

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 20, 2023

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



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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

PARISH E-MAIL: *parish_office@bscva.org*

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/Blessed-Sacrament-Catholic-Church-210791706782/>

INSTAGRAM: *@blessed_sacrament_youth*

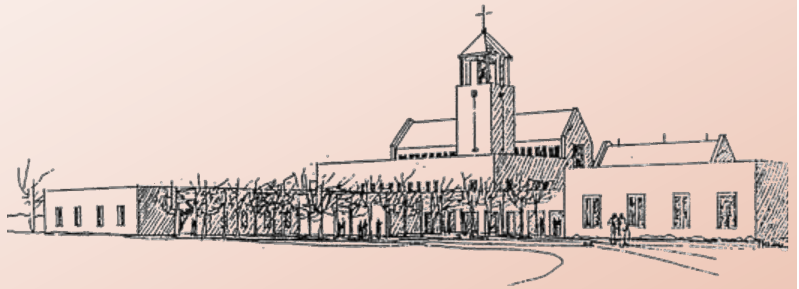
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON: www.arlingtondiocese.org

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

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Katherine Chelak, principal



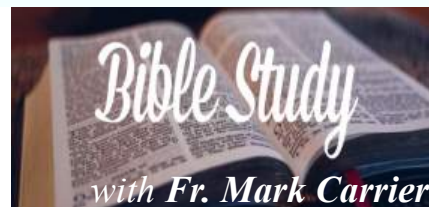
...and so does our NURSERY!

*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, 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

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 - 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 am ~ **Sec Int - Christine** (Lorraine)
 9:00 am ~ **Suri Alvarado+** (Diana Alvarado Jordan)
 11:00 am ~ **Mass for the People**
 12:30 pm ~ **Deacon Lynn Sherman+** (Barbara Sherman)
 2:00 pm ~ **Fernando Ramirez+** (Jonathan Ferrar)
 5:00 pm ~ **Enrique Rivera+** (Longo Family)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 - Saint Pius X, Pope

6:30 am ~ **Larry Ulrich+** (John & Ginger Harrington)
 8:30 am ~ **Alice De la Vergne+** (Mary Ryan)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - The QUEENSHIP of the BVM

6:30 am ~ **Kevin Muller+** (Mary Ann Hoffman)
 8:30 am ~ **Michael White+** (Channy & Michelle White)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 - Saint Rose of Lima

6:30 am ~ **Spec Int - George Schumer** (Theresa Schumer)
 8:30 am ~ **Carolyn Leiserson+** (John & Elizabeth Chimento)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 - Weekday

6:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Catherine Reynolds** (Ed & Rita Reynolds)
 8:30 am ~ **Timothy M Ahern+** (Ahern Family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - Weekday

6:30 am ~ **William Etchemendy+** (Lorraine Bennett)
 8:30 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - Weekday

8:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Helen Barber & Dorothy Roy** (P Rosales)
 5:00 pm ~ **Rev F Lyman Farnham+** (John & Ellen Farnham)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Jam Foster** (Olivia Kimda)
 9:00 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**
 11:00 am ~ **Stanley Zajac+** (Deborah & Frank Homburger)
 12:30 pm ~ **Mass for the People**
 2:00 pm ~ **Perla Castillo+** (Irma Cosme)
 5:00 pm ~ **Janet McGrath+** (Carol Stackhouse)

Sunday, Aug. 20th, 20th Ord.: Is 56:1, 6-7;
 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
 Mt 15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40,
 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14;
 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
 Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10;
 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5;
 Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 27, 21st Ordinary: Is 22:19-23;
 Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36;
 Mt 16:13-20

**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, 08/20 - Rev. Dort A. Bigg

Monday, 08/21 - Rev. Joseph P. Biniek, (Ret.)

Tuesday, 08/22 - Rev. Nicholas F. Blank

Wednesday, 08/23 - Rev. Vincent P. Bork

Thursday, 08/24 - Rev. Edward J. Bresnahan

Friday, 08/25 - Rev. Philip D. Briggs

Saturday, 08/26 - Rev. Robert C. Brooks, (Ret.)

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!**



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.

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

Offertory Collection ~ Thank you!

Our Offertory Collection including **FaithDirect** of *August th* was \$35,904.90

We also received \$150.00 - **Poor Box**, \$465.00 - **Building Repairs Fund**, \$117.00 - **Msgr. Quinn School Endowment**, \$90.00 - **Senior Health Ministry** (for new Altar Server albs, etc. fund), \$4,187.00 - **Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal; Tanzania**.



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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 August 20, 2023, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable."

~ Romans 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone. Each of us has a part in God's salvation plan.



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<https://blessedsacramentcc.formed.org> (code: nr1029)



RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA

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**

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!



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



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!

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

in the **Little Marian House** (next to parish staff parking, 1601 West Braddock Rd)

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

PARISH FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar for the **PARISH FESTIVAL!**

Friday, September 15th ~ 5:30-8:30 p.m.

MUSIC ~ FOOD ~ FUN ACTIVITIES

Double your fun by volunteering! Various duties & skills needed.

Families welcome; service hours available for teens.

Contact *Marie* in the Parish Office (703)998-6100 x 104 ~ mniernberger@bscva.org



Mass for Multicultural Communities 2023

Celebrate our unity in diversity! All are invited to the annual **Mass for Multicultural Communities** celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge, con-celebrated by priests of The Diocese of Arlington. The Mass celebration will be held at Nativity Catholic Church, Burke VA at 7 p.m. on **Friday, August 25th**. Following the Mass, there will be a reception featuring cultural dishes and performances! The reception is free for all. Mass attendees are encouraged to wear cultural attire if desired. There is no registration required. If you would like to participate in the Marian Procession and would like more information, please contact mcm@arlingtondiocese.org

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary this year? Were you married in 1973 or 1998?

Then join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the **2023 Mass for Jubilarians** to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15th, at 3 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM

Retreat for Persons Facing Serious Illness

Retreat for People Facing Serious Illness - Friday-Sunday, Oct. 6-8. Retreat offers a unique opportunity for those facing serious physical illness to participate in an in-person weekend retreat of spiritual renewal & refreshment. Celebrate life and the love of the Lord Jesus in a beautiful and comfortable place among caring and generous people. The retreat will be at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia. The retreat is at no cost to participants and is appropriate for individuals facing serious illness and their caretakers. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate individuals who are dealing with serious mental illness and impaired memory. Space is limited! Registration closes Sept. 15. Contact retreat@ccda.net or call (703)841-3830. Provide your contact information and a member of the nursing team will contact you for an intake interview.

Annual Father Capodanno Mass

The Memorial Mass for Father Vincent R. Capodanno, MM, will take place at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, 2023**, in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Avenue, Northeast, Washington, D.C. His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services, USA, will be the celebrant. This annual Mass is celebrated in memory of Fr. Capodanno, killed in Vietnam on Sep. 4, 1967, as he ministered to embattled Marines. Fr. Capodanno posthumously received the Medal of Honor, and in May 2006 the Catholic Church officially proclaimed him a Servant of God and thus formally initiated his Cause for Canonization. For more information, visit www.CapodannoGuild.org. All are invited to attend the Memorial Mass on the 56th anniversary of his death. There will be open seating, so please plan to arrive early. Military members are encouraged to wear uniform of the day; business attire for civilians.



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



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: Lunch on Thursdays.

(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!**

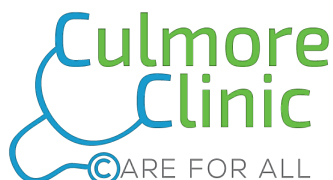
The Knights ask you to pray for his canonization and that his vision of care for the needy and the outcast continues. **The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild** promotes the sainthood cause of the founder of the Knights of Columbus and the Knights invite all Catholics -- not just Knights and their families -- 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 fathermcmgivney.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, SEPTEMBER 10**

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

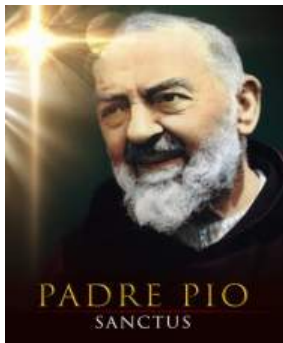
Every Saturday ~ around 9-9:15 am ~ women's clinic at 2839 Duke St (near Bishop Ireton H.S.) ~ Our "turn" to lead is 2nd Saturday of the month.

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.



SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP of Northern Virginia

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

Fr. Mark Carrier, Chaplain

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



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6:30 am on UPTV (Passionist Fathers)
& 8:00 am, Noon & 7:00 pm on EWTN



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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>

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Did you know that putting your Catholic faith at the heart of family life makes everything else you're worried about come together?

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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



"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 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> **DUE BY SEPTEMBER 4th!**

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