

Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 6, 2025

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302



LENTEN SCHEDULE

(March 6th - April 16th)

***DAILY MASSES**

Monday – Thursday: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 6:30 & 8:30 a.m. (No evening Mass)

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

***CONFESSIONS**

Monday - Thursday Morning: 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday Evening: 7:30 p.m. (following Mass)

Friday Morning: 7 - 8:00 a.m. (No evening confession)

Saturday Afternoon: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

***STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Friday: 2:30 p.m. (with school),

7:00 pm, 8:00 p.m. in Spanish

***EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Fridays: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

***ROSARY**

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 a.m.



Holy Week 2025: TRIDUUM SCHEDULE:

HOLY THURSDAY: April 17th

8:30 am ~ Morning Prayer (Church)

4:00 - 6:00 pm ~ CONFESSION (Daily Chapel)

7:30 pm ~ MASS of the LORD'S SUPPER

(Vigil of Prayer follows in Daily Chapel & Adoration ends at 12 am)

GOOD FRIDAY: April 18th

8:30 am ~ Morning Prayer (Church)

12:00 noon ~ Midday Prayer (Church)

3:00 pm ~ CELEBRATION of the LORD'S PASSION

(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion)

5:00 - 6:00 pm ~ CONFESSION (Daily Chapel)

{Final Opportunity}

7:00 pm ~ VIERNES SANTO (VIA DOLOROSA) SPANISH (Church)

HOLY SATURDAY: April 19th ~ NO CONFESSION ~

8:30 am ~ Morning Prayer (Church)

12:30 pm ~ BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD (Church)

(Bring foods, wine, candles, linens, etc. for use at your Easter dinner)

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE



VIGIL - SATURDAY EVENING, April 19th:

9:00 pm {2+ hours}

DAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 20th:

7:00 am (Church) ***NOTE TIME CHANGE**

9:00 am (Church) **and**

9:05 am (Gym)

11:00 am (Church) **and**

11:05 am (Gym)

12:45 pm (Church) ***NOTE TIME CHANGE**

2:30 pm ~ Spanish *NOTE TIME CHANGE

No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter.

Parish Office reopens on Tuesday, April 22nd

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:

William Lucardi, Director of Music
 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

SUNDAY MASSES: (Church) **Saturday Vigil:** 5 pm; **Sundays:** 7:30, 9:00*, 11:00*am, 12:30 pm, 5pm

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: (Chapel) Monday thru Friday, 7am - 8 am; Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
 (except Holy Saturday - Check Holy Day/Seasonal Schedules) 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., 8:30 am - Noon, 1 pm - 7 pm; **Fridays,** 8:30 am - Noon, 1 pm - 5 pm. (No evening hours)
 Sunday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The church BUILDING closes at 9:00 pm, Monday - Friday & following 5:00 pm Masses on Saturday & Sunday

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

JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN



...and so does our SUNDAY NURSERY!

Sundays, during the 9 & 11 a.m. Masses in the ECC of the school.

Adult supervision of your children.

Walking age to age 6!

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 7:30 am ~ Charles Sciamia, Jr+ (Keith Moore)
 9:00 am ~ Maggie Herzing+ (Zel Pafenberg)
 11:00 am ~ Joe Braddock+ (Bertha Braddock)
 12:30 pm ~ William & Bridget Landers+ (Denise Landers)
 2:00 pm ~ Amado Benedicto Alberto (Leonor Lopez De Alberto)
 5:00 pm ~ Rodney Mitchell+ (Randy)

MONDAY, APRIL 7 - Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ Chester R Gromek+ (Family)
 8:30 am ~ Benjamin Ambas+ (Bella Ambas)
 7:00 pm ~ Ann McCormick McQuillan+ (John & Ginger Harrington)

TUESDAY, APRIL 8 - Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ Souls in Purgatory+ (Lana Sarrantonio)
 8:30 am ~ Tom Foster+ (Jeannette Stoiber)
 7:00 pm ~ Frederick Marks+ (Bertha Braddock)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 - Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ Pat Broderick+ (O'Keefe Family)
 8:30 am ~ Skip & Floneta Gilmore+ (Krista Olechowicz Beasley)
 7:00 pm ~ Joe Talomie+ (Angie Giuseppe)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 - Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ Patrick & Marie Walsh+ (Michelle Gibson)
 8:30 am ~ Joan Ferony+ (Bill Croft)
 7:00 pm ~ Frank Di Placido+ (Niernberger Family)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 - Lenten Weekday

- 6:30 am ~ June Koch+ (Rosalie Gilroy)
 8:30 am ~ Sp Int - Claire Voelker (BS Sunshine Class)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 - Lenten Weekday

- 8:30 am ~ William Wallace+ (Bertha Braddock)
 5:00 pm ~ Eleanor & Herbert Kircher+ (Deborah Kircher)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

- 7:30 am ~ Mass for the People
 9:00 am ~ Aida Balderama+ (Sylvia Fernandez)
 11:00 am ~ Sandy Hodapp+ (Rosemary Aarhus)
 12:30 pm ~ Dennis & Josephine Freeman+ (Denise Landers)
 2:00 pm ~ Sp Int - Altamirana (BSCC Family)
 5:00 pm ~ Sp int - Carol & Larry Unifelder (Denise Sieve)



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, 4/6 - Rev. Paul L. Dudzinski
Monday, 4/7 - Rev. Michael R. Duesterhaus
Tuesday, 4/8 - Rev. David A. Dufresne
Wednesday, 4/9 - CH (LT) Luke R. Dundon
Thursday, 4/10 - Rev. Richard E. Dyer
Friday, 4/11 - Rev. Frederick H. Edlefsen
Saturday, 4/12 - Rev. Paul M. Eversole



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. Call the parish

office to be put on a list of regular visitors. 703-998-6100

The **Daily Chapel** is open from **Exposition at 9:00 a.m.** until **Benediction & Reposition at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Please prayerfully consider spending **just one hour** in prayer.

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 Looking for a nearby evening or overnight Adoration time?  
 A few of our neighboring parishes might have a time that fits  
 your needs... all of their websites have detailed information.

Saint Rita, Alexandria - [stritaalexandria.com](http://stritaalexandria.com)

Basilica of Saint Mary, Old Town - [stmaryoldtown.org](http://stmaryoldtown.org)

Saint Joseph, Old Town - [stjosephva.org](http://stjosephva.org)

Saint Anthony of Padua, Falls Church - [stanthonyparish.org](http://stanthonyparish.org)

Queen of Apostles, Franconia - [queenofapostles.org](http://queenofapostles.org)

Saint Louis, Alexandria (Richmond Highway) - [saintlouisparish.org](http://saintlouisparish.org)

## Readings for the Week:

### Sunday, April 6th, 5th Lent:

Is 43:16-21  
 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.  
 Phil 3:8-14  
 Jn 8:1-11

### Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or  
 Dn 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
 Jn 8:12-20

### Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21  
 Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53,  
 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42

### Thursday:

Gen 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
 Jn 8:51-59

### Friday:

Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7  
 Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13  
 Jn 11:45-56

### Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday:

Is 50:4-7  
 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
 Phil 2:6-11  
 Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49



## Offertory Collection

Our Offertory Collection, with FaithDirect for **March 23rd** was \$32,498.04

We also collected \$154.00 - **Poor Box**, \$280.00 - **Building Repairs Fund**, \$793.00 - **Quinn School Endowment**, \$495.00 - **Votive Candles**, \$24.00 - **Arlington Catholic Herald**, \$20.00 - **ALIVE!, Inc.**, \$130.00 - **Black, Indian & Native Missions**.



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



your gifts with the 40+ ministries and programs funded by the BLA truly impacts the lives of thousands across our diocese.

## 2025 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

This year's theme is: **"Abounding in Hope."**  
After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. Sharing



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You can make a gift at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code:



### 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. **Join** us today, & everyday, 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

**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.**

Ryan Barnett, Michael Bouffard, Macine Browning, Joseph R. Byrns, Nicholas Cale, Adam Conlan, Robert Corso, Analee Cuellar, Nathalia Cuellar, Bradley Cundari, Matthew Cundari, Nuno Cunha, Ryan Cunha, Richard Demarais, Dennis Donley, Maddy Dooley, George C. Fletcher, Nicholas Fletcher, Tommy Gadell, Victor Gaetan, Liz Hummelt, Joshua Hindenburg, Faith Holman, David Jordan, Jonathan Jordan, Matthew Kitzerow, Steven Kitzerow, James Kunder, Allison Landsman, Joseph Lim, Christopher Love, Brian Lynch, Alexa Mastrostefano, Grace McCaffery, Lisa Mullaney, Hanna Porterfield, Gray Posey, Thomas Rands, Jamie Reynolds, Erik Rogers, Mary Severs, Bryce Simpson, Ryan Stancik, Jared Steen, Travis A. Stoffer, Kyle Thomas, Josh Truman, Michael Voigt, Abby Warden.

## Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish

MARIA JUAREZ ASCENCIO, JUDY BOWMAN, J. COLLINS,  
A.J. HANILAND, SAM HODUS, MICHAEL HART,  
FRANK McDERMOTT, JOHN MILATZO, BRUCE & MARY MILLER,  
SR. JEAN NOWAK, OP, LUCRECIA PALLO, DONNA RAFFAELE,  
NORMA RAFFAELE, IRVINE RODRIGUEZ, JIM SHERWOOD,  
HARRY THOMPSON, Jr., TIMOTHY TOBIN,  
MAUREEN WAHL, CHRISTIE WALTON, VINCE WHITMORE.

(Please call the parish office with additions & deletions)



## VOLUNTEER AT WORKCAMP 2025

## CONTRACTORS NEEDED

NO PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE NECESSARY







WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to commit some of their time and talents to teaching young people and improving the lives of fellow Virginians in need.

**JUNE 21-27 IN SHENANDOAH COUNTY, VA**

DECKS, RAMPS, WINDOWS, FLOORS, & MORE

To volunteer, contact our Parish Office at (703) 998-6100  
or by email at [parish\\_office@bscva.org](mailto:parish_office@bscva.org)





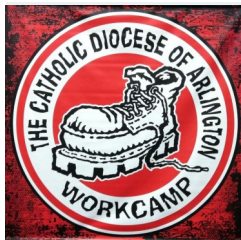

Enhance your Lenten journey  
at our Wednesday Evening Series ~

# The Art of Sanctity

This Wednesday ~

**April 9th**

7:30 p.m. (following Mass)  
Quinn Hall



## WorkCamp 2025

Our Blessed Sacrament Team of ten teens and three adult chaperones are looking forward to very excited for **WorkCamp 2025** where we will provide necessary home repairs for the less

fortunate, strengthen our faith, and grow as a Christian community. We are appealing to you so that you may join us in helping others to ask for help as we serve those in need.

We will be spending from **June 21st to June 27th** working with other youth and adults from the Diocese reaching out to join hundreds of other teens from across the Diocese of Arlington to care for families in the Shenandoah area of Virginia. We need your help so that **WorkCamp2025** will be a success. First, success depends on prayer. Please pray for us. Second, we would appreciate donations to support **WorkCamp2025**. These donations will cover the expenses of meals, worksite supplies, retreat expenses, professional contractor assistance (where necessary) and other needs to support **WorkCamp2025**.

Please use the **QR code** or make **checks** payable to  
Blessed Sacrament ("WorkCamp" in the memo line)  
and please return to Blessed Sacrament Parish Office.



**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE

**April 12th & 13th**

After ALL Morning Masses ~ Quinn Hall

**\*BUYERS NEEDED...**

**...No Cookie Left Behind !!**

Buy delicious goodies to support our school

**\*BAKERS needed too !!**

**DONATIONS of BAKED GOODS Welcome! Pick up a form  
at the Parish office for a list of WHAT to bake...**

**PLEASE** ~ clearly label items, noting any special  
ingredients (ie., nuts, egg-free or gluten-free).

Please deliver donated baked goods to the school office on  
Friday, April 11th during school hours, or deliver them to Quinn Hall  
on Saturday, April 12th, between 1:30 & 4:30 pm.

**Thanks from the Class of 2025!**

COME AND JOIN OUR  
**GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL WORLD  
VBS!**

Blessed Sacrament Church  
JULY 7-11, 2025  
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

"Campers" - Ages Rising K - Rising 4th Grade  
"Junior Captains" - Rising 5th  
"Captains" - Rising 6th and up

Registration is OPEN until May 1!  
Adult Volunteers needed - can you help?



## ...Parish Groups...



### **Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry...** **...is coming to DAYTIME too!**

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month, beginning **April 17th** at 9:15 a.m. (following Mass) in the **Meeting Room** / Parish Library. Bring your knitting, crocheting, needlepoint or any other kind of stitchery to work and fellowship.

Questions? Call or email Marie (703)998-6100 or [mniernberger@bscva.org](mailto:mniernberger@bscva.org)



### **Blessed Sacrament Prayer Shawl Knitting & Crochet Ministry**

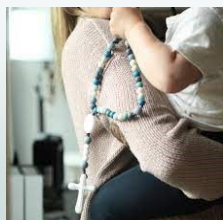
**EVENING MEETING** (first Thursday of the month): **THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd ~ 7:00 pm ~ MEETING ROOM / PARISH LIBRARY**

**Our dedicated Knitters, Crocheters & Stitchers produced over 293 items for babies & our neighbors in 2024!**

We continue our 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.

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



### **Calling all moms!**

A group for mothers of young children (including infants) has formed.

**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](mailto:sdoyle@bscva.org)  
or call the parish office for info.



**Weekly Diocesan TV Mass 10:30 a.m.** 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](http://www.grnonline.com)



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

**LINE DANCING** on **MONDAYS** in **QUINN HALL** ~ 1:30 p.m., no  
experience necessary!

**SAINT MARTIN de PORRES SENIOR CENTER** ~ 4650 Taney Avenue,  
Alexandria 22304. All Alexandria residents, 60+ years old are  
welcome! Daily activities & lunch. Transportation will be provided, but  
you must RSVP ~ **Call 703-751-2766**

**SENIOR SERVICES of ALEXANDRIA (SSA)** ~ Join "SSA Connection"  
to get a weekly email with the latest  
videos, information on activities & services, TED Talks, recipes &  
much, much more for Seniors in Alexandria!  
Email to: [communications@seniorservicesalex.org](mailto:communications@seniorservicesalex.org)



### **BLESSED SACRAMENT 39+ SINGLES:**

Contact: Tom Palumbo -  
[tomtal1@verizon.net](mailto: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 and many more activities.

**(40 to 59? Ask about our free associate-member group.)**

For details, visit our website: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc)



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

**Come & Join us in Quinn Hall next Saturday!**

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

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

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



## ...Community Outreach...

**ALIVE!, Inc. ~ NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS!**

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

Follow ALIVE! on Facebook and Instagram: [@alive4alexandria](#) and Twitter: [@ALIVE4AlexVA](#)

Questions? Email our Blessed Sacrament rep: [BSCCAlive@gmail.com](mailto:BSCCAlive@gmail.com)

Interested in volunteering? Sign up online: <https://www.alive-inc.org/we-need-volunteers-alexandria-va/>

**ALIVE!**

### The CARPENTER'S SHELTER BAG LUNCH PROGRAM ~ Next Delivery: **APRIL 13th**



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. **Thanks!**

Questions? Marie at 703-998-6100 x.104 or [mniernberger@bscva.org](mailto:mniernberger@bscva.org)



### Blessed Sacrament **Carpenter's Shelter Monthly Dinner Program**

Blessed Sacrament parishioners provide dinner for the residents of **The Carpenter's Shelter** on 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 [mbersani@outlook.com](mailto:mbersani@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](http://www.motheroflightcenter.com)

**\*\*\*NOW CFC eligible!**

421 Clifford Ave., Alexandria, Mon.-Sat., 10 am-2 pm. (703) 307-5902 Email: [motheroflightcenter@gmail.com](mailto:motheroflightcenter@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@vakofc.org](mailto:gk11947@vakofc.org) or call the Parish Office and leave a message. A Knight will return your call. **Vivat Jesus!**



**OUR NEXT DONUT SUNDAY is April 28th** (note change!)  
(after 7:30, 9 & 11 a.m. Mass)

Join us in QUINN HALL for Donuts, Coffee, Juice & Fellowship!

**Did you know that the majority of our parish Poor Box funds help those in need locally?**

The Knights of Blessed Sacrament, Council 11947, will be matching the funds received in the weekly collections for the parish Poor Box. (March and April, up to \$1,000.00).

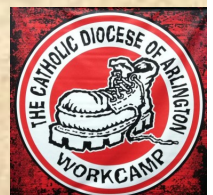
We invite members of the parish to join us in donating to the Poor Box, as we work to assist our neighbors who are struggling.



## SPAGHETTI DINNER

**FUNDRAISER** for the **Blessed Sacrament WorkCamp 2025 Team!**  
**Saturday ~ April 26th ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ Quinn Hall**

Enjoy a delicious meal & support our teens & adult volunteers as they get ready to help our neighbors in need this summer!





## ...Respect Life, etc...



Helpful Resources: [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org)  
[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) (~search~) "religious liberty"  
[www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org) (Virginia Catholic Conference)  
#WhyWeMarch MarchForLife.org

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE ~ 40DaysForLife.com** [www.PrayForLife.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org)

### ROSARY for LIFE

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

### 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](http://abcwomenshealth.com).

This coupon is valid for one free ultrasound. Limit one per client.

Bishop Ireton Theater Arts Presents:



"A Musical Fable of Broadway"

Based on the story and characters of Damon Runyon

Music and Lyrics by:

Frank Loesser

Book by:

Jo Sterling & Abe Burrows

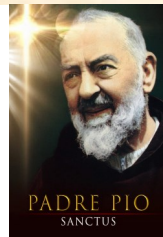
**FINAL PERFORMANCES!**

**Friday, April 11;**

**Saturday, April 12 @ 7 pm;**

Garwood Whaley Auditorium

Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, 22314



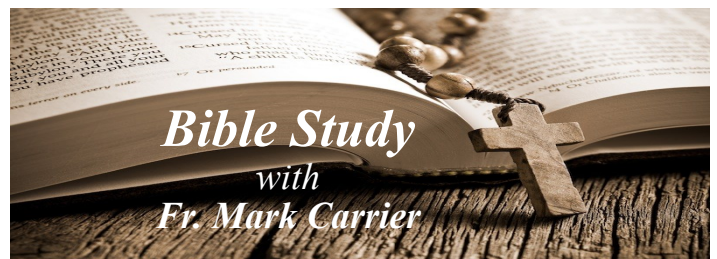
### SAINT PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

of Northern Virginia

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

Daily Chapel. Fr. Mark Carrier, Chaplain

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



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)

**Materials provided ~ Bring your Bible!**

Questions? email: [mfcaime@cs.com](mailto:mfcaime@cs.com)

**ALSO:** Visit Fr. Carrier's blog ~

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



## ...Around the Diocese...



### 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](mailto:john.french@arlingtondiocese.org) or (703) 841-3819



*"Forming adults and families to serve and partake in the works of mercy."*

#### Commissioned By Christ

[www.commissionedbychrist.org](http://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!**



**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/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/)

### **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.cdda.net> for a current listing of opportunities to serve.



### 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](http://www.ourfruitfullove.com)

### The Love of Christ Impels Us

by Very Rev. William P. Saunders, Ph.D.

#### A History of the Diocese of Arlington 1974-2024



Learn all about the fascinating history of our diocese from its historical beginnings in the Diocese of Richmond in the early nineteenth century.

This 298-page, hard-back, comprehensive history, includes full color pictures, bishop biographies, parish profiles and much, much more. **Makes a great gift!** Copies are available now for **\$10.00** in the parish office, Gathering Space or on the Bookrack.

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Try **2 minutes 2 virtue** ~ Sign up NOW!

[www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue)

### PRAISE and WORSHIP HOLY HOUR Every Second Tuesday

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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion)



### Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

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

### ENCOUNTER HOLY HOUR Every First Thursday

All you who are burdened by sin, grief, loneliness, shame, addiction, self-hatred, abortion, or any other wound, come and place all your cares on the Heart of the Eucharistic Lord who desires to free you and restore you to new life. The Holy Hour, **every first Thursday** at 7 p.m. at **St. Thomas à Becket** in Reston, will include a Eucharistic Procession, opportunities for confession, as well as worship music led by a different musician each month. The celebrant will be Fr. Rich Dyer, Pastor, St. Thomas à Becket. Questions? (703) 841-2550.