

St. Rita Catholic Church

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June 15, 2025: The Most Holy Trinity

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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.

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: 6:30 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

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, June 16, 2025

Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Donna Connor
7:30 pm Tillie Dominguez ☩

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

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7:00 am Mary Alice Rice ☩

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Elaine Davidson ☩
7:30 pm Noe and Alma Ramirez

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Saint Romuald, Abbot

7:00 am William and Laurie Bean ☩

Friday, June 20, 2025

Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Robert J. Mitchell ☩
7:30 pm Harry Messer ☩

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:00 am Med Durel ☩
5:00 pm Matt Clasen

Sunday, June 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

7:00 am Felipe Garcia ☩
8:00 am Lee Edwards ☩
11:00 am Missa Pro Populo
1:00 pm Celestino Rodriguez ☩

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:

Andre Krol ☩, John and Elisa Schnur, Fr. Joseph Connor

Update to Coffee and Donuts Schedule



Join us today, **Sunday, June 15**, for Coffee and Donuts after all Masses, starting after the 8:00 am Mass. Beginning in the month of July, Coffee and Donuts will only take place on the **third Sunday** of each month. Join us

in July for Coffee and Donuts on **Sunday, July 20**.

Upcoming Second Collections

June 22: Peter's Pence Collection
July 6: Repairs and Replacements

Thank you for your continued generosity!

May 2025 Collections

Regular Offertory:	\$30,700
Parish Giving Offertory:	\$59,354
Repairs & Replacements:	\$1,816
Parish Giving Repairs & Replacements:	\$4,880
Poor Box:	\$1,846
Parish Giving Poor Box:	\$4,829

Bulletin/Newsletter Submissions

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



Congratulations

Congratulations to Fr. William Manaker, SJ, ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 14. Fr. William Manaker attended St. Rita School and was also an altar boy for the parish. On **Sunday, June 29**, Fr. Manaker will offer the **11:00 am Mass**, followed by a reception, where you will be able to congratulate him and receive his first blessing.

Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday, June 22

3:00 pm

We will sing hymns in Latin, English and Spanish and there will be three outdoor altars set up along the way for Benediction. Come bear witness to our Faith!



Procesión Eucarística

Domingo, 22 de Junio

3:00 pm

Cantaremos himnos en latín, inglés y español y habrá tres altares al aire libre instalados a lo largo del camino para la Bendición. ¡Ven a dar testimonio de nuestra Fe!

Parish Office Closed on June 19

The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, June 19**, in observance of the Federal Holiday.

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, June 15, 2025

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

5:00 pm Teams of our Lady

Monday, June 16, 2025

5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)
7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

8:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Parish Office Closed in Observance of the Federal Holiday

Friday, June 20, 2025

7:00 pm Vespers

Saturday, June 21, 2025

9:15 am Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Teams of our Lady

Sunday, June 22, 2025

10:30 am St. Rita Young Adult Brunch
3:00 pm Corpus Christi Procession

Vacation Bible School



St. Rita Vacation Bible School presents: *Destination Guadalupe!* All rising 1st through 6th Graders are invited to journey to Tepeyac Hill as we learn about the Patroness of the Americas. Vacation Bible School will take place **Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25** from **8:45 am - 12:00 pm**. Teen (rising 7th - 12th Graders) and adult volunteers are also needed. Registration forms can be found in the Russell Road vestibule, and should be returned to the parish office by **Wednesday, July 16**. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact **Chloe Holloway** at cholloway.strita@gmail.com.

2025-2026 Homeschool Atrium

Level I Catechist and Aides Needed



We are looking for a Certified Level I Catechist for our Wednesday afternoon Homeschool Atrium (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) Program, as well as aides for both Level I (3-6 years old) and Level II (1st-3rd Grade). Aides do not need to have prior experience, however, both catechists and aides must have VIRTUS certification. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact **Elizabeth Vail** at evail.strita@gmail.com.

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 park only in the designated areas. Please vacate the lot by **2:30 pm**.



Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners

For all those discerning Religious Vocations:

Sr. Maria Josepha, Labor Mariae; Catherine Addington, Daughters of St. Paul; Sr. Giovanna Lamarra, Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles; Seminarians for the Diocese of Arlington, especially John Murphy and Daniel Usewick

For the Sick in our Parish:

Renuka Carlitti, Karen Davidson, J.G., Jennifer Jacobs, Kimberly Meredith, Constance Richardson, Col. Christie Walton

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:

Jose Luis Arranda, Michael Barker, Hessie Bannon, Bob D'Sylva, Lee Edwards, John Francis Garrity, III, Mary Gleeson, William C. Haas, Oscar Merino, John Martin Rice, Joanne Robertson, George Szele

Pilgrimage in the Steps of St. Paul with Fr. Schierer

Join Fathers Nicholas and William Schierer on a pilgrimage in the steps of St. Paul from **November 3-15, 2025**. This Pilgrimage will go to Greece, Turkey, and Italy. Each day we will celebrate Mass and reflect on the Gospel text appropriate to the place we visit. This will be a pilgrimage of a lifetime and it will forever change the way you read and understand the Scriptures. We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a grace-filled journey. For more information, please visit <https://terrastc.com/tour/steps-of-st-paul-pilgrimage-under-the-spiritual-direction-of-frs-william-and-nicholas-schierer/>.



News from the Diocese and Beyond

Chesterton Academy



Chesterton Academy of Christ the King will be opening in the Fall of 2026, hopefully at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Alexandria. The more than 70 Chesterton Academies nationwide are known for their strong spiritual formation anchored in daily Mass as well as their rigorous, integrated classical curriculum oriented toward the good, the true, and the beautiful. Chesterton high schools form joyful, faithful, curious, articulate, and resilient young men and women prepared for college and for life. Parent information sessions will be held throughout the summer. Visit [Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org](https://www.chestertontheacademy.org) to learn more.

Spiritual Date Night

Join with married and engaged couples for an evening focused on unpacking the true meaning of Living Ephesians 5 in Marriage: The Power of the Sacrament. The event will be held on **Saturday, June 28**, from **7:00-9:00 pm** at **Divine Mercy University** located at 45154 Underwood Lane; Sterling, VA 20166. Kindly go to <https://regnumchristide.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2926960> to register.

Courage International

Courage: Are you experiencing same sex attraction or gender dysphoria? If you are experiencing same-sex attraction or gender dysphoria and are committed to following the Church's teaching on chastity, then join our global Courage family by sending an email to courage@arlingtondiocese.org and visiting us at couragec.org to discover a chapter near you.

EnCourage: Do you have a family member experiencing same sex attraction or gender dysphoria? You are not alone. To learn more about how you can join our EnCourage community in the Diocese of Arlington email encourage@arlingtondiocese.org or visit us at couragec.org to find a group near you.

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!