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Easter ~ April 12, 2020

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Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302

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

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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;

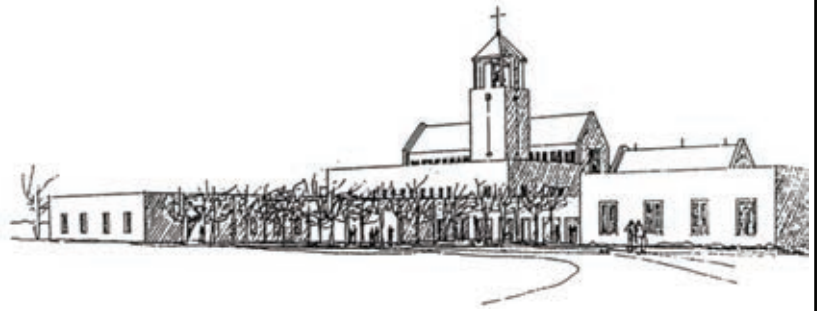
Grades 1 & 2 on Monday afternoon. Preschool class, Sunday am.

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.



UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, by order of Bishop Michael Burbidge:

**ALL PUBLIC CELEBRATION of
MASS**

is **SUSPENDED**,

as is Adoration, Stations of the Cross & ALL events.

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.**

For Holy Week, **CONFESSIONS** will be heard ~

Monday-Friday, 7:00-8:00 am & 7:00 pm,

Saturday, 3:30 to 4:30 pm

ONE person at a time ONLY, in the Daily Chapel.

Please see the signs in the Gathering Space.

**Our priests will be celebrating Mass each day
in private to fulfill all scheduled Mass Intentions
on our calendar.**

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, APRIL 12 - EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

7:30 am ~ **Marge & Tony Fernandes+** (Family)
 9:00 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**
 11:00 am ~ **Frank Di Placido+** (Niernberger Family)
 12:30 pm ~ **Mass for the People**
 2:00 pm ~ **Spec Int ~ Consejo de la Renovacion Catolica de Arlington**
 5:00 pm ~ **Virginia Yorio+** (Angela Donatelli)

MONDAY, APRIL 13 - Monday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 am ~ **John Temple+** (Carol Rose)
 8:30 am ~ **Souls in Purgatory+** (Lana Sarrantonio)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 - Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 am ~ **Michael Peffers** (Ed Reynolds)
 8:30 am ~ **T E Soto+** (Rosemary Aarhus)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 - Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 am ~ **Carlos Perez+** (Josefina)
 8:30 am ~ **Roland Savage Family Deceased+** (Bud & Connie Hart)

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 - Thursday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 am ~ **Bob Cushmac+** (Cushmac Family)
 8:30 am ~ **Marietta Wenderoth+** (John Wenderoth)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 - Friday within the Octave of Easter

6:30 am ~ **Louis Pinette+** (Sandy Paige)
 8:30 am ~ **Linda Kearney+** (Chasse Family)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 - Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**
 5:00 pm ~ **Agnes Davis+** (Rita Koch)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

7:30 am ~ **Jerry Eberwein+** (Morning Coffee Group)
 9:00 am ~ **Stephen Carney+** (Kelly Family)
 11:00 am ~ **Spec Ints of Sandy Taylor** (Irma Cosme)
 12:30 pm ~ **Mass for the People**
 2:00 pm ~ **Jerry Eberwein+** (Claire Eberwein)
 5:00 pm ~ **Harold Davis+** (Rita Koch)

**I am the Resurrection
and the Life**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2: 14, 22-33; 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22;
Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9;
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9;
Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a;
Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18,
19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Easter 2020

Dear Good People of Blessed Sacrament,

Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!
On behalf of Fathers Kevin, Yehl and Carrier and all our staff here at Blessed Sacrament, we wish you and yours a joyous and blessed Easter!

Never in our own history have we had a Lenten journey, Holy Week and celebration of Easter Sunday as we have this year. It has been a challenge for us all but despite all the fear, worry, inconvenience, loss, etc., Christ has triumphed over sin and death and given us new life through water and the spirit. Our holy faith endures and hopefully has been strengthened during these weeks of quarantine and social distancing.

On Ash Wednesday we heard Our Savior challenge us to fast, pray and give alms as we prepared for the celebration of the Paschal Mysteries. As a parish family we have taken those words to heart by our time of prayer, study of scripture and making sacrifices to show our love for the Lord. You have also reached out to the poor and needy of our community through your generosity to the poor box and our food collections. I also am so grateful that during these difficult times you have continued to support our parish. Your goodness has enabled us to continue paying our employees and other bills and caring for our parish facilities. God reward you!

As I have written to you each week, we miss you terribly. Our whole lives as priests center around you and your spiritual care. Not being able to see you, talk to you, laugh with you has been so painful. We patiently wait until life will return to normal. Until then we rejoice in the goodness and love of our God who sent His Son to us that we might have eternal life. May we imitate Him in all that we say and do. Happy Easter dear people and God bless and protect us all!

Devotedly yours in the Lord,

Rev. John Kelly

On March 31, 2020, John "Jack" D. Kelly, father of Rev. John D. Kelly, passed away in Pennsylvania. An obituary can be found at www.snyderfuneralhome.com As so many of you have asked, and in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Anne's Retirement Community, Benevolent Fund, 3952 Columbia Ave, West Hempfield Township, PA 17512 Fr. Kelly and his family are deeply consoled by your prayers, support, and love at this difficult time.



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Easter 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Although the celebration of Easter this year will be like no other due to the pandemic, the truths of this sacred day remain constant and unchanged. By His Cross and Resurrection, Jesus conquered the power of sin, darkness, suffering and death. We celebrate His victory on Easter as we proclaim together that Jesus has been raised from the dead and He is alive and with us!

In the midst of these unsettling times for all of us, I encourage you to share the Good News of Easter with others, as well as your love for God and your trust in Him. Show them that you find true happiness in following His ways and commands. Continue to share your time and resources with others, especially the weak, the vulnerable and those in most need. In all these ways, you help to reflect the presence of Christ to them.

With faith and in joyful hope, entrust your families, our nation and our world to Our Lord Jesus and His saving power. May He bless you and your families and fill you with His peace at Easter and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

Father Mark Carrier

will be updating his blog DAILY with reflections on the readings of the day and a prayer.

sanctiscriptores.blogspot.com

Come to the web and explore this careful and devout examination of the Word of God.



In Lent it is suggested:

- ◆ All FRIDAYS are Days of *Eucharistic Adoration*; of *fast*; of *good works*; and *celebration of The Way of the Cross*
- ◆ All SATURDAYS are *Days of the Rosary*

FAST AND ABSTINENCE ~

The norms, as per 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.

Please join us in prayer as we ask for God's guidance & protection of troops, law enforcement, EMT's, firefighters, or anyone serving in harm's way.

Cole Barry, Ryan Barnett, Brandon Bert, Michael Bouffard, Jason Brooks, Richard W. Brown, Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byrns, Cady Byrnes, Timothy Byrnes, Andrew Berrigan, Nicholas Cale, Adam Conlan, Robert Corso, Analee Cuellar, Nathalia Cuellar, Bradley Cundari, Matthew Cundari, Nuno Cunha, Richard Demarais, Dennis Donley, 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, Patrick McGee, Mateo McGrath, Sam Mills, Timothy Mills, Matthew Mourning, Lisa Mullaney, Hanna Porterfield, Gray Posey, Thomas Rands, Jamie Reynolds, Erik Rogers, Mary Severs, Ryan Stancik, Travis A. Stoffer, Kyle Thomas, Josh Truman, Michael Voigt, Christopher Wallace, Thomas Warring.



"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

COLOSSIANS 3:2

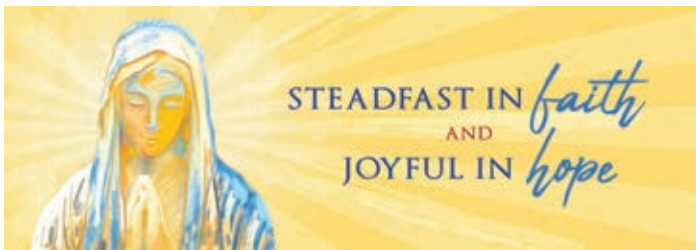
Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

The "life" of our parish goes on, even during this unprecedented time. Please continue your weekly donations to the extent that you are able. Thank you.

**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.



The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is critical to our diocesan needs and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work - works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. **Thank you!**



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FOOD DISTRIBUTION

On Saturday, **April 18th**,
ALIVE! will distribute free food for
Alexandria residents in need from

8:30 am to 11:00 am

(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**

<https://www.volunteerallexandria.org/>

They are vetting and clearing everyone.

Information on other ALIVE! food programs can be found at

<https://www.alive-inc.org/we-need-volunteers-alexandria-va.>

RESPECT LIFE



Helpful Resources:

<http://www.arlingdiocese.org/religiousliberty/>
www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/
www.vacatholic.org (Virginia Catholic Conference)
#WhyWeMarch **MarchForLife.org**

Rosary for Life: Each Saturday ~ 9 am *

Meet in the Gathering Space ~ Pray in the Daily Chapel

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.arlingtodiocese.org/gpavolunteer

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

'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 McInerney at (703) 841-3817 or respectlife@arlingtodiocese.org

PARISH MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION:

It is important that you are **registered** in our parish so that we may respond appropriately to your various needs. All parishes within the Diocese of Arlington have set, geographical boundaries. These boundaries are used to calculate an accurate census of the faithful in our diocese, to establish the most equitable eligibility for school enrollment, and to assure that our clergy are able to respond to your pastoral needs in a timely 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.



**Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl
Knitting & Crochet Ministry**

MEETING: TBD

7-8 pm, Parish Center

Questions? Call Lana at 703-299-8389

We continue to work on lap blankets, baby blankets & prayer shawls. We have yarn if you need it. Drop-off your hand-made donations at the parish office any time. **Thanks!**

(NOTE: In case of inclement weather or other emergency, we follow Alexandria City & Public Schools closure policy.)



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



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



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Have questions about our Knights of Columbus Council? Email gk11947@vakofc.org or call the parish office, 703-998-6100, leave contact information & a Knight will return your call. For more information about the Knights of Columbus, visit KofC.org



All men of the parish are welcome to the

MEN'S GROUP

Saturdays

7:00 - 8:30 am

QUINN HALL

Breakfast - opens at 6:30 am

Questions? timothygoobic@gmail.com

Join us whenever you can!

SENIORS & RETIREES!

LINE DANCING ~ All are Welcome!

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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

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LOCAL EVENTS TOO!

Visit the website for information

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Race season is getting underway, so is this campaign to support our future priests of our diocese in the **Race for Seminarians** campaign. Runners and walkers of all levels can get sponsored for their races; cheer squads can encourage them as they log the miles, donors can pledge to support specific runners, and prayer warriors can back up their efforts.

Visit ArlingtonDiocese.org/Run

to learn about all these options and start building your team today!



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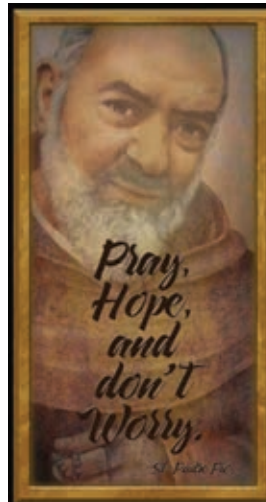
1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month ~ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

No registration required

Weekly Diocesan TV Mass to the Homebound

10:30 am every Sunday on
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This Mass airs for members of our Catholic family unable to be physically present for Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.



The SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Northern Virginia

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motheroflightcenter@gmail.com



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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.

He is not here! He is Risen!



Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. Are you being called to proclaim the Lord's resurrection?

Call Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or write:

michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org



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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.



Bishop Burbidge's Homilies Online

Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our Shepherd? Homilies are posted weekly on the diocesan YouTube page.

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Every 3rd Sunday, comments by **Bishop Michael Burbidge**



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