

Transfiguration of the Lord ~ August 6, 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

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"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



Corner

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dear Good People of Blessed Sacrament,

Today we celebrate Our Lord being transfigured before the eyes of His Apostles. His outer appearance became dazzlingly white and the voice of God said “behold my Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to Him!” We are called to be transformed as well by the Sacraments of our Church and to listen to the voice of Our Savior by imitating His example. How blessed we are to be His own!

I pray all of you are well and having an enjoyable summer. We were so fortunate to have Fr. Andrew Mlele here with us at all the Masses last weekend for the ***Annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal***. It was so interesting to hear about the growth of the church in the Archdiocese of Tabora and to learn about the important work that is being done to improve people’s lives and to save their souls. I am so grateful to all of you for your generous response to his appeal. We don’t have all the totals of contributions yet but will share them with you as soon as I am able. Again, God reward you for your goodness!

Thanks to your response and care, we had a successful ***Red Cross Blood Drive*** here at the parish. We collected 37 good units (goal was 35) and are grateful to all of you who shared the gift of life.

Our ***Summer Movie Nights*** were a success, and I know that those who attended enjoyed the films and found them very thought provoking and beneficial to their spiritual lives. Special thanks to Susan Doyle for making this opportunity for faith development a reality. The popcorn was delicious too!

Last Saturday evening we installed the new officers for this coming fraternal year of our Blessed Sacrament ***Knights of Columbus***. Aaron Davila is our new Worthy Grand Knight and is excited about how our Knights can continue to serve our parish and help make the faith more alive to our families. We are so fortunate to have such an active Knights of Columbus Council and appreciate all the many ways they enrich our parish experience. Congratulations to all our new officers!

As many of you know, the past few weeks we have been dealing with a sewer line problem here in the church. “Roto- Rooter” employees have become like family to us! They have been sending cameras through our maze of pipes and discovered that the line which runs under the altar area in the church has become compromised and has to be diverted. So we may have to dig up an area across the front of the sanctuary so a new line can be laid. Hopefully this will take about a week and won’t severely impact our Sunday Masses. Things are progressing along so please pray for a happy outcome (...and people wonder why I have white hair!)

Hard to believe but ***Blessed Sacrament School*** opens on August 24th to begin another academic year. Teachers are already busy setting up their classrooms and we have a good enrollment of students. We still are in need of a school nurse. Any nurses out there looking for a nice place to work?

I pray you have a good week and that you are able to enjoy the last weeks of summer with those you love. Thank you for all you do to make our parish such a warm, welcoming and faith filled family of God. May He bless you abundantly!

Lovingly yours in Him,

Rev. John Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

7:30 am ~ **Mass for the People**
 9:00 am ~ **Patrick & Marie Walsh+** (Family)
 11:00 am ~ **Aldina Maestri+** (Benito & Clelia Isaja)
 12:30 pm ~ **John Joseph Tucker+** (Janet Maalouf)
 2:00 pm ~ **Arturo & Olga+** (Laura Del Aguilar)
 5:00 pm ~ **Mary Schofield+** (Stephen Schofield)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 - Sts. Sixtus & Companions; Cajetan

6:30 am ~ **Ryan P Morisseau+** (Meghan Duke)
 8:30 am ~ **Lydia & Pacifico Gamo+** (Jean Alam)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 - Saint Dominic

6:30 am ~ **Cecelia Duke+** (Meghan Duke)
 8:30 am ~ **Miguel A Longo+** (Longo Family)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

6:30 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**
 8:30 am ~ **Joe Braddock+** (Bertha Braddock)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 - Saint Lawrence

6:30 am ~ **John Giuseppe+** (Angie Giuseppe)
 8:30 am ~ **Anthony Ba Nguyen+** (K Florence)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 - Saint Clare

6:30 am ~ **Patrick & Lucille Catena+** (Mary Rose Catena)
 8:30 am ~ **Christina Cinti+** (Paolo Rosales)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 - Saint Jane Francis Chantal

8:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Tyler Martinez** (Martinez Family)
 5:00 pm ~ **Bill Paige+** (Sandra Paige)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13 - 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am ~ **Mary Clifford+** (Louis Capitano)
 9:00 am ~ **Mass for the People**
 11:00 am ~ **Carmela Murli+** (Benito & Clelia Isaja)
 12:30 pm ~ **Deacon Lynn Sherman+** (Barbara Sherman)
 2:00 pm ~ **Aida Balderama+** (Jenny & Donn Grover)
 5:00 pm ~ **Marjorie Moreau+** (Molloy Fmaily)

**NOVENA for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ August 7th ~ 15th**

Pick up a printed copy at the Parish Office or
 sign-up online at praymorenovenas.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 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.

Sunday, August 6, Transfiguration: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 13, 19th Ordinary: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**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, 08/06 - Rev. Jordan M. Willard

Monday, 08/07 - Rev. Jerry A. Wooton

Tuesday, 08/08 - Very Rev. Jamie R. Workman, VG

Wednesday, 08/09 - Rev. Thomas M. Yehl, YA

Thursday, 08/10 - Rev. John A. Ziegler

Friday, 08/11 - Rev. Matthew H. Zuberbueler

Saturday, 08/12 - CH (COL) Eric J. Albertson

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 adoror, 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 23rd** was **\$31,035.90**

We also received \$200.00 - **Poor Box**, \$380.00 - **Building Repairs Fund**, \$648.00 - **Msgr. Quinn School Endowment**, \$73.00 - **Senior Health Ministry** (for new Altar Server alb, cassock & surplice fund).



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

2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) "My Soul Rejoices in the Lord"*We have reached our goal!*

The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us joyfully make a pledge to support God's Kingdom in our diocese!

If you have yet to make a pledge, scan the QR code or make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA

**Stewardship Reflection, August 6, 2023, The Transfiguration of the Lord**

"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'"

~ Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid."

We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God;

Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen

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

**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.rodriguez@ccda.net

**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

A Holy Day of Obligation

VIGIL ~ Monday, **August 14th** ~ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday ~ **August 15th** ~ 6:30 & 8:30 a.m., 12 Noon,
7:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m. in Spanish



Calling all moms!

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

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

The group will start on **Thursday, August 17th, 9:30 am**
in the **Little Marian House** (next to parish staff parking, 1601 W Braddock Rd)

Please contact Susan Doyle ~ sdoyle@bscva.org or call the parish office for info.

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



Catechists needed! Did you know that the Church's name for those who teach the Faith, "catechist," comes from a Greek word meaning "echo?"

Perhaps you are called to echo the Eternal Word in our religious education program.
For more information, contact **Susan Doyle** in the parish office or email: sdoyle@bscva.org

Assistants and Monitors also needed!

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)



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. ~ **Thursday: August 10th**

(RSVP welcome, but not required)





Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th ~ 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: 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



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!

(RESUMES REGULARLY IN SEPTEMBER) 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!**



Blessed
FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY,
PRAY FOR US!

Sunday, August 13, is the Feast day of Blessed Michael McGivney. The Knights ask you to pray for his canonization and that his vision of care for the needy and the outcast continues. **The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild** promotes the sainthood cause of the founder of the Knights of Columbus and the Knights invite all Catholics -- not just Knights and their families -- to join this thriving community of prayer and spiritual support. Membership is free of charge and benefits include a quarterly

newsletter with information and updates on the canonization cause, and a weekly Mass offered for your intentions. Blessed Michael McGivney was beatified in 2020 and needs a second miracle attributed to his intercession to be raised to sainthood.

To join **The Guild**, visit the website fathermcgivney.org. You can also submit your petitions & report any favors received.

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

Vietnam, Oct. 25 – Nov. 4 with Fr. Vincent Dinh. More info & register: www.cbc-missions.org



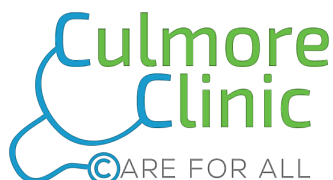
"Forming adults and families to serve and partake in the works of mercy."

COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST

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, Mon.-Sat., 10 am-2 pm. (703) 850-6701 Email: motheroflightcenter@gmail.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.

**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@cdda.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

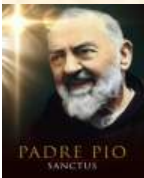
Every Saturday ~ around 9-9:15 am ~ women's clinic at 2839 Duke St (near Bishop Ireton H.S.) ~ Our "turn" to lead is 2nd Saturday of the month.

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

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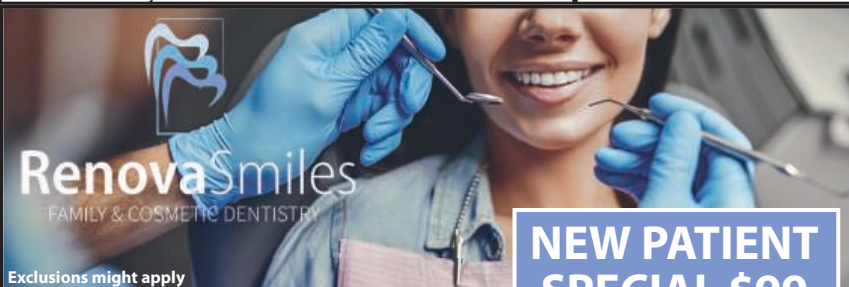
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