

Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church

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First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018



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Open: Monday — Friday: 9 AM to 9 PM
Closed: M-F (12:30 — 1:30 PM) & Saturday & Sunday

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Sunday	7:15, 8:15, 9:30 AM (in Latin), 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM (en Español)
Monday	7 AM & 7:30 PM (Novena followed by Mass)
Tuesday	7 AM & 7:30 PM (Traditional Latin Mass)
Wednesday	7 AM, 7:30 PM & 8:30 AM (during school year)
Thursday	7 AM & 7:30 PM (Traditional Latin Mass)
Friday	7 AM & 7:30 PM
Saturday	8 AM & 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday	10:30—11:00 AM; 12:30—1 PM (en Español)
Monday—Friday	7:00 PM
Saturday	8:30 AM, 4:00—5:00 PM & 7:00—7:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, Thursday & First Friday:	6:30 PM — 7:30 PM
Wednesday:	3:30—7:30 PM

Welcome to St. Rita Parish!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION:

To join our parish family, please submit a [Parish Registration form](#).

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Saturdays 10 AM to 12 PM. Please submit a [Baptism Application form](#). Parents must attend a one-time one-hour Pre-Baptism Preparation Class, held the 1st Tuesday of each month.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please submit a [Marriage Application form](#). Diocesan regulations require 6 months of marriage preparation. Couples living together will be asked to live separately during marriage preparation.

OBTAINING & SUBMITTING PARISH FORMS

To receive Sacraments at St. Rita Church, you must be a Registered Parishioner. All Parish forms are located in all three vestibules of the church and at www.strita-parish.net Please drop-off the completed form(s) at the rectory office (Monday—Friday) or drop in the collection basket or email to: stritasecretary@gmail.com

Hospitalized or Homebound Parishioners please call the rectory.

ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL (703) 548-1888
(Kindergarten—8th Grade and Pre-School/Atrium) EXT.

Principal	Mary Patricia Schlickemaier saintritaschool@me.com	24
Admissions	Josephine Cunningham jcunningham@saintrita-school.org	32
School Office	Dana Smullen office@saintrita-school.org	23

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

Monday of Week 1 of Lent

- 7:00 AM Mass **EUNICE BLUE** †
7:00 PM Confession
7:30 PM Mass **MICHAEL TAYLOR** †

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

Tuesday of Week 1 of Lent

- 7:00 AM Mass **VICTORIA & DAVID SANBORN**
6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends:7:30 PM)
7:00 PM Confession
7:30 PM Mass **ALFREDO MAGALLANES** †

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018

Commemoration of Saint Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor

- 7:00 AM Mass **BRENDA LAIGAIE** †
8:30 AM Mass **LAURA TILLOTSON**
3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends:7:30 PM)
7:00 PM Confession
7:30 PM Mass **THANA DIXON** †

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle

- 7:00 AM Mass **POPE FRANCIS**
6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends:7:30 PM)
7:00 PM Confession
7:30 PM Mass **BEATRIX SZELE-SZECHENYI**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Commemoration of Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

- 7:00 AM Mass **CONCHITA P. CLAPP** †
2:30 PM Stations of the Cross
6:30 PM Sung Vespers
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Confession
7:30 PM Mass **JESSICA TAYLOR**
8:15 PM Stations of the Cross (en Espanol)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018

Saturday of Week 1 of Lent

- 8:00 AM Mass **MERLINDA DeLEON**
8:30 AM Confession
4:00 PM Confession
5:00 PM Mass **THE DOERRER FAMILY**
7:00 PM Confession

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

2nd Sunday of Lent

- 7:15 AM Mass **NATIVIDAD INOCENCIO**
8:15 AM Mass **FRANK WALSH** †
9:30 AM Mass **BISHOP MICHAEL BURBIDGE** TLM
10:30 AM Confession
11:00 AM Mass **Missa Pro Populo—Mass for the People**
12:30 PM Confession (in Spanish)
1:00 PM Mass **ROSA MONTES** †

St. Rita Parish **VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX** sign-up sheet is at <http://www.slottr.com/StRitaVocations>. You may also contact Robert Manaker at StRitaVocations@gmail.com to sign up.

WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST, AND WE PRAISE YOU,
BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.



ST. RITA SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: Online registration is open for current school and parish families. Open registration begins at the end of January. Space is limited so please apply soon. You may apply online, under the **Admissions tab**, at <https://saintrita-school.org/admissions/apply/> or contact:

- Josephine Cunningham at: jcunningham@saintrita-school.org 703-548-1888 Ext. 32 for K-8th grade or
- Caitlin Rockwell at crockwell@saintrita-school.org 703-548-1888 Ext. 16 for Preschool.

St. Rita School Play! Disney's **Little Mermaid, Jr.**



Performance dates: **Sunday, FEBRUARY 18** at **3pm** Location: **Bishop Ireton High School** 201 Cambridge Rd, Alexandria, VA 22314
Details: tickets \$5 at the door

We need parishioners (**6th grade and above**) to clean the **SACRED ALTAR LINENS**. If you can assist with this service to our Lord and to the parish, please contact Ms. Elizabeth Vail at stritasacristy@gmail.com

SEVEN **SRYA Faith Discussion: The Kingdom of Seven:** St. Rita Young Adults (SRYA) invite all young adults to come **Sunday, FEBRUARY 18, 7--9pm** in the Parish Center for a lively round-table discussion about the Number 7 in the Catholic Faith, led and moderated by our vicar Fr. Bork. Questions contact Monica at stritayoungadults@gmail.com

Join the **ST. RITA YOUNG ADULT (SRYA) BOOK CLUB**

When: Tuesday, **FEBRUARY 20** @ 8:15pm (after 7:30pm Mass)
Where: **Holy Cow** burger joint (next to St. Elmo's coffee in Del Ray)
Why: To discuss Chapter 4 of **Power of Silence** by Cardinal Sarah
Who: led by **Cristina Schardt** (text her at **949-701-1011**)



ST RITA SCHOOL — 2nd Quarter HONOR ROLL

Fourth Grade

First Honors: Catherine Cassidy, Abigail Hessling
Caroline Smullen

Second Honors: Dylan Medina Buenrostro, Matthew Prabakaran,
Adriana Singh, Madeline Walton

Fifth Grade

First Honors: Capriana Graziano, Hanna Haddad,
Minseo Harthausen, Alex Turcios

Second Honors: Lucas Cousins, Eleanor Fitzgerald, Michael
Gonzales, Ruth Mah-Chamberlain, Moira McBride,
Annabelle Sequer, Jahdiah Sturge-Cordner, Hugh Trigg,
Nico Wittman, Matthew Worth

Sixth Grade

First Honors: Ariana Tehrani, Aidan Lundregan, Bao-Tram
Nguyen, Hadley Reardon, Grace Schweers, Isabella Sequer

Second Honors: Amy Chavez, Sarah Finamore,
Grace Hodavance, Jacob Jordan, Maria Long-Will,
Ivan Rodas, Saudia Sooklall

Seventh Grade

First Honors: Eleanor McNichols

Second Honors: Inez McNichols, Victoria Misuraca,
Rosalia Rutherford, Joshua Smith

Eighth Grade

First Honors: Estelle Hermann, Grace Holloway,
Brigid McGraw, Katherine Van Houten

Second Honors: Matthew Bond, Sarah Schweers

First Sunday of Lent

St Rita Parishioners We Are Praying For:

Please pray for those discerning Religious Vocations:

William Manaker, Jesuits Seminarians, Diocese of Arlington
Sr. Lisa Ruth, Carmelites

Please Pray For The Sick in Our Parish:

Dennis Webb	Thomas Quinn	Maddie Respicio-Cabatic
Gary McAlpin	Phylliss Yancey	April Garcia
Dr. John Gleeson	Jane Rippy	Laura Stevens
Mary Gleeson	Chery Fuentes	Emma Gomez de Blanco
Karl Heinz	Herschel Otto	Christopher Medin

*Tend your sick ones, O Lord Jesus Christ. Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones.
And all for Your love's sake. Amen. — Saint Augustine*

✠ Please Pray For Our Deceased Parishioners:

John T. Wilson	Frederick Asher
Lorrice Asher	Helen Woodland
Jackie Andrew	Camille Caliendo
Carole Dougherty	John Taff
Denise Webb	James E. Hall, Sr.
Richard P. Callahan	Kate Bushman
Agnes Ranson	Kathleen Aldarice
Andrew Parezo	Beth Louison
Thana Dixon	Rosemarie Cruz
Patricia McEvoy Gold	Kathleen Sullivan
Nicholas von Guggenberg	Capt Rocky Versace (POW)
Rita Kearns	Stephen Lynn
Siroop Fernezian	James R. Scott
Mark Stewart Maurice	Kevin James Duffy
John Moretti, Jr.	Randall Sawyer Hart
Michael Douglas Taylor	Dan S. Serice
Dominic Takeshi Dodson	Charles Alfred Attiliis
Candida Diaz	Lillian Lorraine Massino
Patricia Rohrer	Rita Flynn
Mary Lucia Orsini	Peggy Curry
Virginia Duncan-Hall	Maria Ruiz de Merino
Dorothy Turner	Pedro Diaz
Elizabeth Membreño	

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

If you know of a St. Rita parishioner who should be added to our prayer list, please email Karen at stritasecretary@gmail.com

The Saint Rita School Extended Day Care Program is hiring part-time and on-call staff! We are looking for someone who loves kids, is energetic, and enthusiastic! Extended Day Care work hours are Monday—Friday 6:30—8AM, 2:45—6:15 PM and 11:15 AM —6 PM on half days. Competitive pay! If interested, please email Vivian Quintero-Green at vquintero-green@saintrita-school.org.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: NEW St. Rita Parish ONLINE SIGN-UP SHEET. Adoration is offered from 3:30pm—7:30pm on Wednesdays. We have regularly scheduled Adorers for these hours, but we are always in need of more Adorers. Time slots are scheduled in half-hour increments so you can sign up for any time that fits your schedule. Please consider joining us for Adoration once in a while, especially during Lent.. To sign-up, visit: strita-parish.org. Click on the "Mass & Confessions Schedule" button and click on the link to "sign-up genius"



Happy PRESIDENTS' DAY

St Rita School & the parish office will be closed on Monday, February 19, 2018.

2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA): Please consider making a sacrificial gift this Lent to support the many diocesan programs and ministries that serve thousands of people. We have **BLA envelopes in the pews**. **Contribute online** at <https://secure.arlingtondiocese.org/devbla/> Enter your personal **BLA code** (found on the letter or invoice the diocese sent you) or create a new account. Click on the drop-down menu list of churches and select **St. Rita Church**. Thank you for your care and generosity!

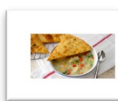


Join the TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE! Information session for fathers/guardians of boys who will be in Grades 1—4 for the 2018—2019 school year will be held on Monday, **APRIL 23** at 7:30 PM in the St. Rita Parish Center. To RSVP or for more information, contact Joshua Bowman at mrbeaujo@gmail.com.

HOLY HEROES LENTEN ADVENTURE: A time saver for moms and great fun for kids. Get **FREE** daily Lenten activities, fun video & audio selections, downloadable activities and fun quizzes! Flyers in the Russell Road vestibule or go to: www.LentenAdventure.com



St Rita **LENTEN SOUP & STATIONS** --Come share a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread before praying Evening Vespers and the Stations of the Cross this Lent. The St Rita American Heritage Girls and Cub Scouts will provide bread and rolls; please bring a pot of a vegetarian soup to share. Soup will begin at 5:30 pm in the Parish Center and continue until 6:30. Dates for soup are **FEBRUARY 23, MARCH 9** and **MARCH 23**. We hope to see you there! Please call Maureen Schweers at maureen.schweers@gmail.com with questions.



AROUND THE DIOCESE *and beyond*

Interested in learning about **EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO SENIORS** as a way to give back to the community? If so, please register for the next **Senior Speaker Series** event on **Wednesday, FEBRUARY 21** from 9:30 am— 12 pm at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street in Alexandria. This free program will feature local experts from AARP, Office of Historic Alexandria, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Volunteer Alexandria and the Workforce Development Center. Go to www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703.836.4414 ext. 110 to sign up today!



An **ENTERING CANAAN DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING** for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, **MARCH 24**. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. **You are not alone!** There is hope. For more info and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or via email at: info@helpafterabortion.org.

2018 MEN'S CONFERENCE is FULL.

2018 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE at St. Joseph Church in Herndon on **MARCH 10** with Diane Foley, mother of slain journalist, James Foley and Sr. Grace Dominic, writer and national speaker. The conference title is "From Darkness Into Light." Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. Online registration starts Jan. 3. No registration at the door. Please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/women for more details.