

# St. Rita Catholic Church

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## June 8, 2025: Pentecost Sunday

### CLERGY AND STAFF

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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/](http://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 9, 2025

*The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*

7:00 am Fr. Nicholas Schierer

7:30 pm William Voltz †

### Tuesday, June 10, 2025

*Tuesday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Caroline Rita Balsler

### Wednesday, June 11, 2025

*Saint Barnabas, Apostle*

7:00 am Jay Austin

7:30 pm Magali Elvira Rodriguez Menendez †

### Thursday, June 12, 2025

*Thursday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Jay Austin

### Friday, June 13, 2025

*Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

7:00 am William and Laurie Bean †

7:30 pm Jay Austin

### Saturday, June 14, 2025

*Saturday of the Tenth Week in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am Lee Edwards †

5:00 pm Zeb Knott †

### Sunday, June 15, 2025

*The Most Holy Trinity*

7:00 am Betty Camp †

8:00 am Frank Walsh and Abie Jackson †

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm In accion de gracias a las tres Divinas  
Personas

*Additional Mass Intentions this Week:*

Matthew Schnur, Joy Hickey, Calixta A. Manligas †,  
Santiago R. Soutuyo †

### St. Rita Men's Fellowship Meeting

The St. Rita Men's Fellowship will meet on **Friday, June 13**, at **7:30 pm** in the school courtyard, weather permitting, and in the Parish Center (enter through the back) if it rains. Please join us for prayer, conversation, and "manly solidarity" under our patron, St. Joseph, "Terror of Demons." Bring a chair, cold beverages and food or snacks to share, and your rosary! Please contact **Rick Strobach** at [rick.strobach@gmail.com](mailto:rick.strobach@gmail.com) for more information. New and past members are always welcome!  
*Sancte Joseph, ora pro nobis!*



### Baptism Classes

The next Spanish Baptism class will take place on **Wednesday, June 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.

### Bulletin/Newsletter Submissions

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

### Ordinations and First Mass



Congratulations to the twelve men ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Arlington yesterday, including St. Rita parishioner Father Joseph Connor. At **3:30pm today**, he will offer his First Mass of Thanksgiving, followed by a reception in the St. Rita School Hall/Courtyard. A plenary indulgence is available, under the usual conditions (Confession, Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, complete detachment from sin), for all those who devoutly assist at the first Mass of a newly-ordained priest. Please join us for this joyous occasion!

### Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit



On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light and listen to Your voice and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen.

## This Week at St. Rita

### Sunday, June 8, 2025

3:30 pm Fr. Joseph Connor First Mass and Reception

### Monday, June 9, 2025

5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)

7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

### Tuesday, June 10, 2025

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

### Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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

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

### Thursday, June 12, 2025

*No Scheduled Events*

### Friday, June 13, 2025

7:00 pm Vespers

7:30 pm Men's Fellowship

### Saturday, June 14, 2025

9:15 am Legion of Mary

### Sunday, June 15, 2025

5:00 pm Teams of our Lady

# *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!



### Update to Coffee and Donuts Schedule



Our next Coffee and Donuts will be **Sunday, June 15**, 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**.

### 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](mailto:cholloway.strita@gmail.com).

### 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/>.



### 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](mailto:evail.strita@gmail.com).

#### Archconfraternity of the Holy Face

Please note that the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face will not meet on **Sunday, June 8**, due to Fr. Joseph Connor's First Mass. All are welcome to join us for the next meeting of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face on **Sunday, July 13**, at **3:00 pm** in the church. This 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 more about the devotion at <https://hisholyface.com/the-devotion/>.



#### 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**.

#### Upcoming Second Collections

June 22: Peter's Pence Collection

### 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; Deacon William Manaker, Society of Jesus; 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](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:

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

### News from the Diocese and Beyond

#### After Abortion Retreats

A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on **Saturday, June 14**. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact **Project Rachel Ministry** at **(703) 841-2504** or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org).

#### Retiros después de Aborto Provocado

Un Día de Oración y Sanación para mujeres que han experimentado un aborto provocado tomara acabo **el sábado, 14 de junio**. Estos eventos de sanación en grupo se hacen en un ambiente privado y tranquilo, en inglés y español, basado en el modelo Entering Canaan (2 retiros separados en 1 ubicación). Habrá una oportunidad de oír de participantes pasados y otras que han encontrado la sanación. No estás sola. Toma el primer paso. Para preguntas confidenciales, llame al **Proyecto Raquel: (703) 841-2504** o [info@ayudadespuesdelaborto.org](mailto:info@ayudadespuesdelaborto.org).