

St. Rita Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9 am - 9 pm

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January 16, 2022: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

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 a Baptism preparation class, scheduled individually with Fr. Schierer. Please note that it is possible for expectant parents to attend the preparation class before the birth of their child.

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

(The Church is open for prayer every day from 6 am - 9 pm.)

Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:15 am (TLM*), 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (en Español)

Monday: 7:00 am & 7:30 pm (preceded by Miraculous Medal Novena)

Tuesday: 7:00 am & 7:30 pm (TLM)

Wednesday: 7:00 am, 8:20 am (School Mass), & 7:30 pm

Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:30 pm (TLM)

Friday: 7:00 am & 7:30 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 pm

*Traditional Latin Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Monday - Friday: 7:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am, 4:00 pm, & 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday - Thursday: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 pm - 8:00 am (Saturday)

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.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday, January 17, 2022

Saint Anthony, Abbot

7:00 am Scott Ratigan ☩

7:30 pm Tom Farrell

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Special Intention

7:30 pm David A. Bieging ☩

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

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7:00 am Mike Canty ☩

7:30 pm Thana Dixon ☩

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr

7:00 am Special Intention

7:30 pm Lucy James ☩

Friday, January 21, 2022

Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 am Ruth Warren ☩

11:30 am Celebrant's Intention

7:30 pm Sr. Marie-Bernard, OSB ☩

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 am Sr. Elizabeth Lemnah ☩

5:00 pm Joseph and Mary Humphrey

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Esperanza Falcon ☩

8:00 am Jean Bernard Bikah ☩

9:15 am Leonard Pawlack

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Anai Perez

Upcoming Second Collections

- January 16:** Church in Latin America
January 30: St. Rita School Tuition Assistance
February 6: Repairs and Replacements

Thank you for your continued support!

Applying to Saint Rita School for 2022-2023



Applications are now being accepted for St. Rita Catholic School & Preschool for the **2022-2023** school year. Apply here: <https://saintrita-school.org/admissions/apply/>. Our next open house will be at **9:30 am** on **Wednesday, February 2**, following the School Mass. Preschool contact: **Mrs. Rockwell**

at: preschooldirector@saintrita-school.org. K-8 contact: **Mrs. Cunningham** at: admissions@saintrita-school.org.

Bulletin Submissions - New Email

Please submit all announcements for the bulletin to bulletin.submit.strita@gmail.com by **Wednesday, ten days before the desired bulletin date**. Thank you!

Saint Rita School Auction

February 26, 2022



Our biggest fundraiser of the year is underway and we are seeking items for the silent and live auction. Do you have access to sporting or event tickets? Do you have a beach or mountain home that you would consider offering up for a week (or long weekend)? Are you a business owner interested in supporting our auction with a financial or in-kind donation? Please contact saint.rita.auction22@gmail.com with any questions or to contribute.



WorkCamp 2022

WorkCamp will take place from **June 18-24, 2022**. This service opportunity combines prayer, great speakers, daily Mass, Confession, and fun. All current high school students are eligible to participate this summer. We are also in need of adult volunteers to join our St. Rita team! Please consider taking part in this transformational opportunity! You can find more information and registration here: <https://stritaalexandria.com/workcamp/>. Contact **Klarissa Blank** at kblank.strita@gmail.com.

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, January 16, 2022

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

Monday, January 17, 2022

5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes (Grades 1-12)

7:00 pm Rosary (in the Church)

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

2:30 pm Home School Holy Hour

6:00 pm RCIA Classes

7:30 pm SRYA Men's Group

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus

Thursday, January 20, 2022

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary

Friday, January 21, 2022

12:00 pm March for Life (Schedule on the Next Page)

Saturday, January 22, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Coffee and donuts after the 9 and 11 am Masses

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

St Rita Food Drive This Weekend

St Rita Parish will be conducting a food collection drive for the St. Lucy Project, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington program on **January 15 and 16, 2022**. Catholic Charities conducts a diocesan-wide outreach to collect and distribute food where it is most needed through the St. Lucy Project.

We need non-perishable items like hearty soups, canned chicken or tuna, canned veggies, beans or fruits, peanut butter and jelly, cereal and oatmeal, pasta and sauce, individually packaged snacks, and vegetable oil. NO GLASS JARS PLEASE. Monetary donations and gift cards are also welcome. Please contact **Kathy Horne** with any questions, at kathy.m.horne@gmail.com. Thank you!

Colecta de alimentos de St Rita 15 y 16 de Enero

La parroquia de St Rita llevará a cabo una campaña de recolección de alimentos para el programa St. Lucy Project, Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Arlington del **15 y 16 de Enero**. Caridades Católicas lleva a cabo un alcance diocesano para recolectar y distribuir alimentos donde más se necesitan a través del Proyecto St. Lucy.

Productos no perecederos como sopas abundantes, pollo o atún enlatados, verduras, frijoles o frutas enlatados, peanut butter and jelly, cereal and oatmeal, pasta y salsa, aceite vegetal. NO TARROS DE VIDRIO POR FAVOR. Las donaciones monetarias y las tarjetas de regalo también son bienvenidas. Gracias!

Lectors Needed

We are in need of new lectors for all Masses to replace some who left. Please consider volunteering for this rewarding ministry. Scheduling is flexible. Please contact **Frank Donahoe** at **703-960-0719** or fpdonahoe137@gmail.com.

Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners

For all those discerning Religious Vocations:

Sr. Maria Josepha, Labor Mariae; William Manaker, Society of Jesus; Seminarians for the Diocese of Arlington, especially Tim Courtney, and Sean Nypaver

For the Sick in our Parish:

Diego Alzugaray, Ciarán Canning, Margaret Fisher, Elizabeth Holmes, Stephanie Prescott, Constance Richardson, William Rodger, Egidio and Graciela Vera-y-Aragón, Carol Walsh

If you know of someone who should be on the list, please contact Elizabeth at evail.strita@gmail.com. Names will remain on the above prayer list for 30 days from the time they are requested. At the end of that time, you may renew your request. Thank you!

For the Deceased in our Parish:

Elizabeth Allenbach, Wilson A. Alvarez, Mary Barbee, Maria Bond, Ismael Cardona, Carlos Deupi, Deborah File, John Carrington, Flore Colantuoni, Oskar Egger, Pamela Hayes, Isabel Hernandez, Leslie Hyland, Matthew Parowski, Jeffrey Petrino, Thomas Rowe, James Schick, Eileen Serice, William Shields, Angela Smith, John Wonderoth



2022 Schedule

11:30 am	Respect Life Mass at St. Rita
12:00 pm	Pizza Lunch in Parish Center
12:30 pm	Board <i>free</i> bus to attend the March for Life
4:00 pm	Return to St. Rita

Bus sign-up sheets are located in the Russell Road vestibule of the Church. You must sign up in order to reserve a space on the bus.

For more information, please call the parish office at **703-836-1640** or email **Klarissa Blank** at kblank.strita@gmail.com.

News from the Diocese and Beyond

New Classical Catholic High School

Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's, a new high school with a classical curriculum, just opened this school year and is still accepting applications for 9th-, 10th-, and 11th-grades. Please contact **Dr. Gwendolyn Sheldon** at gsheldon@chestertonstmarys.org or visit www.chestertonstmarys.org for more information.

Diocese of Arlington Annual Men's Conference

Join Bishop Burbidge and Catholic men from around the Diocese of Arlington for a day of spiritual renewal and fellowship focused on the power of the Eucharist on **Saturday, March 5, 2022** at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from **8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** The theme is *Eucharistic Lord: Dispelling Darkness and Overcoming Evil* with speakers Msgr. Stephen Rossetti and Deacon Michael Forrest. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of our presenters and then participate in a listening session with Bishop Burbidge where they can share their experience of being Catholic in the current age, as well as their hopes and dreams for the Church in preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops. Tickets are \$65 per person thru February 4; \$80 after February 4. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/men.

Annual Women's Conference: True Presence to Calm the Present

Please join the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life and the Arlington Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for a day of spiritual enrichment & fellowship with talented Sonja Corbitt, author and TV and radio host, along with Stephanie Burke, Executive Director of the Avila Institute, **Saturday, March 12, 2022** at St. Joseph Church in Herndon from **8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of our presenters and then participate in a listening session with Bishop Burbidge where they can share their experience of being Catholic in the current age, as well as their hopes and dreams for the Church in preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops. Tickets are \$65 per person thru February 11th; \$80 after February 11th. Register at arlingtondiocese.org/women.

Vocations

"There are different forms of service but the same Lord;" is your form of service to become a priest, deacon or consecrated religious? Call **Father Michael Isenberg** at **703-841-2514**, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.