

# St. Rita Catholic Church

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## February 13, 2022: Sixth 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/](http://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, February 14, 2022

*Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop*

7:00 am Barbara Taylor ☩

7:30 pm Thana Dixon ☩

### Tuesday, February 15, 2022

*Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am George Bonina ☩

7:30 pm In Thanksgiving to God for His Mercy

### Wednesday, February 16, 2022

*Wednesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Tiffany Schuck ☩

7:30 pm Diana Bannister

### Thursday, February 17, 2022

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

7:00 am Marci and Steve Buttie

7:30 pm John and Kathryn Traynor ☩

### Friday, February 18, 2022

*Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am John Carrington ☩

7:30 pm Antonio Iijima

### Saturday, February 19, 2022

*Saturday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am Deacon Gerard Anthony

5:00 pm James and Anna Shaw ☩

### Sunday, February 20, 2022

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Dan Cotter

8:00 am Maria Murray ☩

9:15 am Joseph Costanzo ☩

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Bobby Jose

### Upcoming Second Collections

**March 6:** Repairs and Replacements

Thank you for your continued support!

### Saint Rita Women's Group February Meeting

All ladies of St. Rita, you are invited to join the Women's Group for our next meeting on **Friday, February 18**. We will learn about the poor in our area and how we can assist them through the Mother of Light Center. Matilde Alvarado and an assistant from the Center will join us to share insights on how we can love and serve the poor in Alexandria (and beyond).

We will gather in the parish center reception room for social time and refreshments from **7-7:30 pm**, and a brief presentation will begin at 7:30 with time for questions. A perfect way to help us prepare for our Lenten penances! For more information, please contact **Cindy Hart** at [saintritawomen@gmail.com](mailto:saintritawomen@gmail.com).

### Bulletin Submissions - New Email

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

### 2022 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)!

The 2022 BLA is underway! Our theme 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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) or scan the QR code below.



### Saint Rita School Auction

February 26, 2022



Text SRS2022 to 76278 or visit [saintrita-auction.org](http://saintrita-auction.org) to purchase your Entries in our 50/50 Raffle, Tickets to our Mardi Gras Auction & Gala or make a donation to support our school. Coming soon: Silent and Live Auction Items for your bids! Contact [saint.rita.auction22@gmail.com](mailto:saint.rita.auction22@gmail.com) with any questions or to contribute.

## This Week at St. Rita

### Sunday, February 13, 2022

*Coffee and donuts after the 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 1 pm Masses*

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

### Monday, February 14, 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 15, 2022

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

### Wednesday, February 16, 2022

2:30 pm Home School Holy Hour

5:00 pm Confirmation Rehearsal

6:00 pm RCIA Classes

7:30 pm Knights of Columbus

### Thursday, February 17, 2022

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary

7:00 pm Confirmation

### Friday, February 18, 2022

7:30 pm Women's Group

### Saturday, February 19, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary

6:30 pm Teams of Our Lady

### Sunday, February 20, 2022

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

6:00 pm Teams of Our Lady

### 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](tel:703-836-1640).

### Come Holy Spirit

On **Thursday, February 17**, Bishop Burbidge will celebrate our Confirmation Mass at St. Rita Church. This year we will have 30 Confirmandi from our parish who have been preparing all year with a retreat, service, and catechesis. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to be sealed with the Holy Spirit.

### 2022 Car Raffle

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2022 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 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. Not only could you win a prize, but the funds raised also benefit our St. Rita Youth Programs (especially WorkCamp)! Contact [David Klosterman](mailto:David.Klosterman@gmail.com) at [strita.car.raffle@gmail.com](mailto:strita.car.raffle@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, Alana Austin, 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](mailto: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

### Scheduling Note

Please note that there will be *no* adoration or 7:30 PM TLM on **Thursday, February 17** due to our Confirmation Mass with Bishop Burbidge scheduled that night. Thank you.

### News from the Diocese and Beyond

#### Holy Hour for Vocations



On **Thursday, March 24** at **7:00 pm**, the Basilica of St. Mary and the Serra Club of Arlington will host a Holy Hour and Solemn Vespers for Vocations. Please join us in the Basilica (310 S. Royal St, Alexandria, Va. 22314) to pray on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. For more information, contact [Mary A.D. Petrino](mailto:Mary.A.D.Petrino@gmail.com), Serra Club of Arlington VP for Communications at [mary.petrino@gmail.com](mailto:mary.petrino@gmail.com) or [703-785-5588](tel:703-785-5588).

#### Defend Life Lecture by Zachary King

The St. Rita Young Adults are co-sponsoring a Defend Life lecture with the St. Mary's Basilica Young Adults. After 26 years in organized Satanism and deep involvement in the occult, Zachary King experienced an intense and immediate conversion through the Blessed Mother and Miraculous Medal. He now spreads the Catholic Faith. Come hear his story and his pro-life witness! Contact: St. Rita's Young Adults Leadership Team via email, [stritayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:stritayoungadults@gmail.com).

St. Mary's Lyceum - 313 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
**Friday, February 18, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.**

#### Morning Lenten Reflection and Renewal

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales invite you to attend "Live Jesus 2022," a morning of Lenten reflection and renewal through the lens of Salesian Spirituality on **Saturday, March 26**, from **9:00 am - 12:45 pm**, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Rd, Reston, Va. 20191. This year's theme is "Healing Relationships...Let it Begin With Me." Please register at [www.oblates.org](http://www.oblates.org).

#### After Abortion Retreat

A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, March 26, 2022**. This group healing event is held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish. There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: [\(703\) 841-2504](tel:703-841-2504) or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

#### Vocations

"Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD ..." Are you considering a vocation to the consecrated life? Call [Father Michael Isenberg](tel:703-841-2514) at [703-841-2514](tel:703-841-2514), or write: [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).