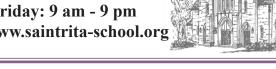
St. Kita Catholic Church

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February 25, 2024: Second Sunday of Lent

CLERGY AND STAFF		HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS	
Pastor	Rev. Christopher P. Christensen frcc41@gmail.com	Ext. 17	(<i>The Church is open for prayer every day from 6 am - 9 pm.</i>) Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (en Español)
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Nicholas J. Schierer fatherschierer@gmail.com	Ext. 30	Monday : 7:00 am & 7:30 pm (preceded by Miraculous Medal Novena)
In Residence	Rev. Łukasz Duda		Tuesday: 7:00 am
Permanent Deacon	Deacon Stephen J. Dixon deacondixon.strita@gmail.com		Wednesday: 7:00 am & 7:30 pm
Director of Sacred Music	Lawrence Bowie lbowie.strita@gmail.com	Ext. 29	Thursday: 7:00 am Friday: 7:00 am & 7:30 pm (Novus Ordo Latin)
Parish Secretary and Hispanic Liaison	Alma Ramirez aramirez.strita@gmail.com	Ext. 10	Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil Mass) SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION
Business Manager	Debbie Beck dbeck.strita@gmail.com	Ext. 13	Monday - Friday: 7:00 pm
Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry	Sam Fortune sjfortune.strita@gmail.com	Ext. 12	Saturday: 8:30 am, 4:00 pm, & 7:00 pm Sunday: 12:30 pm (en Español)
Coordinator of Young Adult Ministry	Maria Goitiandia mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com		EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Monday - Thursday: 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Sacristan	Elizabeth Vail evail.strita@gmail.com	Ext. 11	Friday: 8:00 pm - 8:00 am (Saturday)
Bulletin Editor	Vanessa Lopez bulletin.submit.strita@gmail.com		ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL "The soul of education is the education of the soul"
Maintenance Manager	Adan Aguilar aaguilar.strita@gmail.com		https://saintrita-school.org/ 703-548-1888PrincipalMax BindernagelPreschool DirectorCaitlin Rockwell

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 online at www.stritaalexandria.com/parish-registration/ or at the Parish Office.

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.

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 CHURCH ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday, February 26, 2024

Monday of the Second Week of Lent 7:00 am Sis McBride 7:30 pm Martha Von Guggenberg

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent; St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church 7:00 am Christina Revels-Glick 🕆

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent 7:00 am Caryn McCready ₽ 7:30 pm Cecilia Sierra

Thursday, February 29, 2024

Thursday of the Second Week of Lent 7:00 am Stanley Jacknewitz 🕆

Friday, March 1, 2024

Friday of the Second Week of Lent 7:00 am Esther Jacknewitz 🕈 7:30 pm Peggy McLaughlin 🕆

Saturday, March 2, 2024

Saturday of the Second Week of Lent 8:00 am The Maggio Family 5:00 pm Joseph Cino 🕈 Sunday, March 3, 2024 Third Sunday of Lent Janusz Herburt-Hewell ₽ 7:00 am 8:00 am Cecilia Sierra Missa Pro Populo 11:00 am Jose Garcia Cabrera 🕏 1:00 pm

Additional Mass intentions this week: Elisa Schnur, Jennifer Hwang, Stephen Fabrico &, Patrick G. Lally 🔁

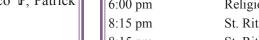
Upcoming Second Collections

March 3:

Repairs and Replacements

Thank you for your generosity!





Fridays of Lent 5:30 pm Soup and Stations 6:00 pm Estaciones en Español 6:30 pm Stations in English 7:00 pm Vespers

Friday Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us every Friday in Lent at 5:30 pm for a simple soup supper in the Parish Center followed by Stations of the Cross in the Church. Please bring a pot of meatless soup to share. Bread and water will be provided by the hosting group. This week's hosting group is the Adult and Junior Legion of Mary.



This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, February 25, 2024

4:30 pm	High School Sacrament Preparation	
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group	
6:00 pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	
Monday, February	y 26, 2024	
5:30 pm	Hispanic Legion of Mary	
6:00 pm	Religious Education Classes	
Tuesday, February	y 27, 2024	
6:00 pm	Hispanic Bible Study	
Wednesday, Febru	1ary 28, 2024	
2:30 pm	Homeschool Holy Hour	
6:00 pm	Religious Education Classes	
8:15 pm	St. Rita Young Adults Women's Group	
8:15 pm	St. Rita Young Adults Men's Group	
Thursday, Februa	ry 29, 2024	
4:00 pm	Junior Legion of Mary	
Friday, March 1, 2	2024	
5:30 pm	Soup and Stations	
6:00 pm	Estaciones en Español	
6:30 pm	Stations in English	
7:00 pm	Vespers	
Saturday, March 2	2, 2024	
9:00 am	RCIA	
9:15 am	English Legion of Mary	
10:00 am	Practicum for First Confession	
Sunday, March 3,	2024	
4:30 pm	High School Sacrament Preparation	
5:30 pm	Teams of Our Lady	
6:00 pm	High School Youth Group	
6:00 pm	Hispanic Prayer Group	

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

Bulletin Submissions

Lectors Needed

Become a lector and help to spread the Word of God and contribute to our parish. Lectors are needed for all Masses. Please consider volunteering for this ministry. Scheduling is flexible and training is provided. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact please contact **Frank Donahoe** at **703-960-0719** or **fpdonahoe137@gmail.com**.

Offertory Counters Needed

The Offertory Counters have the important job of counting the weekly Sunday collections. Volunteering is low-commitment and only requires meeting once a month. If you are interested in volunteering as an offertory counter, please contact **Jill Bender** at **nymeetsva@yahoo.com**.

Adoration at St. Rita

Like St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, secondary Patron of our Diocese, we can also nourish our Faith by spending time in Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. There are many opportunities for Adoration at St. Rita, including every **Monday**, **Tuesday**, **Wednesday** and **Thursday** from **6:30 pm-7:30 pm**. Friday All-Night Adoration also continues weekly from **8:00 pm Friday** -**8:00 am on Saturday**. Please consider taking some time to come and adore the Lord in the Eucharist.

Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners

For all those discerning Religious Vocations:

Sr. Maria Josepha, Labor Mariae; William Manaker, Society of Jesus; Catherine Addington, Daughters of St. Paul; Vayla Lamarra, Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles; Seminarians for the Diocese of Arlington, especially Joseph Connor, Renuka Carlitti, and John Murphy

For the Sick in our Parish:

Diego Alzugaray, Ciarán Canning, Eva Conner, Margee M. Eife, Margaret Fisher, Elizabeth Holmes, Alexandra Meredith, Kimberly Meredith, Stephanie Prescott, Aileen Price, Constance Richardson, Joanne Robertson, Egidio and Graciela Vera-y-Aragón, Hayley Wynn

If you know of someone who should be on the list, please contact Vanessa 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:

Hessie Bannon, Laura Bean, Maggie Delia Bernard, Leger Brosnahan, Reno Carlitti, Rumalda Coleto, Margarita Linman, Martin McGarth, Joseph McKenna, Victor Manuel Piche, Alvaro Ramirez, Jesus Romero, Thomas Rowe, James Schick, Colleen Sheehan

Lenten Cross Donations

Help to prepare your body, mind and spirit during Lent! Donate to those in need! Select a tag from the Lenten cross in the Russell Road vestibule for donation to the Mother of Light Center. Items can be delivered to St Rita Church during the season of Lent until **Sunday, April 6th**. Thank you for your generosity!

2024 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA)

After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a pledge to the BLA. Each donation is vital to the success of the appeal and the important work that it funds. You may mail in your pledge, or you may go online to make a donation at www. arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code below to make a gift.



Peticion Cuaresmal del Obispo de 2024

Después de reflexionar sobre las bendiciones que Dios les ha dado, piensen en la posibilidad de hacer una promesa de contribución a la Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo. Para hacer una ofrenda pueden enviarla por correo postal, pueden hacer una donación en línea en www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla o escanear el código QR que aparece a continuación:



Annual All Saints' Car Raffle

St. Rita's will once again be participating in the annual car raffle conducted by All Saints' Catholic Church. Prizes include four cars and cash prizes up to \$20,000. All registered parish families will be receiving tickets in the coming weeks. Proceeds will in part benefit our parish, so we strongly encourage all parishioners to participate by purchasing or selling their tickets. Further instructions will be found in the letter enclosed with the tickets.

Sorteo Anual de Autos de Todos los Santos

St. Rita's volverá a participar en la rifa anual de autos realizado por la Iglesia Católica de Todos los Santos. Los premios incluyen cuatro autos y premios en efectivo de hasta \$20,000. Todas las familias parroquiales registradas estarán recibiendo boletos en las próximas semanas. Los ingresos beneficiarán en parte a nuestra parroquia, por lo que animamos encarecidamente a todos los feligreses a participar mediante la compra o venta de sus entradas. Encontrará más instrucciones en la carta adjunta a los boletos.

News from the Diocese and Beyond

Vocations

"This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!" Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at (703) 841-2514 or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.