

# Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302

**PARISH OFFICE:** 703-998-6100

**Hours:** Mon-Fri, 9 am-5 pm (closed 12-1), 7-9 pm; Sun, 9 am -12 pm

**PARISH WEB SITE:** [www.bscva.org](http://www.bscva.org)

**E-MAIL:** [parish\\_office@bscva.org](mailto:parish_office@bscva.org)

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

**INSTAGRAM:** @blessed\_sacrament\_youth

**DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON:** [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://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:** During 9 & 11 am Sunday Masses;  
Walking to age 6. Early Childhood Center (ECC) of School

**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 every month, 10:30 am ~ Daily Chapel

**PARISH CLERGY:** Rev. John D. Kelly, Pastor

Rev. Mark Carrier, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kevin Dansereau, 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

**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.

**CHILDREN'S 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.

**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Questions?

Call parish office or email: [sdoyle@bscva.org](mailto:sdoyle@bscva.org)

**PRAYERS AT MASS FOR THE SICK OR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Call the parish office for mention at Sunday Masses.

## First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

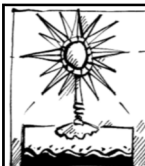
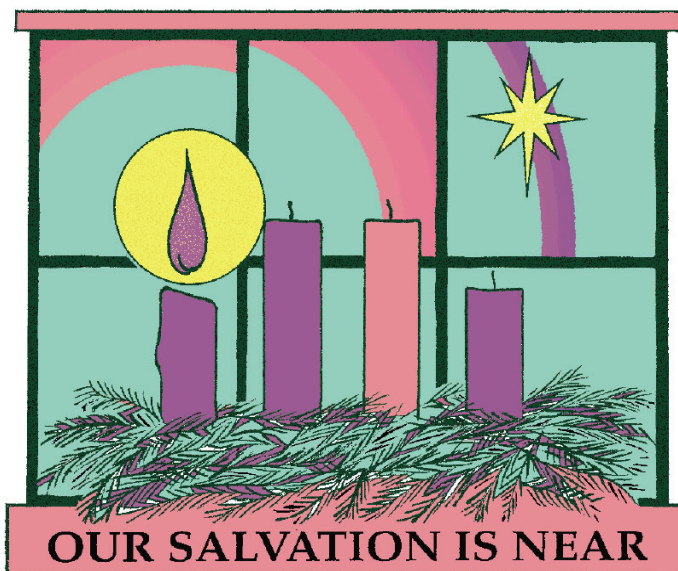
**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

**Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

**Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

**Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

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*"Be present to the One  
who is present."*

### **EUCCHARISTIC 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 Daily Chapel is open from Exposition at 9:00 am until Benediction & Reposition at 8:30 pm.**

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

## **BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

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

1417 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302  
703-998-4170 [www.bsscva.org](http://www.bsscva.org) Valerie Garcia, principal

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

- 7:30 am ~ **Eleanor Lever+** (Jannic & George Driscoll)
- 9:00 am ~ **John Manley+** (Meredith Padula)
- 11:00 am ~ **John Burke+** (Nellie Payos)
- 12:30 pm ~ **Donald Morton+** (Margarita Linman)
- 2:00 pm ~ **Spec Int of Ramona Rivera** (Seferina Del Valle)
- 5:00 pm ~ **Mass for the People**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 - Advent Weekday**

- 6:30 am ~ **For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis**
- 8:00 am ~ ROSARY (Church)
- 8:30 am ~ **Robert Lineberry+** (Julie Lineberry)
- 10:00 am ~ GOODWIN HOUSE

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 - Saint Francis Xavier**

- 6:30 am ~ **Patrick & Marie Walsh+** (Family)
- 7-8 am ~ CONFESSION (Daily Chapel)
- 8:00 am ~ ROSARY (Church)
- 8:30 am ~ **Tom McQuillan+** (Ann McCormick McQuillan)
- 10:30 am ~ WASHINGTON HOUSE
- 5:15 pm ~ HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 6:30 - 9 pm ~ AMIGOS de JESUS PRAYER GROUP (Quinn Hall)
- 7:00 pm ~ BIBLE STUDY w/ FR CARRIER (Parish Center)
- 7:45 pm ~ CONTEMPORARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 - Saint John Damascene**

- 6:30 am ~ **James V Rutherford+** (Paolo Rosales)
- 7-8 am ~ CONFESSION (Daily Chapel)
- 8:00 am ~ ROSARY (Church)
- 8:30 am ~ **Raymond Gilroy+** (Rosalie Gilroy)
- 9:15 am ~ BIBLE STUDY w/ FR CARRIER (Parish Center)
- 10:30 am ~ HERMITAGE HOUSE

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 - Advent Weekday**

- 6:30 am ~ **Ellen Dragotto+** (Mary Rose Catena)
- 7-8 am ~ CONFESSION (Daily Chapel)
- 8:00 am ~ ROSARY (Church)
- 8:30 am ~ **James W Harrington +** (Paolo Rosales)
- 7:45 pm ~ TRADITIONAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 - Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

- 6:30 am ~ **Spec Ints of Robin Longoria** (Braddock Family)
- 7-8 am ~ CONFESSION (Daily Chapel)
- 8:00 am ~ ROSARY (Church)
- 8:30 am ~ **Spec Ints of Carl Undersander** (Undersander Family)
- 9am - 8:30 pm ~ EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (Daily Chapel)
- 6:30-9 pm ~ FAMILY NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION (Quinn Hall / Gym)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop**

- 8:00 am ~ ROSARY (Church)
- 8:30 am ~ **Rose Rago Braddock** (Braddock Family)
- 9:45 am ~ BAPTISMS (Church)
- 5:00 pm ~ **In Thanksgiving**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 7:30 am ~ **Mass for the People**
- 9:00 am ~ **Scott Thomas Keegan+ & William Thomas Giglio+** (Giglio Family)
- 10:00 am ~ CARPENTER SHELTER LUNCH DROP OFF (Quinn Hall)
- 11:00 am ~ **John Keating+** (Harrington Family)
- 12:30 pm ~ **Mary Simpson+** (Liz DiGregorio)
- 2:00 pm ~ **Bishop Anton Just+**
- 5:00 pm ~ **Tracey Aitcheson+** (Mary Ellen Dwyer)

**ALTAR LINENS for December 2: Marie Niernberger**

Our Offertory Collection for **November 17th** was \$33,184.00. This includes *FaithDirect*. We also received \$389.00 ~ Poor Box, \$1,354.00 ~ Building Fund, \$102.00 - Quinn School Endowment, and \$225.00 ~ Archdiocese for Military Services.



Our **SHARING** recipient for **November 17th** was **THROUGH THE HEART, Alexandria, VA** - *Through the Heart* provides support and resources for parents who have suffered miscarriage or infant loss.

Through care packages of support, medical advice and help from others who have experienced the same loss, parents can feel they are not alone in dealing with their own grief and pain. ([www.throughtheheart.org](http://www.throughtheheart.org)) \$1,825.12



***"With Love & Charity"***

This theme is lived out daily through the good works **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** provides to the vulnerable within the Diocese of Arlington. As we prepare to celebrate Our Lord's birth, help share the love of Christ with our neighbors and to support and accompany them during their times of struggle. On the weekend of **December 7 & 8**, please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to the Christmas Collection. Your gift enable Catholic Charities, through love and charity, and with God's grace, to manifest His presence in our midst.

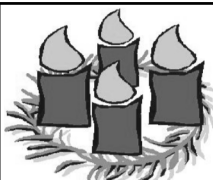
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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

Cole Barry, Ryan Barnett, Michael Bouffard, Jason Brooks, Richard W. Brown, Cady Byrnes, Timothy Byrnes, Andrew Berrigan, Nicholas Cale, Adam Conlan, Robert Corso, Analee Cuellar, Nathalia Cuellar, Bradley Cundari, Matthew Cundari, Nuno Cunha, Richard Demarais, Dennis Donley, 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, Travis A. Stoffer, Kyle Thomas, Josh Truman, Michael Voigt, Christopher Wallace, Thomas Warring.



The Altar Advent Wreath is given in loving memory of Joe McGowan by his family.

**An Advent Tradition ~**

Begin on December 1st and read one chapter of the *Book of Luke* each day. There are 24 chapters – by Christmas Eve, you will have read an entire account of the life of Jesus.

All are invited to

**An Advent Night of Recollection**

Friday ~ **December 6th** ~ 6:30 - 9:00 pm



Begin Advent with a pizza dinner, an “**Advent-ageous**” talk from Fr. Tom and time for prayer in Adoration. Childcare will be provided during the talk.

\$20 per family suggested donation ~ all funds benefit our parish teens who will be serving the less fortunate at WorkCamp 2020.

?? Contact Mary Walker ~ [mwalker@bscva.org](mailto:mwalker@bscva.org)



@blessed\_sacrament\_youth

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Not a Holy Day of Obligation (No Vigil Mass)

Monday ~ **December 9th** ~ **Masses:** 8:30 am, 12 Noon, 7:00 pm

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**SENIORS & RETIREES LUNCHEON**

Monday ~ **December 9th** ~ following 12 Noon Mass (12:45 pm)

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**NUESTRA SEÑORA de GUADALUPE**

Patrona de las Américas (OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Patron of the Americas)

Mass in Spanish

Thursday ~ **December 12th** ~ 7:00 pm

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**SIMBANG GABI**

Filipino Advent Novena Mass & Reception

Friday ~ **December 20th** ~ 7:00 pm

**Pray with Bishop Burbidge for Miscarriage and Infant Loss**

You are invited to join Bishop Burbidge in a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe for couples struggling with infertility, miscarriages or infant loss. The novena starts on Wednesday, December 4 and ends on Thurs., December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

A concluding Mass will be offered by Fr. Richard Dyer at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Arlington at 7 p.m. on Dec. 12.

To receive the novena prayers, text “**novena19**” to 84576 or for emails, sign up at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/novena19](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/novena19) and select “**Novena with Bishop Burbidge 2019**” when prompted. To learn more email the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life at [familylife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:familylife@arlingtondiocese.org)

**“Giving Tree” Holiday Sharing Gift Drive**

The display board in the Gathering Space has **NEW TAGS** today for more gifts ready to choose!

It will benefit four partners this year: **ALIVE! Child Development Center, Alexandria Social Services, The Missionaries of Charity DC, & Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington.**

If you wish to help children, families & seniors experience the joy of Christmas morning & have basic necessities for the winter, we are asking you to choose a tag from the display in the Gathering Space, purchase the gift & return it **UNWRAPPED** (tag attached) to a box in the Gathering Space. **All GIFT CARDS should be dropped off at the parish office or be placed in the Sunday offertory basket.**

Please, return all gifts by

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8th. Thanks!**

**CARPENTER'S SHELTER LUNCHES ~ NEXT SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 8th**

Please bring to Quinn Hall by **10:00 am.**

Our parish provides lunches for The Carpenter's Shelter on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Bag lunches 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.

? call Lana at 703-299-8389. Thank you!

**Knights of Columbus CHRISTMAS CARDS**  
On Sale **NOW** in Quinn Hall! **Thank You!**



Please give a **Gift for Life** this season to help Project Rachel provide counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One participant wrote:

**“The day [retreat] made me realize how far**

**I have stuffed this experience and how much healing I need...I am glad I took this step - thank you for making the start of healing possible.”**

Please take a card from the tree in the Gathering Space or for more information and/or to donate:

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

**An Advent Study of MACCABEES 1 & 2**

Begins December 3 & 4 ~ **Tuesday evenings, 7 pm,**  
or **Wednesday mornings, 9:15 am**



**Bible  
STUDY**  
Join us!

Bring your Bible to the Parish Center  
Holy Trinity Room!  
Drop-in: No registration necessary.  
Questions? Fr. Carrier: [mfcaime@cs.com](mailto:mfcaime@cs.com)

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Visit Fr. Carrier's blog on the **First Letter of St. John**.  
Come to the web and explore this careful and devout  
examination of the Word of God.

[sanctiscriptores.blogspot.com](http://sanctiscriptores.blogspot.com)



**ALIVE!, Inc.**

(ALexandrians InVolved Ecumenically!)

Visit: [www.alive-inc.org](http://www.alive-inc.org) 703-837-9300

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS!**

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

**Saturday ~ DECEMBER 14th**

8:00 - 10:30 am (No November Distribution)

**JOHN ADAMS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**5651 Rayburn Ave** (off Beauregard, West of Seminary Rd)

Pack grocery bags, assist clients, carry groceries to cars, etc. Teens,  
adults, accompanied children & families are welcome to help!

**FURNITURE DISTRIBUTION**

Able-bodied volunteers needed to help pick up  
& deliver furniture to families in need. Meet on

**SATURDAYS** at 8 am at **ALIVE!** trucks at  
First Christian Church, 2723 King St.

Contact Nick at [nick.slabinski@gmail.com](mailto:nick.slabinski@gmail.com) for details

**BLESSED SACRAMENT ECC AND GRADE SCHOOL  
APPLICATIONS FOR 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

In-Person applications for available spots in the grade  
school (K-8) and ECC (Ages 3 to 5) will be accepted  
from registered parishioners on **Tuesday, January  
14 through Thursday, January 16, 2020**. Updated

applications are on the BSS website: [www.bssva.org](http://www.bssva.org) under the  
"Admissions and Parent Resources" headings. Visit the  
school office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to  
submit in person, or complete a paper application.

**A non-refundable application fee of \$35 per child will be  
due at that time.** You must also bring your child's original birth  
certificate as well as a copy of the baptismal certificate.

**All remaining slots will become available to non-  
parishioners on Tuesday, January 21 through Wednesday,  
January 22, 2020 on a first-come first-served basis.** Please  
call the school office at 703-998-4170 with any questions.

**RESPECT LIFE****Helpful Resources:**

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

**Rosary for Life: Each Saturday ~ 9 am \***

Meet in the Gathering Space ~ Pray in the Daily Chapel

**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)

**Project Rachel:** Share the good news of God's merciful  
love. **Project Rachel** can make a confidential referral to a priest and/  
or counselor: (888) 456-HOPE (4673) or [www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org)

**Join the '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. **(The next First Saturday is DEC 7th)**

For inquiries, contact Amy McInerney at (703) 841-3817  
or [respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org)

**NEW COUPLES NEEDED FOR A NEWLY FORMING TEAM\***

**Teams of Our Lady** at Blessed Sacrament is looking for  
newlywed Catholic couples who are searching for Christ  
in their marriages and their everyday lives to be on a  
team with other new couples. Teams offers husbands  
and wives a way to grow together in faith and love.  
Along with other couples, and guided by a priest spiritual  
counselor, they find support in their efforts to lead lives  
that reflect the Gospel message.

Contact Jeremy & Sarah Greiner 703-931-0149

[sdgreiner1@verizon.net](mailto:sdgreiner1@verizon.net) and/or [jpgreiner42@gmail.com](mailto:jpgreiner42@gmail.com)

*\*Teams of Our Lady or Équipes Notre Dame (END) is an international lay movement  
focusing on married spirituality, established in response to the needs of couples to live  
fully the sacrament of marriage, using its own method, and exploring the complex reality  
of married couples today. The END were founded in France in 1938 upon the initiative  
of a number of couples and the priest Fr. Henri Caffarel, whose cause for beatification  
has been received in Rome.*

**Make Difference for our Blessed Sacrament School Kids!**

The 2020 BSS Auction Committee is seeking **SPONSORS &  
ADVERTISEMENTS** for our **February 1st**  
"Oktoberfest" event.

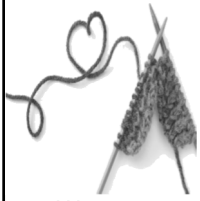


Each year our Auction Catalog features the  
generosity of our valued community members.

**Interested?** Please contact our Auction Committee at

[bssauctionitems@gmail.com](mailto:bssauctionitems@gmail.com)

**Let's make this event a "Wunderbar" success!**



### Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

Questions? Call Lana at 703-299-8389.

**MEETING: Thursday, Dec. 5th**  
7-8 pm, Parish Center

We are now working on **hats & scarves for the winter**, as well as 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!**



### Have you thought at times that you would like to do a little more for God?

Please come to our meeting to find out about how, with the help of the Holy Spirit, you can help Jesus and Mary!

**The Legion of Mary**

**Thursdays ~ 7:15 pm ~ Meeting Room**

Information? email: [LegionofMaryBlessedSacrament@gmail.com](mailto:LegionofMaryBlessedSacrament@gmail.com)

### Matthew

*The King and His Kingdom*

**24-Part Bible Study** featuring **Jeff Cavins**

**DIVE INTO THE STORY OF HOW  
CHRIST ESTABLISHED HIS KINGDOM**

**Wednesdays ~ 7:30-9 pm ~ October 9th - April 22nd**

Parish Center ~ \$25 for the workbook Info? Contact Susan Doyle



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Have questions about our Knights of Columbus Council? Email [gk11947@vakofc.org](mailto:gk11947@vakofc.org) or call the parish office, 703-998-6100, leave contact information & a Knight will return your call. For more information about the Knights of Columbus, visit [KofC.org](http://KofC.org)



### COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST

**Be part of something bigger than yourself in 2020**

Serve the poor & impoverished as a Catholic missionary. CBC serves the Diocese of Arlington through short-term mission experiences for families & adults. Details & registration at

[www.commissionedbychrist.org](http://www.commissionedbychrist.org)

**Jamaica** (4/18-25/20); **Peru** (6/20-27/20); and **Kenya** (7/10-19/20).

Space limited. Deadlines on the website.

**LOCAL EVENTS TOO!** Visit the website for information



All men of the parish are welcome to the

### MEN'S GROUP

**Saturdays ~ 7:00 - 8:30 am in QH**

Breakfast - opens at 6:30 am

Questions? [timothygoobic@gmail.com](mailto:timothygoobic@gmail.com)

**Join us whenever you can! December 7, 14, 21**

### 2019 WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

3D Eisenhower Helicopter! **ON SALE NOW ~ Quinn Hall ~ \$20 each**

**Support our Sunday Nursery ~ and Thanks!**

Call Jo Allen (703) 521-7223 for info



### 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**

### Blessed Sacrament 39+ Singles

Contact: Tom Palumbo - [tomtal1@verizon.net](mailto:tomtal1@verizon.net) 703-313-8388



### PRIME-TIME SINGLE CATHOLICS

PTSC is a club organized to serve the needs of single Catholics, age 40 & over, who are free to marry by Catholic standards. Share in Christian fellowship through our fun & interesting religious, social & recreational activities! For more information, please contact Barbara Myers (703)978-9618 or email: [mybdm@cox.net](mailto:mybdm@cox.net)

or John McBride 703-820-9196 or email: [jfmcbride\\_526@hotmail.com](mailto:jfmcbride_526@hotmail.com)

### SENIORS & RETIREES!

**LINE DANCING** ~ All are Welcome!

Low impact - we'll teach you the steps! Join us on Mondays, 1:30-2:30 pm, Quinn Hall. Call parish office for info.



### 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

### 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

### Saint John Paul II National Shrine, DC on Sunday, December 8

from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. for **Living Mary's Joy - an Advent Day of Recollection**. The Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy invite you to spend the day with Mary on the vigil of her Feast Day to find out the secret of her joy. The day includes two spiritual talks by Sr. Gaudia Skass, OLM as well as Confession, Mass, Adoration, time for personal prayer, and an opportunity for spiritual conversations with the Sisters. Lunch will be provided. **RSVP** at <https://marysjoy.eventbrite.com>

An Advent celebration of gratitude towards Mary at the **Saint John Paul II National Shrine, DC** on Sunday, **December 8** from 5-8 p.m. This event will honor the Marian thread in Saint John Paul II's life-and our lives-with a performance music, personal testimonies, and lights. The Festival concludes with Vespers and 7 p.m. Mass. Seasonal treats will be provided. **RSVP** for this free event at <https://marianfestival.eventbrite.com>



**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, and referrals. The Catholic Diocese of Arlington is committed to assisting victims/survivors throughout the healing process. For further information, see [www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/) or call (703) 841-2530

**Mass to Pray for Healing of Victims/Survivors of Sexual Abuse**

Thursday, June 18, 2020 ~ St. Luke Catholic Church

This Mass is for the whole Church, in solidarity with victims/survivors of abuse, as we pray together for healing.

**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](mailto:cars@ccda.net)



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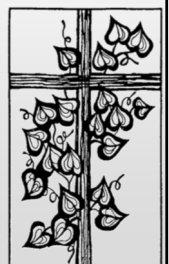
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