

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 25, 2023**

# *Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church*

*1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302*



*Do not be afraid.*

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**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:** 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

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

**PARISH OFFICE:** 703-998-6100

**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday.,** 9 am - Noon, 1 pm - 5 pm, 7 - 9 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. 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](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*

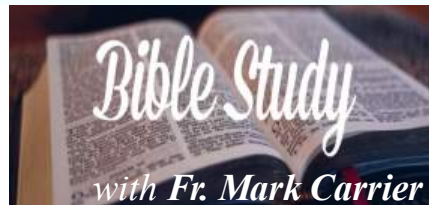
*in the ECC of the school. Adult supervision of your children.*

*They play so you can pray! Come & give us a try!*

*Pray for the  
 Sick of the Parish*

MARIA JUAREZ ASCENCIO, JUDY BOWMAN,  
 J. COLLINS, ZACHARY DOYLE, DOLORES GOETZ,  
 MICHAEL HART, KRISTENE JHONSON,  
 PATSY LAYER, NOREEN LOPEZ,  
 FRANK McDERMOTT, BRUCE & MARY MILLER,  
 DONNA RAFFAELE, NORMA RAFFAELE,  
 IRVINE RODRIGUEZ, HARRY THOMPSON, Jr.,  
 TIMOTHY TOBIN, MAUREEN WAHL,  
 VINCE WHITMORE, ANGELA WILSON,  
 BONNIE WOODS.

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



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](mailto:mfcaime@cs.com)

**ALSO:** Visit *Fr. Carrier's* blog ~  
[sanctiscriptores.blogspot.com](http://sanctiscriptores.blogspot.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SUNDAY, JUNE 25 - 12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am ~ **Mass for the People**  
 9:00 am ~ **Mary M Mundt+** (Laura Paul)  
 11:00 am ~ **Joe Braddock+** (Bertha Braddock)  
 12:30 pm ~ **Elio & Elsa Martinez+** (Elsa Velez)  
 2:00 pm ~ **Esperanza Fornis Laurido+** (Josefina)  
 5:00 pm ~ **Samantha Bubadias+** (Chiarello Family)

### MONDAY, JUNE 26 - Weekday

6:30 am ~ **Michael Hoferer+** (Rita & Ed Reynolds)  
 8:30 am ~ **Hector L Bruno+** (Longo Family)

### TUESDAY, JUNE 27 - St. Cyril of Alexandria

6:30 am ~ **Joe Lagregor+** (Joe Manfredi)  
 8:30 am ~ **Anna Gilroy+** (Rosalie Gilroy)

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 - St. Irenaeus, Bishop

6:30 am ~ **Rita Ann Mays+** (Susan Doyle)  
 8:30 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**

### THURSDAY, JUNE 29 - SAINTS PETER & PAUL, Apostles

6:30 am ~ **Edward Thomas Bello+** (Tom & Mary Ann Hoffman)  
 8:30 am ~ **Robert Gleason+** (Patricia & John Gualtieri)

### FRIDAY, JUNE 30 - First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

6:30 am ~ **Sisters of Charity Deceased+** (Ed Andrews)  
 8:00 am ~ **Sp Int - Bruce & Maureen Evart** (Paolo Rosales)

### SATURDAY, JULY 1 - Saint Junipero Serra

8:30 am ~ **Carlos Perez+** (Josephine)  
 5:00 pm ~ **Corinne Farnham+** (John & Ellen Farnham)

### SUNDAY, JULY 2 - 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am ~ **Patrick Marie Walsh+** (Family)  
 9:00 am ~ **Mass for the People**  
 11:00 am ~ **Herman Seidler+** (Linda Council)  
 12:30 pm ~ **Mary Ward Abrams+** (Mary Ann Aker)  
 2:00 pm ~ **Carmen Fornis Laurido+** (Josefina)  
 5:00 pm ~ **Spec Int - Bruce & Lynn Mrowca** (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, Jason Brooks, Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byns, 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.

**Sunday, June 25, 12th Ordinary:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50, 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17

**Sunday, July 2, 13 Ordinary:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



### 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, 06/25** - Rev. Daniel S. Reuwer

**Monday, 06/26** - Rev. Daniel A. Rice

**Tuesday, 06/27** - Rev. M. Paul Richardson, (Ret.)

**Wednesday, 06/28** - Rev. Lino Rico Rostro

**Thursday, 06/29** - Rev. John J. Riley

**Friday, 06/30** - Very Rev. Robert J. Rippy, JV

**Saturday, 07/01** - Rev. Donald J. Rooney

### FRIDAY

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

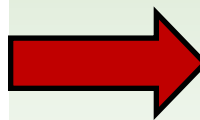
Visit with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on **Fridays**. Come to pray any time, but mid-day & afternoon visits are most needed.

The **Daily Chapel** is open from

**Exposition at 9 a.m. until**

**Benediction & Reposition at 5 p.m.**

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



**NOW THAT SUMMER IS HERE & MORE PEOPLE ARE VACATIONING, WE ARE IN NEED OF ADORERS.**

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

Please **CALL Jenny Grover (202) 669-7214** to choose a time, and/or see the sign-up sheet outside the Daily Chapel

**Also...** if you are a regular adorer, and know you will be gone at any time this summer, please call Jenny to let her know. **Thank you!**

**GRATITUDE**

Your Parish Community is

**GRATEFUL**

for your consistent contributions.

*Offertory Collection ~ Thank you!*

Our Offertory Collection including *FaithDirect* of *June 11th* was **\$31,247.38.**

We also received \$238.00 - *Poor Box*, \$341.00 - *Building Repairs Fund*, \$379.00 - *Seniors Health Ministry* (for Altar Servers cassock, surplice & alb fund), \$55.00 - *Catholic Communications Campaign*, and \$375.00 - *Porto Charities Collection.*

**Second Collection TODAY *PETER'S PENCE***

*The Peter's Pence Collection is our way of supporting the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of wars, oppressions and disasters. Your generosity, as always, is greatly appreciated.*



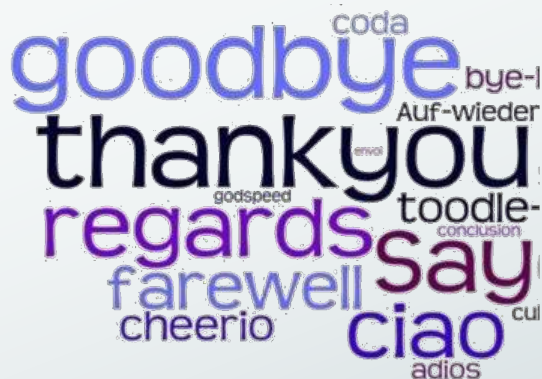
[www.FaithDirect.net](http://www.FaithDirect.net) ~ Our church code: **VA 12.** Your **ONLINE** gifts through *FaithDirect* will help our parish finances throughout the year.

***June 25, 2023, 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Stewardship Reflection***

**"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father."** MATTHEW 10:32  
 Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!



Blessed Sacrament School is seeking a **full-time School Nurse** to provide clinic assistance to the school community for the safety and well-being of the students. This is an 11 month position (August-June), Monday-Friday from 7:30am-3:30pm. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic with a joyful, hardworking personality that is able to handle the daily rigors of a school day. Please inquire for specific areas of responsibility & duties. Send email with cover letter & resume, etc., to Principal Katherine Chelak at [kchelak@bssva.org](mailto:kchelak@bssva.org)



All are invited to take a moment to **wish**

***Fr. Tom Yehl***

**a fond farewell in Quinn Hall**

Sat., **June 24** following 5 pm Mass  
 or on

Sunday, **June 25** following 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am Masses



## BLOOD DRIVE

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29th**

1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ~ Quinn Hall

Register online: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



### LOOKING FOR SOME FUN MORNINGS IN JULY?

Join us at **Blessed Sacrament VBS!!**

**July 10-14th**

Join us for our

**"Wilderness Adventure!"**

Registration now **OPEN** on the parish website.

**We need Adult volunteers - Can you help?**

(We're offering child care for children too young to participate...)

### Looking for some good Summer reading?

Visit our "Book Rack" in the parish office hallway... but if you don't find all you need ... **Pauline Books & Media** is the place to visit!

Ask **Sister Julia** ~ she is ready with recommendations with a wide range of options and genres.

1025 King Street, Old Town

Hours: Mondays: 12:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. ~ Tuesday-Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. (703) 549-3806 [paulinestore.org](http://paulinestore.org)



### Summer Storytime @ Pauline Books

**Stories, Activities & Songs!**

For **3 to 5 year olds** with parent/guardian; siblings welcome!

11 to 11:30 a.m. ~ **Thursdays: June 29th ~ July 13th ~ July 27th ~ August 10th**

(RSVP welcome, but not required)



### 2023 White House Christmas Ornament

President Gerald R. Ford & family mementos

Pre-sale NOW \$25 (Still the Best Price in Town!) Benefits our Sunday Nursery

Questions? Orders taken by Jo Allen (703) 521-7223

### Interpreters Needed for Our Mother of Mercy Free Clinic

Mother of Mercy (MoM) Virtual Interpreters Needed.

MoM's mission is to provide free, quality healthcare to low-income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured in the Diocese. The majority of MoM's clients speak Spanish. The Clinics are in need of Virtual Interpreters to help improve communication between the client and the medical providers. All interpreting services will be remote via Zoom. Training provided. If you can help one 4-hour shift a month, please register here: <http://bit.ly/VolunteerMotherofMercy>

### Volunteer Teachers Urgently Needed!

Help teach adult refugees and immigrants in your community! Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington, is seeking teachers and co-teachers for ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages), Citizenship, GED, Computer Literacy and ESOL for Childcare. We are accepting volunteers for in-person classes and online! In person classes are in Manassas, Sterling, Springfield, and Falls Church. Online classes also available. We provide training, curriculum, and resources. No second language necessary! If interested, call the **Education and Workforce Development** office at 571-208-1572, and/or email us at [ewd@ccda.net](mailto:ewd@ccda.net).



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

**MEETING: THURSDAY, JULY 6th ~ 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](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 in Ashburn (July 4); tour of historic Blenheim House (July 8); outdoor concert in McLean (July 9); Thursday lunches (July 13 and 27); walk in Fairfax City (July 15); Mass at Holy Spirit & lunch (July 23); dinner & jazz concert in Annandale (July 28); Hot Dog & Apple Pie Social at Lake Accotink (Aug. 2); Nationals baseball game (Aug. 13). **(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)

**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)



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

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



**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!**

**Congratulations to the Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council Officers for the Fraternal Year 2023-24**

**Grand Knight:** Aaron Davila  
**Deputy Grand Knight:** Dennis Friel  
**Financial Secretary:** Kevin Harr  
**Chancellor:** Chris Schulman  
**Recorder:** John Iekel  
**Treasurer:** Nick Slabinski  
**Advocate:** Barry Sillito

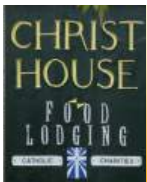
**Warden:** Daniel Cotter  
**Inside Guard:** Steve Hand  
**1-Year Trustee:** John Boyd  
**2-Year Trustee:** Kelly Niernberger  
**3-Year Trustee:** Christopher Foley  
**Chaplain:** Fr. John Kelly

**Authentic Catholic Mission Trips - Where will your faith take you in 2023?****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](http://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](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!** Visit the website for info.**The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM****Next Delivery: Sunday, JULY 9th**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](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!****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/>**Mother of Light Center [www.motheroflightcenter.com](http://www.motheroflightcenter.com)**

421 Clifford Ave., Alexandria, Monday-Saturday, 10 am-2 pm. (703) 850-6701

**Volunteers greatly accepted!**Email: [motheroflightcenter@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 &amp;/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](mailto:mary.kilkenny@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.cdda.net> for a current listing of opportunities to serve.



## 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 McInerney at (703) 841-3817 or [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org)

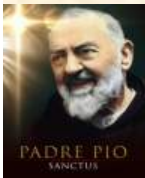
### ROSARY for LIFE

Every Saturday ~ around 9-9:15 am ~ women's clinic at 2839 Duke 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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For further information, call (703) 841-2530 Or visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/)





**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](mailto: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>

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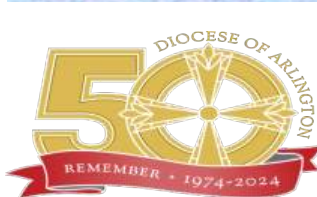
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### Our Fruitful Love

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)



**“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. The next stop on the tour is the Poor Sisters of St. Joseph (Spanish, July 23), The Poor Clares (September 24), and the Adorers of the Holy Cross (English and Vietnamese, October 22). For single women ages 18-50. RSVP by the Monday before each event to [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org) More info at [ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour](http://ArlingtonDiocese.org/RejoiceTour)

**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!**



**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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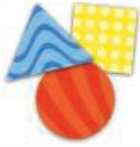
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