

St. Rita Catholic Church

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

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January 30, 2022: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

CLERGY AND STAFF

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Bethany Hamm, **Principal**
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Caitlin Rockwell, **Preschool Director**

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 31, 2022

Saint John Bosco, Priest and Religious Founder

7:00 am Bernard Brooks ☩

7:30 pm Dana Driscoll ☩

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Patricia Carter ☩

7:30 pm Kelly Rupp

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

7:00 am Bill Boyd ☩

7:30 pm Matthew Bond

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

7:00 am The Precy Choi Family

7:30 pm For the Global Unbound Community

Friday, February 4, 2022

Friday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am John Carrington ☩

7:30 pm Mildred Brisbin ☩

Saturday, February 5, 2022

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 am Zachary Taylor ☩

5:00 pm Oskar Egger ☩

Sunday, February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Melissa Nalli ☩

8:00 am Donald and Melania Trump and Family

9:15 am Stettla ☩

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Por todos los miembros del grupo de oracion

Upcoming Second Collections

January 30: St. Rita School Tuition Assistance

February 6: Repairs and Replacements and
The Arlington Catholic Herald

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: preschoodirector@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.

2022 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Begins!

The 2022 BLA mailing was recently sent to St. Rita parishioners. The theme this year is "Do this in remembrance of me." After reflecting upon the blessings God has given you, please prayerfully consider a pledge. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us remember the tender nature of Christ as together we give of ourselves to others. You can make a gift at: www.arlingtondiocese.org or scan the QR code below.



This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, January 30, 2022

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

6:00 pm St. Rita Young Adults F4

Monday, January 31, 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, February 1, 2022

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

2:30 pm Home School Holy Hour

6:00 pm RCIA Classes

7:30 pm St. Rita Young Adults Speaker Event

Thursday, February 3, 2022

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary

Friday, February 4, 2022

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, February 5, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Blood Drive

Sunday, February 6, 2022

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

St. Rita Parish Blood Drive

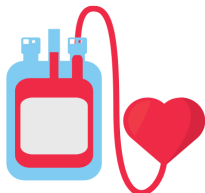
WHEN:

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

WHERE:

St. Rita Parish
3815 Russell Rd., Alexandria, VA

The Inova Blood Donor Services Bloodmobile will be parked on the driveway between the church and school buildings.



**Every Drop Counts.
Donate Blood.**

Book Your Appointment Today

• Visit <https://bit.ly/StRita0205>

• Call 1(866) 256-6372, use Sponsor Code 7611

• Contact Martin Brown (412) 737-8755 - mabrown10@gmail.com



inovablood.org

Photo ID and surgical face masks required. Surgical face masks will be provided if needed. Allow one hour for your donation.



Candlemas

On **Tuesday, February 2**, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, we will have the traditional blessing of candles before the **7:30 pm Mass**. There will be a table set up in the sanctuary for you to place and candles you would like to have blessed.

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 Dori at bulletin.submit.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, Carlos Deupi, Deborah File, John Carrington, Oskar Egger, Pamela Hayes, Isabel Hernandez, Andrea Orsini Herndon, Leslie Hyland, Matthew Parowski, Jeffrey Petrino, Thomas Rowe, James Schick, Eileen Serice, William Shields, Angela Smith, John Wonderoth

February Patricians Meeting

All parishioners are cordially invited to join us at our next Patricians meeting which will be held **Saturday, February 12th** in the parish center reception room at **6:00 pm**. This month's topic is Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, the Austrian Catholic husband, father, farmer, and conscientious objector to the Nazis whose life is depicted in the film "A Hidden Life." He is one of many examples of 20th century martyrs. The unique discussion format of our Patricians meetings provides an opportunity for everyone to participate. Father Schierer is our Spiritual Director. Learning together is our objective. For more information, please contact **Bob Martins** at rpmartins@comcast.net.

St. Rita Vocations Crucifix



The St. Rita Vocations Crucifix is a beautiful parish tradition in which all parishioners are invited to host the Crucifix in their homes for one week this year. Hosting the vocations crucifix is a wonderful way to deepen your family's prayer life, while praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We are currently seeking a new coordinator. The role would include overseeing the weekly schedule and maintaining the materials included with the Crucifix. After prayerful discernment, if you are interested in this role or would like to host the Crucifix during a week in February, please contact the parish office at **703-836-1640**.

"May the Holy Spirit make the entire Church a praying people who raise their voices to the Heavenly Father to implore holy vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. Let us pray so that those chosen and called by the Lord be faithful and joyful witnesses of the Gospel, to which they have consecrated their existence."

Pope St. John Paul II, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, May 2, 2004

News from the Diocese and Beyond

Virginia Defending Life Day

Join us on **February 9th** to speak up for a pro-life Virginia! Virginians will come together in Richmond while the General Assembly is in session to meet with their legislators to urge them to defend life. The day begins with prayer led by Bishop Burbidge and Bishop Knestout. Our goal is to assemble advocates from every district in the Commonwealth - and we need you. Talking points, legislative updates and tips for effective advocacy will be provided to make your constituent meetings easy and successful. Visit VAProLifeDay.org to sign up and learn more! Please join us! #VADefendingLifeDay. If you need assistance coordinating your group, please email amy.mcinerney@arlingtondiocese.org.



Vocations

"Before you were born, I consecrated you." Do you think that you may be called by the Lord to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call **Father Michael Isenberg** at **703-841-2514**, or write: michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.