

# St. Rita Catholic Church

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## February 20, 2022: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CLERGY AND STAFF

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### Saint Rita School 703-548-1888

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 21, 2022

*Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00 am Leonard Cuddy ☩

7:30 pm Leo Iijima

### Tuesday, February 22, 2022

*The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle*

7:00 am Conchita P. Clapp ☩

7:30 pm Donna Jean Cranford ☩

### Wednesday, February 23, 2022

*Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00 am Mary McClusky

7:30 pm Samuel Strobach

### Thursday, February 24, 2022

*Thursday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Vivian Moran

7:30 pm Dwayne Bry

### Friday, February 25, 2022

*Friday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Frank Walsh ☩

7:30 pm Anne Marie Minnis

### Saturday, February 26, 2022

*Saturday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am Marcella Hadeed

5:00 pm Robert Douglas ☩

### Sunday, February 27, 2022

*Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Lawrence Holmes, Jr.

8:00 am Emma Scherer

9:15 am Raul Rodriguez ☩

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Maria Esther Velazquez ☩

### Upcoming Second Collections

**March 6:** Repairs and Replacements

Thank you for your continued support!

### Saint Rita School Auction

**February 26, 2022**



Support Saint Rita School and enjoy a chance to win!

Purchase tickets for our 50/50 Raffle at

[www.saintrita-auction.org](http://www.saintrita-auction.org) or scan the code below.



### 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)!

Do this in remembrance of me. The 2022 BLA Commitment Sunday is next weekend! Once a year we are asked to make a pledge to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no parish could provide on its own. Our parish goal is 100% participation.

By participating in the BLA, we remember the gift that Christ Himself gave us through His body and blood, and are asked to respond to His call to serve our brothers and sisters.

You may go online to make a donation at: [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) or scan the QR code below.



## This Week at St. Rita

### Sunday, February 20, 2022

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

6:00 pm Teams of Our Lady

### Monday, February 21, 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 22, 2022

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

6:30 pm American Heritage Girls

### Wednesday, February 23, 2022

2:30 pm Home School Holy Hour

6:00 pm RCIA Classes

7:30 pm St. Rita Young Adults Men's Group

### Thursday, February 24, 2022

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary

### Friday, February 25, 2022

*No Scheduled Events*

### Saturday, February 26, 2022

*Car Raffle sale after the 5:00 pm Mass*

8:00 am Pro Life Rosary (after the 8am Mass)

9:00 am Legion of Mary

### Sunday, February 27, 2022

*Car Raffle sale after all Masses*

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

6:00 pm St. Rita Young Adults F4

### The Feast of St. Everett

Our parish celebrates March 22nd in honor of St. Rita's "little own" St. Everett of Alexandria. Everett died of a brain hemorrhage in 2017 and was buried in a special grave in the churchyard, following the time-honored church tradition of venerating baptized children who die sinless, before the age of reason. In May 2021, we buried another little saint near Everett, St. Maria Therese, who died at the age of four months, bearing witness to the value of every life. Around the saints' grave, St. Rita has also offered its parishioners a place to bury miscarried children.



In anticipation of St. Everett's feast, all are welcome in the Parish Center on **Sunday, March 20** for bagels, donuts, juice, and coffee following the Masses at **8:00 am, 9:15 am, and 11:00 am**.

On **Tuesday, March 22**, Everett's relic will be displayed on the Marian altar throughout the day. Please feel free to pick up a prayer card in one of the vestibules and pray for the intercession of St. Everett on your behalf.

### 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** 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

## News from the Diocese and Beyond

### Sacred Relics of the Saints: Treasures of the Church

The Basilica of Saint Mary will present a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Tuesday, March 8**, at **6:30 p.m.** Father Carlos Martins, a Vatican-appointed expert on relics, will attend with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. For more information please contact Carlos Briceno: [cbriceno@stmaryoldtown.org](mailto:cbriceno@stmaryoldtown.org).

### 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**, Serra Club of Arlington VP for Communications at [mary.petrino@gmail.com](mailto:mary.petrino@gmail.com) or **703-785-5588**.

### 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** or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

### Vocations

"Love one another as I have loved you." Are you discerning a call to follow the Lord? Call **Father Michael Isenberg** at **703-841-2514**, or write: [michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org).