Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020

A Spiritual Communion

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.
PARISH OFFICE: 703-998-6100  Hours: Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm (closed 12-1), 7 pm - 9 pm; Sunday, 9 am - 12 pm
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: During 9 & 11 am Sunday Masses;
(Walking to age 6. Early Childhood Center (ECC) of School)
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. Kevin Dansereau, 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
Mary Walker, Director of Youth Ministry
Marie Niernberger, Bulletin Editor/Liturgical Environment
YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD): (September - May)
Grades K-8 classes on Sunday am or Wednesday evening; Grades 1 & 2 on Monday afternoon. Preschool class, Sunday am.
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.

IMMEDIATELY (3/16/20) & UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, by order of Bishop Michael Burbidge:
ALL PUBLIC CELEBRATION of MASS (Sundays included) is SUSPENDED, as is Adoration, Stations of the Cross & all events.
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For the time being, CONFESSIONS will be heard ~
Monday-Friday, 7:00-8:00 am & 7:00 pm, and Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm
ONE person at a time ONLY, in the Daily Chapel.
Please see the signs in the Gathering Space.
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The church building will remain OPEN ~
Monday-Friday, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday, 7:30 am to 6:00 pm
As per orders, no more than 10 people can congregate at one time & should always remain 6 (six) feet apart.
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Dear Good People of Blessed Sacrament,

Yesterday was the Fourth Sunday of Lent, which is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. We are called to rejoice as we are mid-way through our Lenten journey and preparing ourselves for the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries: the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. I must confess it was a little hard to rejoice! We are all missing you terribly and it is so quiet around the parish plant. Normally our parish facilities hum and right now you can hear a pin drop!

But we know you are all out there and that you are praying for us and for each other. We priests remember you throughout the day as we pray the Liturgy of the Hours for you and your intentions and as we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our temporary chapel. We are separated physically but united spiritually. I guess that is a wonderful reason to rejoice!

Father Kevin posted a photo of the make shift chapel in the living room of the rectory. We take turns offering the various Masses which normally would have been offered in the church. The seminaries that we send our future priests to have all been closed for the time being and they have sent our seminarians home. We at Blessed Sacrament are hosting Robert Wagner, who is a member of our parish and Andrew Lewandowski who is from Saint Francis de Sales in Purcellville. We welcome them and it has been nice to have some different people to talk with. The four priests are getting bored with each other!

Many people come into the church throughout the day to pray and be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We also have confessions each morning and evening and the response has been edifying. Kind hearted and generous parish members have continued to bring food to donate to Alive and other outreach groups. Truly our faith is alive and thriving despite the many regulations and changes.

I have been so touched by all our parish members who have mailed or dropped off their regular parish contributions. Just like you, our utilities bills and other expenses continue on. Most importantly we are trying to pay the salaries of all our faithful and devoted staff during these days of uncertainty. So I thank you most sincerely for your generous support. This may be a time to look into the Faith Direct giving program which is explained within our weekly bulletin. I have no doubt that you will continue to support us in prayer and in generosity. Our parish family will emerge as a stronger and more vibrant People of God. We take comfort and strength from Our Savior’s words “Do not be afraid.”

We miss you, we love you and we anxiously look forward to welcoming you home to Blessed Sacrament. Until then, may we be united in prayer and confident in the loving protection of the Mother of God. May God be praised!

Devotedly yours in the Lord,

Rev. John D. Kelly
Entrustment to Our Lady in the time of pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise us our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

(Pope Francis, in a video audience from Rome, 11 March 2020)
During this crisis time, you can mail in your weekly offering envelopes to us... ...or this is also good time to sign up for online giving...

Visit www.FaithDirect.net and use our church code: VA 12. Your gifts through FaithDirect will help our parish finances throughout the year.
**Respect Life**

**Helpful Resources:**
- [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org) (Virginia Catholic Conference)
- #WhyWeMarch
- [MarchForLife.org](http://MarchForLife.org)

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**Rosary for Life:** Each Saturday ~ 9 am *
Meet in the Gathering Space ~ Pray in the Daily Chapel

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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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**Project Rachel:** Share the good news of God’s merciful love. 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)

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**‘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. (The next First Saturday is APRIL 4th)
For inquiries, contact Amy McInerny at (703) 841-3817 or respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS!**

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**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

On Saturday, April 4th and Saturday, April 11th,

**ALIVE!, Inc.**

(ALexandrians InVolved Ecumenically!)

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

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**Food Distribution**

On Saturday, April 4th and Saturday, April 11th,

ALIVE! will distribute free food for
Alexandria residents in need from
8:30 am to 12 pm
(or until supplies run out) in the parking lots of
John Adams Elementary School
(5651 Rayburn Ave.)
and the Cora Kelly/Leonard “Chick” Armstrong
Recreation Center (23 W. Reed Ave.).

Bags of food will be distributed on a drive-thru basis.
Each car will be eligible to receive up to four bags or one bag per person; no more than four bags will be distributed to each vehicle. Individuals who walk on to the sites will be asked to observe social distancing practices by maintaining six feet of personal space.

Any individual still interested in volunteering must register via [Volunteer Alexandria](http://www.volunteeralexandria.org/)

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They are vetting and clearing everyone.

Information on other ALIVE! food programs can be found at
[https://www.alive-inc.org/](http://www.alive-inc.org/)

we-need-volunteers-alexandria-va.

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**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, on the website or at the “Newcomer’s Table” in Quinn Hall on Sundays.

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.
Have you thought at times that you would like to do a little more for God?
Please come to our meeting to find out about how, with the help of the Holy Spirit, you can help Jesus and Mary!

The Legion of Mary
Thursdays ~ 7:15 pm ~ Meeting Room

Information? email: LegionofMaryBlessedSacrament@gmail.com

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 or website: bit.ly/ptsc
For questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com

SENORS & RETIREES!
LINE DANCING ~ All are Welcome!
Low impact - we’ll teach you the steps! Join us on Mondays, 1:30-2:30 pm, Quinn Hall. Call parish office for info.

~ At the Parish Center ~ TUESDAYS
CANASTA 9:30 am -12:30 pm
BRIDGE 12 - 3 pm
Contact: Stella Perry (703)751-8429
Or Ann Corro (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

VBS June 29 ~ July 2, with a final party on the evening of July 2nd.

REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE NOW!!

Commissioned By Christ
PERU Mission Trip with Msgr. John Cregan and Susan Doyle, June 20-27. Msgr. Cregan will be the Chaplain and Susan Doyle, our Director of Religious Education, will be the mission trip leader as we travel to Piura, Peru.
Details and registration at www.commissionedbychrist.org

CBC is a ministry within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington that organizes mission trips for families and adults.
Other upcoming mission trips include Lare, KENYA, with Fr. Joseph Rampino, July10-19 (deadline March 15).
Space is limited. Visit the website or call Michelle Haworth at 571-699-3339

LOCAL EVENTS TOO! Visit the website for information
The SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Northern Virginia
Meets at 2:30 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every month in the Blessed Sacrament Church Daily Chapel.
Need more info? Art ~ 571-236-6080 or sanpio@comcast.net

Listen to Catholic Radio WMET 1160 AM and via the (free) Ave Maria Radio App!
Visit: www.grnonline.com

Weekly Diocesan TV Mass to the Homebound
10:30 am every Sunday on Channel 50 (WDCW)
This Mass airs for members of our Catholic family unable to be physically present for Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

Haven of Northern Virginia
4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, VA 22003
Call 703-941-7000 or email: havenofnova@verizon.net or www.havenofnova.org

Haven of Northern Virginia is committed to offering support, compassion, information, resources to the bereaved, seriously ill, the dying, and their family and friends. Volunteers offer comfort and support while helping people cope with feelings of fear, loneliness and a host of other emotions associated with grief.

SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP
1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month ~ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
No registration required

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Flexible Volunteer Opportunities ~
MOTHER OF LIGHT CENTER
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For as little as 2 hours per month, you can help us at the Center with prayer, sorting & packaging food, clothing, comfort items & spiritual items. You can also go out with trained volunteers to visit & reach out to the poor & homeless individuals as a link to the Center.
We also arrange activities for holidays & fundraising events.
Get in touch today!
motheroflightcenter@gmail.com

Reduce My Use! Save the Bay!
The sixth grade class of Blessed Sacrament School urges you to help us protect the Chesapeake Bay Watershed by using REUSABLE BAGS, which can be bought at most grocery stores, instead of commonly used disposable plastic bags. Thanks!
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/

Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse
Thursday, June 18, 2020 ~ St. Luke Catholic Church
This Mass is for the whole Church, in solidarity with victims/survivors of abuse, as we pray together for healing.

Thinking of getting a new car?
Please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities. We accept working vehicles and give them directly to families in desperate need of transportation. We also accept non-operational vehicles to fund our volunteer programs. We handle the paperwork, you receive the IRS donation receipt. To donate, please call 703-841-3898 or email cars@ccda.net

“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life?
Call Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Do not conform yourselves to this age but BE TRANSFORMED by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God...
Romans 12:2

2019-2020 Diocese of Arlington SEMINARIANS
Please pray for our seminarians by name...
Stop by the parish office for a prayer card with the names of current seminarians and a Vocations prayer.

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Sign up NOW!
www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue
Every 3rd Sunday, comments by Bishop Michael Burbidge

‘Searching for More’ features interviews and discussions on a range of topics affecting Catholics in today’s world. Guests include clergy, local Catholics, doctors, technology experts, Catholic news anchors, and even Hollywood actors starring in epic biblical dramas. In addition to interviews, some podcasts will emanate from inspiring talks, speeches, homilies, and lectures given throughout the Diocese. The podcast is dedicated to the patronage of our diocesan saint, St. Thomas More.
‘Searching for More’ joins the ‘Walk Humbly’ and ‘Catholic Herald’ podcasts as diocesan audio offerings. Visit: arlingtondiocese.org

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