



St. Rita Catholic Church

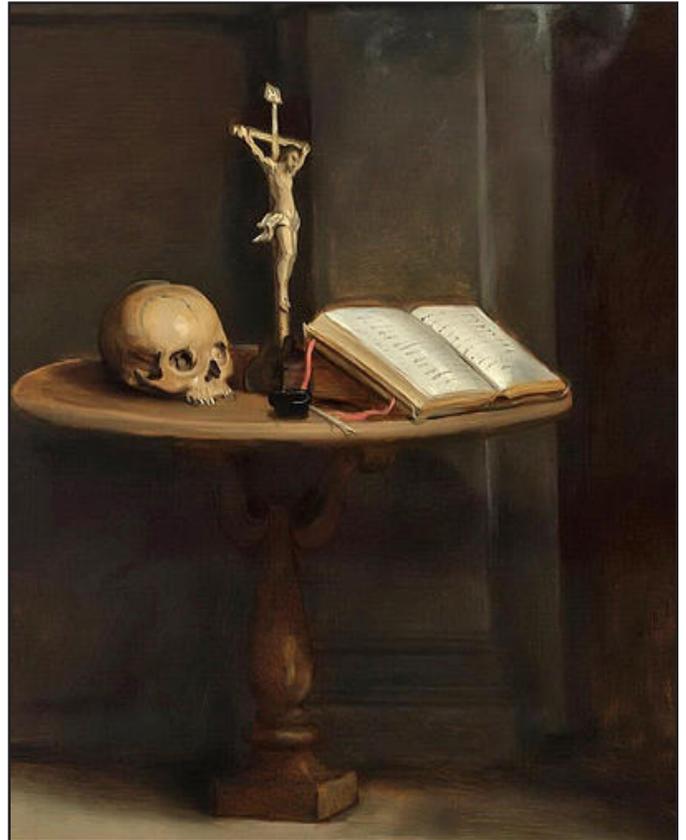
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November 2, 2025: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

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For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day. (Jn. 6:40)

ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

“The soul of education is the education of the soul”

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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

(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

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)

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday, November 3, 2025

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

7:00 am All Souls Novena †

7:30 pm Katie Paparella †

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:00 am All Souls Novena †

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Wednesday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am All Souls Novena †

7:30 pm Jeff McMahan †

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Thursday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am All Souls Novena †

Friday, November 7, 2025

Friday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am All Souls Novena †

7:30 pm All Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary †

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Saturday of the Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 am All Souls Novena †

5:00 pm Frank Downing †

Sunday, November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00 am All Souls Novena †

8:00 am Joan Stokes †

9:15 am Patricia and Michael

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Rodolfo Lemus Orellana †

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:

Frederick Jones †, Becca Lynch, John Grimes †

Archconfraternity of the Holy Face Meeting

All are welcome to join us for the next meeting of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face on **Sunday, November 9**, 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/>.



Upcoming Second Collections

- November 2: All Souls Day
- November 2: Repairs and Replacements
- November 9: Retirement Fund for Religious
- November 23: Catholic Campaign for Human Development
- November 27: Thanksgiving

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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!

Plenary Indulgence for the Faithful Departed

The month of November is dedicated to praying for the Souls in Purgatory. A Plenary Indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is available between the days of **November 1-8** for those who visit a cemetery and pray there for the departed. The usual conditions apply (Confession, Holy Communion, prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father, complete detachment from sin).

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



Dales, Señor, el descanso eterno, y brille para ellos la luz perpetua.



★ Please visit our table during ★
Donut Sunday, November 16.



Help St Rita American Heritage Girls honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Alexandria National Cemetery

Scan the QR code to make a donation online or visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org/VA0710P



★ KEEP MOVING FORWARD ★

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, November 2, 2025

- 5:30 pm Teams of our Lady
- 6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Monday, November 3, 2025

- 5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)
- 6:15 pm Religious Education Classes
- 7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

- 7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

- 2:30 pm Homeschool Holy Hour
- 6:15 pm Religious Education Classes

Thursday, November 6, 2025

- 4:00 pm Junior Legion of Mary
- 6:30 pm High School Youth Ministry

Friday, November 7, 2025

- 7:00 pm Vespers

Saturday, November 8, 2025

- 9:00 am OCIA
- 9:00 am Legion of Mary

Sunday, November 9, 2025

- 3:00 pm Archconfraternity of the Holy Face
- 4:30 pm Evensong and Lecture on St. John Henry Newman
- 6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group



Fall/Winter Clothing Drive

New and gently used clothing may be dropped off before and after the November 1-2 and November 8-9 Masses

Distribution of collected clothing will be on Saturday, November 15, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., in the School Hall

"I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me."

Matthew 25:45



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PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES
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K-8TH GRADE- NOVEMBER 18, 2025

PRESCHOOL- NOVEMBER 20, 2025

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Registration required



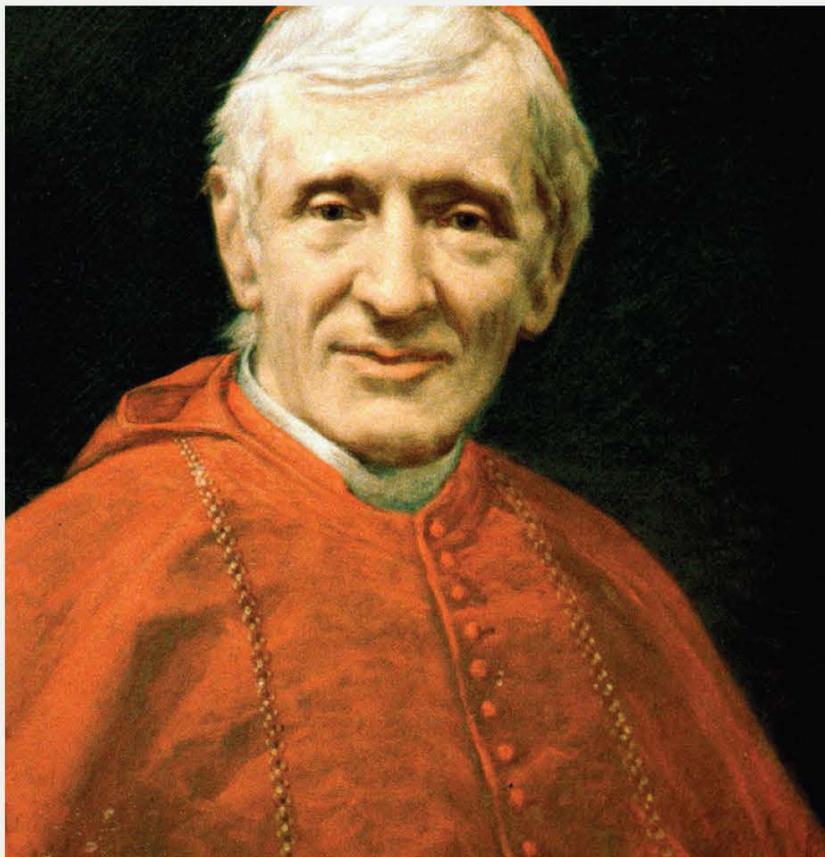
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FEATURING FR. CHRIS WOODALL AND DR. DAVID WHALEN



**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 9**

4:30 - 6:30 PM



**REGISTER
HERE
(FREE!)**

4:30 PM: EVENSONG (SUNG VESPERS) IN THE CHURCH WITH FR. WOODALL OF THE ORDINARIATE OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER

5:15 PM: DR. WHALEN OF HILLSDALE COLLEGE ON THE ENDURING RELEVANCE OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN IN MODERN CHURCH AND CULTURE, IN THE SCHOOL HALL

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

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St. Rita School 5K and Fun Run

The St. Rita School 5K and 1K Fun Run will be held on **Saturday, November 15**, at **8:00 am** behind **George Washington Middle School**. For registration and event details, see www.StRita5K.com. All are welcome to participate and support St. Rita School while enjoying a fun-filled morning of fitness and autumn weather!



High School Youth Ministry



High School Youth Ministry meets every **Thursday** from **6:30-8:30 pm** in the 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.

St. Rita School Book Fair



The Saint Rita School Book Fair will be open for all parishioners on **Sunday, November 9**, from **8:30 am - 1:00 pm** at the School. Supplied by Bookworm, a local independent business that works with many diocesan schools, and curated especially for our school, the St. Rita Book Fair offers books for children in pre-school through eighth grade and their families, along with a selection of educational games, seasonal calendars, and school supplies. Featured this year are books chosen by the diocesan librarians for 5th and 6th graders, classic works of children's fiction, a large selection of books about the saints, the Mass, prayer, and other elements of the Catholic faith.

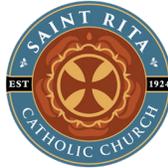
Parking Notice

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**.



St. Rita History Books and Magnets for Sale in Parish Office

Copies of *A History of St. Rita Parish*, published in honor of our 100th Anniversary last year, are available for purchase in the Parish Office, for the discounted price of **\$10 per book**. We also have St. Rita Parish magnets available for **\$1 each**. The magnets were also designed especially for our 100th Anniversary, and include colors taken from the church sanctuary, as well as symbols representing elements from the life of St. Rita, including a crown of thorns, a drop of blood, and bees.



News from the Diocese and Beyond

Voter Resources for the Upcoming Election

On **November 4**, Virginians will select candidates for all 100 seats in the House of Delegates as well as for Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General. This November's elections are poised to have an outsized impact on our Commonwealth as our state legislators continue to consider three proposed constitutional amendments, including an extreme constitutional amendment establishing a "right" to abortion. The legislators we elect this November will decide whether the proposed amendments are advanced or stopped. For more information and election resources, please visit <https://vacatholic.org/action-center/Election2025/>.

John Paul the Great's Fall Open House

John Paul the Great's Fall Open House will be held on **Sunday November 2, 2025** from **1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**. This year's Open House will be fun for the whole family! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities! We look forward to introducing you to our unique Bioethics program as well as our beloved House System and robust Special Services! Meet students, faculty, and coaches to learn more about the programs you love. RSVP Today at https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/portal/new_inquiry.

International Week of Prayer and Fasting

Join others throughout the world for nine days of prayer and fasting from **November 15-23**. The Opening Day of Prayer for the 33rd International Week of Prayer and Fasting will be held on **Saturday, November 15**, from **8:30 am - 5:00 pm** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC, with Mass at noon, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, Confessions, and speakers. This Year's theme is **MERCY & HEALING: For the Jubilee Year of Hope**. The Virtual Conference on November 17-19 will feature additional speakers. Talks are free during the actual day of the presentation, or are available for purchase online for future viewing. Please register at www.iwopf.org or call **703-707-0799**. This is a FREE event; however, online donations are welcomed to help support our ministry.

Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners

For all those discerning Religious Vocations:

Catherine Addington, Daughters of St. Paul; Sr. Giovanna Lamarra, Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles; Br. Nathaniel Labs, Order of Preachers; Mark Martinez, Archdiocese of Santa Fe; Seminarians for the Diocese of Arlington, especially John Murphy and Daniel Usewick

For the Sick in our Parish:

Veronica Abarre, Renuka Carlitti, Josephine Cunningham, Barry Foust, J.G., Jennifer Jacobs, Kimberly Meredith, Constance Richardson, Susan Tracey, 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, Daniel Lee Beiro, Lee Edwards, John Francis Garrity, III, David Langley, Oscar Merino, Catherine Elizabeth Nugent, John Martin Rice, Jane Rippy, Fermin L. Vilar