

Third Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



Readings for the Week:

Sunday, May 4th, 3rd Sunday of Easter:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13
Rv 5:11-14
Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14

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

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4,
6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35

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, May 11th, 4th Sunday of Easter:

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
Rv 7:9, 14b-17
Jn 10:27-30

SUNDAY MASSES: (Church) **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 pm;

Sundays: 7:30, 9:00*, 11:00* am, 12:30 pm, 5:00pm

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** - Check Holy Day/Seasonal Schedules)

Spanish Community, Sundays, 1:15-1:45 pm

ROSARY: (Church) Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am

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

***NURSERY:** At ECC through main school entrance

PARISH OFFICE: 703-998-6100

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday,

8:30 am - Noon, 1 pm - 7 pm;

Fridays, 8:30 am - Noon, 1 pm - 5 pm (No evening hours)

Sunday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

*The church BUILDING closes at 9:00 pm, Monday - Friday &
following 5:00 pm Masses on Saturday & Sunday*

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. Andrew Clark, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Peter St. George, Parochial Vicar

PARISH STAFF:

William Lucardi, Director of Music
 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.

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

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 will not confirm a wedding date until after the first appointment with a priest. Call the parish office.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA):

Questions? Call parish office or email: sdoyle@bscva.org

PRAYERS AT SUNDAY MASS FOR THE SICK OR

RECENTLY DECEASED: Call the parish office for mention at (2) Sunday Masses.

**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

**Blessed Sacrament Grade School & Early Childhood Center****OPEN HOUSE ~ Wed., May 7th**

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



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 a.m. 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

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN



...and so does our SUNDAY NURSERY!

Sundays, during the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses in the ECC of the school.

Adult supervision of your children. Walking age to age 6!

**BIBLE STUDY with**

Fr. Mark Carrier ~ 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, 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)

Materials provided ~ Bring your Bible!

Questions? email: mfcaine@cs.com

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

Blessed Sacrament Summer Camps

***Planes, Trains, and**

Automobiles Camp:

June 16-20: \$380.00

****Let the Good Times Roll Camp:**

June 23 -27: \$380.00

Please send the registration form in with the **\$100.00 per week, per child, non-refundable deposit** to the Blessed Sacrament School office labeled summer camp. The registration form can be found on the school website:

www.bssva.org/school

If you have any further questions feel free to contact

Ms. Conques at Summertime@bssva.org

We hope to see you this summer!

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, MAY 4 - THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER**

- 7:30 am ~ **Goria Randour+** (Kathy Robertson)
 9:00 am ~ **Terence de Silva+** (Sharnica de Silva)
 11:00 am ~ **Mass for the People**
 12:30 pm ~ **Deacon Lynn Sherman+** (Barbara Sherman)
 2:00 pm ~ **Aida Balderama+** (Sylvia Fernandez)
 5:00 pm ~ **Geraldine Carone+** (Angie Giuseppe)

MONDAY, MAY 5 - Easter Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ **Sean Harrington+** (Tami McVey)
 8:30 am ~ **Florence Broussard+** (Julie Lineberry)

TUESDAY, MAY 6 - Easter Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ **Ramon Victorio Vega+** (Maria Vega)
 8:30 am ~ **Joe Braddock+** (Bertha Braddock)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 - Easter Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ **Rhonda Selby+** (Ed & Claudia Stropko)
 8:30 am ~ **Lorraine Facini+** (Julie Lineberry)

THURSDAY, MAY 8 - Easter Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ **Rosario Laman+** (Belle Ambas)
 8:30 am ~ **Sp Int - Bertha Salmoran** (BS Sunshine Class)

FRIDAY, MAY 9 - Easter Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ **Margaret McErlean+** (Barbour Family)
 8:30 am ~ **Angela Raish+** (Elizabeth Di Gregorio)

SATURDAY, MAY 10 - Saints John of Avila; Damien de Veuster

- 8:30 am ~ **Pat Mangan+** (Bertha Braddock)
 5:00 pm ~ **Michael Duhamel+** (John & Ellen Farnham)

SUNDAY, MAY 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

- 7:30 am ~ **Sp Int - Nicholas Miller Family** (Hannah Herman)
 9:00 am ~ **Frank Vernoia+** (Vernoia Family)
 11:00 am ~ **Richard Di Leonardo+** (Benito & Clelia Isaja)
 12:30 pm ~ **Rodney Mitchell+** (Randy)
 2:00 pm ~ **Hugo Vargas+** (Gerald Moore)
 5:00 pm ~ **Mass for the People**



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. Call the parish

office to be put on a list of regular visitors. 703-998-6100

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.

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 Looking for a nearby evening or overnight Adoration time?  
 A few of our neighboring parishes might have a time that fits  
 your needs... all of their websites have detailed information.

Saint Rita, Alexandria - [stritaalexandria.com](http://stritaalexandria.com)

Basilica of Saint Mary, Old Town - [stmaryoldtown.org](http://stmaryoldtown.org)

Saint Joseph, Old Town - [stjosephva.org](http://stjosephva.org)

Saint Anthony of Padua, Falls Church - [stanthonyparish.org](http://stanthonyparish.org)

Queen of Apostles, Franconia - [queenofapostles.org](http://queenofapostles.org)

Saint Louis, Alexandria (Richmond Highway) - [saintlouisparrish.org](http://saintlouisparrish.org)

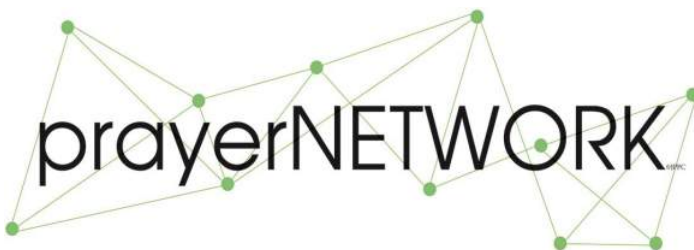
**Please join us in prayer as we ask for God's guidance & protection of troops, law enforcement, EMT's, firefighters, healthcare workers, or anyone serving in harm's way.**

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, Ryan 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, Brian Lynch, Alexa Mastrostefano, Grace McCaffery, Lisa Mullaney, Hanna Porterfield, Gray Posey, Thomas Rands, Jamie Reynolds, Erik Rogers, Mary Severs, Bryce Simpson, Ryan Stancik, Jared Steen, Travis A. Stoffer, Kyle Thomas, Josh Truman, Michael Voigt, Abby Warden.

*Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish*

MARIA JUAREZ ASCENCIO, JUDY BOWMAN, J. COLLINS,  
 A.J. HANILAND, SAM HODUS, MICHAEL HART,  
 FRANK McDERMOTT, JOHN MILATZO,  
 BRUCE & MARY MILLER, SR. JEAN NOWAK, OP,  
 LUCRECIA PALLO, DONNA RAFFAELE, NORMA RAFFAELE,  
 IRVINE RODRIGUEZ, JIM SHERWOOD,  
 HARRY THOMPSON, Jr., TIMOTHY TOBIN,  
 MAUREEN WAHL, CHRISTIE WALTON, VINCE WHITMORE.

(Please call the parish office with additions & deletions)



**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, 5/4-** Rev. John Paul Heisler

**Monday, 5/5 -** Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Hendrick

**Tuesday, 5/6 -** Rev. Stephen Holmes

**Wednesday, 5/7 -** Rev. Patrick Holroyd, (Ret.)

**Thursday, 5/8 -** Rev. Edward R. Horkan

**Friday, 5/9 -** Rev. José Eugenio Hoyos,

**Saturday, 5/10 -** Rev. James C. Hudgins

## Offertory Collection

Our Offertory Collection, with *FaithDirect* for *April 20th (Easter)* was \$51,406.43

We also collected ~ \$908.00 - *Poor Box*, \$549.00 - *Building Repairs Fund*, \$162.00 - *Quinn School Endowment*, \$300.00 - *Easter Flowers*, \$129.00 - *Holy Thursday (St. Lucy Project)*, \$2,071.00 - *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.



## Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal ~ Thank You!

June 10th & 11th weekend, a second collection supports the Arlington Diocese **Mission Cooperative Plan** in **BÁNICA, Dominican Republic**. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access



to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs – like food, shelter and healthcare. If donating by check, please make your check payable to Blessed Sacrament with “**MCP**” on the memo line. You may also donate with the QR code or at:

<https://arlingtonmissions/diocese-of-arlington-banica-mission/>

Join us for

## HEAVEN in YOUR HOME Family Gathering

**Everyone is invited - & bring the kids!**



Meet up with other families for food, fellowship & support in building a faith-filled home.

**Saturday, MAY 31st  
6 - 8 pm, Quinn Hall**

Please RSVP on the website or use QR code.

6 pm: **Dinner & Fellowship**

6:30-7:15 pm: **Presentation for Adults w/ Small Group**

**Discussion** (while Virtus-trained volunteers supervise the kids)

7:15-8 pm: **Fellowship & Dessert**

Free event. **PLEASE BRING TO SHARE - drinks or a dessert**

Learn more at  
[TrinityHouseCommunity.org](http://TrinityHouseCommunity.org)



## 2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

**We're at 91% of our goal!**

**Please help us close out this year's effort.**

This year's theme is: **"Abounding in Hope."**  
After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. Sharing your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese.

You can make a gift at:  
[www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or  
scan the QR code:



**SCAN ME**



**Please keep the young people of our parish in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on**

**Saturday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 10th.**

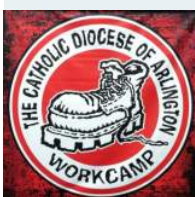




**BIG BEAUTIFUL WORLD  
VBS!**

Blessed Sacrament Church  
JULY 7-11, 2025  
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

"Campers" - Ages Rising K - Rising 4th Grade  
"Junior Captains" - Rising 5th  
"Captains" - Rising 6th and up



## WorkCamp 2025

We will be spending from **June 21<sup>st</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup>** working with other youth and adults from the Diocese reaching out to join hundreds of other teens from across the

Diocese of Arlington to care for families in the Shenandoah area of Virginia. First, success depends on prayer. Please pray for us. Second, we would appreciate donations to support

**WorkCamp2025.** Please use the QR code or make checks payable to *Blessed Sacrament* ("WorkCamp" in the memo line) and please return to Blessed Sacrament Parish Office.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**




**VOLUNTEER AT  
WORKCAMP  
2025**



**CONTRACTORS  
NEEDED**

NO PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY



WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to commit some of their time and talents to teaching young people and improving the lives of fellow Virginians in need.

**JUNE 21-27 IN SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VA**

DECKS, RAMPS, WINDOWS, FLOORS, & MORE



To volunteer, contact our Parish Office at (703) 998-6100 or by email at [parish\\_office@bscva.org](mailto:parish_office@bscva.org)

*We're keeping it light & cool!*

**Sandwiches & Salads**  
**Senior & Retiree**

**Spring  
Soirée!**



**Thursday, May 8th**

\*Mass 11:00 am (Church) ~

\*Lunch follows (Quinn Hall)

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED by Tue., May 6th – Noon**

Call the parish office (703) 998-6100  
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)



**Sunday, May 11th**

All sales support **WorkCamp 2025!!**

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**We also welcome donations of  
BAKED GOODS to sell...**

Please bring items (with ingredients well labeled) to the  
**Parish Office**, 8:30am - 5:00 pm,

Fri., May 9th or to **Quinn Hall**,  
after 2:00 pm, Sat., May 10th.

Use the QR code to let us know  
what you can bring!

**THANK YOU!**





## ...Parish Groups...



### **Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry...** **...is coming to DAYTIME too!**

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month (**Next meeting - May 15th**) at 9:15 a.m. (following Mass) in the **Meeting Room** / Parish Library.

Bring your knitting, crocheting, needlepoint or any other kind of stitchery to work and fellowship.

Questions? Call or email Marie (703)998-6100 or [mniernberger@bscva.org](mailto:mniernberger@bscva.org)



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

**EVENING MEETING** (first Thursday of the month): **THURSDAY, JUNE 5th ~ 7:00 pm ~ MEETING ROOM / PARISH LIBRARY**

**Our dedicated Knitters, Crocheters & Stitchers produced over 293 items for babies & our neighbors in 2024!**

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))



### **Calling all moms!**

A group for mothers of young children (including infants) has formed.

**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.



### **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 202-437-1274



**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**

#### **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 and many more activities.

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

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

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



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

**Come & Join us in Quinn Hall next Saturday!**

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

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

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

## ...Respect Life, Knights of Columbus, etc...



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

**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 McInerney 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 Street. (near Bishop Ireton H.S.) Our "turn" to lead is 2nd Sat. of the month.

### 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](http://abcwomenshealth.com).

This coupon is valid for one free ultrasound. Limit one per client.



**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 SUNDAY (after 7:30, 9 & 11 a.m. Mass)

Join us in QUINN HALL for Donuts, Coffee, Juice & Fellowship!



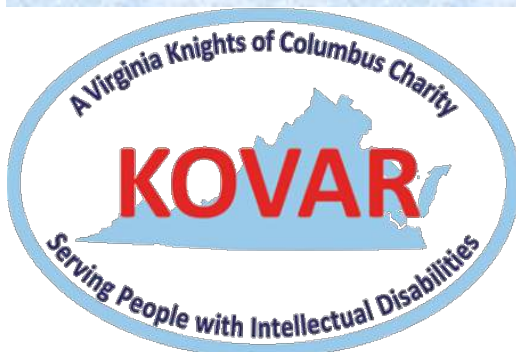
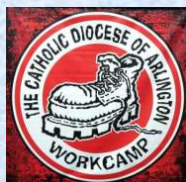
### Men's Group / Knights of Columbus joint WorkCamp 2025 Fundraiser **BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, May 18th**

following 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

Join us for delicious breakfast entrees!

**DONATIONS** will support our teens  
and adult volunteers at **WorkCamp 2025!**



## KOVAR COLLECTION TODAY!

Support our Knights as they serve *People with Intellectual Disabilities*  
throughout the state of Virginia

**Thank You!**



## ...Community Outreach...

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

[www.alive-inc.org](http://www.alive-inc.org) 703-837-9300

Follow ALIVE! on Facebook and Instagram:

@alive4alexandria and Twitter: @ALIVE4AlexVA

Questions? Email 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/>



(703) 307-5902

Email: [motheroflightcenter@gmail.com](mailto:motheroflightcenter@gmail.com)

Volunteer opportunities available!

**Mother of Light Center**

[www.motheroflightcenter.com](http://www.motheroflightcenter.com)

**\*\*\*NOW CFC eligible!**

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



### **The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM ~ Next Delivery: MAY 11th**

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.

**Thanks!**



### **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 [mbbersani@outlook.com](mailto: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!**



*"Forming adults and families to serve and partake in the works of mercy."*

**Commissioned By Christ**

[www.commissionedbychrist.org](http://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!**

### **St. Martin de Porres Senior Center**

**Volunteers Needed:** The **St. Martin de Porres Senior Center** provides a variety of services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, happiness, and independence. The senior center is a multicultural community, with more than 20 countries represented. The Senior Center provides congregate meals, health screenings, exercises, educational activities, and numerous activities. **Volunteer needs:** exercise instructors, nurse or nursing students, computer and tech instructors, breakfast and lunch volunteers, nutritionist, activities assistant, arts and crafts leader, and presenter of topics of interest to seniors.

The center is located at 4650 Taney Ave., Alexandria, VA 22304. **To volunteer:** Contact - **Maria Mellor** at 703-751-2766

or [maria.mellor@ccda.net](mailto:maria.mellor@ccda.net).



**"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>

**Holy Year ~ Pilgrims of Hope ~ 2025 Tour of Churches ~** As we joyfully celebrate this Holy Year 2025, Bishop Burbidge invites you to embark on a spiritual journey by participating in a special Holy Year Tour of eight designated holy sites within our diocese. This church tour offers the faithful a unique opportunity to pray throughout our diocese and receive a plenary indulgence by meeting certain conditions, such as prayer, reception of the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Holy Year Tour is a chance for personal renewal, deeper faith, and communal celebration. To inspire participation, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge will offer a special memento for the first 50 participants who complete the tour. This keepsake will serve as a lasting reminder of your faith journey of hope during this extraordinary year. For more details on the sacred sites, plenary indulgences, and the Holy Year 2025, contact each parish office or visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/holy-year-2025>.



## ...Around the Diocese...



**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/)**

### **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.

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### **Our Fruitful Love**

**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](http://www.ourfruitfullove.com)



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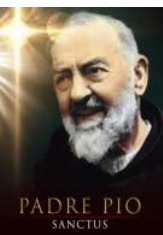
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Join us for prayer, praise and worship on the **2nd Tuesday of each month**, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Prayer along with music. Special intention will be for the **conversion & healing in families**. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome. Watch livestream at: [arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion](http://arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion)

## **ENCOUNTER HOLY HOUR ~ Every First Thursday**

All you who are burdened by sin, grief, loneliness, shame, addiction, self-hatred, abortion, or any other wound, come and place all your 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. Questions? (703) 841-2550.



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