place.

If you have any concerns about your safety, or feel uncomfortable in public, please stay home, watch Mass on television or on the internet, and pray a Spiritual Communion.

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**STATE MANDATED ATTENDANCE NUMBERS for
INDOOR GATHERINGS HAVE NOT CHANGED!**

*We are grateful that we can have the limited number of parishioners attend
SUNDAY MASS. Your cooperation is needed & appreciated.*

- * YOU MUST use the SignUp Genius© or call the Parish Office (703-998-6100) to reserve space
- * PLEASE arrive early for Mass so you can choose a place to sit that is 'at least 6 feet apart' & safely distanced.
- * YOU MUST wear a MASK or FACE COVERING over both your nose & mouth & minimize side gaps.
- * NO SITTING or STANDING in the Gathering Space, back of the church or chapels during Mass.

(Parent emergencies with small children are the exception)

PARISH OFFICE: 703-998-6100 **Hours:** Mon-Fri, 9:00 am - Noon, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm; Sun, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
The church building CLOSES at 8:00 pm, Monday - Friday & following 5:00 pm Masses on Saturdays & Sundays.

PARISH WEB SITE: www.blessedsacramentcc.org

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

Sunday in Spanish: 2:00 pm

**NURSERY: Suspended until further notice*

WEEKDAY MASSES: Church

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

Saturday, 8:30 am only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Daily 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

Last Sunday of the month, 10:30 am: Daily Chapel

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 K-8 classes to be offered VIRTUALLY this year!

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.



*My Jesus,
 I believe that You
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and
 unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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

Valerie Garcia, principal

1417 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

703-998-4170 www.bssva.org

"All are Welcome"



Corner

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Dear Good People of Blessed Sacrament,

Today we celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem and the beginning of the most sacred week of our Church year. Jesus was welcomed among cheers and gladness as King and then put to death on the Cross of Calvary just a few days later. We honor Him today as Lord and King of our lives and we commit ourselves to serving Him faithfully until He calls us home to Himself!

I invite all of you to join in the various Masses and other liturgical services of these graced days of Holy Week. The beauty of the Sacred Scriptures, the solemnity of the various rites and the moving music all add to our worship and our commemorating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. To celebrate these days as a parish family brings us closer together in our faith and enables us to truly sing Alleluia on Easter day! Please make every effort to be a part of our Holy Week.

We thank our faithful Knights of Columbus for another delicious and successful Carry Out Fish Dinner this past Friday. They provide a delicious meal, and we in turn support the Knights many charities, especially the parish high school scholarship program. Thank you brother Knights and thank you parish members for your support!

Because of your ongoing support and generosity, we have now reached **over 79%** of our **Bishop's Lenten Appeal** goal for our parish. This outpouring speaks volumes of your willingness to support the various programs and ministries of the Bishop and the Diocesan offices. I have no doubt that we can reach our goal and I ask every parish family to do your sacrificial part to make this a reality. Thank you and God reward you!

Blessed Sacrament is known for our concern and outreach to the poor and needy of our area. During these months of the pandemic we have been approached by so many people who need help in making ends meet. Your generous support of the **Poor Box** has made that assistance a reality for so many. In January we were able to give out \$8,065.00 in assistance, in February it was \$3,700.00 and so far in this month of March we have given out \$6,200.00 to the needy. Through our parish outreach and in conjunction with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society of neighboring Alexandria parishes we have helped with paying rent, utilities, medicines and basic food stuffs. Many of those seeking help have recently lost their jobs because of the pandemic. They are predominately restaurant workers and domestic workers - cleaning houses, offices, etc. Your goodness and care offers them hope and the compassion of Christ. Thank you for all you do for the least of our brothers and sisters.

As we await changes from the Governor of Virginia and the lifting of restrictions from our Bishop, we continue to ask you to wear your face masks here in the church, to maintain safe distances at Mass and to call ahead or use the **SignUp Genius**© to reserve a space for Sunday Masses and Holy Week services. Thank you for your cooperation and respect for one another. Have a very blessed and grace-filled Holy Week and may we always be united in our faith and love for the Lord.

God love and keep you!

Rev. John Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, MARCH 28 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

- 7:30 am ~ Spec Int - Joan Shanahan (Maggie Keane)
 9:00 am ~ Anthony Pipilo+ (Linda Pipilo)
 11:00 am ~ Juan Romero+ (Roxana Cunha)
 12:30 pm ~ Brian Brunette+ (Bob Heckman)
 2:00 pm ~ Priest's Intention
 5:00 pm ~ Corinne Lavalley+ (Sandi Paige)

MONDAY, MARCH 29 - Monday of Holy Week

- 6:30 am ~ Patrick & Marie Walsh+ (Family)
 8:30 am ~ Spec Int - Robert Smittcamp (Maggie Keane)
 7:00 pm ~ Spec Int - Bernie Weeks (Maggie Keane)

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 - Tuesday of Holy Week

- 6:30 am ~ For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis
 8:30 am ~ Thomas Carone+ (Angie Giuseppe)
 7:00 pm ~ Spec Int - Gustavo Del Valle (Seferina)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 - Wednesday of Holy Week

- 6:30 am ~ Peter Talomie+ (Angie Giuseppe)
 8:30 am ~ Msgr Frank Mahler+
 7:00 pm ~ John Duffy+ (Maggie Keane)

THURSDAY, APRIL 1 - HOLY THURSDAY

- 8:30 am ~ MORNING PRAYER
 7:00 pm ~ MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - Mass for the People

FRIDAY, APRIL 2 - GOOD FRIDAY (Fast & Abstinence)

- 8:30 am ~ MORNING PRAYER
 12:00 pm ~ MIDDAY PRAYER
 3:00 pm ~ CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
 7:00 pm ~ TENEBRAE (Quinn Hall)
 7:00 pm ~ VIA DOLOROSA En Español (Church)

SATURDAY, APRIL 3 - HOLY SATURDAY

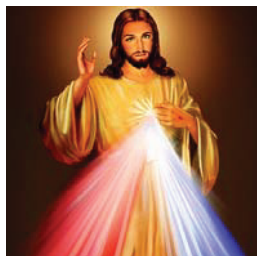
- 8:30 am ~ MORNING PRAYER
 12:30 pm ~ BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD
 9:00 pm ~ EASTER VIGIL - Mass for the People

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 7:00 am ~ Douglas Baker+ (His brother)
 9:00 am ~ William Andrew Giglio+ (Giglio Family)
 9:05 am ~ Conie Saldana+ (Irma Cosme)
 11:00 am ~ Madge Lehnert+ (Blessed Sacrament Staff)
 11:05 am ~ Don Duggan+ (Kathy Gaffney)
 12:45 pm ~ Sp Int - Marion Spoto (Karen Downey)
 2:30 pm ~ Amado Benedicto Alberto+ (Leonor Lopez)

FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ~

**will resume on
Friday, April 9th**

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

**begins on Good Friday,
April 2nd.**

**Copies of the prayers are available
on the tables in the Gathering
Space & Parish Office.**

**It can also be accessed online at
www.praymorenovenas.com**

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: **VIGIL** a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35;

or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20, 22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11;

c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18;

d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

Holy Week ~ TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:**HOLY THURSDAY: April 1**

- 8:30 am ~ Morning Prayer (Church)
 4:00 - 6:00 pm ~ CONFESSION (Daily Chapel & Quinn Hall)
 7:30 pm ~ **MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER (SIGN UP)**
 (Vigil of Prayer follows & Adoration ends at 12 am)

GOOD FRIDAY: April 2

- 8:30 am ~ Morning Prayer (Church)
 12:00 noon ~ Midday Prayer (Church)
 3:00 pm ~ **CELEBRATION of the LORD'S PASSION (SIGN UP)**
 (Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion)
 5:00 - 6:00 pm ~ CONFESSION (Chapel & Quinn Hall) *{Final Opportunity}*
 7:00 pm ~ **TENEBRAE** (Psalms & Prayers) (Quinn Hall) **(SIGN UP)**
 7:00 pm ~ **VIA DOLOROSA in SPANISH** (Church)

HOLY SATURDAY: April 3 {NO CONFESSION}

- 8:30 am ~ Morning Prayer (Church)
 12:30 pm ~ **BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD** (Church)
 (Bring foods, wine, candles, linens, etc. for use at your Easter dinner)

EASTER: April 3/4 (SIGN UP ALL MASSES)

VIGIL: 9:00 pm (Church) {2+ hours}

7:00 am (Church) ***NOTE TIME CHANGE**

9:00 am (Church)

~ 9:05 am (Quinn Hall)

11:00 am (Church)

~ 11:05 am (Quinn Hall)

12:45 pm (Church) ***NOTE TIME CHANGE**

2:30 pm Spanish ***NOTE TIME CHANGE**

Weekly Offertory Collection

Our Offertory Collection for March 14th was \$26,680.82.

This does include *FaithDirect*.

We received \$268.00 - Poor Box, \$251.00 - Building Fund, \$505.00 - Msgr. Martin T. Quinn School Endowment, \$24.00 - Arlington Catholic Herald, and \$5,558.00 - Catholic Relief Services.

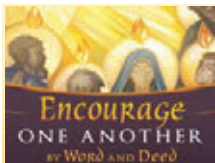
(For the foreseeable future, our SHARING distribution has had to be suspended.)

building OUR FUTURE together.



www.FaithDirect.net ~ Our church code: VA 12.

Your ONLINE gifts through *FaithDirect* will help our parish finances throughout the year.



2021 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL ~ We are at 70% !

The theme this year is "Encourage One Another by Word and Deed." Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Mission of our Lord Jesus throughout our diocese. **Safely donate directly to the BLA:**

Option 1 ~ PLEDGE ENVELOPES Use the ENVELOPE you will find at the church entrance. Fill out the card and drop it in the basket at the back of the church.

Option 2 ~ QR CODES QR CODES are printed on the BLA posters around the church, on the in-pew tabloid insert and on the link on our website. You can scan the QR code and be directed to the BLA webpage and enter your pledge/donation data.

Option 3 ~ TEXT "BLA" to 703-260-9800 Text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 and receive a link to be directed to the BLA giving page and enter pledge/donation data.

Please visit the 'Diocese of Arlington' tab on our website for a link to a short video message from Bishop Burbidge!

Offertory and Tax Deduction Changes for all Taxpayers

The ongoing support of parish offertory is so important in meeting our parish expenses. All taxpayers for 2020 may take an "above-the-line" deduction for up to \$300 in cash donations. If you do itemize, you may deduct up to the entire amount of your adjusted gross income (AGI) for cash gifts in 2020, without reference to the 60 percent limitation that would otherwise apply.

More information can be found here:

<https://arlingtondiocese.plannedgiving.org/cares-act>

A Gift to Our Blessed Sacrament School Children

The Msgr. Martin T. Quinn Endowment Fund

Join us in supporting the future of our Blue Ribbon school through the Martin T. Quinn Endowment Fund!

In 2008, our parish created the Quinn Endowment Fund to offer Blessed Sacrament School stable financial support. Named for our founding pastor and stalwart school supporter, the Quinn Endowment Fund offers the most reliable source of funding - one that fosters long-term financial strength for the school by investing the funds and not spending them on immediate needs. The earnings on these investments will offer the school sound financial support for years to come.

Currently, there are three main ways to contribute:

- ◆ *FaithDirect* (select 'Msgr. Quinn Endowment Fund')
- ◆ *Yellow Envelopes* (in monthly offertory packets)
- ◆ School Website (www.bssva.org - select "Support")

Thank you!

**The Parish Office will be closed
from Noon, Thursday, April 1st
until 9:00 am, Tuesday, April 6th.**



FAST & ABSTINENCE

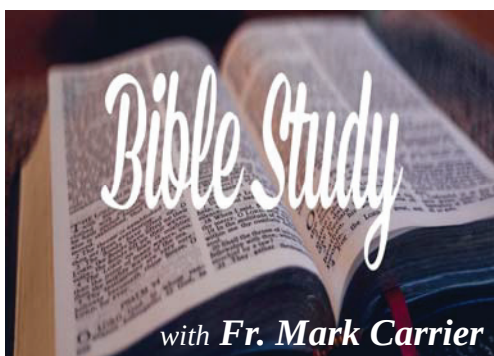
Everyone, age 14 and over, is bound to obey the law of abstinence from eating meat. Abstinence is to be observed on all Fridays within the season of Lent. On **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, everyone over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year is also bound to observe the law of fast. On 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.



Women of Blessed Sacrament Parish gather and explore topics in the faith, scripture, and prayer. Pursue holiness through St. Therese's "Little Way" and through the Holy Spirit Semester has begun! Email us if you'd like to join... (No session on Monday, April 5th...)

- ◆ Mondays, 7:30-8:45 p.m., February 8 – May 10 (skipping federal and school holidays)
- ◆ Main Church (with masks & social distancing)
- ◆ Adoration and Reflection Weekly reflections will stem from *"The Way of Trust and Love"* then *"In the School of the Holy Spirit"* by Fr. Jacques Philippe, which will be for sale. To receive information and registration, email: MagnificatBSCC@gmail.com



Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm, or Wednesday mornings, 9:15 am ~

Bring your Bible (& face mask) to socially-distanced [QUINN HALL](#)

"Portrait of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark"

In the upcoming weeks of Lent, we will explore the portrait of Jesus made through the witness of Saint Peter in the Gospel of Mark.

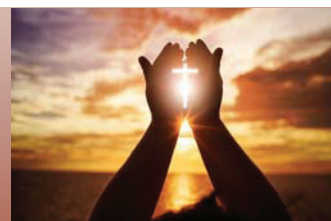
(Drop-in: No registration necessary) Questions? email: mfcaime@cs.com

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

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 a name on this list.)

Ryan Barnett, Brandon Bert, Michael Bouffard, Jason Brooks, Richard W. Brown, Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byrns, Cady Byrnes, Tim Byrnes, Andrew Berrigan, 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, 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, Christopher Wallace, Abby Warden, Thomas Warring.



St. Joseph, Pray for Us.

Be sure to pick up a 'Year of St Joseph' prayer card from the Gathering Space.



Prayer Warriors Needed for Opioid Crisis Response

Catholic Charities needs Prayer Warriors to privately offer petitions of concerns for those who are struggling with the effects of addiction to opioids and other substances. You can pray anytime, anywhere for so many who are struggling. To become a Prayer Warrior and to receive our monthly newsletter containing encouraging advice, helpful resources and prayer requests, please visit:

<https://www.cdda.net/need-help/prayer-warriors/>

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 and efficient 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 website.

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

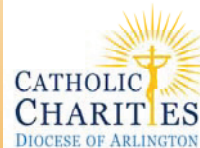
Please also notify the parish office of family status changes or if you move.



CHRIST HOUSE ~ 131 S. West Street

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! (ALexandrians InVolved Ecumenically!)

www.alive-inc.org 703-837-9300

Any individual interested in volunteering must register via Volunteer Alexandria
<https://www.volunteerallexandria.org/>

Information on other ALIVE! food programs can be found: <https://www.alive-inc.org/we-need-volunteers-alexandria-va>

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



Mother of Light Center will hold a major clothes distribution event in May. Help us provide clothing for those in need by donating *new or gently used* clothes and shoes for women and children. Slacks, jeans, spring jackets and sweaters, underwear, T-shirts, blouses, skirts, and more. Please visit: www.motheroflightcenter.com for a list of essential items or contact us at motheroflightcenter@gmail.com with any questions. **DROP OFF:** 421 Clifford Av., Alexandria, Mon.-Sat., 10 am-2 pm.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS TO BLESSED SACRAMENT. THANKS!



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.**

Volunteer Teachers Urgently Needed!

ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) teachers needed to teach virtually. Teachers are only asked to teach one class period per week but may teach more if desired. We allow teaching in pairs for those who wish to teach with a friend or spouse. No experience or foreign language ability necessary and all materials and training provided! If interested, please email:

volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net or call 571-208-1572.

Interpreters needed on Zoom ~

Mother of Mercy (MoM) Virtual Interpreters Needed. MoM's mission is to provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured in the Diocese. The majority of MoM's clients speak Spanish. The Clinics are in need of Virtual Interpreters to help improve communication between the Client and the Medical providers. All interpreting services will be remote via Zoom. Training provided. If you can help one 4-hour shift a month, please register here:

<http://bit.ly/VolunteerMotherofMercy>



Weekly Diocesan TV Mass

10:30 & 11:00 am every Sunday 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

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and via the (free)

Ave Maria Radio APP!

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



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: Thu., APRIL 8th ~ 7:00 pm ~ QUINN HALL (so we can social distance) WEATHER PERMITTING
We continue to work on lap blankets, baby blankets & prayer shawls. Thanks to our work & many anonymous crafted donations, we have gifted over 150 hats, scarves, neck warmers & gloves this winter! We have yarn if you need it.
Drop-off your hand-made donations at the parish office any time. Thanks!

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



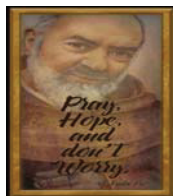
St. Monica, diamond of unwavering faith, pray for us! It is estimated that 20 million Americans consider themselves to be lapsed Catholics. More than likely, we all know someone within each of our own families who simply no longer practices the faith or has not yet come to know Jesus. St. Monica is patroness & 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



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

PRIME-TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS

PTSC serves single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for: Lunch (every Thursday); For details, see our website: bit.ly/ptsc For questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com



The SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Northern Virginia

"Meets" at 2:30 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every month. Now virtual, please call or email: Art at 571-236-6080 or sanpio@comcast.net for more information.



SENIORS & RETIREES!

- ♦ 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! Send your email to: communications@seniorservicesalex.org



USHERS & Greeters at Sunday Masses:

With current guidelines for attending Mass at this time, Ushers & Greeters are needed to assure all parishioners can attend our Masses safely & comfortably.

If you think you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Marie in the parish office (703) 998-6100 x. 104

or mniernberger@bscva.org (If you are already helping, please also contact. Thank you!)



**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 FREE until June 30. 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!**



All men of the parish are welcome!

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

Questions? timothygoobic@gmail.com

Join us whenever you can!

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RESPECT LIFE

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www.vacatholic.org (Virginia Catholic Conference)
 #WhyWeMarch MarchForLife.org

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ~ 40DaysForLife.com www.PrayForLife.org
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**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)  
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ROSARY for LIFE

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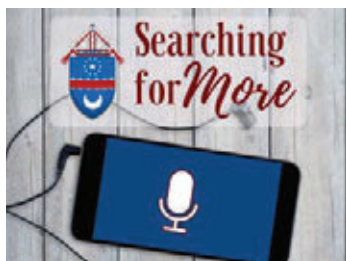
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