



# St. Rita Catholic Church

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**July 5, 2026: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## CLERGY AND STAFF

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## ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

"The soul of education is the education of the soul"

<https://saintrita-school.org> | 703-548-1888

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| <b>Principal</b>          | <b>Malia Busekrus</b>   |
| <b>Preschool Director</b> | <b>Caitlin Rockwell</b> |

## 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

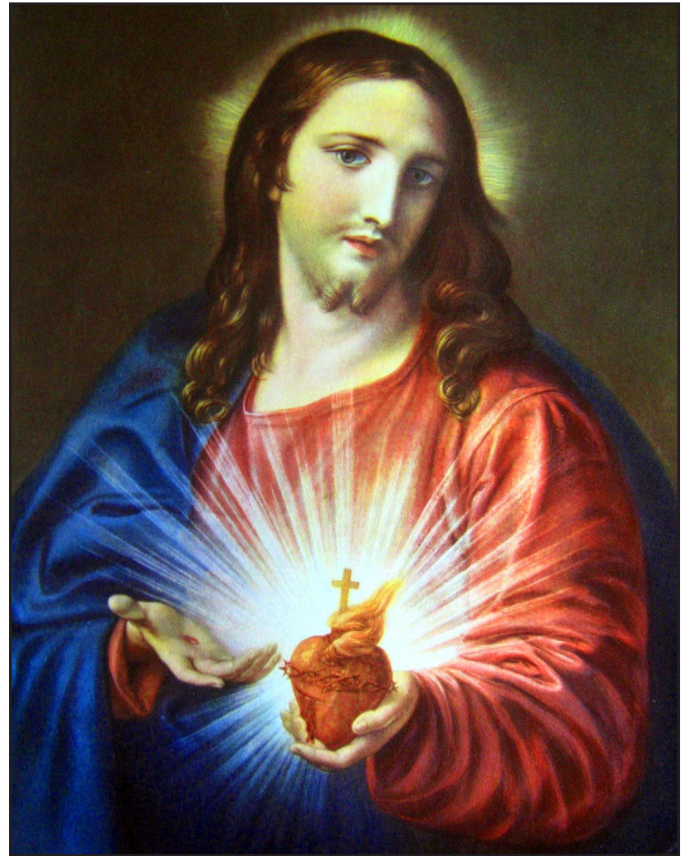
Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to attend a Baptism preparation class. Please note that it is possible for expectant parents to attend the preparation class before the birth of their child.

## 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.



*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart." (Mt. 11:28-29)*

## 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)

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Monday - Thursday:** 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Friday:** 8:00 pm - 8:00 am (Saturday)

## Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

### Monday, July 6, 2026

*Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

7:00 am Lauren O'Neill

7:30 pm Jessica Manalang †

### Tuesday, July 7, 2026

*Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am John and Veronica Abarre †

### Wednesday, July 8, 2026

*Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am The Alouf Family

7:30 pm Demetrius Stroubackis †

### Thursday, July 9, 2026

*Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

7:00 am Phil Berryhill †

### Friday, July 10, 2026

*Friday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am John and Veronica Abarre †

7:30 pm James Trimble †

### Saturday, July 11, 2026

*Saint Benedict, Abbot*

8:00 am Jon and Elisa Schnur

5:00 pm Elaine Egger

### Sunday, July 12, 2026

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 am Lana O'Donnell

8:00 am The Marinaccio Family

9:15 am Willa Reisenhuber and Kaitlynn

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11:00 am Missa Pro Populo

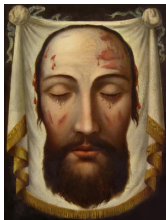
1:00 pm Paula Reyes

*Additional Mass Intentions this Week:*

Linda Saucier, Michael Rapkoch †

### Archconfraternity of the Holy Face

All are welcome to join us for the next meeting of the Archconfraternity of the Holy Face on **Sunday, July 12**, 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/>.



*July is the Month of the Precious Blood*

*Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, in Thy Blood, out of every tribe, and tongue and people, and nation; and hast made us a kingdom to our God.*

### Upcoming Second Collections

July 5: Repairs and Replacements

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](mailto:bulletin.submit.strita@gmail.com) by Wednesday, ten days before the desired bulletin date. Thank you!



### Vespers Update

Beginning on **Sunday, June 28**, St. Rita will celebrate sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) every Sunday at **4:30 pm** in the Church, in lieu of our current Friday evening Vespers. Our first two Sundays, June 28 and July 5, will also serve as an opportunity to meet and greet our new priests, Fr. Will Nyce and Fr. Noah Morey (Vocations Director), and so we'll have a small social in the school hall and playground afterwards. The main reason for the shift from Friday to Sunday, however, is an attempt to speed up our Confession lines. Moving Vespers to Sunday allows us to add a second priest in the Confessional on Fridays (beginning June 26), with the goal of finishing Confessions by 7:30 pm when Mass begins. Beginning Monday, June 29, we'll also add a second priest in the Confessional on Mondays, with the same goal. For more information, please scan the QR Code or visit <https://stritaalexandria.com/june-21-2026/>.



### Baptism Classes

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements to attend a Baptism preparation class in English or in Spanish. Please note that it is possible for expectant parents to attend the preparation class before the birth of their child. Please contact **Alma Ramirez** at [aramirez.strita@gmail.com](mailto:aramirez.strita@gmail.com) or **703-836-1640 x. 10**.

### St. Rita Men's Fellowship Meeting

The St. Rita Men's Fellowship will meet on **Friday, July 10**, 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, "Most Strong." 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!*



## This Week at St. Rita

### Sunday, July 5, 2026

4:30 pm Solemn Vespers followed by Reception

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

### Monday, July 6, 2026

5:30 pm Legión de María (en Español)

7:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study

### Tuesday, July 7, 2026

7:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study

### Wednesday, July 8, 2026

6:30 pm Legion of Mary

### Thursday, July 9, 2026

No events scheduled

### Friday, July 10, 2026

7:30 pm Men's Fellowship

### Saturday, July 11, 2026

6:30 pm Hispanic Young Adult Group

### Sunday, July 12, 2026

3:00 pm Archconfraternity of the Holy Face

4:30 pm Solemn Vespers

6:00 pm Hispanic Prayer Group

# 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*

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders

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

We are also in need of adult and teen volunteers to help with  
Vacation Bible School. Please contact Chloe Holloway at  
[cholloway.strita@gmail.com](mailto:cholloway.strita@gmail.com) to volunteer.

St. Rita High School Youth Ministry

# Summer Schedule

## July

18<sup>th</sup> – Trip to the Museum of the Bible (sign up only)

29<sup>th</sup> – Diocesan King's Dominion Day (sign up only)

## August

3-7<sup>th</sup> – Vacation Bible School (sign up to volunteer)

21<sup>st</sup> – Summer Friday in the Convent from 7-9pm

## September

4<sup>th</sup> – Summer Friday in the Convent from 7-9pm

24<sup>th</sup> – First Thursday Night YM of the 2026-2027 Year

for all 'sign up only' events please contact  
[mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com](mailto:mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com) or see flyers / forms in the vestibule





# 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.



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or scan the code to register.



## St. Rita High School Youth Ministry trip to the



## museum of the Bible

Saturday, July 18th | 9am-3pm

Our High School Youth Ministry will be taking a trip to the Museum of the Bible on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, please fill out the permission form by scanning the QR Code and return it to the Parish Office or email it to [mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com](mailto:mgoitiandia.strita@gmail.com)

The cost of the trip is covered but please consider making a donation in order to keep the Youth Ministry program accessible to all participants.



### Volunteers Needed for St. Rita Middle School Ministry

The St. Rita Middle School Ministry is seeking male and female volunteers to help run our boys and girls middle school small groups. The small groups meet once a month during the school year (differing nights for boys/girls) on a **Wednesday** evening from **6:00 - 7:30 pm** in the St. Rita Convent for dinner, discussions, and fellowship. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please fill out the following form by going to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfm3myHr4fyLQYmVEYIBP2eH57oT61wLOg70hVfE2QV2ZC3ew/viewform> or scanning the QR Code.



*Eternal Father! I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus in satisfaction for my sins, and for the wants of holy Church.*

### Please Pray for These St. Rita Parishioners

#### For all those discerning Religious Vocations:

Sr. Catherine Lucia Phoebe 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:

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](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:

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

### Welcome Father Will and Father Noah!

**Father William Nyce** was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Arlington in 2019 by Bishop Michael Burbidge. He is the oldest of six siblings and had a transient childhood with his father's work abroad in the Middle East. He graduated from Bishop O'Connell High School in Falls Church in 2008 and from the University of Virginia in 2011. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land turned into extended discernment and he entered formation for the diocese of Arlington in 2013 and studied at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio and the North American College in Rome. He has served as parochial vicar at St Philip in Falls Church, St William of York in Stafford, and is currently assigned as parochial vicar at St Rita's Catholic Church in Alexandria.

**Father Noah Morey** grew up in Seattle, the sixth of eight children. He graduated from Christendom College and Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. Having served as a parochial vicar at All Saints in Manassas and chaplain at Bishop Ireton High School, he now serves as Vocation Director for the Diocese of Arlington, where he oversees the formation of seminarians and guides young men and women to discern and follow God's call. He enjoys all sports, particularly baseball and soccer, and reading biographies, the occasional whodunit, and anything by P.G. Wodehouse.

### Come and Adore the Lord!

Join us for all night Adoration **Friday night** from **8pm - Saturday, 8 am**. Our goal is to have two committed Adorers for each hour. Your commitment will be a source of grace for yourself, the parish, the Church, and the whole world. If you are interested in signing up to be a committed Adorer, please contact **Brian Worth** at [brianworth77@yahoo.com](mailto:brianworth77@yahoo.com).



*"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth." (St. Teresa of Calcutta)*

### 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](mailto:nymeetsva@yahoo.com).

### 2026-2027 Homeschool Atrium Aides Needed

We are looking for aides for our Wednesday afternoon Homeschool Atrium. Aides do not need to have prior experience, but 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](mailto:evail.strita@gmail.com).



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