

Third Sunday of Advent  
December 12, 2021

# *Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church*

*1427 West Braddock Road ~ Alexandria, Virginia 22302*



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**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](http://www.blessedsacramentcc.org)

**PARISH 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

*\*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

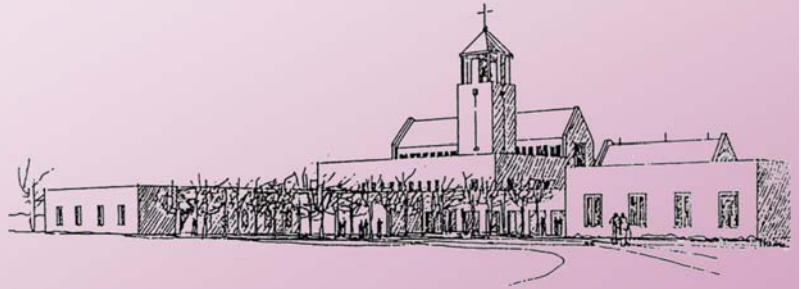
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Chapel, Friday, 9 am- 5 pm

**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](mailto: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](http://www.bssva.org)



[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.

**Offertory Collection**

Our Offertory Collection for **November 28th** as \$29,5341.59 which includes **FaithDirect**.

We also collected \$124.00 - Poor Box, \$550.00 - Building Fund, \$460.00 - Quinn School Endowment, \$140.00.00 - Catholic Campaign for Human Development, \$444.00 - Thanksgiving Day, and \$1,975.00 - Giving Tree/Holiday Sharing.

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



**Christmas Collection ~ TODAY! ~ December 11th & 12th**

This week marks the annual Parish Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. Their mission is to serve the poor with Christ's love and compassion - and your support of this collection is vital. Please prayerfully consider supporting those cared for across our large diocese. Please make a gift in this week's collection and note "*Catholic Charities*" on the memo line of your check or visit

[www.cdda.net/donate/ChristmasCollection](http://www.cdda.net/donate/ChristmasCollection)

**MASS INTENTIONS****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 7:30 am ~ Madeline & Armond Capitanio+ (Louis Capitanio)  
 9:00 am ~ Mike Cala+ (Gary & Jeannette Stoiber)  
 11:00 am ~ Dolores Zajac+ (Frank & Deborah Homburger)  
 12:30 pm ~ Manolo Perez+ (Analee Lambert)  
 2:00 pm ~ Jorge Mendez+ (Cathy Santiago)  
 5:00 pm ~ Michael Strunk+ (Becky Connick)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 - Saint Lucy, Martyr**

- 6:30 am ~ Margaret Duhamel+ (Ellen & John Farnham)  
 8:30 am ~ Joseph Caporaletti+ (Angie Giuseppe)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14 - Saint John of the Cross, Priest**

- 6:30 am ~ Anne Marie Peter+ (Anne Marie Hohman)  
 8:30 am ~ Sp Int - Maggie Wynne (Cheryl Speed)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15 - Advent Weekday**

- 6:30 am ~ Spec Int - Margaret Hoferer (Rita Reynolds)  
 8:30 am ~ Margaret Mary Mahon+ (Elizabeth Kuhn & Jannie Kwok)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 - Advent Weekday**

- 6:30 am ~ Spec Int - Denis & Marsha Drapeau (Elaine Drapeau)  
 8:30 am ~ Mary Napolitano+ (Gary & Jeanette Stoiber)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17 - Late Advent Weekday**

- 6:30 am ~ Gertrude Moore+ (Laura Paul)  
 8:30 am ~ For the Welfare & Intentions of Pope Francis

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 - Late Advent Weekday**

- 8:30 am ~ William Tanner+ (Ann Principato)  
 5:00 pm ~ Stanley Bennett+ (Art & Laraine Bennett)

**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+ (Clariza Santiago)  
 2:00 pm ~ Jose Ramon Garcia+ (Seferina Del Valle)  
 5:00 pm ~ Spec Int - Marcella & Mike Hadeed (Mary & Tobias Naegele)

**Readings for the Week**

**Sunday, 12/12:** Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

**Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

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



**Blessed Sacrament Parish**  
**1946 - 2021**

We will mark this milestone at the  
**11:00 am Mass on Sunday, December 19th**

*Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, celebrant*

*Msgr. John Cregan, homilist*

Light reception following in Quinn Hall

**Evening Confession**

**Thursday, December 16th ~ 7:00 pm** *(until the last penitent leaves)*

Daily Chapel & Priest's Vestry (3 priests)



**Words of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE**  
**to Juan Diego**

*“Let not your heart be disturbed.  
 Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish.  
 Am I not here, who is your Mother?  
 Are you not under my protection?  
 Am I not your health?  
 Are you not happily within my fold?  
 What else do you wish?  
 Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.”*



### 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.*

**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: [jdrivera7@aol.com](mailto:jdrivera7@aol.com) / (202)669-7214



### SIMBANG GABI (“Seem-bahng Gah-Bee”)

Filipino Advent Novena Mass (Day 3)

Friday ~ **December 17th** ~ 7:00 pm

*Celebrate 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines! Hot Cocoa & cookies following.  
All are welcome!*



MALCOLM ALLS  
 MARIA JUAREZ ASCENCIO  
 AIDA BALDERRAMA  
 IAN BALLUTIS  
 FR. MICHAEL J. BAZAN  
 MICHAEL HART  
 FRANCES HOLLAND  
 PATSY LAYER  
 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. Byrnes, 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, 12/12 - Rev. John F. Heisler  
 Monday, 12/13 - Rev. John Paul Heisler  
 Tuesday, 12/14 - Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Hendrick (Ret.)  
 Wednesday, 12/15 - Rev. Stephen Holmes

Thursday, 12/16 - Rev. Patrick Holroyd  
 Friday, 12/17 - Rev. Edward R. Horkan  
 Saturday, 12/18 - Rev. James C. Huggins



**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**



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)

**2 BUSY 2 PRAY?**

Try 2 minutes 2 virtue ~ Sign up NOW! [www.arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.

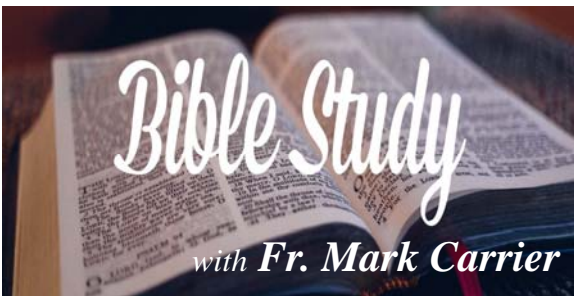


**ALTAR SERVERS**

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](mailto: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](mailto:mfcaime@cs.com)

**ALSO:** Visit Fr. Carrier's blog ~ [sanctiscriptores.blogspot.com](http://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!

[bsroaring2020s@gmail.com](mailto:bsroaring2020s@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](mailto: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](mailto:parish_office@bscva.org)



◆ **BRIDGE is BACK on TUESDAYS at the PARISH CENTER!** ~ 12 Noon to 3 pm

Contact Ann Corro for more information (703) 370-3664

◆ **SAINT MARTIN de PORRES SENIOR CENTER** ~ 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria 22304

All Alexandria residents, 60+ years old are welcome! Daily activities & lunch. Transportation will be provided, but you must RSVP ~ **Call 703-751-2766**

◆ **SENIOR SERVICES of ALEXANDRIA (SSA)** ~ Join "SSA Connection" to get a weekly email with the latest videos, information on activities & services, TED Talks, recipes & much, much more for Seniors in Alexandria! Email to: [communications@seniorservicesalex.org](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)** serves diocesan single Catholics 40 and over.

Meet us for: Thursday lunches and Much more!

Details, visit: [bit.ly/ptsc](http://bit.ly/ptsc) Questions or RSVP: Tom [ptscnva@gmail.com](mailto:ptscnva@gmail.com).



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



**How You Can Help Recently Arrived Afghan SIV Holders**

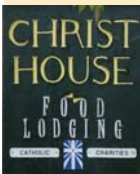
As events in Afghanistan continue to unfold, Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services welcomes Afghan SIV holders (*individuals who assisted US operations in Afghanistan*) to Northern Virginia. If you are interested in assisting, please email: [lourdes.iglesias@ccda.net](mailto:lourdes.iglesias@ccda.net)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

[www.ccda.net/give-help/donate-goods-and-transportation/help-immigrants-and-refugees/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ary.kilkenny@yahoo.com)



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

[www.alive-inc.org](http://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](mailto:lfeiler@alive-inc.org)



**COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST**

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

CBC is a ministry within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington that organizes LOCAL & OVERSEAS mission trips for families and adults.

**VIRTUAL EVENTS NOW!** Visit the website for info.

**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](http://www.motheroflightcenter.com)**

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

Email: [motheroflightcenter@gmail.com](mailto:motheroflightcenter@gmail.com)

**Christmas 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 by donating a new gift (\$15-30 value) or gift cards to Walmart or Target by

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

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

Info? Email (above) or call (703) 850-6701





# RESPECT LIFE

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](http://MarchForLife.org)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ~ [40DaysForLife.com](http://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/gpvolunteer](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/gpvolunteer)

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

**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](http://arlingtondiocese.org/healingandconversion)  
**DECEMBER 14th** ~ Music by Valerie & Rocco Repetski *Preacher: Fr. James Waalkes*

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](http://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.