



St. Rita Catholic Church

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June 14, 2026: Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.’” (Matthew 9:37-38)

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

(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, June 15, 2026

Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am John and Veronica Abarre †
7:30 pm Sami H. Malak †

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Zachary Lewis

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Graciela Herbut-Hewell †
7:30 pm Jim Guy †

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Thursday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Gabrielle Nordone

Friday, June 19, 2026

Saint Romuald, Abbot

7:00 am John and Veronica Abarre †
7:30 pm The Family of Patricia Botti

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Saturday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Harry Messer †
5:00 pm Katherine Wagner

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

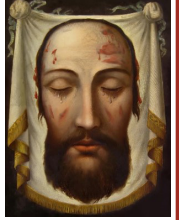
7:00 am Cathy Martin
8:00 am Frank Walsh and Abie Jackson †
11:00 am Missa Pro Populo
1:00 pm Noe y Alma Ramirez

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:

Len Pawlak, Len Pawlak, Med Durel †

Archconfraternity of the Holy Face Today

All are welcome to join us for the next meeting of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face on **Sunday, June 14**, 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/>.



St. Rita Women's Group



Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Women's Group will not meet in June as previously planned. They will resume meeting on the third Friday of next month, **July 17**, at **7:00 pm**.

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.

Vocations Crucifix

All parishioners are invited to host the St. Rita Vocations Crucifix for one week this year. Hosting the vocations crucifix is a wonderful way to deepen your family's prayer life, while praying for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. More information about signing up to host the Vocations Crucifix will be available next week. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact **Karen Mah-Chamberlain** at mahcham@gmail.com.



Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting



Men of St. Rita age 18 and up are invited to attend the Knights of Columbus regular meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at **7:45 pm** in the Parish Center. The next meeting will be **June 17**. Join us in our quest to work for Charity, Unity, and Fraternity at our parish and in our families.

We are a service organization of "Practical Catholic Gentlemen." For information, contact **Ray McGowan**, Deputy Grand Knight, at raymcgowan@gmail.com —or just stop by our meeting!

Note: This month's meeting will begin a little early with the Rosary at **7:30 pm** and will be a feast for the installation of new officers and to wish farewell to Fr. Schierer.

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



Upcoming Second Collections

June 28: Peter's Pence Collection

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!

This Week at St. Rita

Sunday, June 14, 2026

3:00 pm Archconfraternity of the Holy Face
6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Monday, June 15, 2026

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

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

6:30 pm Legion of Mary
8:15 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2026

No events scheduled

Friday, June 19, 2026

Parish Office Closed in Observance of the Federal Holiday

7:00 pm Vespers

Saturday, June 20, 2026

6:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult Group

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Coffee and Donuts and Farewell to Fr. Berghout and Fr. Schierer starting after the 8:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

Join us in sharing our thanksgiving
and wishing our farewells to

Fr. Berghout and Fr. Schierer



Sunday, June 21st in the School Hall
starting after the 8AM Mass

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Fr. Berghout – 8AM / 1PM

Fr. Christensen – 5PM (Vigil) / 11AM

Fr. Schierer – 7AM / 9:15AM



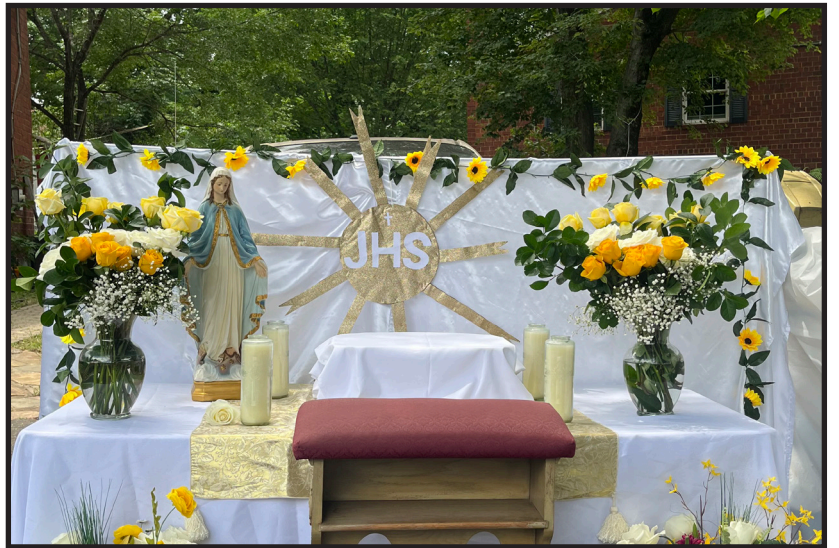
INTO THE DEEP



Save the Date for Vacation Bible School
Monday – Friday, August 3rd–7th, 2026
8:45am – 12pm in the St. Rita School Hall
Open to all rising 1st to 6th graders

Registration opens Friday, May 1

Registration forms will be available in the vestibules and online
at <https://stritaalexandria.com/vacation-bible-study/>



Corpus Christi 2026

Thank you to all who participated in our Corpus Christi Procession this year!

You're Invited



Survey for the Diocesan Capital Campaign

Bishop Burbidge invites all parishioners to share their input as the Diocese of Arlington prepares for a proposed capital campaign, *One in Christ, Joyful in Mission*. This initiative will support vital projects such as Catholic education, works of mercy, and parish vitality. **Before final decisions are made, your perspective is needed to guide priorities.**

Please take approximately ten minutes to complete a confidential online survey. Scan the QR code below to participate.

Your feedback is important to the success of our shared mission. *Thank you for your prayers and support for your diocese.*

Scan here to complete
the survey by June 26



tinyurl.com/CDAcampaign

One in Christ, Joyful in Mission

campaign@arlingtondiocese.org

St. Rita Summer Seminarian (June 8-August 9)

Please give a warm welcome to Matthew Wright, who will be joining us at St. Rita this summer as our summer seminarian. Learn more about our summer seminarian below.



Praised be Jesus Christ! My name is Matthew Wright, and I was born the second of four brothers. I attended a homeschool co-op through high school, and then studied philosophy and music at Christendom college. After graduation I spent a year working as a project manager at a machine shop. While visiting the shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Alabama, I heard the Lord calling me to discern the priesthood. I joined seminary for the Arlington Diocese in 2024, and just completed my second year of seven before ordination. Some of my favorite hobbies include running, soccer, hiking and rock climbing. I love to spend time outside, and to try new experiences. I'm very blessed and excited to spend the summer at St. Rita's, and I look forward to meeting all of you soon!

Adoration for Marriage and Family

This year, St. Rita will once again be participating in the Adoration for Marriage and Family. The purpose of Adoration for Marriage and Family is to pray for those who are being led away from God and from a fulfilling life by the lies of the world, and to offer reparation for the sins of the world, as Our Lady of Fatima asked. St. Rita adds this to our intentions for our Friday overnight Adoration **from 8:00 pm Friday - 8:00 am Saturday morning, for all the Fridays in the month of June.** Prayers and materials are available at <https://catholiccaravan.org/materials>.



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; Seminarrians for the Diocese of Arlington, especially John Murphy and Daniel Uewick

For the Sick in our Parish:

Judy Burke, Renuka Carlitti, Brad Chester, Josephine Cunningham, Alex Deeds, Barry Foust, Julie Gunlock, Jennifer Jacobs, Kimberly Meredith, Constance Richardson, Hayden Ruffin, 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:

Veronica Abarre, Daniel Lee Beiro, Celia Coletto, Gary Culpeper, Rosemary Guida, Shirley Indelicato, Mickey Kimball, David Langley, Oscar Merino, Fr. Martin McGill, Catherine Elizabeth Nugent, Jane Rippy

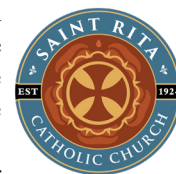
2026-2027 Homeschool Atrium Catechist and Aides Needed



We are looking for a Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Catechist (3-6 year olds), as well as aides for our Wednesday afternoon Homeschool Atrium. The Catechist must hold Level I Certification from CGSUSA. Aides do not need to have prior experience, but both catechists and aides will need to complete VIRTUS certification. For more information, or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Elizabeth Vail](mailto:Elizabeth.Vail@gmail.com) at evail.strita@gmail.com.

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

Chesterton Academy of Christ the King

Chesterton Academy of Christ the King will be opening at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Alexandria this fall. Chesterton high schools have a strong Catholic identity anchored in daily school Mass, a rigorous classical curriculum, screen-free discussion-based learning, and affordable tuition. Our 2026-2027 tuition rate of \$13,900 will be locked in for our founding families, and need-based financial aid is available. Interested students and their families are invited to learn more about the school while enjoying afternoons of ice cream and fellowship on our campus at monthly "Sundaes on Sundays" events throughout the spring and summer. Visit Chesterton-ChristTheKing.org to learn more, RSVP for our next event, and to apply.

After Abortion Retreats

The next After Abortion Day of Prayer and Healing will take place on **Saturday, June 27**. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, 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 and registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: **(703) 841-2504** or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Retiros después de Aborto Provocado

Retiros Después de Aborto Provocado: Un Día de Oración y Sanación para mujeres que han experimentado un aborto provocado se llevará a cabo **el sábado 27 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 escuchar de una participante anterior y de otras que han encontrado la sanación. No está sola. Tome el primer paso. Para preguntas confidenciales, llame al Proyecto Raquel: **(703) 841-2504** o info@ayudadespuesdelaborto.org.