

# St. Rita Catholic Church

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## March 3, 2024: Third Sunday of Lent

### CLERGY AND STAFF

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### 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, 11:00 am & 1:00 pm (en Español)

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

**Tuesday:** 7:00 am

**Wednesday:** 7:00 am & 7:30 pm

**Thursday:** 7:00 am

**Friday:** 7:00 am & 7:30 pm (Novus Ordo Latin)

**Saturday:** 8:00 am, 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil Mass)

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

**Monday - Friday:** 7:00 pm

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

**Sunday:** 12:30 pm (en Español)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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

### ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

“The soul of education is the education of the soul”

<https://saintrita-school.org/> | 703-548-1888

**Principal** Max Bindernagel

**Preschool Director** Caitlin 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/](http://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.

## Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

### Monday, March 4, 2024

*Monday of the Third Week of Lent;*

*St. Casimir*

7:00 am Jerry Carroll †

7:30 pm Anthony Prettitore

### Tuesday, March 5, 2024

*Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent*

7:00 am Mary C. Kinnear †

### Wednesday, March 6, 2024

*Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent*

7:00 am The Vail Family

7:30 pm Lee Walter †

### Thursday, March 7, 2024

*Thursday of the Third Week of Lent;*

*Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

7:00 am Mildred Carroll †

### Friday, March 8, 2024

*Friday of the Third Week of Lent;*

*St. John of God, Religious*

7:00 am Vanessa Lopez

7:30 pm Lisa Franchetti

### Saturday, March 9, 2024

*Saturday of the Third Week of Lent;*

*St. France of Rome, Religious*

8:00 am Austin and Veronica Simon

5:00 pm The Frey Family

### Sunday, March 10, 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

7:00 am Mary A. McLaughlin †

8:00 am Cecilia Sierra

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Celestino Rodriguez †

*Additional Mass intentions this week:*

Elizabeth Schnur, Kaitlin Coleman, Margaret Cambone,  
Santiago Raul Soutuyo †

### Coffee and Donuts Next Sunday

Join us for Coffee and Donuts **next Sunday, March 10th**, in the Parish Center after all Masses, beginning with the 8 am Mass!

### Upcoming Second Collections

**March 10:** Catholic Relief Services

**March 24:** Easter Flowers

**March 28:** Holy Thursday

**March 29:** Holy Land (Good Friday)

**March 31:** Easter

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### Bulletin Submissions

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!

### 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 Knights of Columbus/Men's Fellowship.



## This Week at St. Rita

### 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

### Monday, March 4, 2024

5:30 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes

### Tuesday, March 5, 2024

6:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

### Wednesday, March 6, 2024

2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes

6:00 pm RICA (en Español)

### Thursday, March 7, 2024

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary

### Friday, March 8, 2024

5:30 pm Soup and Stations

6:00 pm Estaciones en Español

6:30 pm Stations in English

7:00 pm Vespers

7:30 pm Men's Fellowship

### Saturday, March 9, 2024

9:00 am RCIA

9:15 am English Legion of Mary

### Sunday, March 10, 2024

*Coffee and Donuts after all Masses beginning with the 8am Mass*

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

6:00 pm St. Rita Young Adults F4

### 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, and John Murphy

#### For the Sick in our Parish:

Diego Alzugaray, Ciarán Canning, Renuka Carlitti, 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](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:

Hessie Bannon, Laura Bean, Maggie Delia Bernard, Leger Brosnahan, Reno Carlitti, Rumalda Coletto, 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](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA) or scan the QR code below to make a gift.



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### 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 Peticion Cuaresmal del Obispo. Para hacer una ofrenda pueden enviarla por correo postal, pueden hacer una donación en línea en [www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla) o escanear el código QR que aparece a continuación:



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### 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

"We proclaim Christ crucified...the power and wisdom of God." Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at **(703) 841-2514** or email: **[vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org)**.