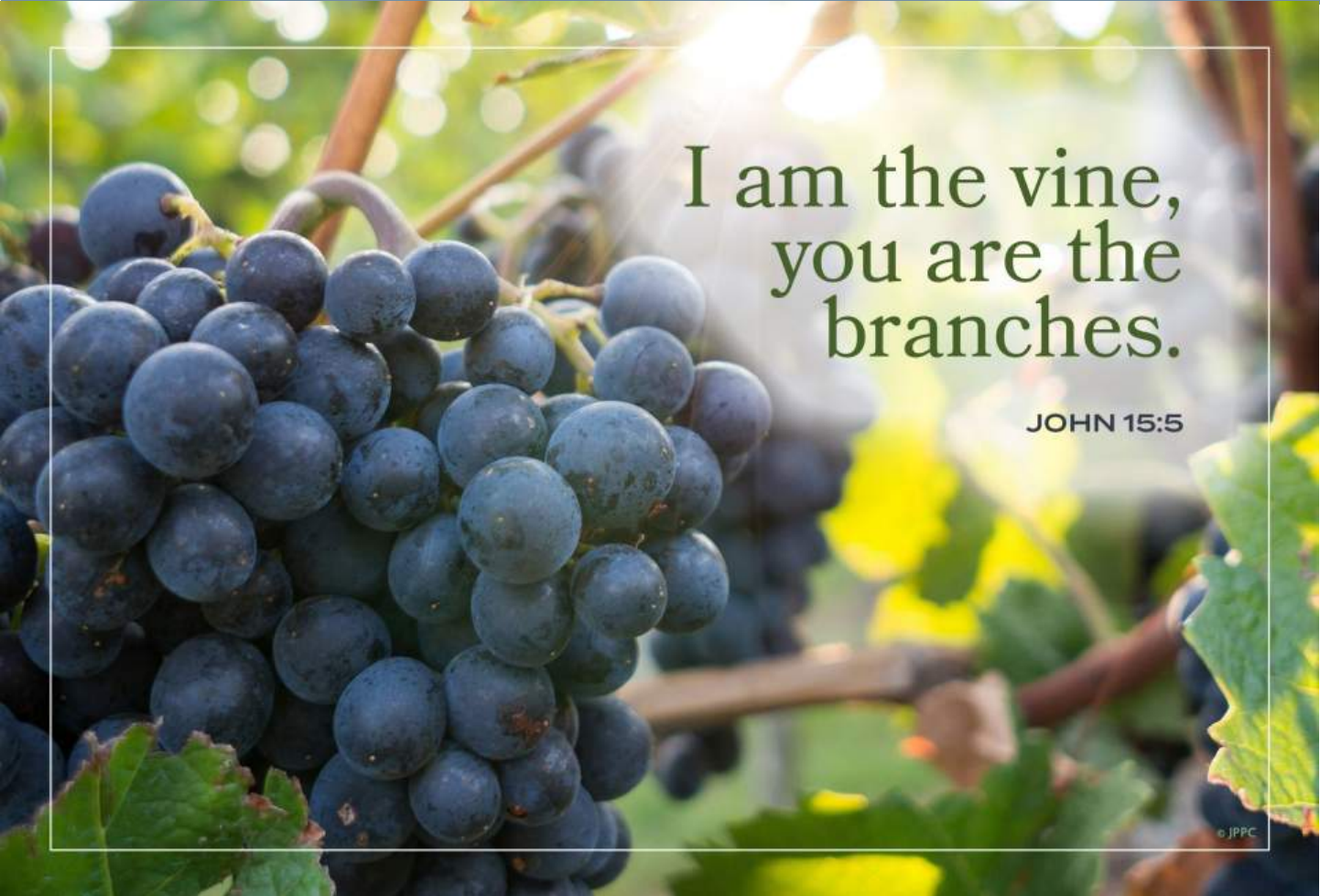


**5th Sunday of Easter ~ April 28, 2024**

# *Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church*

*1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302*



I am the vine,  
you are the  
branches.

JOHN 15:5

**SUNDAY MASSES:** Church  
Vigil Mass **Saturday:** 5:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30, 9:00\*, 11:00\*am, 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm  
\*NURSERY: At ECC through main school entrance  
**Sunday in Spanish:** 2:00 pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**  
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  
**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Chapel, Fridays, 9 am- 5 pm

**PARISH OFFICE:** 703-998-6100  
**Office Hours:**  
**Monday - Thursday,** 9 am - Noon, 1 pm - 7 pm.  
**Fridays,** 9 am - Noon, 1 pm - 5 pm. (*No evening hours*)  
**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](http://www.blessedsacramentcc.org)

**PARISH E-MAIL:** [parish\\_office@bscva.org](mailto:parish_office@bscva.org)

**FACEBOOK:** <https://www.facebook.com/Blessed-Sacrament-Catholic-Church-210791706782/>

**INSTAGRAM:** @blessed\_sacrament\_youth

**DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON:** [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org)

**PARISH CLERGY:**

Rev. John D. Kelly, Pastor  
Rev. Mark Carrier, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Andrew Clark, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Peter St. George, 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](mailto: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](http://www.bssva.org)

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

Katherine Chelak, principal

**JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN**



**...and so does our NURSERY!**

**Sundays, during the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses  
in the ECC of the school. Adult supervision of your children.**

**Blessed Sacrament Grade School  
& Early Childhood Center ~**

**OPEN HOUSE ~ Wednesday, MAY 1st**

This structured program for parents of prospective students begins PROMPTLY at 9:00 am until about 11 am. Visitors do not need to pre-register, but are welcome via our main entrance at 1417 West Braddock Road. You will have an opportunity to meet the principal, ask questions regarding our curriculum, and receive a tour of the school from current middle school students.



**Questions?**

Please call the school office:  
**703-998-4170**



Take advantage of the rich resources of **FORMED.ORG** ~

You can enjoy all the offerings available without creating an account.

**Formed** is now accessible to every parishioner by simply using our custom URL:

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

**PATIENCE**





**MASS INTENTIONS****SUNDAY, APRIL 28 - FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

- 7:30 am ~ **Brosseau Family Deceased+** (Rita Koch)  
 9:00 am ~ **Lou Rostand+** (Matt Agresti)  
 11:00 am ~ **Josephine & Dennis Freeman+** (Denise Landers)  
 12:30 pm ~ **Ricky Cosme+** (Ann McCormick McQuillan)  
 2:00 pm ~ **Souls in Purgatory+** (Lana Sarrantonio)  
 5:00 pm ~ **Mass for the People**

**MONDAY, APRIL 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena**

- 6:30 am ~ **Dorelle Rebeyro** (Fernandes Family)  
 8:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Jo Ogborn** (Shendy McAttee)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30 - Saint Pius V, Pope**

- 6:30 am ~ **Kathy Ardleigh+** (Adrien Cotton)  
 8:30 am ~ **Gordon Miller+** (Paolo & Eileen Rosales)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 - Saint Joseph the Worker**

- 6:30 am ~ **Ellen V. Murphy+** (Alix)  
 8:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Marie Han** (Fernandes Family)

**THURSDAY, MAY 2 - Saint Athanasius**

- 6:30 am ~ **Frank Rizzo+** (Peggy Alter)  
 8:30 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**

**FRIDAY, MAY 3 - Saints Philip & James, Apostles**

- 6:30 am ~ **Guadalupe Limjuko+** (Rodolfo & Malu Granados)  
 8:30 am ~ **Geraldine Carone+** (Angie Giuseppe)

**SATURDAY, MAY 4 - Easter Weekday**

- 8:30 am ~ **JoJo Andy+** (Eva Donley)  
 5:00 pm ~ **Mass for the People**

**SUNDAY, MAY 5 - SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER**

- 7:30 am ~ **Gloria Randour+** (Kathy Robertson)  
 9:00 am ~ **Phil Savarie+** (Ann McCormick McQuillan)  
 11:00 am ~ **Michael White+** (Channy White)  
 12:30 pm ~ **Ann Vandrovec+** (Eugene & Alicia Vandrovec)  
 2:00 pm ~ **Mirian Davila+** (Julio Cesar Davila)  
 5:00 pm ~ **Spec Int - Michael Haspert** (Eileen & Paolo Rosales)

**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, 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, Liz Hummelt, 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.

**Readings for the Week**

**Sunday, April 28th, 5th Easter:** Acts 9:26-31  
 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 Jn 3:18-24  
 Jn 15:1-8

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16  
 Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21  
 Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5  
 Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10  
 Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5  
 Jn 15:18-21

**Sunday, May 5th, 6th Easter:** Acts 10:25-26,  
 34-35, 44-48 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 1  
 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

**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, 4/28 - Rev. Patrick Holroyd**

**Mon., 4/29 - Rev. Edward R. Horkan**

**Tuesday, 4/30 - Rev. José Eugenio Hoyos**

**Wednesday, 5/1 - Rev. James C. Hudgins**

**Thursday, 5/2 - Rev. Zinjin N. Iglesia**

**Friday, 5/3 - Rev. Michael C. Isenberg**

**Saturday, 5/4 - Rev. Joel D. Jaffe**

*Please pray for the young people of our parish who have received Holy Communion for the first time on April 20th & 27th.*

**Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish**

**MARIA JUAREZ ASCENCIO, J. COLLINS, IRMA COSME, DONN GROVER, MICHAEL HART, PATSY LAYER, FRANK McDERMOTT, JOHN MILATZO, BRUCE & MARY MILLER, DONNA RAFFAELE, NORMA RAFFAELE, IRVINE RODRIGUEZ, HARRY THOMPSON, Jr., TIMOTHY TOBIN, MAUREEN WAHL, VINCE WHITMORE, SILVANA ZANELLI.**

*(Please call the parish office with additions & deletions)*

# GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

# GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

## Offertory Collection ~ Thank you!

Our Offertory Collection, with FaithDirect for *April 14th* was \$33,253.05.

We also collected \$254.00 - *Poor Box*, \$206.00 - *Building Repairs Fund*, \$10.00 - *Quinn School Endowment*, \$412.00 - *Votive Candles*, \$25.00 - *The Church in the Holy Land (Good Friday)*.



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



## 2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal

The theme this year was shared with the theme of our Diocesan Jubilee:

**"Behold, I make all things new."**

... 98% ~ Thank you!

## TODAY!

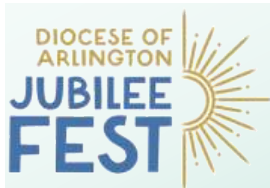
### 2nd COLLECTION ~ April 27/28th CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

The Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those dioceses in the United States that are unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. It may also give grants to other dioceses in the U.S. for particular projects, and to organizations and religious communities engaged in missionary work.

Please use your envelope, **FaithDirect**, or make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament with **"Catholic Home Missions"** on the memo line. **Thank you!**



## STRENGTHENING the CHURCH AT HOME



### Diocesan Jubilee Festival: Saturday, June 8th

Warren County Fairgrounds, Front Royal, VA. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington with parish family and thousands of faithful from across northern Virginia.

Kick off with Mass, celebrated by Bishop Burbidge. Following, enjoy live music by Celtic rock band, *Scythian*. This is a free event for all ages!

Registration is required to receive a complimentary meal.

Visit [arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest](http://arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-fest) to learn more and register!



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.  
*with Fr. Mark Carrier*

**Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m. PARISH CENTER or  
Wednesday mornings, 9:15 a.m. DAILY CHAPEL**  
(Drop-in: No registration) **Materials provided ~ Bring your Bible!**

Questions? email: [mfcaime@cs.com](mailto:mfcaime@cs.com)

**ALSO:** Visit *Fr. Carrier's* blog ~



## 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 9:00 a.m. until  
Benediction & Reposition at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Please prayerfully consider spending **just one hour** in prayer.





## WorkCamp 2024

We have 11 Blessed Sacrament teens who will be working June 22-28th in Winchester, VA to make the homes of those in need in our diocese warmer, drier and safer to live in. **DONATIONS to fund our efforts are gratefully accepted!** Use the QR code here or bring a check to the parish office. **Thank you!**

### WE NEED YOU!

Can you paint? Build a deck? Do basic home repairs? Be a volunteer **Contractor** at WC for a 5-teen team. (6/24-6/27)

Super rewarding experience! Contact Laura Zybrick for more info & to sign up. [lzybrick@yahoo.com](mailto:lzybrick@yahoo.com)

*We're keeping it light & cool!*

Sandwiches & Salads  
Senior & Retiree



## Spring Soirée!

Thursday, May 9th

\*Mass 11:00 am (Church) ~

\*Lunch follows (Quinn Hall)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** by Tue., May 7th – Noon

Call the parish office

or Email: [mniernberger@bscva.org](mailto:mniernberger@bscva.org)

Questions or want to lend a hand?

Call Marie - 703-998-6100 x104 Email: [mniernberger@bscva.org](mailto:mniernberger@bscva.org)

### St. Martin de Porres Senior Center

Center Address: 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria.

**Immediate Need for Volunteers:** If you've been looking for a way to get involved, consider this engaging opportunity to shine Christ's Light forward in the heart of a Senior Citizen. Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Senior Center is in need of volunteers to help greet clients, engage in meaningful activities and support our lunch service. Shifts are available Monday - Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Our most immediate need is for Thursdays. If you are interested, please email [Maria.Mellor@ccda.net](mailto:Maria.Mellor@ccda.net), or register at <https://bit.ly/42YKJ7V>

## DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT



Saturday  
MAY 4th

10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

Front Parking Lot

Bring your old documents, cancelled checks, paper, manila folders, window envelopes, etc.

(Please, **NO** - newspapers, magazines, cardboard, metals, binders, hard-drives, disks or tapes, etc.)

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus for



CASH DONATIONS gratefully accepted.  
Thank you for your support!

### Catholic Charities Saint Lucy Project

& Blessed Sacrament  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 11947



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 ~ the **St. Lucy Project truck** will be here **May 11th & 12th** **Thank you!**

#### SHOPPING LIST

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

## ...Parish Groups...



### Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 2nd ~ 7:00 pm ~ MEETING ROOM / PARISH LIBRARY

In 2023, our dedicated Knitters, Crocheters & Stitchers produced over 238 items for babies & our neighbors in need.

We continue our work on lap blankets, baby blankets, & prayer shawls. 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](mailto:mniernberger@bscva.org))

**BLESSED SACRAMENT 39+ SINGLES:** Contact: Tom Palumbo - [tomtal1@verizon.net](mailto:tomtal1@verizon.net) 703-313-8388

**PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC):** We are a social group, mostly 60 and over.

Meet us for: Lunch on Thursdays.

(40 to 59? Ask about our free associate-member group.)

Questions or to RSVP, email Tom at [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com)

For details, visit our website: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc)



## Fun for Seniors

**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](mailto:communications@seniorservicesalex.org)



## 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*)

### Calling all moms!

A new group for mothers of young children (including infants) is forming.

**Join us to pray the Rosary on Thursday mornings -- kids play, moms pray!**

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. in the Little Marian House (next to parish staff parking, 1601 West Braddock Rd)

Please contact Susan Doyle ~ [sdoyle@bscva.org](mailto:sdoyle@bscva.org) or call the parish office for info.



**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](mailto:tovey.maureen@gmail.com)

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



**MEN'S GROUP** ~ All men of the parish are welcome!

Join us on **Saturday** mornings

Open for hot breakfast @ 6:30 a.m. ~ Program @ 7:00 a.m. ~ QUINN HALL

Questions? [bsmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:bsmensgroup@gmail.com)

Join us whenever you can to grow in faith, fraternity & fellowship!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**E-membership in the Knights of Columbus for eligible Catholic men (age 18+)**

**is 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](mailto:gk11947@vakofc.org) or call the Parish Office and leave a message. A Knight will return your call. **Vivat Jesus!**



## DONUT SUNDAYS (2nd & 4th Sundays, usually!)

Join us in QUINN HALL after morning Masses for fresh Donuts, Coffee, Juice & Fellowship!

# TODAY!



## ...Community Outreach...



**"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 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](mailto:info@freetheslaves.net) to learn how you can help raise awareness in the community!

See the Arlington diocese's official statement on human trafficking here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb0JwT0sFh8>



### Immigration & Refugees ~ Volunteer Information Sessions Sign-Up

Please join us to learn more about how to help newly-arrived families thrive in Northern Virginia. We are offering volunteer information sessions about our opportunities and on-boarding process starting in January. They will be held the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in virtual format (Zoom) - Sessions will last about an hour. Registration is required: Please use the link to register for the information session that best matches your schedule. Registration link: [bit.ly/40pcwwH](http://bit.ly/40pcwwH)



### The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM ~ Next Delivery: MAY 12th

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. *Thanks!* Donations of bulk items are also welcomed. **\*\*\*SUNDAY DELIVER-ERS NEEDED... please contact us if you can spare 30 minutes on a Sunday morning a few times a year.**

Questions? Marie at 703-998-6100 x.104 or [mniernberger@bscva.org](mailto:mniernberger@bscva.org)



### Blessed Sacrament Carpenter's Shelter Monthly Dinner Program

Blessed Sacrament parishioners provide dinner for the residents of **The Carpenter's Shelter** on 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 [mbersani@outlook.com](mailto:mbersani@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!**



### Mother of Light Center [www.motheroflightcenter.com](http://www.motheroflightcenter.com)

421 Clifford Ave., Alexandria, Mon.-Sat., 10 am-2 pm. (703) 850-6701 Email: [motheroflightcenter@gmail.com](mailto:motheroflightcenter@gmail.com)

### ALIVE!, Inc. ~ NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS!

[www.alive-inc.org](http://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](mailto:BSCCAlive@gmail.com)

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



**Marian Homes needs your support!** *Marian Homes Inc.*, a Catholic, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe, supportive living environments for intellectually disabled adults, announces the purchase of its ninth home in Virginia. The latest purchase is in Winchester, VA, representing an expansion out of the Northern Virginia area. This expansion is part of a broader Capital Campaign to raise \$250,000 for the purchase and refurbishment of the home, which will accommodate four to five intellectually disabled adults seeking independent living solutions. Founded in 1996 by the St. Mary of Sorrows

Council 8600 of the Knights of Columbus, *Marian Homes, Inc.*, has been a cornerstone in the community, working closely with donors, partners, and local government agencies to create living spaces that currently serve 40 individuals. The organization's commitment to enhancing the lives of intellectually disabled adults by providing them a place to live independently as their parents age is more critical than ever. "We are calling on the community to help us transform this house into a home where four more individuals can live productively and contribute to society," said Jim McHugh, *Marian Homes, Inc.* President. "Our residents are capable of living full and active lives but often cannot do so alone. With your help, we can provide them with the independence they deserve." Intellectually disabled adults face unique challenges, and as they grow older, especially when their parents can no longer care for them, they require specialized living arrangements. *Marian Homes* fulfills this need by offering a place where they can live with dignity among peers. This model not only supports the individuals but also provides peace of mind to their families, knowing their loved ones are in a safe, caring environment. **Can you help?** We need hearts and hands.

**If you would like to volunteer with this organization, please contact Lisa Anthony-Price, [marketing@marianhomes.org](mailto:marketing@marianhomes.org)**

**To donate to our Capital Campaign, navigate to <https://www.marianhomes.org>**

**Thank you for your prayers and care!**

# ...Respect Life...



Helpful Resources: [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org)  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (~search~) "religious liberty"  
[www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org) (Virginia Catholic Conference)  
#WhyWeMarch [MarchForLife.org](http://MarchForLife.org)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE ~ 40DaysForLife.com [www.PrayForLife.org](http://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](http://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](http://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 McInerny at (703) 841-3817 or [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto: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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion)

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## Days of Prayer and Healing ~

**After Abortion Retreats:** A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturdays, June 1st, & September 28th. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org)



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**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. **Join us today, & everyday, 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



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## Holy Hour for Encounter Every First Thursday

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cares on the Heart of the Eucharistic Lord who desires to free you and restore you to new life.

The Holy Hour, **every first Thursday** at 7 p.m. at **St. Thomas à Becket** in Reston, will include a Eucharistic Procession, opportunities for confession, as well as worship music led by a different musician each month.

The celebrant will be Fr. Rich Dyer, Pastor,  
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Questions? (703) 841-2550.



## ...Around the Diocese...



### Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

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### Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203 Contact John French [john.french@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:john.french@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-3819

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**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/](http://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!**



### Bring Love! Service Opportunities ~ Are you looking for a way to serve your community?

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.cdda.net> for a current listing of opportunities to serve.



**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. Information at (703) 841-2530 [www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/)**



### Find Heaven in Your Home

Did you know that putting your Catholic faith at the heart of family life makes everything else you're worried about come together? So don't wait any longer! Check out Trinity House Community's free workshop, letters, & other tools for living out your Catholic faith in a well-run & joyful home! Co-Directors Soren & Ever Johnson invite you to learn more by visiting [trinityhousecommunity.org](http://trinityhousecommunity.org).

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