

Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ May 2, 2021

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



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VINE

*The dispensation of the obligation to
attend Sunday Mass is still in place.*

*If you have any concerns about your safety, or
feel uncomfortable in public, please stay home,
watch Mass on television or on the internet, and
pray a Spiritual Communion.
(see page 2)*

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**STATE MANDATED ATTENDANCE NUMBERS for RELIGIOUS SERVICES
HAVE NOT CHANGED & OUR SPACE LIMITS HAVE NOT CHANGED**

**We can still ONLY have the limited number of parishioners attend each
SUNDAY MASS. Your cooperation is needed & appreciated.**

- * **YOU MUST** use the *SignUp Genius®* or call the Parish Office (703-998-6100) to reserve space
- * **PLEASE** arrive early for Mass so you can choose a place to sit that is 'at least 6 feet apart' & safely distanced.
- * **YOU MUST** wear a MASK or FACE COVERING over both your nose & mouth & minimize side gaps.
- * **NO SITTING** or **STANDING** in the Gathering Space, back of the church or chapels during Mass.
(Parent emergencies with small children are the exception)

PARISH OFFICE: 703-998-6100 **Hours:** Mon-Fri, 9:00 am - Noon, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm; Sun, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm
The church building CLOSES at 8:00 pm, Monday - Friday & following 5:00 pm Masses on Saturdays & Sundays.

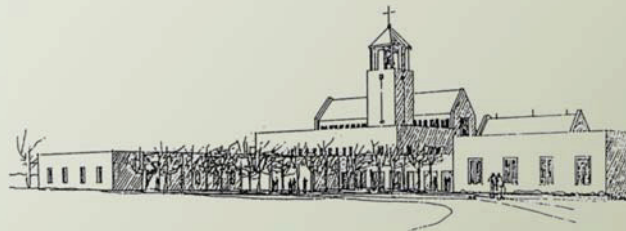
PARISH WEB SITE: www.blessedsacramentcc.org

E-MAIL: parish_office@bscva.org

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

INSTAGRAM: @blessed_sacrament_youth

DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON: www.arlingtondiocese.org



SUNDAY MASSES: Church

Vigil Mass on Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00*, 11:00*, 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm

Sunday in Spanish: 2:00 pm

*NURSERY: Suspended until further notice

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. Guillermo Gonzalez, 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 K-8 classes to be offered VIRTUALLY this year!

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 Sunday Masses.

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



*My Jesus,
 I believe that You
 are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things,
 and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment
 receive You sacramentally,
 come at least spiritually into my heart.
 I embrace You as if You were already there and
 unite myself wholly to You.
 Never permit me to be separated from You.
 Amen.*

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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

Valerie Garcia, principal

1417 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

703-998-4170 www.bssva.org

"All are Welcome"



Corner

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Good People of Blessed Sacrament,

This has been an incredibly beautiful spring and how glorious is the creation of our God! I pray you are all well and enjoying the blossoming world around us. We want to wish a very blessed and joyous Easter to all our Eastern Orthodox brothers and sisters. According to the Julian calendar which they use liturgically, this is their Easter day. May it be a grace-filled one for them!

As we announced at Mass last weekend, our parish is now **over the 94%** mark and edging very closely to meeting 100% of our goal for the **Bishop's Lenten Appeal!** I am so very grateful to all our parish members who have supported the Bishop and the wonderful work of the Diocese in meeting the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of so many people. God reward you!

We want to apologize for the confusion last Friday in our **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** schedule. We cannot allow the Blessed Sacrament to be exposed in the church or chapel unattended. We had a number of hours in which no one was present so we had no choice but to repose our Eucharistic Lord. We know that this weekly day of adoration is so important to our parish. Please consider making that commitment of coming for an hour of adoration each week. We are especially in need of adorers during the late morning and mid-afternoon times. We are in the process of creating a sign-up schedule and a dear parish member has agreed to be the contact person. Please check the bulletin for on-going updates to this. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Our Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus will be hosting another **Document Shredding Event** on **Saturday, May 8th** here in our parish parking lot. This has proved to be a popular event and your donations support the **Marian Homes, Inc.** outreach to provide group housing for intellectually challenged adults. We appreciate your assistance to our Knights who do so much for our parish family.

We were hoping that the Virginia Governor would expand the number of people who can enter the church for Mass. He increased "in-door" events to 50% capacity for everything but religious events. So we are still at the same space limitations we have been at for the past year. If you have any connections in Richmond, please use them! Thus, we still need you to please call the parish office or use the **Sign-Up Genius**© to reserve a space for Mass and to continue to wear your face masks. It is so heart-warming to see all of you returning to church now that you have your vaccinations. Happy days are here again! I do thank you for your continued patience and understanding. We are just trying to keeping everyone safe and healthy.

I hope you have a wonderful week and continue to rejoice in the goodness of God. May we always pray for one another and cherish our membership in the family of the Lord. God bless and fill you with His grace and favor!

Fondly yours in the Risen Savior,

Rev. John Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, MAY 2 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

7:30 am ~ Brennan Dethloff+ (Michael & Caroline Flahive)
 9:00 am ~ Scott Thomas Keegan+ (Giglio Family)
 11:00 am ~ Joseph & Mae Roman+ (Linda Pipilo)
 12:30 pm ~ Mass for the People
 2:30 pm ~ Oscar Rene Catalan+ (Irma Cosme)
 5:00 pm ~ Michael J McCormack+ (Family)

MONDAY, MAY 3 - Saints Philip & James, Apostles

6:30 am ~ Timothy Zigarowicz+ (Kristen Williams)
 8:30 am ~ James Gorman+ (Paolo Rosales)

TUESDAY, MAY 4 - Easter Weekday

6:30 am ~ Julia Espinoza+ (Sheila Walker)
 8:30 am ~ Geraldine Carone+ (Angie Giuseppe)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 - Easter Weekday

6:30 am ~ Adela Pavia Soto+ (Bertha Braddock)
 8:30 am ~ Linda Kearney+ (Chasse Family)

THURSDAY, MAY 6 - Easter Weekday (National Day of Prayer)

6:30 am ~ Dr Joseph Braddock+ (Edward Michael Andrews)
 8:30 am ~ Dr Serge Kurkdjian+ (Jannic Driscoll)

FRIDAY, MAY 7 - Easter Weekday

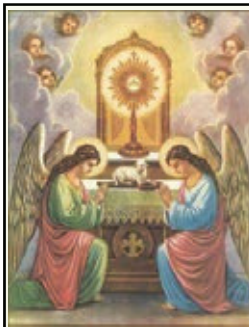
6:30 am ~ Mary Ann McDonald+ (Edward Michael Andrews)
 8:30 am ~ For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis

SATURDAY, MAY 8 - Easter Weekday

8:30 am ~ Mr & Mrs Matriana+ (Irma Cosme)
 5:00 pm ~ Michael Duhamel+ (John & Ellen Farnham)

SUNDAY, MAY 9 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mother's Day)

7:30 am ~ Max & Olga Radovich+ (Joseph Manfredi)
 9:00 am ~ Matthew Rawlings+ (Linda Pipilo)
 11:00 am ~ Juan Romero+ (Roxana Cunha)
 12:30 pm ~ Bao y Gapo Sanchez+ (Cathy Santiago)
 2:30 pm ~ Priest's Intention
 5:00 pm ~ Mass for the People

Readings for the Week**Monday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14**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:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17**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 **Worship Space** is open from **Exposition at 9:00 am** until **Benediction & Reposition at 5:00 pm**.

Please let someone in the parish office know if there is no one else in the church and you have to leave. Thank you.

Please prayerfully consider scheduling an hour in prayer at Adoration on Fridays. We would like to maintain a list & schedule to assure that there is always someone at prayer with our Lord during the day.

You can sign up in 1 of 4 ways ~

- 1) Sign up on the sheet available at Adoration during the day on Fridays.
- 2) Fill out this form & bring to the parish office.
- 3) Call the parish office with your information.
- 4) Email: jdriver7@yahoo.com

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Hour(s): _____

(9:00 am Exposition to 5:00 pm Benediction)



**St. Joseph,
Pray for Us.**

**Let's unite in a
Consecration to
St. Joseph!**

The preparation period has begun and ends on

May 13th, the feast of **Our Lady of Fatima**, which is also, coincidentally, **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament**.

The **Prayer to St. Joseph** by **Pope Leo XIII** is prayed every day until May 13th, when the prayer of Consecration is then prayed.

The prayers are found on the cards available in the Gathering Space.

Would you like to pray the **Prayer of Consecration** with us? Join us in the church on **Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 pm**.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Our Offertory Collection for April 18th was \$25,806.91.

This does include *FaithDirect*.

We received \$227.00 - Poor Box, \$780.00 - Building Fund, \$800.00 - Easter, and \$163.00 - Support for the Church in the Holy Land (GOOD FRIDAY).

(For the foreseeable future, our SHARING distribution has had to be suspended.)

building OUR FUTURE together.



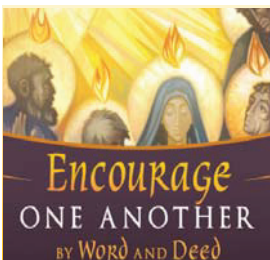
www.FaithDirect.net ~ Our church code: VA 12.

Your ONLINE gifts through *FaithDirect* will help our parish finances throughout the year.

Special Parish Needs

Second Collection, next week, May 8th ~ *Thank you!*

This collection benefits the parish immediately for repairs and upgrades to many of our parish physical plant, including: *HVAC systems, lighting upgrades, security cameras, parking lot lights & signage, sidewalks & driveways, cherry tree maintenance, and new landscape plantings.* Please use your pink envelope, and/or place a donation in the white basket at the entrance next week.



2021 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL ~ We are over 94% of our goal!

The theme this year is "Encourage One Another by Word and Deed." Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Mission of our Lord Jesus throughout our diocese. **Safely donate directly to the BLA:**

Option 1 ~ PLEDGE ENVELOPES Use the ENVELOPE you will find at the church entrance.

Option 2 ~ QR CODES QR CODES are printed on the BLA posters, on the tabloid, and on the link on our website. Scan the QR code and be directed to the BLA webpage and enter your pledge/donation data.

Option 3 ~ TEXT "BLA" to 703-260-9800 Text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 and receive a link.

When you find yourself in need of goods & services, please consider our sponsors. Ask if they can be found on **FABER**.



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Weekly Diocesan TV Mass

10:30 & 11:00 am every Sunday 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



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WMET 1160 AM
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Ave Maria Radio APP!

Visit: www.gronline.com



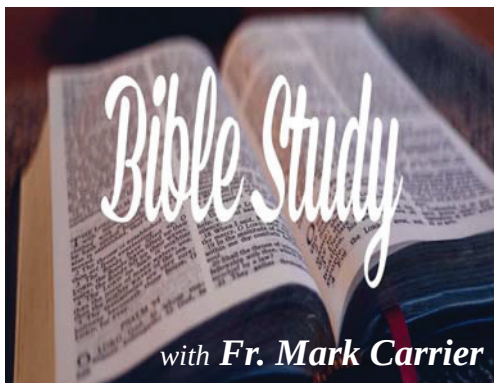
LINDSAY AUTOMOTIVE has received planning permission for a multi-space, multi-year construction project. Demolitions and construction are set to begin on June 1, 2021.

As you might expect, traffic will be adversely affected for some time at our "back" entrance from Kenwood Avenue via Osage Street.

We are installing a gate at that entrance. By June 1st, this entrance will be CLOSED for the foreseeable future.

We are suggesting that everyone begin changing their parish entrance and exit practices now. Please use one of the three Braddock Road entrances to access all parking at the parish.

Thank you for your attention and patience.



Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm ~ QUINN HALL
or Wednesday mornings, 9:15 am ~ MEETING ROOM

Bring your Bible (& face mask) to socially-distance

"The Letter to the Hebrews"

In the weeks of the Easter Season, we will explore the "message of encouragement" and a reminder to Christians of the preexistence, incarnation, and exaltation of Jesus that proclaimed him the climax of God's word to humanity.

(Drop-in: No registration necessary) Questions? email: mfcaime@cs.com

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

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 a name on this list.)

Cole Barry, Ryan Barnett, Brandon Bert, Michael Bouffard, Jason Brooks, Richard W. Brown, Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byrns, Cady Byrnes, Tim Byrnes, Andrew Berrigan, 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, Allison Landsman, Christopher Love, Grace McCaffery, Mateo McGrath, 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, Christopher Wallace, Abby Warden, Thomas Warring.



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, or on the website.

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.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, May 8th

10:00 am -1:00 pm

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

**MARIAN HOMES for the
INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED**

CASH DONATIONS gratefully accepted.

Thank you for your support!



Stress Free Retirement Planning

Knights of Columbus sponsored *virtual seminar* featuring inspirational speaker & behavior finance expert, **JOE JORDON**

Wednesday, May 12th, 7:00 pm

Plan your financial future & a secure retirement. Joe will give you new insights into financials without losing sight of your faith and values.

**To register, please contact Dan Garrigan
at daniel.garrigan@kofc.org
or call 703-494-0967.**

Your name, email, and phone number are required to register.



CHRIST HOUSE ~ 131 S. West Street

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



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

Information on all ALIVE! programs can be found: <https://www.alive-inc.org/we-need-volunteers-alexandria-va>

Monetary donations are greatly needed & gratefully accepted. Please visit the website for more information on how to help.

Any individual interested in volunteering must register via Volunteer Alexandria <https://www.volunteeralexandria.org/>



Mother of Light Center will hold a major clothes distribution event in May. Help us provide clothing for those in need by donating *new or gently used* clothes and shoes for women and children. Slacks, jeans, spring jackets and sweaters, underwear, T-shirts, blouses, skirts, and more. Please visit: www.motheroflightcenter.com for a list of essential items or contact us at motheroflightcenter@gmail.com with any questions.

DROP OFF: 421 Clifford Ave., Alexandria, Mon.-Sat., 10 am-2 pm.

(PLEASE DO NOT BRING CLOTHING ITEMS TO BLESSED SACRAMENT. THANKS!)

VOLUNTEER LOADER / DRIVER(S) NEEDED:

We are looking for someone to deliver the non-perishable food items donated by Blessed Sacrament parishioners to Mother of Light Center in Del Ray. Once a week or every other week, depending upon the amount of goods. Some lifting involved. If you think you'd like to help in this way, contact Marie at (703) 998-6100 x.104 or mniernberger@bscva.org Thank You!

Prayer Warriors Needed for Opioid Crisis Response Catholic Charities needs Prayer Warriors to privately offer petitions of concerns for those who are struggling with the effects of addiction to opioids and other substances. You can pray anytime, anywhere for so many who are struggling. To become a Prayer Warrior and to receive our monthly newsletter containing encouraging advice, helpful resources and prayer requests, please visit: <https://www.ccda.net/need-help/prayer-warriors/>

DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR A WEEK TO HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ?

The Alexandria tutoring Consortium (ATC) seeks volunteers to help Alexandria Public Schools first graders learn to read. ATC matches you with a child, and provides training, support, and weekly lesson plans. All tutoring conducted via Zoom. Volunteers are asked to commit to working with a student once or twice a week, in 40 minute sessions during the school day.

For more information, visit <https://alexandriatutors.org/> or write to ljacobs@alexandriatutors.org



COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST

www.commissionedbychrist.org

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

Volunteer Teachers Urgently Needed!

ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) teachers needed to teach virtually. Teachers are only asked to teach one class period per week but may teach more if desired. We allow teaching in pairs for those who wish to teach with a friend or spouse. No experience or foreign language ability necessary and all materials and training provided! If interested, please email: volunteer.newcomer@ccda.net or call 571-208-1572.



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)



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: Thu., MAY 6th ~ 7:00 pm ~ QUINN HALL (so we can social distance)

We continue to work on lap blankets, baby blankets & prayer shawls. Thanks to our work & many anonymous crafted donations, we have gifted over 150 hats, scarves, neck warmers & gloves this winter! We have yarn if you need it.

Drop-off your hand-made donations at the parish office any time. Thanks!

Questions? Call Lana at 703-299-8389 (or email Marie at mniernberger@bscva.org)



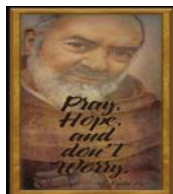
St. Monica, diamond of unwavering faith, pray for us! It is estimated that 20 million Americans consider themselves to be lapsed Catholics. More than likely, we all know someone within each of our own families who simply no longer practices the faith or has not yet come to know Jesus. St. Monica is patroness & 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 our website: bit.ly/ptsc For questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com



The SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Northern Virginia

"Meets" at 2:30 p.m. on the 4th Sunday of every month. Now virtual, please call or email: Art at 571-236-6080 or sanpio@comcast.net for more information.



SENIORS & RETIREES!

- ♦ 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! Send your email to: communications@seniorservicesalex.org



USHERS & Greeters at Sunday Masses:

With current guidelines for attending Mass at this time, Ushers & Greeters are needed to assure all parishioners can attend our Masses safely & comfortably.

If you think you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Marie in the parish office (703) 998-6100 x. 104

or mniernberger@bscva.org (If you are already helping, please also contact. Thank you!)



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 FREE until June 30. Visit <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> to learn more. Potential members also can send an email to gk11947@kofc.org or call the Parish Office and leave a message. A Knight will return your call. **Vivat Jesus!**



All men of the parish are welcome!

Saturdays ~ 7:00 - 8:30 am ~ QUINN HALL

Questions? timothygoobic@gmail.com

Join us whenever you can!

2 BUSY 2 PRAY? Try 2 minutes 2 virtue Sign up NOW! www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue



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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ~ 40DaysForLife.com www.PrayForLife.org
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**GABRIEL PROJECT:** Gabriel Project (GP) provides financial & spiritual assistance to pregnant women in need. If you know someone who can benefit from GP services, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact us at (703) 841-3810 or go online at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/gpavolunteer](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/gpavolunteer)  
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PROJECT RACHEL: Share the good news of God's merciful love post abortion.

Project Rachel can make a confidential referral to a priest and/or counselor:

(888) 456-HOPE (4673) or www.helpafterabortion.org

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING ~ Post-Abortion Retreat for Women ~

Saturday, September, 25th ~ info@helpafterabortion.org or call (703)841-2504

Retreat based on the 'Entering Canaan' model
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**'FIRST SATURDAY' Rosary Team**

*Did you know that the 'no-show' rate can go up by 70% when there are people peacefully praying outside an abortion facility?* Please join the prayer team every First Saturday to pray the rosary at 10:30 am at the Falls Church facility located at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA.

For inquiries, contact Amy McNerny at (703) 841-3817 or [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org)  
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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.
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## EXALT ~ EVENING OF WORSHIP

Tuesday, MAY 11th ~ For Healing & Conversion in Families ~ Especially Those Affected by Abortion ~ You're Invited. Come Rest. Come Be. Come Adore.

Meditation. Adoration. Music. Confession.

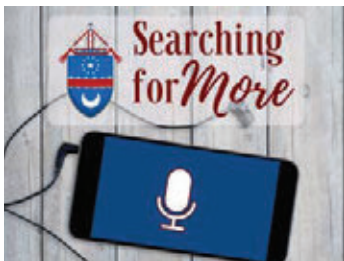
<https://tinyurl.com/familyexalt> ~ with WITNESS by VERONICA O'BRIEN

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saint Leo the Great Catholic Church, Fairfax. All are welcome! Please bring a friend.

To join us virtually, please visit the following link: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion/>



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