

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ~ April 2, 2023
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



LENTEN SCHEDULE (April 3rd, 4th, 5th)

***DAILY MASS**

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

***CONFESSIONS**

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

***ROSARY:** Monday - Wednesday: 8:00 am

Holy Week 2023 ~ TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

HOLY THURSDAY: April 6th

8:30 am ~ Morning Prayer (Church)

4:00 - 6:00 pm ~ CONFESSION (Daily Chapel)

7:30 pm ~ MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER

(Vigil of Prayer follows in Daily Chapel & Adoration ends at 12 am)

GOOD FRIDAY: April 7th

8:30 am ~ Morning Prayer & 12:00 Noon ~ Midday Prayer (Church)

3:00 pm ~ CELEBRATION of the LORD'S PASSION

(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion)

GOOD FRIDAY: (cont'd -)

5:00 - 6:00 pm ~ CONFESSION (Daily Chapel) {Final Opportunity}

7:00 pm ~ TENEBRAE (Candlelight readings, psalms, Prayer) (Gym)

7:00 pm ~ VIERNES SANTO (VIA DOLOROSA) SPANISH (Church)

HOLY SATURDAY: April 8th

~ 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 8/9th

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

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

9:00 am (Church) and 9:05 am (Gym)

11:00 am (Church) and 11:05 am (Gym)

12:45 pm (Church) *NOTE TIME CHANGE

2:30 pm ~ Spanish *NOTE TIME CHANGE

PARISH CLERGY:

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

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 (2) Sunday Masses.

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

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SUNDAY MASSES: Church

Vigil Mass **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: Church, Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am

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

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



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Dear Good People of Blessed Sacrament,

Today with joy and gladness we celebrate Christ's entry into the city of Jerusalem where He is acknowledged as King. We carry palm branches as did the people of Israel to welcome Christ and to claim Him as our Messiah. In just a few days these same people would put Him to death on the cross of Calvary. May we always follow Christ and carry our crosses with faith for He alone will save us from our sins and bring us to the life of Heaven!

I am so very grateful to Marie Niernberger and her helpers who will be decorating our church for the services of Holy Week and the Easter Sunday Masses. The beautiful flowers will remind us of the new life we receive from Christ who has risen from the dead and brought new life to those in the grave.

We thank John McCrary and our parish choirs for the beautiful music of Holy Week and Easter. They spend so many hours preparing for these days and so generously share their talents with us to help us praise God in song. God reward you for all you do to help us worship Him with joy and gladness!

Our Knights of Columbus outdid themselves with the "Friday Fish Dinners" throughout this Lenten season. We had great turnouts and enjoyed a delicious Lenten meal through all their hard work and dedication. We also thank them for the great "St. Patrick's Potluck Dinner" and especially for the treats on "Donut Sundays". Our Knights do so much to provide opportunities for us as a parish family to come together, to have a good meal and to celebrate who we are as brothers and sisters in the Lord. Thank you Knights of Columbus and all those who volunteered throughout these forty days of Lent!

The seniors and retired folk of our parish had a grand celebration in honor of Saint Patrick a few weeks ago. We celebrated Mass in the church and then over eighty people enjoyed a delicious lunch of corned beef, cabbage, homemade Irish soda bread and all the fixings. It was a great day to be Irish and we thank all those who made our celebration possible.

As always I am so grateful to all of you for your generosity and support of our parish. We are now at 74 % of our parish goal with 26 % percent of our parish members participating in the annual **Bishop's Lenten Appeal**. Please consider making a gift if you haven't yet so that we can make our goal and do our part to support the many programs and ministries of the Diocese of Arlington. Thank you!

It has been so edifying to see you take part in our Lenten journey. Thank you to all those who have participated in our three daily Masses, have received the Sacrament of Penance in our twice daily confession times and have made the Way of the Cross with us at Stations each Friday. All our efforts to prepare and draw closer to the Lord bear fruit as we strive to live our faith each day.

On behalf of myself, Fathers Carrier, Tom and Peter, and all our staff here at Blessed Sacrament we wish you and your families a very joyous, blessed and grace-filled Holy Week and Easter!

May Christ our Savior who has risen from the dead save us and lead us one day to the glory of Heaven!

Lovingly yours in our risen Lord,

Rev. John Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 - PALM SUNDAY

- 7:30 am ~ **Mass for the People**
 9:00 am ~ **Spec Int - Barrett Family** (Jack & Liz Barrett)
 11:00 am ~ **Aldina Maestri+** (Clelia & Benito Isaja)
 12:30 pm ~ **Lynn Sherman+** (George & Mary Cushmac)
 2:00 pm ~ **Rodolfo Carlos+** (John & Elizabeth Chimento)
 5:00 pm ~ **Libby Franko+** (Denise & Kevin Dauray)

MONDAY, APRIL 3 - Monday of Holy Week

- 6:30 am ~ **Dr Williard Gaylin+** (Ed Andrews)
 8:30 am ~ **Stella C Perry+** (Walter Perry)
 7:00 pm ~ **Paul Rogers+** (Clara McLaughlin)

TUESDAY, APRIL 4 - Tuesday of Holy Week

- 6:30 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**
 8:30 am ~ **John Dluhy+** (Connie & Bud Hart)
 7:00 pm ~ **Jack Mertz+** (Mary Anne Aker)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 - Wednesday of Holy Week

- 6:30 am ~ **Rev Jerome Daly+** (Ed Andrews)
 8:30 am ~ **Clare Wamsley+** (Connie & Bud Hart)
 7:00 pm ~ **Sarah Lombardi Pietrafesa+** (Tom & Mary Ann Hoffman)

THURSDAY, APRIL 6 - HOLY THURSDAY

- 8:30 am ~ **Morning Prayer**
 Noon ~ **Mid-Day Prayer**
 7:30 pm ~ **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

FRIDAY, APRIL 7 - FRIDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

- 8:30 am ~ **Morning Prayer**
 Noon ~ **Mid-Day Prayer**
 3:00 pm ~ **Passion of the Lord**

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 - HOLY SATURDAY

- 8:30 am ~ **Morning Prayer**
 12:30 pm ~ **Blessing of Easter Food**
 9:00 pm ~ **Easter Vigil ~ Carol Delnegro+** (Mary Ann Aker)

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - EASTER SUNDAY

- *7:00 am ~ **Alfred Cafaro+** (Shelly Kolb) *Note time change
 9:00 am ~ **Mass for the People**
 9:05 am ~ (Gym) **Patrick & Marie Walsh+** (Family)
 11:00 am ~ **Filippo & Carmela Isaja+** (Clelia & Benito Isaja)
 11:05 am ~ (Gym) **Hope Dell a Ratta+** (Rosalie Gilroy)
 *12:45 pm ~ **Brenda Giuseppe+** (M Young) *Note time change
 *2:30 pm ~ **Juan Venegas & Juana Mendoza+** (Family)

Pray for the Sick of the Parish

MARIA JUAREZ ASCENCIO, AIDA BALDERAMA, IAN BALLUTIS,
 JUDY BOWMAN, J. COLLINS, ZACHARY DOYLE, DOLORES GOETZ,
 MICHAEL HART, FRANCES HOLLAND, PATSY LAYER,
 NOREEN LOPEZ, FRANK Mc DERMOTT, BRUCE & MARY MILLER,
 LAURA OGDEN, LYNN POOLE, DONNA RAFFAELE, NORMA RAFFAELE,
 HARRY THOMPSON, Jr., TIMOTHY TOBIN, MICHAEL UNDERWOOD
 MAUREEN WAHL, VINCE WHITMORE, ANGELA WILSON,
 BONNIE WOODS. (Please call the parish office with additions & deletions)

Readings for the Week

Sunday, April 2, Palm Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
 Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;
 Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 -27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

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, 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

TRIDUUM ~

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 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 Gn 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 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; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday, April 2, Easter: 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



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, Jason Brooks,

Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byrns, 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 Hinden-
 burg, Faith Holman, David Jordan, Jonathan Jordan, Matthew Kitzerow, Ste-
 ven Kitzerow, James Kunder, Allison Landsman, Joseph Lim, Christopher
 Love, Alexa Mastrostefano, Grace McCaffery, 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, Abby Warden, Thomas Warring.

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, 04/02 - Rev. Paul M. Eversole

Monday, 04/03 - Rev. Joseph W. Farrell

Tuesday, 04/04 - Rev. Jerome W. Fasano, (Ret.)

Wednesday, 04/05 - Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson

Thursday, 04/06 - Rev. Jonathan R. Fioramonti

Friday, 04/07 - Very Rev. Andrew J. Fisher, VF

Saturday, 04/08 - Rev. Michael J. Folmar

Easter is a powerful time for families to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and his presence with us today. The Daughters of St. Paul at Pauline Books & Media in Alexandria host their annual

Risen Jesus Party

for kids 3-7 on the **Saturday, April 15th**, 11am to 2pm. Storytime (11:30am & 1pm), songs & a fun craft, Easter egg hunt, coloring & refreshments. Information: **703-549-3806** or alexandria@paulinemedia.com. RSVP appreciated, not required.



LINDSAY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:

Demolition & construction is progressing on the center & back parcels of the Lindsay Automotive properties adjoining our church property. Fern Street (*private*) in front of Lindsay has been closed. Osage Street (*public*) is open, but may be affected by one-way zones throughout the coming summer months. Please be aware & continue to use caution when using this access to the back parking lot.

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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 am** until **Benediction & Reposition at 5 pm**.

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

The Parish Office will close at Noon on Holy Thursday, April 6th, and re-open at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11th.



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.



Are you an adult who has not been Confirmed?

We can help you finish this step in your faith journey.

Our six-session course starts Thursday, April 20th at 7 pm.

Please contact **Susan Doyle** for information

& to sign up ~ sdoyle@bscva.org or (703) 998-6100

(We must have your baptismal certificate in order for you to participate in the class.) **Diocesan Adult Confirmation** takes place at 3 pm on Sunday, May 21st at St. Raymond of Peñafort, Springfield.



If you have ever wanted to read the Bible all the way through, join us every week! We will read for an hour straight each session, and Fr. Carrier

will remain afterwards to answer questions - the goal is to read the Holy Scriptures in a year. We will use the Revised Standard Version (RSV) Catholic Edition for the reading, but bring whatever bible you have and read along.

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. PARISH CENTER or Wednesday mornings, 9:15 a.m. DAILY CHAPEL

(Drop-in: No registration)

Detailed materials provided, but Bring your Bibles!

Questions? email: mfcaime@cs.com

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

Offertory Collection ~ Thank you!

Our Offertory Collection including *FaithDirect* of *March 19th* was **\$35,941.00**. We also received \$252.00 - *Poor Box*, \$510.00 - *Building Repairs Fund*, \$150.00 - *Quinn School Endowment*, and \$2,455.00 - *Catholic Relief Services-CRS* (without *Faith Direct*).



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



2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) "My Soul Rejoices in the Lord"

We are 3/4th's of the way there!!

So far we have reached 74% of our goal - & there is still time to pledge. 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 joyfully make a pledge to support God's Kingdom in our diocese! Scan the QR code or make a gift at: **www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA**



Blessed Sacrament School is seeking a **full-time 8th grade homeroom/middle school science teacher** for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. The 8th grade homeroom teacher is responsible for teaching science to one class each of 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. If possible, the 8th grade teacher also teaches 8th grade literature to one class. Ideal candidates have a deep devotion to the Catholic faith, strong classroom management skills, and practice communicating with parents. Applicants must submit a completed application to the Diocese of Arlington and be certified to teach in Virginia. Interested candidates should also submit a cover letter with professional references and resume to **Ms. Kate Chelak** (school principal) at **kchelak@bssva.org**



Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust

34th Annual Ceremony of Commemoration by the City of Alexandria, Virginia

April 18th ~ Noon ~ Market Square / 301 King Street (inclement weather: City Hall Council Chambers, 2nd Floor)

Info at: **www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation** or call **(703) 746-5565**

PALM SUNDAY

BAKE SALE

APRIL 1st & 2nd ~ TODAY!

After ALL Morning Masses ~ Quinn Hall

BUYERS NEEDED

... No Cookie Left Behind !!

Delicious goodies to support our school !

***BAKERS needed too !!**

Donations of baked goods WELCOME!

PLEASE ~ clearly label items, noting any special ingredients (i.e., nuts, egg-free or gluten-free). Please deliver donated baked goods to the school office on **Friday, March 31st** during school hours, or deliver them to Quinn Hall on **Saturday, April 1st**, between 2 & 4:30 pm. **Thanks for your continued support!**





Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 13th ~ 7:00 pm ~ MEETING ROOM / PARISH LIBRARY

We continue our work on lap blankets, baby blankets, prayer shawls, hats & scarves. 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)



BLESSED SACRAMENT 39+ SINGLES: Contact: Tom Palumbo - tomtal1@verizon.net 703-313-8388
PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC): We are single Catholics, 40 and over, who are free to marry by Catholic standards.

Meet us for: Thursday lunches.

For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc Questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com

(Are you 40 to 59? Ask Tom about our free limited-membership offer.)

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**

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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!

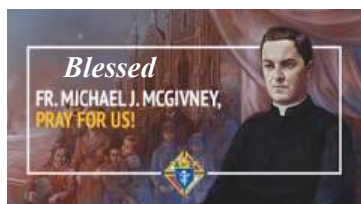


Expectant moms (and dads): How can we help you?

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

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



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.**



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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@vakofc.org or call the Parish Office and leave a message. A Knight will return your call. **Vivat Jesus!**

Authentic Catholic Mission Trips - Where will your faith take you in 2023? **Jamaica**, April 22-29 with Fr. James Waalkes; **DR & Haiti**, May 13-20 with Fr. Stephen McGraw; **Kenya**, July 6-15 with Fr. Joseph Moschetto; **Peru**, Aug. 3-12 with Fr. Rich Miserendino; **Vietnam**, Oct. 25 – Nov. 4 with Fr. Vincent Dinh. More info & register: www.cbc-missions.org

AUTHENTIC CATHOLIC MISSION TRIP for ADULTS in FREDERICK COUNTY, VA ~ JUNE 24-27th

Serve the poor in our local communities! CBC is partnering with the **Diocese of Arlington Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries** for a post-**WorkCamp** mission trip to help diocesan contractors with remaining construction projects and clean-up at worksites. Open to adults ages 18 and up.



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The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

Next Delivery: Sunday, APRIL 9th (YES, we need lunches on EASTER ~ Thank You!)

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!**



Blessed Sacrament Carpenter's Shelter Monthly Dinner Program

Blessed Sacrament parishioners provide dinner for the residents of **The Carpenter's Shelter** 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 mbbersani@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!**



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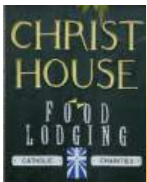


Mother of Light Center www.motheroflightcenter.com

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

Volunteers greatly accepted!

Email: motheroflightcenter@gmail.com



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



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6:30 am on **UPTV (Passionist Fathers)**

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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 Falls Church facility at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA. For inquiries, Amy McInerney at (703) 841-3817 or respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org

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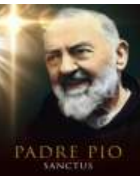
Every Saturday ~ around 9-9:15 am ~ women's clinic at 2839 Duke St (near Bishop Ireton H.S.) ~ Our "turn" to lead is 2nd Saturday of the month.

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

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



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**



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THE LEGION OF MARY

Meeting day & time: Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Meeting Room / Parish Library

Questions? Call or email the parish office with your contact information. (703) 998-6100 par-



Free the Slaves ~ A call for support for victims of human trafficking in our community **"An open wound on the body of contemporary society."** ~ So says Pope Francis on human trafficking - also known as modern slavery. 50 million people around the world are held in human trafficking, made to work through force, fraud, or coercion. January is national human trafficking prevention month, and the community of Blessed Sacrament can take action to spread the word and raise awareness. Victims of human trafficking in our community need help and support in mental health, shelter, foods, health care and other basic needs.

Free the Slaves has tools to help: <https://freetheslaves.net/take-action/how-to-take-action-2/>

Contact **Free the Slaves** at info@freetheslaves.net to learn how you can help raise awareness in the community this month! See the Arlington diocese's official statement on human trafficking here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb0JwT0sFh8>

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