

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 26, 2021

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



PARISH OFFICE: 703-998-6100 **Hours:** Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - Noon, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm;
Sunday, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

The church BUILDING closes at 9:00 pm, Monday - Friday & following 5:00 pm Masses on Saturdays & Sundays.

PARISH WEB SITE: www.blessedsacramentcc.org

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

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: At ECC through main school entrance

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

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

Marie Niernberger, Bulletin Editor / Liturgical Environment

YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD): (September - May)

Grades Pre-K-8 Parishioner Registration NOW OPEN!

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

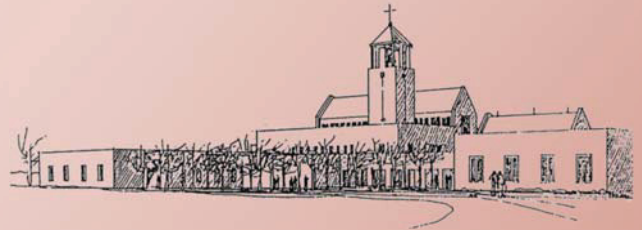
BAPTISM OF CHILDREN: Celebrations are held on one Saturday per month. A parent and godparent preparation program is required. Arrangements should be made at least 3 months prior to the baby's due date. Call the parish office.

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 Sunday Masses.

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



Our "back" parking entrance from Kenwood Ave via Osage Street is **CLOSED WEEKDAYS** ~ from early Monday mornings through late Friday afternoons.

It will be OPEN on SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS.

Please use one of the 3 Braddock Road entrances to access parking.
Thank you for your attention and patience.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

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

Katherine Chelak, principal

1417 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302

703-998-4170 www.bssva.org

"All are Welcome"

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 am ~ Mass for the People
- 9:00 am ~ Joan Stokes & Kathleen Cole+
- 11:00 am ~ Elaine Semonich+ (Jill Carney)
- 12:30 pm ~ For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis
- 2:00 pm ~ In Thanksgiving - The Archangels
- 5:00 pm ~ Adam Kasold+ (P Gatz, J Alfenito, D & S Kowalski)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - Saint Vincent de Paul

- 6:30 am ~ Roberta Patrick+ (Bud & Connie Hart)
- 8:30 am ~ Christine Carone+ (Angie Giuseppe)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

- 6:30 am ~ Rev Eugene McGovern+ (Ed Andrews)
- 8:30 am ~ Robert Aarhus+ (R E Aarhus)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

- 6:30 am ~ Josephine Kelly+ (Donn & Jenny Grover)
- 8:30 am ~ Brenda Valentin+ (Carol Rose)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - Saint Jerome

- 6:30 am ~ Zachary D'Souza+ (Ann McCormick McQuillan)
- 8:30 am ~ Geraldine Saitta+ (Ed Andrews)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

- 6:30 am ~ Sp Int - Ashley Felock (Monika Felock)
- 8:30 am ~ Josephine Kelly+ (Marilyn Reiber)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2 - Holy Guardian Angels

- 8:30 am ~ Spec Int - Margaret Walsh Fernandes (Family)
- 5:00 pm ~ Ann Smith+ (Valerie & Lon Smith & Family)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3 - 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 am ~ Sp Int - Reiber & D'Souza Families (Fernandes)
- 9:00 am ~ Mass for the People
- 11:00 am ~ Heather Shell+ (Rene & Pat Paschal)
- 12:30 pm ~ Richard Stofko+ (Gary Stofko)
- 2:00 pm ~ Josephine Kelly+ (Gary & Jeannette Stoiber)
- 5:00 pm ~ Spec Int - Sandi Paige

Readings for the Week

Sunday, 9/26: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14;
Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23;
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab;
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37;
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday, 10/3: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Heb 2:9-11;
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC 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 9:00 am** until
Benediction & Reposition at 5:00 pm.

CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR

Weekly ~ 2:00 - 3:00 pm

**Parents are welcome to bring young children to
adore our Lord. (Please know that the Chapel may be
noisier than usual during this time.)**

Need some children's prayer ideas?

Contact Susan Doyle in the parish office.

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

**Please prayerfully consider scheduling
an hour in prayer at Adoration on Fridays.
We would like to maintain a list & schedule to
assure that there is always someone at prayer
with our Lord during the day.**

Please contact Jenny Grover ~ Email or Call:

jdrivera7@aol.com / (202)669-7214



**Saint Joseph, Pray for Us and
Pray for Our Priests.**

**As we continue to celebrate the
Year of Saint Joseph, please help yourself to
"The Dream of Saint Joseph" prayer card
to pray for the defense, advocacy and
protection of priests.**

Blessed Sacrament Grade School & Early Childhood Center ~ OPEN HOUSE ~ Wednesday, October 6th



This structured program for parents of prospective
students begins PROMPTLY at 9:00 am & lasts until
about 11 am. Visitors do not need to pre-register, but
are welcome via our main entrance at 1417 West
Braddock Road. You will have an opportunity to meet
the principal, ask questions regarding our curriculum, and receive
a tour of the school from current middle school students.

Questions? Please call the school office: 703-998-4170



Our Offertory Collection for September 12th was \$33,838.29. This does include *FaithDirect*. We also received \$141.00 - Poor Box, \$178.00 - Building Fund, \$110.00 - Quinn School Endowment, \$1,071.00 - Parish Religious Education, and \$300.00 - Catholic University. *Thank you.*

(For the foreseeable future, our SHARING distribution has had to be suspended.)



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



Emergency Hurricane Ida Relief Collection TODAY ~ September 25th & 26th

As you know, Hurricane Ida has impacted people & property from the Gulf of Mexico to the Northeast. The U.S. Bishops have asked us to consider giving to a special collection for aid to those affected.

Please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament, with "IDA" on the memo line. *Your generosity, as always is greatly appreciated.*



50 Years of Service (1971 - 2021)

Our Knights of Columbus Council 11947 will collect donations **NEXT WEEKEND** ~

OCTOBER 2nd & 3rd

for the support of people with intellectual disabilities across the state of Virginia.

Thank you for your generosity!



Magnificat Women's Group ~ Fall 2021

Join the Blessed Sacrament Magnificat women's program as we "hybrid" small groups, study, and prayer.

MORNING PROGRAM: Mondays, 9:00-10:30 a.m., October 4 - November 15 (with exception of Oct. 11)

Quinn Hall (with social distancing); small groups may scatter about church. *"A Biblical Walk through the Mass"*

Five fall sessions will view videos from Dr. Edward Sri's study, with small group discussion following.

EVENING PROGRAM: Mondays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., October 4 - December 13 (with exception of Oct. 11, Nov. 1, 8, 22)

Quinn Hall (with social distancing); evenings of Adoration in the Church. *"A Biblical Walk through the Mass"*

Five Fall sessions will view videos from Dr. Edward Sri's study, with small group discussion following.

"A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS" by/with Dr. Edward Sri. One of the many difficulties of this strange pandemic period has been how to approach the Mass. At first, it was impossible, then when possible, remained challenging and even scary for some. What is it about the Mass? Why is it so critical to our spiritual lives that having to forego it is a privation? Dr. Edward Sri leads this dynamic study the Mass' biblical roots and why it is the fulfillment of God's promise.

Registration will take place September 11-23.

To receive information and registration, email MagnificatBSCC@gmail.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 a name on this list.)

Cole Barry, Ryan Barnett, Brandon Bert, Michael Bouffard, Jason Brooks, Richard W. Brown, Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byrns, Cady Byrnes, Tim Byrnes, 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, Christopher Love, Grace McCaffery, Mateo McGrath, 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, Christopher Wallace, Abby Warden, Thomas Warring.



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

Listen to CATHOLIC RADIO

WMET 1160 AM

and via the (free) Ave Maria Radio APP!

Visit: www.grnonline.com



Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm or Wed. mornings, 9:15 am ~ MEETING ROOM

"Women of the Bible" & other topics

(Drop-in: No registration necessary) Questions? email: mfcaime@cs.com

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



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)



Greeters & Ushers Needed at Sunday Masses:

Help at the Mass you usually attend!

We have new baskets & will review offertory procedures at each Mass. If you think you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Marie in the parish office (703) 998-6100 x. 104 or mniernberger@bscva.org



Singers Wanted! No experience necessary ~

Just a willingness to make a 'joyful noise' in celebration of the liturgy!

Contemporary Ensemble (typically 9:00 am Sunday Mass) and Adult Choir (typically 11:00 am Sunday Mass)

For information, please contact: John McCrary 703- 998-6100 x103 or jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org



Our **Sunday Nursery** is **OPEN...** at **9 am & 11 am** Masses.

Walking age to age 6 welcome! (Don't need to be potty-trained, just walking.) Located in the Early Childhood Center rooms of the school, access at the main school doors. No charge.

In accordance with CDC guidelines, staff will wear masks. Children aged 2 and over, mask is optional. We will try to keep children 3 feet apart (exception ~ siblings.) Questions? Contact Susan Doyle in parish office.



Save the date ~ **February 26, 2022, 7pm-9pm** for our annual **BSSchool AUCTION!**

This year our theme is "Roaring 2020's" ~ so find your pearls, flapper dresses and top hats and get ready to party and raise money for our school! We are in need of volunteers! (Get a head start on those 20 hours!!) The auction is an amazing way to help our school and students! Contact pam.denunzio@gmail.com



ALTAR SERVER SIGN-UP & ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Girls & Boys, Third Grade thru High School, are invited to serve at the Altar.

Download a registration the form from the parish website & drop it by the parish office.

Training opportunity: Thursday, September 30th, 4 to 5 pm in the church.

New members & returning Altars Servers, please sign up for one of these training sessions.

Call the parish office or email Fr. Gonzalez at: frggonzalez@bscva.org



Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

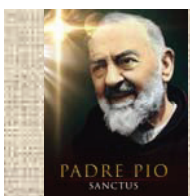
MEETING: Thu., OCTOBER 7th ~ 7:00 pm ~ MEETING ROOM / PARISH LIBRARY (weather/storms permitting!)

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

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



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 Daily Chapel.

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



Have you ever thought that you would like to do a little more for God?

You, with God's Holy Spirit, may help Jesus, Mary, and yourself with Spiritual Works of Mercy!

THE LEGION OF MARY

Thursdays ~ 6:00 pm Meeting Room (Parish Library)

Questions? Call or email the parish office with your contact information. (703) 998-6100 parish_office@bscva.org



◆ **BRIDGE is BACK on TUESDAYS at the PARISH CENTER!** ~ 12 Noon to 3 pm
Contact Ann Corro for more information (703) 370-3664

◆ **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 39+ Singles Contact: Tom Palumbo - tomtal1@verizon.net 703-313-8388

PRIME TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS (PTSC) serves single Catholics 40 and over. Meet us for: Thursday lunches; Nationals baseball (Sept. 19).

Details, visit: bit.ly/ptsc Questions or RSVP: Tom ptscnva@gmail.com.



**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@kofc.org or call the Parish Office and leave a message. A Knight will return your call. **Vivat Jesus!**

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!





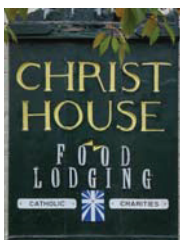
Thinking of getting a new car? Please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities. We accept working vehicles and give them directly to families in desperate need of transportation. We also accept non-operational vehicles to fund our volunteer programs. We handle the paperwork, you receive the IRS donation receipt. To donate, please call 703-841-3898 or email cars@ccda.net



How You Can Help Recently Arrived Afghan SIV Holders

As events in Afghanistan continue to unfold, Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services welcomes Afghan SIV holders (*individuals who assisted US operations in Afghanistan*) to Northern Virginia. If you are interested in assisting, please email: lourdes.iglesias@ccda.net or visit:

www.ccda.net/give-help/donate-goods-and-transportation/help-immigrants-and-refugees/



CHRIST HOUSE ~ 131 S. West Street

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 Kilkenney 571-296-6969 mary.kilkenney@yahoo.com



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

Information on all ALIVE! 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.

Any individual interested in volunteering must register via Volunteer Alexandria <https://www.volunteerallexandria.org/>



Mother of Light Center ~ www.motheroflightcenter.com

421 Clifford Ave., Alexandria, Mon.-Sat., 10 am-2 pm.

motheroflightcenter@gmail.com

Assist the poor right here in our own neighborhood. Many opportunities available.



COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST www.commissionedbychrist.org

CBC is a ministry within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington that organizes LOCAL & OVERSEAS mission trips for families and adults. **VIRTUAL EVENTS NOW!** Visit the website for info.

Farm Gleaning with The St. Lucy Project Commissioned by Christ joins Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project to glean crops at Parker Farms on the northern neck of VA. One-day farm gleaning mission trips are great family events, an opportunity to help feed the hungry (a corporal work of mercy), and a great service project for groups, bible studies, book clubs and confirmation students. Sat., Oct. 9; and Sat., Nov. 13. Each mission trip is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. and end no later than 11 a.m. You need not participate in all five events. For more information and to sign up for any of the five mission trips visit www.commissionedbychrist.org and click on "Get Involved". Contact: CBC Farm Gleaning Mission Trip Volunteer Coordinator, Tom Pedagno at tcp167@verizon.net



DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR A WEEK TO HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ? (NEW INFO!)

Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC) seeks volunteers to help Alexandria Public Schools kindergarten & first grade struggling readers. ATC provides training, weekly materials & ongoing support weekly lesson plans. Volunteers commit to working with a student in 30-minute sessions, once or twice a week during the school day (8 am-2:20 pm), Oct. - May. Tutoring is in-person, in the school. Volunteers provide full vaccination status & will tutor while masked. For more information, visit <https://alexandriatutors.org/sign-up-to-become-a-tutor> or write to Lisa Jacobs: ljacobs@alexandriatutors.org

More children than ever need your help. Register today!

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/



'Searching for More...'

...features interviews and discussions on a range of topics affecting Catholics in today's world.

Guests include clergy, local Catholics, doctors, technology experts, Catholic news anchors, and even Hollywood actors starring in epic biblical dramas. In addition to interviews, some podcasts will emanate from inspiring talks, speeches, homilies, and lectures given throughout the Diocese.

The podcast is dedicated to the patronage of our diocesan saint, St. Thomas More.

'Searching for More' joins the 'Walk Humbly' and 'Catholic Herald' podcasts diocesan audio offerings.

Visit: arlingtondiocese.org



Diocesan Pilgrimage

Bishop Burbidge invites you to join him to mark this "Year of St. Joseph" at the diocesan Marian pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, October 30th
9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

This beautiful family event is free & there is no need to register. For complete schedule and details, visit

www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage

2 BUSY 2 PRAY?

Try 2 minutes 2 virtue ~ Sign up NOW!

www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue

Looking for New Team Members!

The Central Administrative Office in Arlington is looking for new team members!

Exciting opportunities exist in our Benefits, Communications, Development, and Ministry Offices.

For details, visit: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/human-resources/employment-opportunities/>



Walking with John Paul II - A Pilgrimage of Faith ~ Join the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on Saturday, October 16, for a spiritual journey in the footsteps of Saint John Paul II to renew our spirits and deepen our faith during these extraordinary times. This second annual pilgrimage will be a 12-mile spirit-filled walk from Our Lady Queen of Poland Parish in Silver Spring, MD to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC in celebration of the feast day of Saint John Paul II. Come join with your family, friends, school, council, or religious community. The walk will include the recitation of the rosary, songs of praise, and group prayer to create a truly communal pilgrimage experience. & will end with Mass. A fantastic way for young adults and families to spend the day! To register or for more information visit: jp2shrine.org/pilgrimage



Mark Your Calendar!

2021 StepALIVE! Walkathon is October 17th!

Support our neighbors in need. Prizes for team(s) with the most walkers and most money raised, etc.

Register today at: <http://StepALIVEwalk.org>



RESPECT LIFE

Helpful Resources: <http://www.arlingdiocese.org/religiousliberty/>
www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/
www.vacatholic.org (Virginia Catholic Conference)
 #WhyWeMarch MarchForLife.org

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

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

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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

DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING ~ Post-Abortion Retreat for Women ~ Saturday, September, 25th ~ info@helpafterabortion.org or call (703)841-2504
 Retreat based on the 'Entering Canaan' model

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### '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 the Falls Church facility located at 900 S. Washington Street, Falls Church, VA. For inquiries, contact Amy McInerney at (703) 841-3817 or [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org)

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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.

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### 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. October 12th ~ Bishop Michael Burbidge, presiding. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome. Watch livestream at: [arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion](http://arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion)

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40 DAYS for LIFE Vigil Calendar

Please sign up to witness! The link for the campaign vigil calendar can be found at 40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns/
 Please invite a friend to go with you!

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### REGISTER to VOTE !

Register to Vote: This year in Virginia, Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2. Voters will elect a Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, and will determine all 100 state House of Delegates seats. As Catholics, we are called to practice faithful citizenship. If you will be 18 or older on November 2, you are encouraged to register to vote, or to update your registration if you have changed your address. To learn more: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register/>  
 The Virginia Catholic Conference will be providing voter education resources in the coming months. Sign up now for VCC alerts and updates at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org), so you can receive these materials via email when they are available.

*Get the Truth about the Equality Act*  
 Go to [arlingtondiocese.org/equalityact](http://arlingtondiocese.org/equalityact)  
 to learn about the dangerous implications of the Equality Act and what you can do to try and stop its passage.



### Vigil Mass for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

*Nourish Peace at Home: Faith Resources for Help and Healing* ~ The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in D.C. for the 5th Annual Catholic Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Educational resources will be available. Please arrive by 4:15 p.m.

Registration for reserved seating: [national-dvam-observance-2021.eventbrite.com](http://national-dvam-observance-2021.eventbrite.com)

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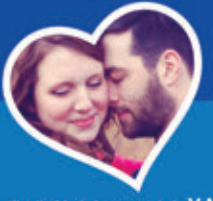
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