

St. Rita Catholic Church

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April 21, 2024: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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

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.

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.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday, April 22, 2024

Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter

7:00 am John Oliverio

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Saint George, Martyr;

Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 am Violet Olivero

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

7:00 am Mary Jackson and Marie Minto †

7:30 pm Renuka & Rocco Carlitti

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Saint Mark, Evangelist

7:00 am Emma Oliverio

Friday, April 26, 2024

Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter

7:00 am Dorothy Oliverio

7:30 pm Edward J. Schuck †

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter

8:00 am The Funk Family

5:00 pm Maureen Kerin †

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00 am José Guitierrez

8:00 am Abner Jackson †

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Deyanira Hernandez Garcia

Additional Mass intentions this week:

Marcia and Patrick Hoover, Molly Metzgar, Philip Schnur,
Robert Schnur

Confirmation Scheduling Note

Please note that there will be no Adoration, Confessions or 7:30 pm Mass on **Monday, April 22** due to our Confirmation Mass with Bishop Loverde scheduled that night. Thank you.

Come Holy Spirit

On **Monday, April 22**, Bishop Emeritus Paul S. Loverde will celebrate our Confirmation Mass at St. Rita Church. We will have about 40 Confirmandi from our parish who have been preparing all year with a retreat, service, and catechesis. Please keep them in your prayers as they are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

Bulletin Submissions

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

Olive Wood Carvings by Bethlehem Christians

Help support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing Olivewood carvings from the Holy Land. These beautiful carvings are handmade by the Christians of Bethlehem and will be displayed for purchase after all Masses on the weekend of **April 27-28**. For more information, please contact the Bethlehem Carving Group at **202-302-5889** or visit www.BethlehemCarvings.org.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Inova bloodmobile at St. Rita Church on **Saturday, June 29** from **10 am - 2 pm**. Many lives have been saved thanks to the generosity of our community in past drives. Look for the Knights after Mass on the **weekend of May 4-5** or use the link below to sign up: https://www.inovabloodsaves.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/34051.

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, April 21, 2024

No High School Sacrament Preparation.

No High School Youth Group.

5:00 pm Teams of Our Lady

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Monday, April 22, 2024

No Adoration, Confessions or 7:30 pm Mass.

No Religious Education Classes.

5:30 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

7:00 pm Confirmation

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

6:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes

6:15 pm RICA (en Espanol)

8:15 pm St. Rita Young Adults Women's Group

8:15 pm St. Rita Young Adults Men's Group

Thursday, April 25, 2024

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary

Friday, April 26, 2024

7:00 pm Vespers

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Bethlehem Olivewood Carvings for Sale after 5 pm Mass.

9:00 am RCIA

9:15 am Legion of Mary

6:30 pm Spanish Marriage Prep

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Bethlehem Olive Wood Carvings for Sale after all Masses.

4:30 pm High School Sacrament Preparation

5:00 pm Teams of Our Lady

6:00 pm High School Youth Group

6:00 pm St. Rita Young Adults F4

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Saint Rita School Employment Opportunities

If you would like to serve our parish school in some capacity, we have various opportunities available now and for the 2024-2025 school year. We would love to consider you for any temporary or permanent full or part-time teaching positions, including substitute opportunities, as well as support and classroom aide positions. Please send a resume and cover letter to Assistant Principal **Mrs. Malia Busekrus** at mbusekrus@saintrita-school.org to express your interest, and we will look for a position that may be the right fit for you!

Saint Rita School Admissions

If you would like your child to join our quest for the good, the true, and the beautiful, please consider applying now for the 2024-2025 school year. We have very few spaces remaining, with waiting lists in numerous grades, so please do not delay! Visit our school website at saintrita-school.org/admissions/apply or call our Admissions Director, **Mrs. Malia Busekrus**, at **(703) 548-1888 ext. 32** with any questions.

Poor Box Donations

In recent months we have had so many people requesting assistance that our poor box funds have been depleted. Please consider making a donation to the poor box to help the many needy persons in our community. You can make a donation by placing it in the poor boxes located in the church, through Parish Giving, or dropping off a check at the parish office.

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:

John Abarre, Diego Alzugaray, Ciarán Canning, Renuka Carlitti, Eva Conner, Samuel Dunton, Margee M. Eife, Margaret Fisher, Elizabeth Holmes, Alexandra Meredith, Kimberly Meredith, Stephanie Prescott, Michael Slavin, 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 Coletto, Margarita Linman, Martin McGarth, Joseph McKenna, Victor Manuel Piche, Aileen Price Alvaro Ramirez, Jesus Romero, Thomas Rowe, James Schick, Colleen Sheehan, Laura Maitre Stevens, Angela Wilson

The Car Raffle Drawing is April 27th!

Thanks to all who have contributed to the success of the 4-car raffle. If you are not able to participate, you can help by returning the tickets that you received. If you are planning to purchase your tickets, but haven't yet, please do it soon. As a reminder, raffle tickets should be returned to All Saints by **April 23rd** in the envelope provided. If you have any questions, please contact strita.car.raffle@gmail.com.

¡El Sorteo de la Rifa de Autos es el 27 de abril!

Gracias a todos los que han contribuido al éxito del sorteo de 4 autos. Si no puede participar, puede ayudar devolviendo los boletos que recibió. Si planea comprar sus boletos, pero aún no lo ha hecho, hágalo pronto. La fecha límite final para la devolución de boletos es el **23 de abril**. Como recordatorio, los boletos de la rifa deben devolverse a All Saints en el sobre proporcionado. Si tiene alguna pregunta comuníquese a strita.car.raffle@gmail.com.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolate that does the Spiritual Works of Mercy. Founded by Frank Duff in 1921 in Ireland, it has spread throughout the world. Here at St. Rita Parish, the English Adult Legion group meets on **Saturdays at 9:15am** in the Parish Center conference room. Some of the works they do are door-to-door visitation, Pilgrim Virgin visits and auxiliary visits. The Junior Legion of Mary, open to children in grade 3 and higher, meets on Thursdays. They visit Alexandria Rehab Center as their work. For more information, please contact **Vivian Moran** at vbmoran@juno.com or call or text her at **(703) 888-8196**.

News from the Diocese and Beyond

St. Martin de Porres Senior Center - Volunteers Needed

St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, is seeking volunteers for arts and crafts, exercise, serving congregational meals, computer/tech instructors and to give presentations. Flexible schedule. St. Martin's Senior Center provides services to prevent senior isolation and promote their wellness and independence. The Senior Center is a multicultural community with more than 20 countries represented. Center hours are Monday-Friday, 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact maria.mellor@ccda.net or **703-751-2766**.

Relevant Radio

24/7 Catholic radio is now available in the DC region on channel 1260 AM. Relevant Radio has excellent shows that discuss current events, spiritual growth, and prayers such as the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet that you can listen to while driving in your car or at home anytime. For more information, go to www.relevantradio.com or just download the Relevant Radio app!

Vocations

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at **(703) 841-2514** or email: vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.