

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



PARISH OFFICE: 703-998-6100

Hours: Mon. - Fri., 9:00 am - Noon, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm,
7:00 - 9:00 pm; 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

SUNDAY MASSES: Church

Vigil Mass on **Saturday:** 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00*, 11:00*, 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: Monday - Saturday, 8:00 am: Church

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

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.



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



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

Offertory Collection

Our Offertory Collection for *December 5th* as \$18,166.77 which **DOES NOT** include *FaithDirect*.

We also collected \$112.00 - Poor Box, \$72.00 - Building Fund, \$104.00 - Quinn School Endowment, \$104.00.00 - Catholic Campaign for Human Development, \$1,488.00 - Christmas Flowers, and \$375.00 - Giving Tree/Holiday Sharing.

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



Your Gifts to Catholic Charities Are Deeply Appreciated!

Thank you for your generous support of Catholic Charities in last weekend's Parish Christmas Collection. With your support, you are helping to serve the poor, protect the vulnerable, and welcome the newcomer. If you have not made a gift yet, you may do so by contributing to this week's collection and noting Catholic Charities on the memo line of your check. You may also make an online gift at ccda.net/Christmas or add this second collection to our parish electronic giving account through *FaithDirect*.

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 am ~ Mass for the People
 9:00 am ~ For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis
 11:00 am ~ Tom Broderick+ (McLaughlin Family)
 12:30 pm ~ Tatty Collazo+ (Claritza Santiago)
 2:00 pm ~ Jose Ramon Garcia+ (Seferina Del Valle)
 5:00 pm ~ Spec Int - Marcella & Mike Hadeed (Mary & Tobias Naegele)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Late Advent Weekday

6:30 am ~ Michael Lanni+ (Bertha Braddock)
 8:30 am ~ Spec Int - Paul & Susie Gaug (Paolo Rosales)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 - Saint Peter Canisius, Priest

6:30 am ~ Zachary D'Souza+ (DeSousa Family)
 8:30 am ~ Zachary D'Souza+ (Gary & Jeannette Stoiber)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22 - Late Advent Weekday

6:30 am ~ Spec Int - Denis & Marsha Drapeau (Elaine Drapeau)
 8:30 am ~ Madeline Calabrese+ (John & Ellen Farnham)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 - Late Advent Weekday

6:30 am ~ Rita Wenderoth+ (John Wenderoth)
 8:30 am ~ Andrew Benson+ (Gary & Jeanette Stoiber)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Late Advent Weekday

6:30 am ~ Juan Romero+ (Roxana Cunha)
 8:30 am ~ Stewart Cole+ (Kathleen Cole+)
 4:00 pm Vigil ~ Mary A L Purcell+ (Richichi Family)
 6:00 pm Vigil ~ Mass for the People
 8:30 pm Spanish ~ John & Josephine Kelly+ (Margaret Lapp)
 11:30 pm Nativity at Night ~ Gertrude Moore+ (Judy Short)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 - Late Advent Weekday

7:30 am ~ Michael J Strunk+ (Bud & Connie Hart)
 9:00 am ~ Msgr Frank Mahler+ (Giglio Family)
 11:00 am ~ Fernando & Carmen Delarama+ (Mary Lou Bradley)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 - THE HOLY FAMILY

7:30 am ~ Stan Sunderman+ (Niernberger Family)
 9:00 am ~ Mass for the People
 11:00 am ~ M'ada Foley Purdy+ (Pedrick-Bolivar Family)
 12:30 pm ~ Michael Strunk+ (Judy Short)
 2:00 pm ~ Spec Int - Seferina Del Valle
 5:00 pm ~ John Carmody+ (Helene Dyson Family)

Readings for the Week

Sunday, 12/19: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
 Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
 Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;
 Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14;
 Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29;
 Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14;
 Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
 Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6;
 Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Sunday, 12/26: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;
 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21
 or Col 3:12-17, or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

**Blessed Sacrament Parish**

1946 - 2021

11:00 am Mass, Sunday, December 19th

Welcome ~**Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, celebrant,****Msgr. John Cregan, homilist****Please Note: There will be NO ADORATION on Friday, December 24th or Friday, December 31st.****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.

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

Please contact Jenny Grover ~ Email or Call: jdriver7@aol.com / (202)669-7214





Christmas 2021 Schedule of Masses

**Friday, December 24th ~ 4:00 pm ~ Vigil; 6:00 pm ~ Vigil;
8:30 pm ~ Misa Noche Buena (Spanish);**

11:30 pm ~ 'Lessons & Carols' followed by Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25th ~

7:30 am; 9:00 am; 11:00 am

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There will be **NO Vigil Mass** for Sunday, December 26th

Feast of the Holy Family

Regular **Sunday Mass** schedule will be observed.

7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am; 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm Spanish, 5:00 pm

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Friday, December 31st ~ 7:00 pm ~ Vigil;

Saturday, January 1st, 8:30 am (Rosary at 8:00 am)

(5:00 pm Saturday Mass on January 1st: **Vigil for Sunday, January 2nd, Epiphany of the Lord**)

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**NO Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, December 24th or Friday, December 31st**

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*Parish office will close at Noon on Wednesday, December 23rd
& re-open on Monday, January 3rd.*



FOOD DRIVE

to benefit *St. Lucy Project*

PICK UP A BLUE BAG TODAY!



The TRUCK will be here on

Friday, Saturday & Sunday ~ January 7th, 8th & 9th

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:

Canned Meat (*Tuna & Chicken*) ~ Peanut Butter & Jelly

Pasta & Pasta Sauce ~ Canned Pasta (*ravioli & "o's"*)

Hearty Soups ~ Cereal & Oatmeal ~ Canned Veggies ~ Canned Fruit

You can drop off food in the Gathering Space anytime before January 7th, 8th & 9th ...



*Monetary donations & grocery gift cards
are also welcome. Make checks payable to CCDA
with "St Lucy" on the memo line.*





MALCOLM ALLS
MARIA JUAREZ ASCENCIO
AIDA BALDERRAMA
IAN BALLUTIS
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MICHAEL HART
FRANCES HOLLAND
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FRANK McDERMOTT
JAMES McTAGUE
BRUCE MILLER

MARY MILLER
MARILYN NIERNBERGER
NORMA RAFFAELE
ANA RAMOS
BENNY ROBLES
KATHERINE SENIA
JOHN W. STEELE
TIM TOBIN
MAUREEN WAHL
VINCE WHITMORE
(Please call the parish office
with additions & deletions)

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 on this list.)



Cole Barry, Ryan Barnett, Michael Bouffard, Jason Brooks, 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.



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.

Let us pray each day for a priest of the diocese (listed in alphabetical order):

Sunday, 12/19 - Rev. Michael c. Isenberg
Monday, 12/20 - Rev. Joel D. Jaffe
Tuesday, 12/21 - Rev. John D. Kelly
Wednesday, 12/22 - Rev. Michael J. R. Kelly

Thursday, 12/23 - Rev. Joseph R. Kenna
Friday, 12/24 - Rev. Anthony J. Killian
Saturday, 12/25 - Rev. Dennis W. Kleinmann



Coming to Blessed Sacrament... "Travelling Vocation Crucifix"

Take home a special crucifix and prayer resources for a week. Join your prayers with others to pray for anyone seeking to recognize the gift of a vocation, and to serve God and the Church. **Full details and SignUp Genius® coming soon!**

Questions? Contact Kathy Williamson (703) 732-0477

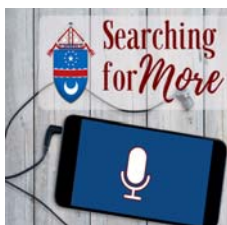
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You can enjoy all the offerings available without creating an account. *Formed* is now accessible to every parishioner by simply using our custom URL: <https://blessedsacramentcc.formed.org> (code: nr1029)

2 BUSY 2 PRAY?

Try 2 minutes 2 virtue ~ Sign up NOW! www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue



'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



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



Our Fruitful Love

NEW 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



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



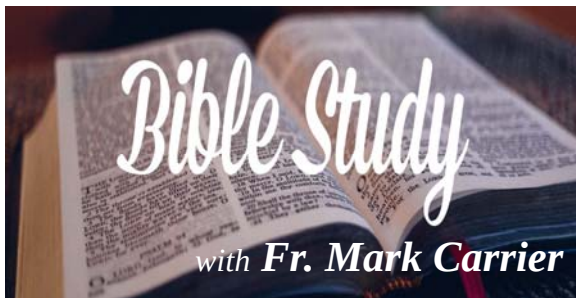
Our Sunday Nursery is OPEN ... at 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses

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. Questions? Contact Susan Doyle in parish office.



ALTAR SERVERS

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



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

New Topic!

We will discuss the person, the character, the life and the mission of Saint Joseph

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

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



February 26, 2022 ~ 7 pm - 9 pm ~ Blessed Sacrament School AUCTION!

Do you own a special beach or lake house & are willing to donate time as a Silent Auction item? Are you a business owner with something to donate? Want to contribute to a "Wine Wall" party? Lots of options!

Send an email to the address below and we'll get started!

bssroaring2020s@gmail.com



The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM ~ We need lunches!

Next Distribution: Sunday, January 9th

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 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 Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry

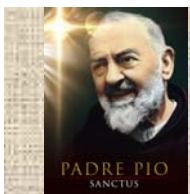
MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 6th ~ 7:00 pm ~ MEETING ROOM / PARISH LIBRARY (weather/storms permitting!)

We are working on hats & scarves in addition to our 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.

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

***NEW Meeting day & time: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (begins December 15th)**

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



Fun for Seniors

- ◆ **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 diocesan single Catholics 40 and over.

Meet us for: Thursday lunches and Much more!

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



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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!



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/



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/



Give a child the gift of a Catholic education

and receive most of your donation back in federal and state tax savings!

The Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit Program will award a 65% state tax credit for donations made to the *Diocese of Arlington Scholarship Foundation*, which will, in turn, provide scholarships for new students wishing to attend our diocesan Catholic Schools. *You do not have to itemize in order to receive the 65% tax credit!* Donations must be preauthorized in advance. Please see the flyer or call Jeanne Combos at 703/841-2764 (or email DASF@arlingtondiocese.org).



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@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 Kilkenny 571-296-6969 ary.kilkenny@yahoo.com



ALIVE!, Inc. NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS!

www.alive-inc.org

703-837-9300

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

Interested in volunteering? Contact Liz Feiler at lfeiler@alive-inc.org



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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.

2021 White House Christmas Ornaments
are SOLD OUT!

THANK YOU to everyone who purchased & supported
our Sunday Nursery! We are so grateful.

Questions? Call: Jo Allen ~ (703) 521-7223



Mother of Light Center ~ www.motheroflightcenter.com

421 Clifford Ave., Alexandria, Monday-Saturday, 10 am-2 pm. (703) 850-6701

Email: motheroflightcenter@gmail.com

Christmas & Beyond Drive 2021: MOLC will distribute gifts to over 500 children in Northern Virginia this Christmas. Approximately 300 families will receive Christmas packages with gifts for each child and a gift card (or two!) Please consider helping us reach our goal! Info? Email (above) or call (703) 850-6701

Drop off at MOLC: 421 Clifford Avenue, Alexandria, 10 am - 2 pm, Monday - Saturday.

Visit our Amazon WishList: <https://bit.ly/MOLCChristmas>



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 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

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

Give a
Gift for Life

in this time of the **COVID-19 pandemic**



Give a **Gift for Life**

Take a card from the tree in the Gathering Space!

Please give a **Gift for Life** this season to help **Gabriel Project** fund a mother's maternity care. An expectant mother wrote:

*"I learned I was pregnant and knew that I needed support and prayer. **Gabriel Project** helped me with rent, my 'Angels' helped me with items for the baby and rides... They also provided me with much needed, support, encouragement and prayer."*

For more information and/or to donate:

www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife



Blessed Sacrament Grade School & Early Childhood Center ~ **OPEN HOUSE** ~ Wednesday, January 5th

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

The Nativity of the Lord Mass During the Night

Celebrate the birth of Christ at the **Mass During the Night** on Friday, December 24 at 10 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington.

The Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist for this annual liturgy.

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