

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 12, 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Chapel, Fridays, 9 am- 5 pm

PARISH OFFICE: 703-998-6100

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9 am - Noon, 1 pm - 7 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 OFFICE HOURS CHANGE:

Beginning Monday, November 13th, the parish office will be open, **Monday** through **Thursday**, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, and **1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

The church building will be open until 9:00 p.m.

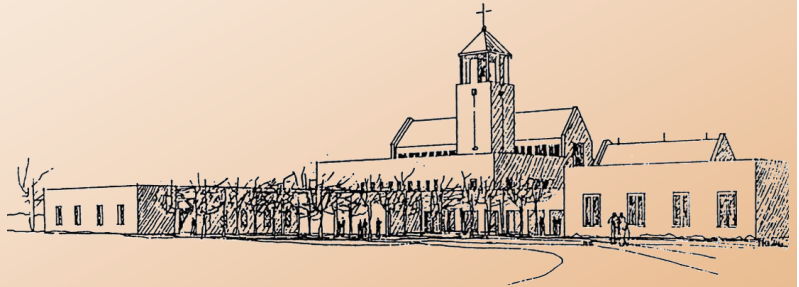
Friday hours remain 9 a.m. to 12 Noon, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday hours remain 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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

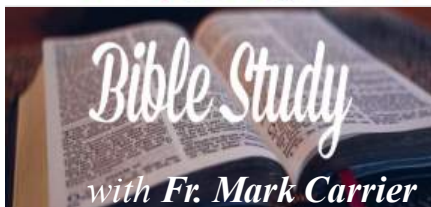
703-998-4170 www.bssva.org

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

Katherine Chelak, principal

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN**...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!



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

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, JOHN MILATZO,
 BRUCE & MARY MILLER, DONNA RAFFAELE,
 NORMA RAFFAELE, IRVINE RODRIGUEZ,
 HARRY THOMPSON, Jr., TIMOTHY TOBIN, MAUREEN
 WAHL, VINCE WHITMORE, ANGELA WILSON.

(Please call the parish office with additions & deletions)

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Olivia Kinda**
 9:00 am ~ **Mary Ondo+** (Ann Wynne)
 11:00 am ~ **Mass for the People**
 12:30 pm ~ **Madeline Archer Roy+** (Kendall Family)
 2:00 pm ~ **Jose Luis Garcia+** (Patricia Campos)
 5:00 pm ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

6:30 am ~ **Todd Pomeroy+** (Edward Andrews)
 8:30 am ~ **Sp Int - Rep Mary Morrissey** (Paolo Rosales)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - Weekday

6:30 am ~ **Allison Kennedy+** (Meghan Duke)
 8:30 am ~ **Oscar Fox+** (Greg Fox & Family)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - Saint Albert the Great

6:30 am ~ **In Thanksgiving - 3 Archangels** (Liz Gonzales)
 8:30 am ~ **William H Molloy, Jr+** (Helen A Molloy)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - Saint Margaret of Scotland

6:30 am ~ **Lucille Catena+** (Mary Rose Catena)
 8:30 am ~ **Ray Pucci+** (Angie Giuseppe)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

6:30 am ~ **Elizabeth Murphy+** (Kevin Carroll)
 8:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Jeff McAtee** (Shendy McAtee)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:30 am ~ **Spec Int - Patrick Birello** (April Garcia)
 5:00 pm ~ **Kathleen Ryan+** (Mary Rosado)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 am ~ **Madeline Capitanio+** (Louis Capitanio)
 9:00 am ~ **Catherine Wynne+** (Ann Wynne)
 11:00 am ~ **Thomas J Dunn, Jr+** (Shelly & Bob Kolb)
 12:30 pm ~ **Mass for the People**
 2:00 pm ~ **Spec Int - Maria Cespedes** (Family)
 5:00 pm ~ **JoAnn Marie Sisel+** (Carole Bennett)



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, November 12th, 32nd Ordinary:

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8;
 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19;
 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7;
 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130,
 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3,
 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8 (or for the Memorial of
 the Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul ~
 Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33)

Sunday, Nov. 19th, 33rd Ordinary: Prv 31:10-13,
 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6;
 Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

**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, 11/12 - Rev. Brain B. McAllister

Mon., 11/13 - Rev. Stephen F. McGraw

Tuesday, 11/14 - Rev. Martin McGuill, (Ret.)

Wednesday, 11/15 - Rev. Peter M. McShurley

Thursday, 11/16 - Rev. John H. Melmer

Friday, 11/17 - Rev. Francisco Méndez De Dios, (Ret.)

Saturday, 11/18 - Rev. David P. Meng

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.**



~ No Adoration on Friday, November 24th ~

(Thanksgiving Holiday)

(Please notify the parish office if the chapel is empty and you have to leave.)

Please prayerfully consider spending just one hour in prayer.

Please CALL Jenny Grover (202) 669-7214 to choose a time,
 and/or see the sign-up sheet outside the Daily Chapel

**Also... if you are a regular adorer, and know you will be gone at any
 time, please call Jenny to let her know. Thank you!**

The Book of the Names of the Dead is available in the
 month of November at the church entrance.
 This book was opened on November 1, 2020. If you have
 entered a name in the past three years, you do not need to
 enter it again. All names in the book are prayed for.



Offertory Collection ~ Thank you!

Our Offertory Collection with **FaithDirect** of October 29th was **\$30,007.00**

We also received \$159.00 - **Poor Box**, \$360.00 - **Building Repairs Fund**, \$33.00 - **Quinn School Endowment**, \$100.00 - **Senior Health Ministry**, \$299.00 - **Weekly Votive Candles**, \$200.00 - **Holy Land Christians**.



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

Stewardship Reflection, November 12, 2023, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today?

Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.



SECOND COLLECTION TODAY ~ November 11th & 12th ~ Retirement Fund for Religious (National)

In good times & bad, religious orders have dedicated themselves to God's work. Nearly 30,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests in the U.S. have educated the young, tended the sick, and ministered to the needy. Today, they pray for a world that is hurting. Yet many religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for aging members.

Contributions help furnish medications, nursing care, & more.

Make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament with "Retirement Religious" on the memo line. Thank you!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK ~ November 18th & 19th CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

CCHD helps the poor in our Diocese move out of poverty and support their families with dignity. Your contributions fund projects right here in the Diocese of Arlington that help people start businesses and gain job skills. Last year your generosity enabled us to give \$120,000 in grants to support projects in our Diocese that assist our neighbors in need. Bishop Burbidge personally approves all grant awards to ensure compliance with Catholic moral and social teaching. Make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament with "CCHD" on the memo line. **Thank you!**



Gifts for Seminarian Education Endowment Fund (SEEF)

Please support our seminarians and SEEF, a permanent endowment fund established in 2011. SEEF's income provides funding for annual seminarian expenses such as room, board, tuition, health insurance and books, which total almost \$45,000 per seminarian. Please give generously! To donate, make checks payable to: "Foundation for the CDA - SEEF." Mail to: The Foundation, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 811, Arlington, VA 22203 Contact John French john.french@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3819

National Vocations Awareness Week

Pray for those who are discerning a call to proclaim the hope of the Resurrection as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons. If you feel God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.



BLOOD DRIVE Quinn Hall
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22nd ~ 11 am - 4 pm
Register online: redcrossblood.org

Thanksgiving Day ~ Thursday, November 23rd



8:30 am Mass (only)

There will be **NO 6:30 am Mass**
& **NO Confessions**

Free-will monetary offering
baskets at this Mass will
benefit **ALIVE!** and
The Carpenter's Shelter.

Food donations will be given to

The Mother of Light Center & The St. Lucy Project

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On **Friday, November 24th**, there **will** be  
6:30 am Mass, Confessions & 8:30 am Mass, but  
**NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

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The **Parish Office** will close at **Noon** on **Wed., Nov. 22nd**
and will re-open at **9:00 am** on **Monday, November 27th.**

WORKCAMP IS COMING!!

Save the date!!

Are you a high school student?

You and your parents are
invited to an informational
meeting on **Sunday November 19th**
at 6:00 pm in Quinn Hall.

This year **WorkCamp** will be in
Winchester, VA- June 22-June 28

Questions? Please contact
Laura Zybrick at **lzybrick@yahoo.com**

Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Fundraising Tradition

TURKEY DINNER

Saturday, November 18th ~ 6:00 pm

Roasted & deep fried turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing,
rolls, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin & apple pies!

PAID RESERVATIONS ONLY

(Including **CARRY OUT** Option)

\$25.00 adults ~ \$10 kids

Seating at tables of 4, 5 & 6

Credit Card: email **gk11947@vakofc.org** for instructions

Cash or check: Pay at Parish Office

Last Day for Reservations:

Tuesday, November 14th

Holiday Sharing starts early! GIFT CARD Drive
Help **LOCAL** children, families & seniors experience the joy of
Christmas & have basic necessities for the winter!

Benefits: Alexandria Social Services, Catholic Charities (CCDA),
Mother of Light Center (MOLC) & The Missionaries of Charity, DC.

We are asking for **\$25 GIFT CARDS** from

Giant, Safeway, Aldi, Lidl, Harris Teeter, Wegmans for groceries;
Target, Walmart, Dollar Tree or Best Buy for gifts, etc.;
& any Gas Station Cards.

Take a card from the display in the Gathering Space or **Choose an-**
other way to donate this year ...

- ◆ **DROP-OFF** or **MAIL** cards to the Parish Office or
place in Sunday offertory collection baskets.
- ◆ **WRITE A CHECK** with "Giving Tree" on memo
line. We'll get the needed cards.
- ◆ Use this QR code or **FAITH DIRECT** donation to
"Holiday Sharing/Giving Tree."



Please, bring in by **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd. Thank you!**

Blessed Sacrament Grade School & Early Childhood Center ~

OPEN HOUSE ~ Wednesday, NOVEMBER 15th

This structured program for parents of prospective students begins PROMPTLY at 9:00 am 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**



Sunday, December 3rd ~ Advent Family Night

7-7:45 pm: Craft a "Star of Bethlehem" ornament ~ (**registration required - see website**)

7:45-8:30 pm: Advent Talk

(no registration required)

~ **Movie / Activities in Gym for kids**

(no registration required)

Anyone may attend ~ you may also attend the talk without having participated in the craft and families are free to leave after crafting.





Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

MEETING: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 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.)

Questions or to RSVP, email Tom at ptscnva@gmail.com

For details, visit our website: bit.ly/ptsc

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)

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.



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!



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

Join us on **Saturday** mornings

Open for hot breakfast @ 6:30 a.m. ~ Program @ 7:00 a.m. ~ QUINN HALL

Questions? bsmensgroup@gmail.com

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



**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!**



DONUT SUNDAY 2nd & 4th Sundays (usually!)

Join us in QUINN HALL after morning Masses for fresh Donuts, Coffee, Juice & Fellowship!

Donations used for our High School Scholarship Fundraising ~ Please be generous!



Do you have an hour a week to change a child's life? The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC) needs volunteers to help K-2nd grade students learn to read, particularly at Douglas MacArthur (10:05 – 10:50), Ferdinand Day (1:00 – 1:30 or 1:30 – 2:00), Patrick Henry (1:40 – 2:20) schools. Work one-on-one with students once or twice a week, October – May. ATC provides lots of training, weekly materials, and ongoing, hands-on support. Kids love the one-on-one attention & you really will become “Book Buddies”! Contact kbailey@alexandriatutors.org or sign up here: <https://alexandriatutors.org/thinking-about-tutoring/>



“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!**

Mission Trip for Young Adults ~ The Diocese of Arlington Young Adult Ministry is partnering with CBC to offer a Mission Trip for Young Adults to Piura, Peru. It is often by being sent on Christian service that a person's faith life becomes a much more tangible and important part of who they are. Join other young adults from around the diocese **February 28 - March 2, 2024** on a transforming journey serving the Catholic mission parish Santísimo Sacramento.

For more information and to sign up, visit the website at www.arlingtondiocese.org/young-adult-ministry/mission-trip-for-young-adults/



The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM

TODAY!! ~ Next Delivery: Sunday, DECEMBER 10th

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 - Marie at 703-998-6100 x.104 **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!**



Mother of Light Center www.motheroflightcenter.com

421 Clifford Ave., Alexandria, Mon.-Sat., 10 am-2 pm. (703) 850-6701 Email: motheroflightcenter@gmail.com



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/>



Bring Love! Service Opportunities ~ Are you looking for a way to serve your community?

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.ccca.net> for a current listing of opportunities to serve.



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)



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 espanol.* Visit abcwomenshealth.com. This coupon is valid for one free ultrasound. Limit one per client.

BISHOP IRETON THEATER ARTS PRESENTS



Clue

Based on the screenplay by Jonathan Lynn

Written by Sandy Rustin

Additional material by Hunter Foster and Eric Price

Based on the Paramount Pictures Motion Picture based on the Hasbro board game **CLUE**

NOVEMBER 10, 11, 17 & 18 at 7pm
NOVEMBER 12 at 2pm

GARWOOD WHALEY AUDITORIUM

Purchase your \$15 tickets online at bishopireton.org/tickets or at the door!

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



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



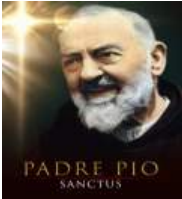
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~ **Join** us today, & everyday, along with 130+ petitioners as we pray for the return of fallen-away Catholics;

~ **Unite** your loved ones into our daily prayers through our prayer list found in the Sacred Heart Chapel (specify 'St. Monica prayers');

~ **Pray!**

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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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Find Heaven in Your Home

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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



A Jubilee Journey with Mary ~ Did you know there are 11 churches in the Diocese of Arlington which are named for Our Lady?

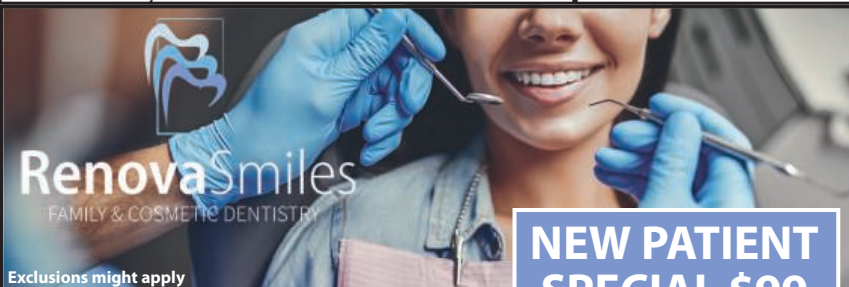
During this second year of preparation for the Golden Jubilee of the Diocese in 2024, we are all encouraged to focus upon Mary and her role in pointing us to Jesus. To this end, Bishop Burbidge has invited all of us to visit as many of those 11 churches as possible and spend time in prayer at each!

Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubileejourney/ for more information about this **Jubilee Journey with Mary!**



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. **Information at (703) 841-2530 www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/**

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