February 21: Saint Peter Damian

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Welcome to St. Rita Church! Please join us, as together we worship God and grow in love for one another under the protection of our patroness, St. Rita of Cascia. Registration forms can be found in the Russell Road entrance of the church, or online at www.stritaalexandria.com/parish-registration/.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to attend the baptism preparation class, held on the first Tuesday of each month. Please note that it is possible for expectant parents to attend the preparation class before the birth of their child.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish Office to obtain an application to begin marriage preparation. Diocesan regulations require 6 months of marriage preparation. Living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the marriage preparation time.

Hospitalized and Homebound Parishioners

Please contact the Parish office so that the hospitalized and homebound may receive pastoral care from the priests and volunteers of St. Rita.

ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
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**Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

**Monday, February 17, 2020**  
*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*  
7:00 am Jota Carlos Vidigal  
7:30 pm Fr. Karol Nedza

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**  
*Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*  
7:00 am Maria & Francisco Vidigal  
5:00 pm Beatrice M. Szele - Szechenyi

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**  
*Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*  
7:00 am Michael Taylor  
8:30 am Rachel Ackerman  
7:30 pm Reagan Caimano

**Thursday, February 20, 2020**  
*Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*  
7:00 am Jose Vidigal  
7:30 pm Cecilia Sierra

**Friday, February 21, 2020**  
*Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
7:00 am Rose Lapadula  
7:30 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**  
*The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*  
8:00 am Anthony Purification  
5:00 pm The Doerrer Family

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**  
*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:15 am Jessica Taylor  
8:15 am The Manaker Family  
9:30 am Jim Rutherford  
11:00 am Missa Pro Populo - Mass for the People  
1:00 pm Celebrant’s Intention

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**Parish News**

**2020 Car Raffle**

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their 5-car raffle. Prizes include five 2020 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One $5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus $20,000 in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you.

**Sorteo De Vehículos 2020**

La Iglesia de Todos los Santos (Manassas, VA) ha invitado a nuestros feligreses a participar en su rifa de 5 autos. Los premios incluyen cinco vehículos 2020 de Koons de Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility y Honda Odyssey Van). Un boleto de $ 5.00 ofrece al comprador la oportunidad de ganar los cinco vehículos más $ 20,000 en premios en efectivo. Recibirá boletos por correo la próxima semana más o menos. Por favor considere vender/comprar los boletos que le enviamos por correo.

Stay Up-to-Date on Parish Life With Our New Website!  
You can visit the new site by going to [www.stritaalexandria.com](http://www.stritaalexandria.com). If you have any questions, please contact Veronica McGraw at vmcgraw.strita@gmail.com.

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**This Week at Saint Rita**

**Monday, February 17, 2020**  
*The Parish Office is Closed.*  
7:00 pm Confession & Rosary  
7:30 pm Miraculous Medal Novena

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 pm Confession

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 pm Confession

**Thursday, February 20, 2020**  
6:30 - 7:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
7:00 pm Confession

**Friday, February 21, 2020**  
7:00 pm Vespers and Confession

**Saturday, February 22, 2020**  
8:30 am Confession  
4:00 pm Confession  
7:00 pm Confession

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**  
10:30 am Confession  
12:30 pm Confession

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**Follow Us on Social Media!**

Saint Rita now has an official Facebook and Instagram account! If you are active on social media, please follow us!  
The Facebook page can be found at [www.facebook.com/stritaalexandria/](http://www.facebook.com/stritaalexandria/) and the Instagram page can be found at [www.instagram.com/stritaalexandria/](http://www.instagram.com/stritaalexandria/) or by searching Saint Rita Catholic Church. If you have questions, please email [socialmedia@stritaalexandria.com](mailto:socialmedia@stritaalexandria.com).

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**Parish Office Closed**

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 17 in observance of President’s Day.

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**Bulletin Submissions**

Please submit all announcements for the bulletin to Veronica at vmcgraw.strita@gmail.com the Sunday before the desired bulletin date, at 9pm. Thank you!
WorkCamp
We have a few spots remaining for high school students to join St. Rita's team and take part in the Diocese of Arlington WorkCamp from June 20-26, 2020. Adult volunteers are also needed! For more information, check out our website at https://stritaalexandria.com/workcamp/ or contact Klarissa Blank at kblank.strita@gmail.com.

Atrium Registration
Registration for the 2020 - 2021 Homeschool Atrium is open. Registration for the Wednesday afternoon Homeschool Atrium (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) is now open. We have openings for 3-6 year olds (children must be 3 by October 1, 2020) and a few openings for children in 2nd grade. For more information, or to register, please contact Klarissa Blank at 703-836-1640 or kblank.strita@gmail.com.

St. Rita School Presents: The Roaring 20's
Join the St. Rita School community and fellow parishioners for the 20th annual school auction dinner, which will be held on the evening of February 22, 2020 at the Columbus Club of Arlington. Jazz music, casino games, food, drink and merriment! The event is the largest fundraiser of the year for the school and every dollar raised goes directly back to the school. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are available at Saintrita-auction.org. Please contact Amanda Bowman with any questions or items for donation to our silent auction at striadinnerauuction@gmail.com or 614-937-9425.

Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners

For all those discerning Religious Vocations:
Sr. Maria Josepha, Labor Marieae
William Manaker, Jesuits
Our Seminarians in the Diocese of Arlington, especially Tim Courtney, Andrew Clark, and Sean Nypaver

For the Sick in our Parish:
April Garcia Miles Miller
Maria Luisa Garcia Herschel Otto
Dr. John Gleeson Maddie Respicio-Cabatic
Mary Gleeson Jane Rippy
Emma Gomez de Blanco Scotty Schumacher
Karl Heinz Laura Stevens
Gary McAlpin Egidio & Graciela Vera-y-Aragon
Jean McDermott

For our Deceased Parishioners:
Dorothy Rosapepe Bodwell Jim Rutherford
Oskar Egger Florette Marie Scalzo
Boris Haydachok Phyllis Yancey
Rose Lapadula

2020 Bishop’s Lenten Appeal: Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope
The 2020 Bishop’s Lenten Appeal Commitment weekend is next weekend! Once a year we are asked to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no single parish could provide on its own. This important effort is a means by which we work together by sharing the gifts God has bestowed upon us. Our parish goal is 100% participation. Through the BLA, may we seek to imitate the steadfast faith of the Blessed Virgin Mary and joyfully reveal our gratitude for our many blessings!

Firmes en la fe y alegres en la esperanza
Próximo fin de semana, 22-23 de febrero se les pedirá que se comprometan a contribuir a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de este año. Les ruego que reflexionen sobre los ministerios, servicios y programas de importancia crítica financiados por la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2020 y que, en espíritu de oración y sacrificio, consideren la posibilidad de hacer una promesa de apoyo. Para tener éxito, la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo requiere el apoyo financiero de cada familia de la parroquia. Todos pueden participar en la petición; sin importar qué tan grande o qué tan pequeña sea nuestra ofrenda, nos unimos como un Cuerpo en Cristo para apoyar a nuestra Iglesia y seguir realizando las buenas obras cuyo alcance ayuda a miles de personas. Que su corazón se desborde de gratitud por los innumerables dones que Dios les ha dado. ¡Muchas gracias!

Weekend Discernment Retreat for Men
Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood? Take a step to find out. Attend the weekend discernment retreat for men (ages 18-55) February 29 - March 1, 2020. This is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, and talking with priests and seminarians. Cost is $60 and includes overnights and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). The retreat starts Friday at 6:30 pm and concludes Sunday after lunch. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. There is a similar retreat for women June 26-28.

Quo Vadis and FIAT Camps Registration Lottery
Quo Vadis Days and FIAT Camps are great opportunities for Catholic high school students (rising freshmen through rising seniors) to have fun while deepening their faith and exploring their vocations. Quo Vadis (for boys) is staffed by Arlington seminarians, priests and religious, and runs July 12-16. FIAT (for girls) is staffed by religious sisters and runs July 19-23. Both are held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. The registration lottery will be open March 3-31. See the videos and photos from last year, get more information and register for the lottery at ArlingtonDiocese.org/QuoVadis or ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT.