

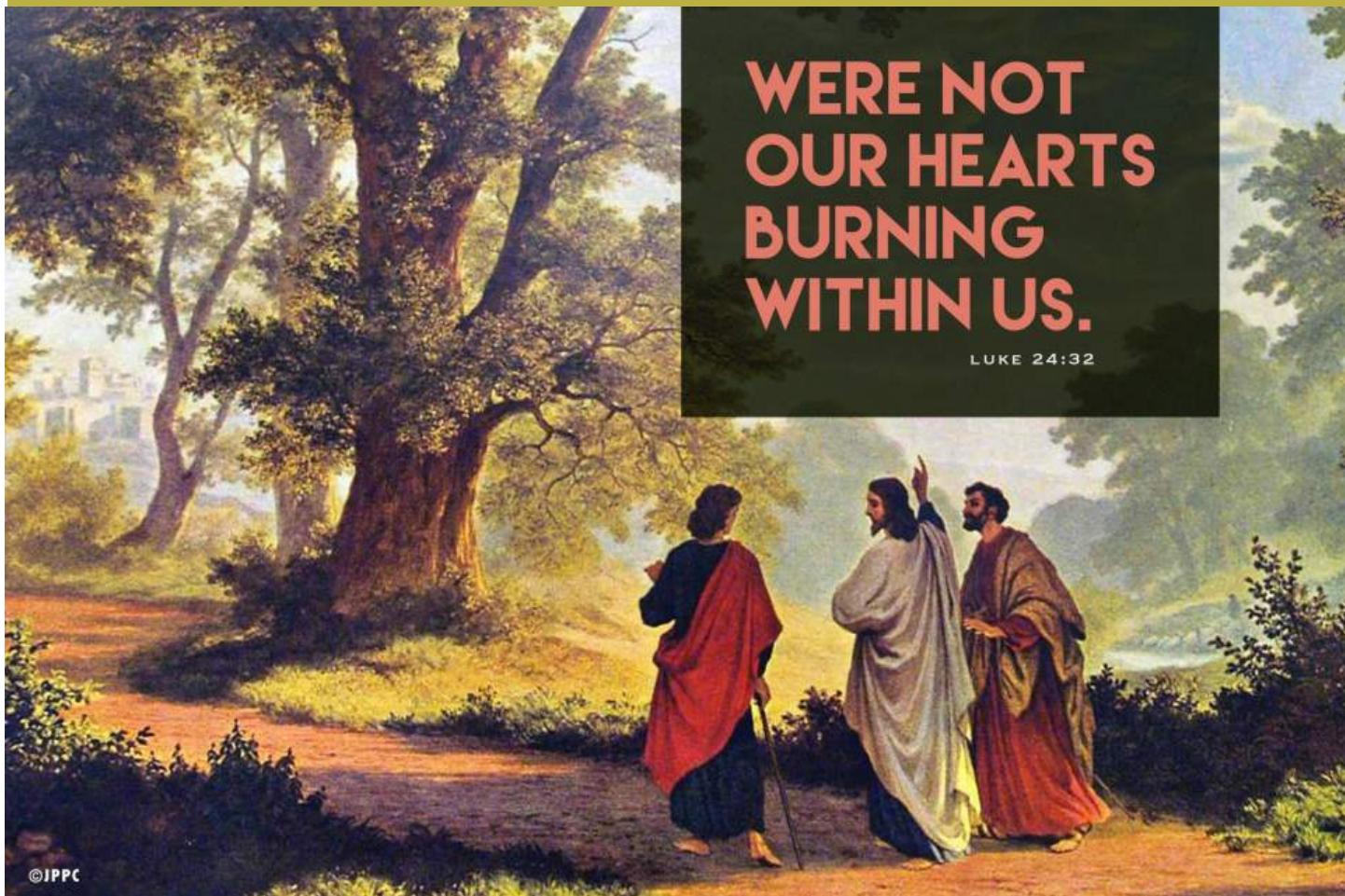
3rd Sunday of Easter ~ April 23, 2023

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302

**WERE NOT
OUR HEARTS
BURNING
WITHIN US.**

LUKE 24:32



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

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.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

1417 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

703-998-4170 www.bssva.org

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

Katherine Chelak, principal



...and so does our NURSERY!

*Sundays, during the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses
 in the ECC of the school. Adult supervision of your children.
 They play so you can pray! Come & give us a try!*



FRIDAY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Come to pray any time,

but mid-day & afternoon visits are most needed.

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.)



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

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - 3rd SUNDAY of EASTER

7:30 am ~ **Melania & Anthony Dourado+** (Dourado Family)
 9:00 am ~ **Matthew Vanderbush, Jr+** (Patricia Kalata)
 11:00 am ~ **Spec Int - Antonio Oppice & Family** (B & C Isaja)
 12:30 pm ~ **Mass for the People**
 2:00 pm ~ **Kenia Dayana Gramajo Rios+** (Family)
 5:00 pm ~ **Andrew Benson+** (McKenna Family)

MONDAY, APRIL 24 - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

6:30 am ~ **Rev Jerome Daly+** (Ed Andrews)
 8:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Fr Hugh Cleary, CSC** (Paolo Rosales)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 - Saint Mark, Evangelist

6:30 am ~ **J B Mertz+** (Mary Ann Aker)
 8:30 am ~ **Celia B Hart+** (Bud & Connie Hart)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 - Easter Weekday

6:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Denis Drapeau** (Elaine Drapeau)
 8:30 am ~ **Regina Giuseppe+** (Angie Giuseppe)

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 - Easter Weekday

6:30 am ~ **Robert P Higgins+** (Mary & William Gately)
 8:30 am ~ **Brousseau Family Deceased+** (Rita & John Koch)

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 - St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

6:30 am ~ **Patrick & Marie Walsh+** (Family)
 8:00 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor

8:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Christine** (Family)
 5:00 pm ~ **Mary Louise Koehl+** (BSS 6th Grade Class)

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th - 4th SUNDAY of EASTER

7:30 am ~ **Dean Moren+** (Reynolds Family)
 9:00 am ~ **Juliette Tucker+** (Winnie & Alec Robinson)
 11:00 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**
 12:30 pm ~ **Deacon Lynn Sherman+** (Barbara Sherman)
 2:00 pm ~ **Bao & Gapo Sanchez+** (Cathy Santiago)
 5:00 pm ~ **Mass for the People**

Pray for the Sick of the Parish

MARIA JUAREZ ASCENCIO, AIDA BALDERAMA, JUDY BOWMAN,
 J. COLLINS, ZACHARY DOYLE, DOLORES GOETZ, MICHAEL HART,
 FRANCES HOLLAND, ANNE MARIE HOHMAN, PATSY LAYER,
 NOREEN LOPEZ, FRANK McDERMOTT, BRUCE & MARY MILLER,
 DONNA RAFFAELE, NORMA RAFFAELE, IRVINE RODRIGUEZ,
 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 23, 3rd Easter: Acts 2:14, 22-33;
 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21;
 Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17;
 Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a;
 Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
 Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,
 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 30, 4th Easter: Acts 2:14a, 36-41;
 Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
 Jn 10:1-10

**I am the
 resurrection
 and the Life**



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 Hindenburg, Faith Holman, David Jordan, Jonathan Jordan, Matthew Kitzerow, Steven 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, 04/23 - Rev. Andrew J. Heintz
Monday, 04/24 - Rev. John F. Heisler
Tuesday, 04/25 - Rev. John Paul Heisler
Wednesday, 04/26 - Msgr. F.J. Hendrick, (Ret.)
Thursday, 04/27 - Rev. James C. Hinkle
Friday, 04/28 - Rev. Stephen Holmes
Saturday, 04/29 - Rev. Patrick Holroyd



Corner

April 17, 2023

Dear Good People of Blessed Sacrament,

With great sadness I announce that Father Thomas Yehl has been given a new assignment by Bishop Burbidge. Beginning this summer he will be the Chaplain of the Catholic Campus Ministry serving Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. We have been so richly blessed by his presence these past four years and will miss his friendly, happy and caring manner. The young people of Virginia Tech will soon discover and appreciate his love for the Lord and His Church and will grow closer to Christ by his loving example.

Bishop Burbidge will be assigning another priest to serve us here at Blessed Sacrament and he will arrive when all the other assignments take effect later this summer. Please pray for Father Yehl as he prepares for his new assignment. News of his farewell celebration will follow later. Our parish has been so gifted by so many priests over the years. Father Yehl has enriched us all!

God bless you,

Father Kelly



In Memory of ~

Nuta's father
Helen & Gordon Aanensen
Lillian Adomi
Mike Akom
Louella Alegrado
Benjamin Ambas
Hanielica Ambas
Hedwig Anthos
Paul C. Baker
Theresa Baker
Ruth Cabero Balderrama
Bazualdo Parents, Son, Brother
M / M Richard Begley
M / M Thomas Begley
Anna Bethea
Walter Bethea
Michael Biondi
M / M Thomas Black
James R. Blackwell
Celerino, Maria & Ligaya
Borbajo
William Burke
CPT & Mrs. John Burns

Dr. Harold Casey
Ghengis Chan
Checcino Family Deceased
Aaron Clark
Heather Anne Cole
Collins Family Deceased
Tereza & Raul Cordova
Percy Harold Cooper
Mary Jane Cooper
Gaetano Crescenti
Theresa Crescenti
Adela Crump
Ronald Cullen
Bob Cushmac
Darlene Daniels
Joseph DeFarlo
Deleguardia Family Deceased
M / M Ben Dean
Dolores Demaree
Catherine DeMartino
Carol Downey Dienes
Donnelly Family Deceased
Kathleen M. Donnelly
Edward Downey
Mary Downey
Eluh Family Deceased

Fabiana Franco
Vera Gerhardt
Anna T. Gromek
Peter J. Ierardi
Anne C. Joseph
Lorraine Kennedy
Jose Knize
Josef Knize
Stephany Knize
Halina F. Krause
Jan P. Krause
Matthew S. Krause, Sr.
Dennis & Jacqueline Kruse
Binnie Kellogg
Joseph & Rita Koman
Rosario Laman
Dario Lorenzetti
Johnnie Lewis
Marie Mai
Linda Maier
Frank & Mary Manfredi
Manfredi Family Deceased
Robert Manzke
Jim McAtee
Tom & Mary McDermott
Mairita Grisell Cabero
Mercado
Edgar Molina
Raven Morgan
Lorna Nacua
Roman & Crisanto Namata
Omokundro Family Deceased
David Parrish
Daniel C. Perch, Jr.

Mary Petrine
Cornelia Piper
Lynn David Poole
Plunkett Family Deceased
Dan & Connie Rico
Suzie Rico
Maureen Rivera
Mario Rodriguez
Rosa & Raul Rodriguez
Hugo Cabero Rollano
Juan A. Romero
Rutsohn Family Deceased
Samuel M. Salud
Precisa Santos
Curt Sebright
Mark Shields
Linda Smith
Helen Stefanski
Mae Sukenik
John Sukenik
Emeterio & Teresita Supapo
Michael Suppa
Hugo Cabero Urquieta
Lourdes Uriquieta de Cabero
Frank Vernoia
Louis Vernoia
Arlene Virkaitis
Jack F. Wagner
Paula Walker
Delores Wall
Williams Family Deceased
Helen Zingarelli
Peter Zingarelli

Thank you

Offertory Collection ~ Thank you!

UPDATE: Our Offertory Collection including *FaithDirect* of *April 2nd (Palm Sunday)* was **\$42,352.63**.

Our Offertory Collection including *FaithDirect* of *April 9th (Easter Sunday)* was **\$53,321.63**. We also received \$326.00 - *Poor Box*, \$253.00 - *Building Repairs Fund*, \$536.00 - *Holy Thursday (for the poor)*, \$2,151.00 - *The Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)*, and \$697.00 - *Easter Flowers (without FaithDirect)*.



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"

There is still time to pledge ~ so far we have reached 89% of our goal. The BLA theme shares with the second preparatory year of the Diocesan Jubilee. 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**



**Catholic Charities Saint Lucy Project
& Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council 11947**

Spring Harvest

Food Drive

Help us help the people in our diocese who live every day with food insecurity. Grocery Gift Cards & Monetary Donations also appreciated. Bring donations to Gathering Space or pick up a **blue bag**... the **St. Lucy Project truck** will be here on **May 13th & 14th**

Thank you!

SHOPPING LIST

- 1 Peanut butter / 2 jam or jelly
- .Cooking oil, sugar, flour, masa
- .Spices (salt, pepper, cumin, paprika, cinnamon)
- .Canned meat or tuna
- .Rice and dried beans: 1-2 lb. bags
- .Canned vegetables
- .Canned fruit or raisins
- .Diced tomatoes
- .Cereal or oatmeal
- .Canned pasta and pasta sauce
- .Shelf stable milk

A Jubilee Journey with Mary

Did you know there are 11 churches in the Diocese of Arlington which are named for Our Lady?

During this second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to focus upon Mary and her role in pointing us to Jesus. To this end, Bishop Burbidge has invited all of us to visit as many of those 11 churches as possible and spend time in prayer at each!



Visit **www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/** for more information about this **Jubilee Journey with Mary!**
We hope that this initiative encourages you to grow in your understanding of Mary & your devotion to her!



"Mary Went in Haste" ~ A Marian Symposium

Please join as a diocesan family as we honor the Blessed Virgin in Year Two of our Golden Jubilee, "My Soul Rejoices in the Lord." **The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio**,

Archbishop for the Military Services USA, and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), will be the guest speaker at **"Mary Went in Haste" ~ A Marian Symposium** on Saturday, April 29th, at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Springfield. The day will start with Mass at 9:00 a.m., followed by a coffee break, a talk, and Q and A session at 10:30 a.m. Conclusion with the recitation of the Rosary. **RSVP: arlingtondiocese.org** **We look forward to seeing you there!**





Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 4th ~ 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 a social group, mostly 60 and over. (40 to 59? Ask about our free associate-member group.) Meet us for: Square Dancing (May 2, 16, 23, 30); talks and book signing at Nativity Church (May 3); Thursday lunches (May 11 and 25); walk in Fairfax (May 13); theatre at Greenspring (May 20); dinner in Occoquan (May 21).

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

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

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

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

SAINT MARTIN de PORRES SENIOR CENTER ~ 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria 22304

All Alexandria residents, 60+ years old are welcome! Daily activities & lunch. Transportation will be provided, but you must RSVP ~ **Call 703-751-2766**

SENIOR SERVICES of ALEXANDRIA (SSA) ~ Join "SSA Connection" to get a weekly email with the latest videos, information on activities & services, TED Talks, recipes & much, much more for Seniors in Alexandria! Email to: communications@seniorservicesalex.org



Fun for Seniors

Blessed Sacrament Seniors Health Ministry

Join us & learn ways to improve your **BALANCE, STRENGTH & FLEXIBILITY**

Safe Exercise, Low (No) Impact, Certified Instructor

Wednesdays ~ 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Quinn Hall

Come anytime you can ~ Continuous Instruction ~ No Cost (donations gratefully accepted)



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!

Listen to **CATHOLIC RADIO WMET 1160 AM**

and via the (free) Ave Maria Radio APP! Visit:

www.grnonline.com



Weekly Diocesan TV Mass 10:30 & 11:00 am Sundays 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



Since 1971

KOVAR Collection TODAY!
Our Knights will be outside the parish doors next weekend collecting for the state-wide support of the intellectually disabled.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



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?

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.



“Forming adults and families to serve and partake in the works of mercy.”

COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST

www.commissionedbychrist.org

CBC is a ministry within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington that organizes **LOCAL & OVERSEAS & VIRTUAL** mission trips for families and adults.

VIRTUAL EVENTS NOW! Visit the website for info.



The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

Next Delivery: Sunday, MAY 14th

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!**



ALIVE!, Inc. NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS! www.alive-inc.org 703-837-9300

Follow ALIVE! on Facebook and Instagram: [@alive4alexandria](https://www.facebook.com/alive4alexandria) and Twitter: [@ALIVE4AlexVA](https://twitter.com/ALIVE4AlexVA)

Questions? Email our Blessed Sacrament rep: BSCCALive@gmail.com

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

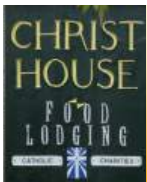


Mother of Light Center www.motheroflightcenter.com

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 Kilkeny 571-296-6969 mary.kilkeny@yahoo.com

Bring Love! Service Opportunities ~ Are you looking for a way to serve your community during Lent, and beyond? Join us in our mission to serve the needy in our diocese. We are seeking volunteers to help with feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, caring for the sick and welcoming the newcomer. Visit <https://volunteer.ccda.net> for a current listing of opportunities to serve.



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

ROSARY for LIFE

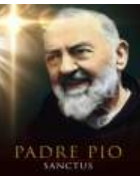
Every Saturday ~ around 9-9:15 am ~ women's clinic at 2839 Duke St (near Bishop Ireton H.S.) ~ Our "turn" to lead is 2nd Saturday of the month.

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

FREE Ultrasound Exam COUPON

Pregnant (or think you might be) and considering abortion? Please call or text 703-946-3077 to schedule your free ultrasound today with **ABC Women's Health and Ultrasound Center**. If you need a ride we can help with transportation. *Se habla español*. Visit abcwomenshealth.com. This coupon is valid for one free ultrasound. Limit one per client.



The SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Northern Virginia

Meets at 2:30 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every month in the Daily Chapel.

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**



Have you ever thought that you would like to do a little more for God?

You, with God's Holy Spirit, may help Jesus, Mary, and yourself with Spiritual Works of Mercy!

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>



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/

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Resource for Couples struggling with Infertility. The Diocese of Arlington, through the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, has developed a website called Our Fruitful Love to better accompany those suffering infertility and infant loss. To learn more about on-line resources and mentors, or if you would like to share your story, visit: www.ourfruitfullove.com



"Sundays with the Sisters" Rejoice Tour 2023

Witness the joy of our religious sisters during the "Sundays with the Sisters" Rejoice Tour 2023! An initiative for the year of preparation for our diocesan jubilee in 2024, the tour will showcase the religious women of our diocese who, like Mary, rejoice in the Lord by their daily surrender. The tour features an event at a different convent each month, bringing together sisters and lay women for prayer and community. **For single women ages 18-50.**

Upcoming: March 26: Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. RSVP by the Monday before each event to vocations@arlingtondiocese.org

More info at ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour

Multicultural Cookbook ~ Do you love to cook? Have a special cultural dish you love to share at family gatherings? We need you! As part of the Golden Jubilee for the Diocese of Arlington, the Multicultural Sub-Committee is producing a multicultural cookbook! It will include recipes from every culture, submitted by those who call the Diocese of Arlington home! Recipes will be reviewed and selected by a diverse panel, and then published in a keepsake cookbook in commemoration of the Diocesan Golden Jubilee. Recipes will be arranged according to the liturgical calendar so that, from years to come, folks will be able to open their cookbook at any time in the liturgical year and find a special recipe to enjoy! Find out more here and access the submission form: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table>

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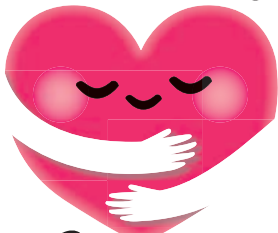
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