

St. Rita Catholic Church



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September 22, 2024: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, 9:15 am (2nd Sunday - Novus Ordo Latin), 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

Malia Busekrus

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 in the Russell Road entrance of the church, or online at 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.

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, September 23, 2024

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00 am Anthony and Maddy Oliverio

7:30 pm Elizabeth Schnur

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Tuesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Brooks Glenn Brown

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Nancy Rementer

7:30 pm Bernard Brooks †

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

7:00 am Anita Alweis †

Friday, September 27, 2024

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00 am Luisa Rosetti

7:30 pm The Halisky Family

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 am Eileen and John O'Shea †

5:00 pm Patricia Cummins and Family

Sunday, September 29, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Luke Tracey

8:00 am Missy McGraw and Family

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Celestino Reyes †

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:

Philip Schnur, Fr. Paul Berghout, John Schnur, Matthew Schnur

Parking for Today's Celebration and Picnic

For the picnic today, we are very blessed to have been permitted use of the parking lot at **Westminster Presbyterian Church** at **526 Monticello Blvd.** from **1:00 - 5:30 pm** on **Sunday, September 22!** We will be providing a shuttle service to bring parishioners to and from Westminster and St. Rita during the picnic.



All who attend Bishop's blessing of the Tympana at **12:30 pm** will be asked to move their cars to Westminster Presbyterian Church after the blessing. It's only a mile from St. Rita, so you can either walk back or take the shuttle. Shuttle service will continue until **5:30 pm**.

Note: Please vacate the Westminster lot by **5:30 pm** on **Sunday, September 22**. Westminster Church is not liable for any damages or difficulties. Please say a prayer for Westminster and their congregation in thanksgiving for their kindness to us!

Bulletin Submissions

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



SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

100th Anniversary Celebration Today

Join us **today** to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of St. Rita Parish, founded on September 21, 1924. The details for the Centennial Celebration can be found on the flyer included in this bulletin. All are welcome to join us for free food, drinks, and the premier of the anniversary play about the life of our patron, St. Rita of Cascia! Come celebrate with us!



IGLESIA CATÓLICA SANTA RITA

Celebración del centenario hoy

Únase a nosotros **hoy** para celebrar el centenario de la Parroquia Santa Rita, fundada el 21 de septiembre de 1924. El Obispo se unirá a nosotros para la misa en español a la **1:00 pm**. El picnic parroquial se realizará **hasta las 5:00 pm** e incluirá la presentación de la obra de teatro del aniversario sobre la vida de Santa Rita. ¡Todos están invitados a unirse a nosotros!

Upcoming Second Collections

September 22: The Catholic University of America
October 6: Repairs and Replacements
October 27: Porto Charities

Thank you for your continued generosity!

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Centennial Celebration - See Flyer for Details

5:00 pm Teams of our Lady

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Monday, September 23, 2024

5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour

6:00 pm Religious Education Classes

7:30 pm RICA (en Español)

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

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

Thursday, September 26, 2024

4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary

Friday, September 27, 2024

7:00 pm Vespers

Saturday, September 28, 2024

9:00 am OCIA

9:15 am Legion of Mary

Sunday, September 29, 2024

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group



100TH
ANNIVERSARY

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

JOIN US

for our

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DAY!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

— 100TH ANNIVERSARY MASS —
WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE & DIOCESAN CLERGY

11:00 AM

— BLESSING OF THE TYMPANUM —
BY BISHOP BURBIDGE

FOLLOWING MASS @ 12:30 PM

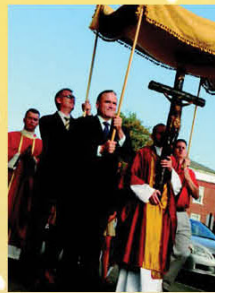
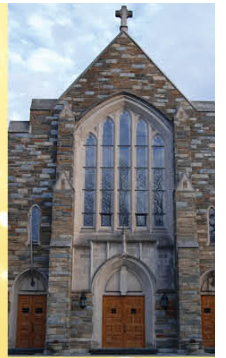
— PARISH PICNIC —
HELD ON THE GROUNDS OF ST. RITA'S

2:00-5:00 PM

JOIN US FOR FREE FOOD, DRINKS & FUN!

- "The Life of St. Rita" Play in 3 acts (2:45, 3:45, and 4:45 PM)
- Burgers, hotdogs, pork, and delicious sides
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks
- Raffle (\$5/ticket) & prizes
- Team cornhole tournament with prize for winners
- Purchase anniversary books & commemorative merchandise
- Moonbounces
- Live Music featuring Marie Miller
- Free ice cream from 3-4 PM

For details, visit
www.stritaalexandria.com/100th





Saint Rita Community

Baby & Kid Clothing & Gear Swap Event



Sunday October 6, 2024

8:30 am - 2 pm

Convent Garden Next to Elementary Playground

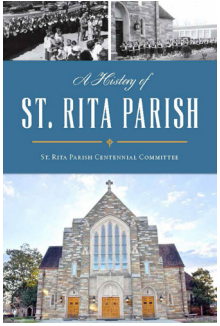
Donations of gently used, good condition baby or children's clothes (bagged & labeled by gender & size, up to 5T), gear, supplies, & (nice!) toys and books can all be dropped off at the Convent Garden Sunday morning. Drop off around 7:45-8 am if possible, or just bring them when you come for a later Mass. Feel free to take anything you can use, whether you brought a donation or not. All remaining items will be donated to the Mother of Light Center following the event. Please direct any questions to Nikki Volinsky at nicole.a.volinsky@gmail.com.



If you are able, please bring a package of size 4, 5, or 6 diapers for donation to MOLC in honor of October as Respect Life Month!



A History of St. Rita Parish will be available at the Centennial Picnic Today!



It's here! Those who have pre-ordered books can pick them up at the picnic today between **2:00-5:00 pm**. 15 of those who have pre-ordered have been selected to receive their copies signed by Bishop Burbidge and Father Christensen. Pick up your pre-ordered book and see if you are a winner! Books will also be available for sale at the picnic for cash, check, or charge.

On **Monday, September 23**, there will be a link on the parish website at stritaalexandria.com for further book orders. This link will be available for a limited time only. Ordered books will be distributed after all Sunday Masses (including the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass) for the next two weeks. You will also be able to purchase a book after any of these Masses.

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.



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 Deacon Joseph Connor, and John Murphy

For the Sick in our Parish:

Diego Alzugaray, Ciarán Canning, Renuka Carlitti, Eva Conner, Karen Davidson, Samuel Dunton, J.G., Shannon Harris, Elizabeth Holmes, Alexandra Meredith, Kimberly Meredith, Stephanie Prescott, Michael Slavin, Constance Richardson, Egidio and Graciela Vera-y-Aragón, Benjamin Weitzel, Hayley Wynn

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

John Abarre, Hessie Bannon, Laura Bean, Maggie Delia Bernard, Leger Brosnahan, Reno Carlitti, Rumalda Coletto, Bob D'Sylva, Mary Gleeson, William C. Haas, Margarita Linman, Martin McGarth, Joseph McKenna, Victor Manuel Piche, Aileen Price Alvaro Ramirez, Joanne Robertson, Jesus Romero, Thomas Rowe, James Schick, Colleen Sheehan, Laura Maitre Stevens, Angela Wilson

Parking Notice

Please do not park in the spaces across from the Russell Road entrance to the church. These spaces are reserved and paid for by Presidential Greens residents. Please remember that we have permission from **The Birchmere** to use their front parking lot on **Sunday mornings from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm**. Please follow the signs and only park in the designated areas. Please vacate the lot by **2:30 pm**.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Rita



Limited spaces remain on the bus to Philadelphia for the 100th anniversary pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Rita of Cascia and the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, in Philadelphia, PA, on **Monday, October 14, 2024 (Columbus Day)**. We will meet at the church at **7:00 am** and expect to return around **8:00 pm**. If you are planning to attend, please contact **Sarah Greiner** at sdgreiner1@verizon.net or **703-389-7006** to secure a spot (first come first served).

High School Youth Ministry

High School Youth Ministry meets every **Thursday** from **6-8 pm** in the new Youth Ministry room located in the old St. Rita Convent. To register your high schooler please fill out the registration form, found in the vestibule, or online on our Youth Ministry page (<https://stritaalexandria.com/youth-group/>). Please contact Maria Goitiandia at mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com with any questions.

News from the Diocese and Beyond

Diocesan Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage

Bishop Michael Burbidge invites you to join him at the final celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Diocese of Arlington by participating in the Diocesan Golden Jubilee Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on **Saturday, October 5, 2024**, from **9:00 am - 2:30 pm**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event! Visit arlingtondiocese.org/golden-jubilee-pilgrimage/ for the schedule and complete details.



The 32nd International Week of Prayer and Fasting

The International Week of Prayer and Fasting will take place from **October 12-20, 2024**. The Opening International Day of Prayer will be held on **Saturday, October 12**, from **8:30 am to 4:30 pm** at **St. Mary of Sorrows Church, 10500 Zion Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032**, with Mass at 9:15 am, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, Confessions, and speakers. Mass and morning conference will be held at St. Mary of Sorrows Church. Lunch and afternoon conference will be held at the Parish Center (St. Joseph Hall). Please register at www.iwopf.org or call **703-707-0799**.

Vocations

“Would that all the Lord's people were prophets ...” All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to Him in the consecrated life? Contact **Father Michael Isenberg** at **703-841-2514**, or email michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org.