



St. Rita Catholic Church

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June 21, 2026: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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*Saint Thomas More (Feast: June 22)
Principal Patron of the Diocese of Arlington*

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 22, 2026

Saint Thomas More, Martyr

(Primary Patron of the Diocese of Arlington)

7:00 am John and Veronica Abarre †

7:30 pm Fr. Joseph McLaughlin †

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Tuesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Deacon Stephen Dixon

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

7:00 am Jon and Elisa Schnur

7:30 pm Brian Reardon

Thursday, June 25, 2026

Thursday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Elena Esparza †

Friday, June 26, 2026

Friday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

7:00 am John and Veronica Abarre †

7:30 pm Raymond Frey

Saturday, June 27, 2026

Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Marcel and Lauren Pryor

5:00 pm Robert, Victoria, y Valentina Swope

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Fr. Joseph Moschetto

8:00 am Sarah Hart

11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

1:00 pm Isidro Vega †

Additional Mass Intentions this Week:

Deacon Stephen Dixon, Joe Outlaw, Santiago Soutuyo †

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.

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 at evail.strita@gmail.com.



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!

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>.



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 is available on the Sign-Up Genius, available online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AA5AF22A2F5CF8-64506456-vocations#/, or by scanning the QR Code. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Karen Mah-Chamberlain at mahcham@gmail.com. She will also be available after Masses on Sunday, June 28, to answer any questions.



"May the Holy Spirit make the entire Church a praying people who raise their voices to the Heavenly Father to implore holy vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life."

Pope St. John Paul II, World Day of Prayer for Vocations, May 2, 2004

Coffee and Donuts Today

Join us for Coffee and Donuts in the School Hall on **Sunday, May 17**, after all Masses, starting after the 8:00 am Mass.



This Week at St. Rita

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

Monday, June 22, 2026

5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)

7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

6:30 pm Legion of Mary

Thursday, June 25, 2026

No events scheduled

Friday, June 26, 2026

7:00 pm Vespers

Saturday, June 27, 2026

6:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult Group

Sunday, June 28, 2026

10:30 am St. Rita Young Adult Brunch

4:30 pm Vespers

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



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

Sung Vespers

4:30 PM

Followed by a Welcome Reception for:

FR. WILL NYCE

and

FR. NOAH MOREY



*Sunday, June 28
First Vespers of the
Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul*



*Sunday, July 5
Vespers of the Fourteenth
Sunday in Ordinary Time*



Faith & Science

FROM WONDER TO HUMAN GENIUS

August 8, 2026

Conference with Optional 3-Day VIP Experience

In a culture that insists belief and reason are enemies, Catholics are left with confusion, compromise, or silence. But the Church has always known better.

Join Christendom College for a weekend of intellectual renewal as leading Catholic scientists, philosophers, and theologians explore the profound harmony between faith and science — and show how human genius, rightly ordered, serves truth, culture, and the dignity of the human person.



FEATURING STEPHEN BARR, REV. TADEUSZ PACHOLCZYK,
HARRISON SCHMITT, DAVID DEAVEL, GEORGE HARNE, AND MORE

View speaker bios and ticket info at
conference.christendom.edu
or scan the code to register.



Please Pray for our WorkCamp Team



Please pray for our 14 high schoolers and 6 adult volunteers who will be serving at WorkCamp this week (**June 20-26**). This year's WorkCamp is taking place in Shenandoah County, VA, where our teens and volunteers will help to make the homes of residents warmer, safer, and drier. Please

pray that all participants may encounter the heart of Christ through service to the poor and experience a deeper conversion through prayer and fellowship. Thank you!

Upcoming Second Collections

- June 28: Peter's Pence Collection
- July 5: Repairs and Replacements

Thank you for your continued generosity!

May 2026 Collections

Regular Offertory:	\$42,628
Parish Giving Offertory:	\$70,999
Repairs & Replacements:	\$2,171
Parish Giving Repairs & Replacements:	\$7,659
Poor Box:	\$3,199
Parish Giving Poor Box:	\$3,666

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:

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 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

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-school/>

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.