

# St. Rita Catholic Church

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**April 7, 2024: Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

## 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

## 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/](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.

## Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

### Monday, April 8, 2024

*The Annunciation of the Lord*

7:00 am Joan Cunningham ☩

7:30 pm Jolie Chenet

### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

*Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter*

7:00 am Austin and Veronica Simon

### Wednesday, April 10, 2024

*Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter*

7:00 am Cecilia Sierra

7:30 pm Chasse Family

### Thursday, April 11, 2024

*Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

7:00 am Clare Lee

### Friday, April 12, 2024

*Friday of the Second Week of Easter*

7:00 am Margarita Fiallos ☩

7:30 pm Alicia Hamar

### Saturday, April 13, 2024

*Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr*

8:00 am David Connor

5:00 pm The Trump Family

### Sunday, April 14, 2024

*Third Sunday of Easter*

7:00 am John Lee

8:00 am Frances Elaine Bittner ☩

11:00 am 50th Anniversary of Marriage of  
Alicja and Andrzej

1:00 pm Daniel Garcia Padilla ☩

*Additional Mass intentions this week:*

Elisa Schnur, Elizabeth Hexter, John Gleeson ☩, Elizabeth Schnur, Missa Pro Populo

### Coffee and Donuts Next Sunday

Join us for Coffee and Donuts **next Sunday, April 14th**, in the Parish Center after all Masses, beginning with the 8 am Mass!



### Spanish Baptism Class

The next Spanish Baptism class will take place on **Thursday, April 11** at **6:00 pm**. English Baptism classes are scheduled on an individual basis with Fr. Schierer. Please contact the parish office for more information or to sign up for a class.

### Upcoming Second Collections

**April 7:** Repairs and Replacements

*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!

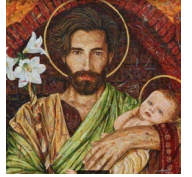
### Divine Mercy Sunday

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**3:00 - 4:00 pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Silent Adoration  
Confessions  
Benediction

### Men's Fellowship Meeting

The St Rita Men's Fellowship will meet on **Friday, April 12th** at **7:30 pm** in the school courtyard, weather permitting, and in the Parish Center if it rains (or is too cold). Please join us for prayer, conversation, and "manly solidarity" under our patron, St. Joseph, the "Protector of the Redeemer." Bring a chair, cold beverages and food to share, and your rosary! Contact **Rick Strobach** at [rick.strobach@gmail.com](mailto:rick.strobach@gmail.com) for more information. New and past members are always welcome!



## This Week at St. Rita

### Sunday, April 7, 2024

3:00-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour  
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, April 8, 2024

5:30 pm Hispanic Legion of Mary

### Tuesday, April 9, 2024

6:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

### Wednesday, April 10, 2024

2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour  
6:15 pm RICA (en Espanol)  
8:15 pm St. Rita Young Adult Women's Group  
8:15 pm St. Rita Young Adult Men's Group

### Thursday, April 11, 2024

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary  
6:00 pm Spanish Baptism Class

### Friday, April 12, 2024

7:00 pm Vespers  
7:30 pm Men's Fellowship Meeting

### Saturday, April 13, 2024

9:00 am RCIA  
9:15 am Legion of Mary

### Sunday, April 14, 2024

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

3:00 pm Archconfraternity of the Holy Face Meeting  
4:30 pm High School Sacrament Preparation  
6:00 pm High School Youth Group  
6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

### Archconfraternity of the Holy Face

The next meeting of the St. Rita Chapter of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face will be **Sunday, April 14** at **3:00 pm** in the church. All are welcome to join us for the devotion's powerful prayers, including a short meditative reflection for all attendees. This new prayer group is dedicated to offering reparation for blasphemies against Our Lord and His Holy Name, for sins against keeping Sunday holy, and for sins of revolution and communism. You can read about the devotion at <https://hisholyface.com/the-devotion/>. The meetings will continue at **3:00 PM** on the **second Sunday of each month**.

### 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](http://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, 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, 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. The final deadline for ticket return is **April 23rd**. As a reminder, raffle tickets should be returned to All Saints in the envelope provided, or they can be dropped off at the St. Rita Parish Office (by Friday, April 19th). If you have any questions, or would like additional tickets, please contact [strita.car.raffle@gmail.com](mailto: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, o pueden dejarlos en la oficina parroquial de St. Rita (antes del viernes 19 de abril). Si tiene alguna pregunta o desea boletos adicionales, comuníquese a [strita.car.raffle@gmail.com](mailto: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 [vbmorgan@juno.com](mailto:vbmorgan@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 congregate 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](mailto: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](http://www.relevantradio.com) or just download the Relevant Radio app!

#### Vocations

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Are you considering to be a priest, sister or brother who proclaims the truth and peace of Jesus Christ? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg, Vocations Director, at **(703) 841-2514** or email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).