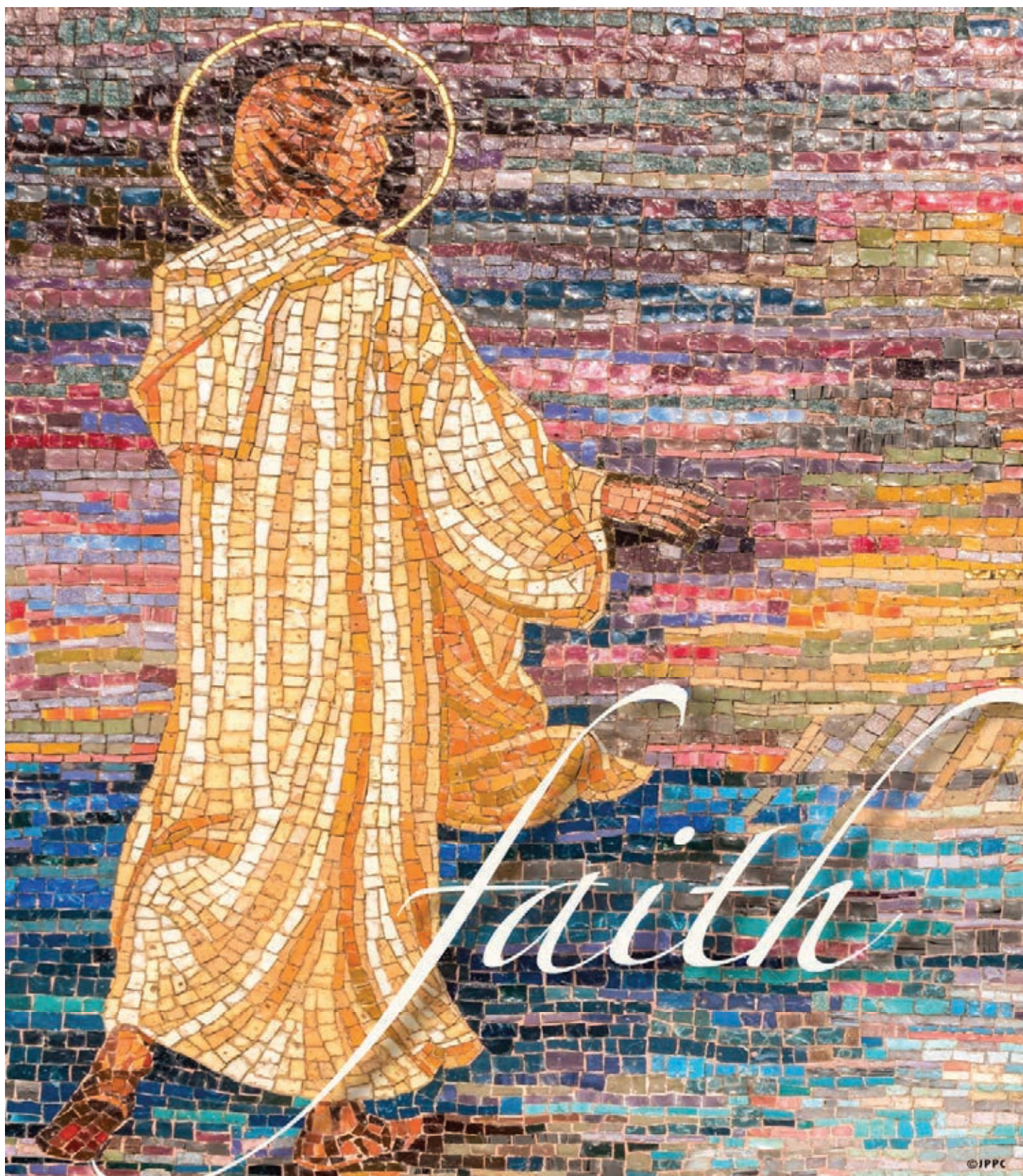




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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 9, 2020

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302

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

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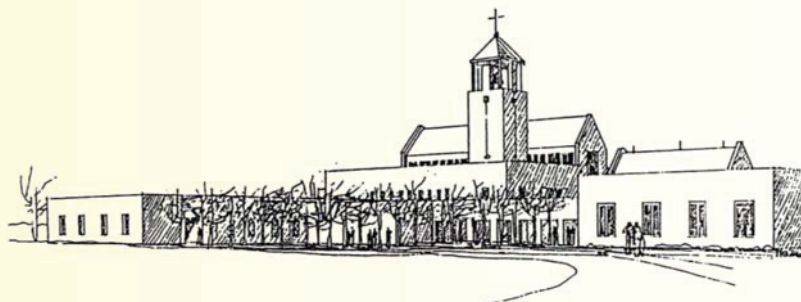
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SUNDAY MASSES: Church
 Vigil Mass on Saturday: 5:00 pm
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00*, 11:00*, 12:30 pm, 5:00 pm
 Sunday in Spanish: 2:00 pm

**NURSERY: Suspended until further notice*

WEEKDAY MASSES: Church
 Monday - Friday, 6:30 & 8:30 am
 Saturday, 8:30 am only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Daily Chapel ~ Monday thru Friday, 7am - 8 am
 Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm (except Holy Saturday)
 Spanish Community, Sundays, 1:15-1:45 pm

ROSARY: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am: Church
 Last Sunday of the month, 10:30 am: Daily Chapel

PARISH CLERGY: Rev. John D. Kelly, Pastor
 Rev. Mark Carrier, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Guillermo Gonzalez, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Thomas Yehl, Y.A., Parochial Vicar

PARISH STAFF:
 John McCrary, Director of Music/Coordinator of Liturgy
 Susan Doyle, Director of Religious Education
 Mary Walker, Director of Youth Ministry
 Marie Niernberger, Bulletin Editor / Liturgical Environment

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD): (September - May)
 Grades K-8 classes on Sunday am or Wednesday evening;
 Grades 1 & 2 on Monday afternoon. Preschool class, Sunday am.

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

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

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

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



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



Notes from the Pastor

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Good People of Blessed Sacrament,

I apologize for the “silence” on my part in last week’s bulletin. Spent the week in western New York visiting friends. Loved the lower humidity and cooler temperatures. Ate lots of good food including famous Buffalo wings, Polish kielbasa and beef on wick sandwiches. No wonder I am gaining weight! I also had the chance to visit two beautiful Polish American parishes with people of deep faith in God and His Blessed Mother. Summer is over and I am back to work!

Our three week summer series about the Extraordinary feasts of Ordinary time was well received and well attended. Thanks to all of you who joined in and to Fathers Tom and Gonzalez for giving the talks and leading the group in prayer.

The parish wide food drive to help the Saint Lucy food bank was a huge success. The meeting room was filled with donated food and supplies to help those in need. We know how many people are presently in need of extra-assistance and we thank you for responding in such an amazing way. Blessed Sacrament folk have such loving and generous hearts! I am so very grateful for your continued support of our parish through your participation in Faith Direct and your mailing on or dropping off your weekly contributions to our parish. God reward you!

As we know, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because it falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation but we will be having an evening vigil Mass and two Masses on Saturday. We honor Our Lady and thank Her for Her powerful intercession and protection! We encourage all of you to join us in the Assumption of Our Lady Novena which began on August 7th.

As things stand now, our Blessed Sacrament School is planning to open later this month. We will be having classes for pre-school through the eighth grade on site here at the parish Monday through Friday. The school faculty and staff are working diligently to create a safe, clean and socially distanced place for our young people to return to for the upcoming academic year. We are also hoping to have Religious Education classes beginning mid-September. I am especially grateful to Mrs. Valerie Garcia and Miss Susan Doyle for all their hard work, planning and coordinating over the past weeks as we try our best to navigate through these unusual times.

I pray it is a good week for you. May vacations be safe and enjoyed and know how happy we always are to see you here for Mass at Blessed Sacrament! God love and hold you close.

Devotedly yours in the Lord,

Rev. John Kelly

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 am ~ Patrick & Marie Walsh+ (Family)
 9:00 am ~ Antonio Napolitano+ (Paolo Rosales)
 11:00 am ~ Mass for the People
 12:30 pm ~ Juan Romero+ (Roxana Cunha)
 2:00 pm ~ Bishop Anton Justs
 5:00 pm ~ Timothy Ahern+ (Eileen Ahern)

MONDAY, AUGUST 10 - Saint Lawrence

6:30 am ~ Spec Ints of Eduviges Liriano & Family (Seferina)
 8:30 am ~ Marie Mularski+ (Angie Giuseppe)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 - Saint Clare

6:30 am ~ For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis
 8:30 am ~ John Giuseppe+ (Angie Giuseppe)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

6:30 am ~ Spec Int of Irma Cosme
 8:30 am ~ Juan Romero+ (Roxana Cunha)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6:30 am ~ Spec Ints of Leonbel Anbas
 8:30 am ~ Souls in Purgatory+ (Seferina)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe

6:30 am ~ Geri Lyda+ (Clare Chapin)
 8:30 am ~ Victor Slabinski+ (Ann McCormick McQuillan)
 7:00 pm ~ Dan Dunn+ (Bridget Dunn)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 - ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

8:30 am ~ Spec Ints of Desmond Crosby (Elaine Crosby)
 12 Noon ~ Patricia Kelly+ (Bridget Dunn)
 5:00 pm ~ Lew Zager+ (John & Ellen Farnham)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am ~ Mary Clifford+ (Lou Capitanio)
 9:00 am ~ Robert Raisch+ (Liz Di Gregorio)
 11:00 am ~ Patricia McShea+ (William McShea)
 12:30 pm ~ Mass for the People
 2:00 pm ~ Special Ints of Seferina Del Valle
 5:00 pm ~ Elsa Martinez+ (Elsa Velez)

During "Phase 3" we have a limited number of safe seating options and spacing restrictions in place. Continue to use SignUp Genius® on the website or call the Parish Office to reserve a place at SUNDAY MASS. Please don't assume there will be a safe, distanced space for you if you have not signed up. If the SignUp Genius® shows close to full capacity, please consider attending a different Mass with a lower number of reservations. Please arrive early to insure you can maintain good social spacing.

We require that you wear FACE COVERINGS (over mouth and nose) and maintain a safe distance (at least 6 feet) from others.

There can be no sitting, standing or prolonged gathering in the Gathering Space or Reservation Chapel during Mass.

The dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass is still in place. Please stay home if you have any concerns about your safety.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

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

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hab 1:12—2:4; Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 17:14-20

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

**FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Add a visit with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on **Fridays**.

Come to pray any time, but mid-day & afternoon hours visits are most needed.

The **Worship Space** is open from **Exposition at 9:00 am** until

Benediction & Reposition at 5:00 pm.

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



Fr. Mark Carrier ~

updates his blog with reflections on the readings of the day and a prayer.
sanctiscriptores.blogspot.com

Come to the web & explore this careful & devout examination of the Word of God.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2020)

Vigil Mass ~

Friday ~ August 14th ~ 7:00 pm

Solemnity Masses ~

Saturday ~ August 15th ~ 8:30 am and 12 Noon

Weekly Offertory Collection

Our Offertory Collection for July 26th was \$34,669.59. This does include *FaithDirect*.

We also received \$25.00 - Poor Box,
\$70.00 - Building Repairs,
and \$283.00 - Quinn School Endowment.

(In order to maintain an equitable portion to all our recipients, our *SHARING* distribution has been suspended and will resume as regular collections resume.)



Poor Box Report

July 2020

Expenses: \$4,570.00

These funds were used to provide 17 families with rental assistance, medical care and food.



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

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

Cole Barry, Ryan Barnett, Brandon Bert, Michael Bouffard, Jason Brooks, Richard W. Brown, Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byrns, Cady Byrnes, Tim Byrnes, Andrew Berrigan, Nicholas Cale, Adam Conlan, Robert Corso, Analee Cuellar, Nathalia Cuellar, Bradley Cundari, Matthew Cundari, Nuno Cunha, Richard Demarais, Dennis Donley, Maddy Dooley, George C. Fletcher, Nicholas Fletcher, Tommy Gadell, Victor Gaetan, Joshua Hindenburg, Faith Holman, David Jordan, Jonathan Jordan, Matthew Kitzerow, Steven Kitzerow, Allison Landsman, Christopher Love, Grace McCaffery, Patrick McGee,

Mateo McGrath, Sam Mills, Timothy Mills, Matthew Mourning, Lisa Mullaney, Hanna Porterfield, Gray Posey, Thomas Rands, Jamie Reynolds, Erik Rogers, Mary Severs, Ryan Stancik, Jared Steen, Travis A. Stoffer, Kyle Thomas, Josh Truman, Michael Voigt, Christopher Wallace, Abby Warden, Thomas Warring.



(Please call the parish office to include a name on this list.)

Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism?

Are you a "cradle Catholic" in search of a refresher?

Our *RCIA* class starts back up on **Wednesday, September 2nd** in Quinn Hall.

We will start in person, meeting with all the appropriate social distancing requirements, & there will be a virtual option.

For more information, contact Susan Doyle in the parish office, or visit the *ADULT FORMATION* page of the website, www.blessedsacramentcc.org



Heroes Needed!

These times require different thinking for our usual activities.



Religious Education is no exception!

We need more volunteers than usual to help out, both in instructional and non-instructional roles.

Having additional volunteers will help us implement procedures and thin out class sizes to keep our children and youth safe.

We don't offer glamour duty, but we can promise a boost to your sanctity.

Can you help? Contact Susan Doyle - sdoyle@bscva.org or call the parish office.

All volunteers who come in contact with children & youth are required to undergo a background check & attend a workshop titled "Protecting God's Children."

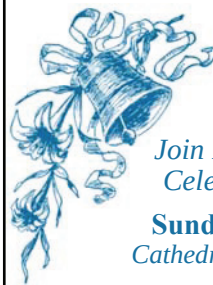


Catholic Charities Needs Volunteers: Farm Gleaning

Please help Catholic Charities feed the hungry by volunteering to glean crops on a One Day Mission trip to the northern neck of Virginia. "Gleaning" is the traditional biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left to rot in the fields or be plowed under after harvest. The freshly gleaned produce will be transported back to Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project Food Warehouse and given to those in need. Mission trips will be offered on the first Saturday of each month ~ **September 5th, October 3rd & November 7th** and are a great service project for church groups, families, book clubs and confirmation students (with parental supervision).

To sign up for a trip, visit
<https://tinyurl.com/farmgleaning2020>.

For more information, please contact
Commissioned by Christ Farm Gleaning
Mission Trip Volunteer Coordinator,
Tom Pedagno at tcp167@verizon.net



*Were you married
in 1970 or 1995?*

Join Bishop Michael Burbidge for a Mass
Celebrating 25 & 50 years of Marriage!

Sunday, October 4th at 2:30 pm
Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington

Call or email the parish office by September 10th to register.

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Mass for Mental Health Workers

Bishop Michael Burbidge will celebrate a Mass for Mental Health Workers **Saturday, August 22nd, 9:00 am**, Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington. The Mass is open to all. Those who support people with mental health conditions, including those who work with families affected by opioids or other addictions are especially encouraged to attend.

Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce

"Recovering Origins" is a unique healing retreat for adult children of divorce. Retreatants will discover their identity as children of God. The retreat will include presentations, adoration, confession, small group sharing, and daily Mass. Retreatants will receive insight into dealing with the earthly realities of their parents' divorce. Whether you have struggled with this issue for a long time or have tried not to think about it, we invite you to join us on retreat this summer. The retreat will be held from **Friday, August 21 (6 p.m.)-Sunday, August 23 (1:30 p.m.)** at San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, VA. Cost is \$350 / Late reg. is \$400
Register at www.arlingtondiocese.org/recoveringorigins



CHRIST HOUSE

131 S. West Street

You can help serve the vulnerable from this Alexandria-based facility.

** Daytime Food Pantry Help*

** Thrift Shop Volunteers -*

Mondays from 10 am-1 pm and Wednesdays from 1-4 pm (3 hours a week). Receive, sort, mark & display items. Provide shopper & clients support.

** Evening Meal Greeter* needed on Tuesday afternoons from 4-5:30 p.m. We are in need of a volunteer to greet and welcome our evening meal guests and annotate their names in the roster. Assist staff in supervising the guests awaiting the meal. Volunteers must be 21 years old.

Contact Sr. Annie Juan - aniliza.juan@ccda.net



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<https://www.volunteeralexandria.org/>

Information on other ALIVE! food programs can be found:

<https://www.alive-inc.org/we-need-volunteers-alexandria-va>

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



SOCIALLY DISTANT SERVICE SATURDAY

TAKE ACTION

& BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Blessed Sacrament High Schoolers feed the homeless

AUGUST 29th

RSVP: Mary Walker ~ mwalker@bscva.org
(Adult Volunteers with vans or SUVs needed)

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Dry Beans (prefer red or black beans, we can split)
Pasta/ Spaghetti
Pasta Sauce (any flavor)
Cereal (Rice Krispies, Cheerios, Corn Flakes)
Tuna (Cans or packages, in water or oil)
Tortimasa "Masa" (Not cornmeal)
Snacks (individually wrapped granola bars, etc.)
Bar Soap (large "Family Size" bars)
Toothpaste ("Family Size" tubes)
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Diapers (Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6)

Please deliver items directly to the Center,
Monday thru Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm
421 Clifford Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22305

Thank You!

**The listings below are for "evergreen" groups at Blessed Sacrament.
Please use the contacts for information about meetings or other ways the groups
are staying in touch during the Covid-19 quarantine.**



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: TBD

7-8 pm, Parish Center

Questions? Call Lana at 703-299-8389

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

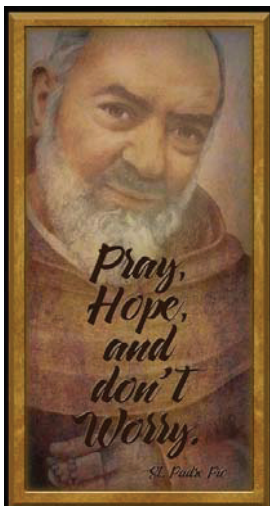
(NOTE: In case of inclement weather or other emergency, we follow Alexandria City & Public Schools closure policy.)



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



The SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Northern Virginia

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

Need more info?

Art ~ 571-236-6080 or
sanpio@comcast.net

SENIORS & RETIREES!

LINE DANCING ~ All are Welcome!

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At the Parish Center ~ TUESDAYS

CANASTA 9:30 am -12:30 pm

BRIDGE 12 - 3 pm

Contact: Stella Perry (703)751-8429
Or Ann Corro (703)370-3664

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**Have you thought at times that you would like
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The Legion of Mary

Thursdays ~ 7:15 pm ~ Meeting Room

Information? email: LegionofMaryBlessedSacrament@gmail.com

Blessed Sacrament 39+ Singles

Contact: Tom Palumbo - tomtal1@verizon.net 703-313-8388



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leave contact information & a Knight will return your call.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus,
visit KofC.org



All men of the parish are welcome!

Saturdays ~ 7:00 - 8:30 am ~ QUINN HALL (Breakfast - opens at 6:30 am)

Questions? timothygoobic@gmail.com

Join us whenever you can!

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/



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