

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 23, 2023

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



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

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:

John McCrary, Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgy
 Susan Doyle, Director of Religious Education
 Marie Niernberger, Bulletin Editor / Liturgical Environment

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD): (September - May)**Grades Pre-K-8**

See the **FAITH FORMATION** page of the parish website for further information.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: Celebrations are held on one Saturday per month. A parent and godparent preparation program is required. Arrangements should be made at least 3 months prior to the baby's due date. Call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: The preparation program must begin *not less than* six (6) months in advance. For weddings celebrated in this church, we cannot confirm a wedding date until after the first appointment with a priest. Call the parish office.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Questions? Call parish office or email: sdoyle@bscva.org

PRAYERS AT MASS FOR THE SICK OR RECENTLY DECEASED: Call the parish office for mention at (2) Sunday Masses.

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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

1417 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

703-998-4170 www.bsscva.org

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

Katherine Chelak, principal



...and so does our NURSERY!

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

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

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

SUNDAY, JULY 23 - 16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am ~ **Gloria Randour+** (Kathy Robertson)
 9:00 am ~ **Donna Watson+** (Margie Fehrenbach)
 11:00 am ~ **Carmela Murli+** (Benito & Clelia Isaja)
 12:30 pm ~ **Lynn D. Poole+** (George & Mary Cushmac)
 2:00 pm ~ **Spec Int - Brigida Guyot** (Cespedes Family)
 5:00 pm ~ **Mass for the People**

MONDAY, JULY 24 - Saint Sharbel Makhluf

6:30 am ~ **Mary Ward Abram+** (Mary Ann Aker)
 8:30 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**

TUESDAY, JULY 25 - Saint James, Apostle

6:30 am ~ **Anne & Joseph Toni+** (Eugene Toni)
 8:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Barrett Family Grandchildren**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 - Saints Joachim & Anne

6:30 am ~ **Gerard Bradner+** (Cathy Lewi)
 8:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Fr Kevin Russe, CSC** (Paolo Rosales)

THURSDAY, JULY 27 - Weekday

6:30 am ~ **Sir Knight Herb Brooks+** (PGK Eugene Toni)
 8:30 am ~ **Alanna Duckett+** (Amanda Koman)

FRIDAY, JULY 28 - Weekday

6:30 am ~ **Souls in Purgatory+** (Lana Sarrantonio)
 8:30 am ~ **Aida Balderama Acebey+** (Silvia Fernandez)

SATURDAY, JULY 29 - Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:30 am ~ **Jaslene Bolt+** (Friends & Family)
 5:00 pm ~ **Mass for the People**

SUNDAY, JULY 30 - 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am ~ **Daniel Westlake+** (Meghan Duke)
 9:00 am ~ **Helen Hansen+** (Joe & Janet Kogut)
 11:00 am ~ **Carmela Murli+** (Benito & Clelia Isaja)
 12:30 pm ~ **Spec Int - Erick Cosme** (Irma Cosme)
 2:00 pm ~ **Aida Recalde+** (Laura Del Aguilar)
 5:00 pm ~ **Lind Lord+** (John & Elizabeth Chimento)

MASS INTENTIONS ~ While we do have a few Masses still available in 2023, we have begun accepting Mass Intention requests for dates **January thru March 2024 ONLY**. Registered parishioners may pick up a request form at the parish office. There is a limit of (5) Masses at this time. We will announce in the bulletin when the book will be open for Masses after March 30, 2024.

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

(Please call the parish office to include or delete a name.)



Ryan Barnett, Michael Bouffard, Jason Brooks, Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byrns, Nicholas Cale, Adam Conlan, Robert Corso, Analee Cuellar, Nathalia Cuellar, Bradley Cundari, Matthew Cundari, Nuno Cunha, Richard Demarais, Dennis Donley, Maddy Dooley, George C. Fletcher, Nicholas Fletcher, Tommy Gadell, Victor Gaetan, Joshua Hindenburg, Faith Holman, David Jordan, Jonathan Jordan, Matthew Kitzerow, Steven Kitzerow, James Kunder, Allison Landsman, Joseph Lim, Christopher Love, Alexa Mastrostefano, Grace McCaffery, Sam Mills, Timothy Mills, Lisa Mullaney, Hanna Porterfield, Gray Posey, Thomas Rands, Jamie Reynolds, Erik Rogers, Mary Severs, Ryan Stancik, Jared Steen, Travis A. Stoffer, Kyle Thomas, Josh Truman, Michael Voigt, Abby Warden, Thomas Warring.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, July 23, 16th Ordinary: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday, July 30, 17th Ordinary: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

**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, 07/23 - Rev. Joseph B. Townsend

Monday, 07/24 - Rev. Augustine Minh Hai Tran

Tuesday, 07/25 - Rev. Nhi Dinh Tran, (Ret.)

Wednesday, 07/26 - Rev. John T.B. Trong, (Ret.)

Thursday, 07/27 - Rev. Christopher T. Vaccaro

Friday, 07/28 - Rev. Stephen M. Vaccaro

Saturday, 07/29 - Rev. Thomas P. Vander Woude

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 **July 9th** was **\$30,728.90**We also received \$187.00 - **Poor Box**, \$303.00 - **Building Repairs Fund**, \$110.00 - **Msgr. Quinn School Endowment**, \$79.00 - **Senior Health Ministry** (for new Altar Server albs, cassocks & surplice fund), and \$20.00 - **Peter's Pence**.

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www.FaithDirect.net ~ Our church code: **VA 12**.
Your **ONLINE** gifts through **FaithDirect** will help
our parish finances throughout the year.
*Stewardship Reflection, July 23, 2023, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time***"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."** - Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds." We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Annual Missions Cooperative Plan Appeal ~ Next Weekend!

July 29th & 30th weekend, a second collection supports the **Arlington Missions Cooperative Appeal** for **Cheyo, Tanzania** in the **Archdiocese of Tabora, Tanzania**. The Archdiocese is sending **Fr. Andrew Mlele** to speak at our Masses and give us more information about his home. 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 through your **FaithDirect** account or use the **QR code**. *Thank you!*

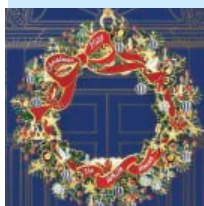
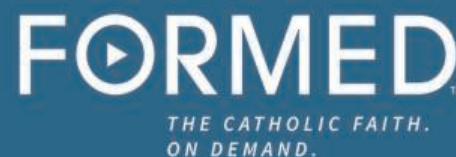
*Summer Gleaning***"Gleaning"** is the traditional biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot, or be plowed under after harvest (*Leviticus 23:22*). Help Catholic Charities to support pantries
 within our Diocese receive fresh foods through your support. **Saturday, August 19**, 8-11 a.m. in the Northern Neck at Parker Farms, 1647 Kings Hwy, Colonial Beach, VA 22443 **and/or** 1-3 p.m. at the Manassas Warehouse 8426 Kao Circle, Manassas, VA 20110. For info, please contact Volunteer Coordinator,
maria.rodriquez@ccda.net

Heaven is endless...but summer is not!
Religious Education Registration
 for the coming school year is open.
 Please see the website to register!
www.blessedsacramentcc.org



Interested in becoming Catholic?
Want to learn more about your faith?
 RCIA could be the program for you. See the website &/
 or please contact **Susan Doyle** ~ sdoyle@bscva.org

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)



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

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



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:** July 27th ~ August 10th

(RSVP welcome, but not required)



Summer Movie Nights

WEDNESDAYS in JULY at 7:00 p.m. in Quinn Hall

July 26th ~ "LIBERATING A CONTINENT:
 JOHN PAUL II & THE FALL OF COMMUNISM"

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. ~ Popcorn & Drinks served ~ BRING THE FAMILY!



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd ~ 7:00 pm ~ MEETING ROOM / PARISH LIBRARY

We continue our work on lap blankets, baby blankets, prayer shawls, hats & scarves. Thanks to our anonymous crafters! We have yarn if you need it. Drop-off your hand-made donations at the parish office any time.

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



BLESSED SACRAMENT 39+ SINGLES: Contact: Tom Palumbo - tomtal1@verizon.net 703-313-8388
PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC): We are a social group, mostly 60 and over. Meet us for: Thursday lunches (July 27); 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 Questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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



Blessed Sacrament Seniors Health Ministry

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

Safe Exercise, Low (No) Impact, Certified Instructor

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

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

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

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

Questions? bsmensgroup@gmail.com

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



Expectant moms (and dads): How can we help you?

We are forming a **Visitation Ministry** to serve mothers for the first 40 days after birth by bringing meals, running errands, babysitting older children, etc.

Contact Maureen Tovey at (734) 395-0862 or tovey.maureen@gmail.com

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



**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 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**

**All are welcome to attend the Officer Installation Ceremony ~
Saturday, July 29th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.
Reception following installation in Quinn Hall.**



Authentic Catholic Mission Trips - Where will your faith take you in 2023?

Peru, Aug. 3-12 with Fr. Rich Miserendino; **Vietnam**, Oct. 25 – Nov. 4 with Fr. Vincent Dinh.

More info & register: www.cbc-missions.org



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

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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.



Culmore Clinic, a non-profit, interfaith healthcare clinic in Bailey's Crossroads, seeks medical professionals and multi-lingual individuals interested in volunteering to support the delivery of compassionate care to vulnerable adults, *Licensed Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physicians Assistants, Nurses, Medical Assistants, Counselors, Social Workers, and Nutritionists* as well as *language interpreters (Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese)* are needed. Please contact **Culmore Clinic** at info@culmoreclinic.org
More information available at www.culmoreclinic.org

**The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM**

Next Delivery: Sunday, AUGUST 13th

Individuals & families are invited to make & donate bag lunches for distribution on the 2nd Sunday of each month to the residents of **The Carpenter's Shelter** in Alexandria. We need a dedicated, monthly crew to insure we have enough to supply the clients lunches for the following week. Items are dropped off on the 2nd Sunday by 10 am to a cart outside Quinn Hall. Each bagged lunch to include - a sandwich (preferably meat and/or cheese with **NO** dressing), a dessert & a piece of fruit. Donations of bulk items are also welcomed.

Please call to sign up or with questions - Lana at 703-299-8389 Thank you!

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

Blessed Sacrament parishioners provide dinner for the residents of **The Carpenter's Shelter** the third Monday of every month. A menu is set and a sign up genius request is emailed asking for volunteers to cook or buy the food and drop it off at the Shelter. Volunteers to help serve the dinner are also needed.

If you are interested in volunteering please send your email address to mbbersani@outlook.com You will receive a monthly request where you can sign up to provide food and or be a server. Any questions please contact **Maribeth** at 703-346-5778. **Thank you!**

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

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

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

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

**Mother of Light Center www.motheroflightcenter.com**

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

Volunteers greatly accepted! Email: motheroflightcenter@gmail.com

**CHRIST HOUSE ~ 131 S. West Street, Old Town**

You can help serve the vulnerable from this Alexandria-based facility. **Contact:** Sister Annie Juan - aniliza.juan@ccda.net

Blessed Sacrament parish provides dinner casseroles & serving help (Covid-Safe!) to **Christ House Alexandria** on the first Wednesday of every month! Volunteer casserole preparers &/or helpers are needed—discover the best way you can help.

Families, & teens needing service hours are especially welcome! Contact: Mary Kilkenny 571-296-6969 mary.kilkenny@yahoo.com

NEW MONTHLY COORDINATOR WANTED: Does this dinner ministry sound like something you would like to help keep running smoothly for the volunteers from Blessed Sacrament? Please contact **MARY KILKENNY** at the above email and/or phone for the details.
THANK YOU and ... especially, a huge **THANK YOU** to Mary for 20 years of helping keep our brothers & sisters fed!



RESPECT LIFE

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ~ 40DaysForLife.com www.PrayForLife.org

GABRIEL PROJECT: Gabriel Project (GP) provides financial & spiritual assistance to pregnant women in need. If you know someone who can benefit from GP services, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact us at (703) 841-3810 or go online at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/gpavolunteer

PROJECT RACHEL: Share the good news of God's merciful love post abortion.

Project Rachel can make a confidential referral to a priest and/or counselor: (888) 456-HOPE (4673) or www.helpafterabortion.org

'FIRST SATURDAY' Rosary Team Did you know that the 'no-show' rate can go up by 70% when there are people peacefully praying outside an abortion facility? Please join the prayer team every First Saturday to pray the rosary at 10:30 am at Falls Church facility at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA. For inquiries, Amy McInerney at (703) 841-3817 or respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org

ROSARY for LIFE

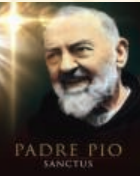
Every Saturday ~ around 9-9:15 am ~ women's clinic at 2839 Duke St (near Bishop Ireton H.S.) ~ Our "turn" to lead is 2nd Saturday of the month.

PRAISE and WORSHIP HOLY HOUR

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

FREE Ultrasound Exam COUPON

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



The SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Northern Virginia

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

Please call the Parish Office for more information. (703) 998-6100

St. Monica, diamond of unwavering faith, pray for us! It is estimated that 20 million Americans consider themselves to be lapsed Catholics. More than likely, we all know someone within each of our own families who simply no longer practices the faith or has not yet come to know Jesus. St. Monica is patroness & powerful intercessor. ~ **Join us today, & everyday, along with 130+ petitioners as we pray for the return of fallen-away Catholics; ~ Unite your loved ones into our daily prayers through our prayer list found in the Sacred Heart Chapel (specify 'St. Monica prayers'); ~ Pray!** Greg Golubin 202-437-1274



Listen to **CATHOLIC RADIO WMET 1160 AM** and via the (free) Ave Maria Radio APP! Visit: www.grnonline.com

Weekly Diocesan TV Mass 10:30 & 11:00 am Sundays on Channel 50 (WDCW) Other Masses on Cable & Satellite stations:
 6:30 am on UPTV (Passionist Fathers)
 & 8:00 am, Noon & 7:00 pm on EWTN



2 BUSY 2 PRAY? Try 2 minutes 2 virtue

Sign up NOW! www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue



Victim Assistance Program for Those Sexually Abused as a Minor ~ The Catholic Diocese of Arlington provides comprehensive assistance to anyone who as a minor was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, teacher, employee or representative of the diocese. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, who will provide support, consultation, referrals. The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is committed to assisting victims/survivors throughout the healing process.

For further information, call (703) 841-2530 Or visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/



Free the Slaves ~ A call for support for victims of human trafficking in our community **"An open wound on the body of contemporary society."** ~ So says Pope Francis on human trafficking - also known as modern slavery. 50 million people around the world are held in human trafficking, made to work through force, fraud, or coercion. January is national human trafficking prevention month, and the community of Blessed Sacrament can take action to spread the word and raise awareness. Victims of human trafficking in our community need help and support in mental health, shelter, foods, health care and other basic needs.

Free the Slaves has tools to help: <https://freetheslaves.net/take-action/how-to-take-action-2/>

Contact **Free the Slaves** at info@freetheslaves.net to learn how you can help raise awareness in the community this month! See the Arlington diocese's official statement on human trafficking here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nb0JwT0sFh8>

Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese - straight to your inbox.

Sign up at: arlingtondiocese.org/email



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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 or (703) 841-3819



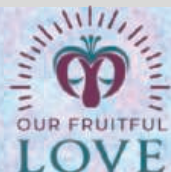
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"Sundays with the Sisters" Rejoice Tour 2023 ~ Witness the joy of our religious sisters during the "Sundays with the Sisters" Rejoice Tour 2023! An initiative for the year of preparation for our diocesan jubilee in 2024, the tour will showcase the 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 More info at 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/ 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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