

# Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church

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## Second Sunday of Lent



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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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February 25, 2018

### 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](http://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](mailto: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 <a href="mailto:saintritaschool@me.com">saintritaschool@me.com</a>	24
Admissions	Josephine Cunningham <a href="mailto:jcunningham@saintrita-school.org">jcunningham@saintrita-school.org</a>	32
School Office	Dana Smullen <a href="mailto:office@saintrita-school.org">office@saintrita-school.org</a>	23

*Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

*Monday of Week 2 of Lent*

7:00 AM Mass **JEFFREY PAREDES**

7:00 PM *Confession*

7:30 PM Mass **BISHOP PAUL LOVERDE**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

*Tuesday of Week 2 of Lent*

7:00 AM Mass **TINA ANG**

6:30 PM *Eucharistic Adoration (ends:7:30 PM)*

7:00 PM *Confession*

7:30 PM Mass **FR. DENIS DONAHUE**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

*Wednesday of Week 2 of Lent*

7:00 AM Mass **FR. ANDREW FISHER**

8:30 AM Mass **MARY HEALEY**

3:30 PM *Eucharistic Adoration (ends:7:30 PM)*

7:00 PM *Confession*

7:30 PM Mass **SUSAN FUKUI †**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018**

*Thursday of Week 2 of Lent*

7:00 AM Mass **JULIA KENNEDY †**

6:30 PM *Eucharistic Adoration (ends:7:30 PM)*

7:00 PM *Confession*

7:30 PM Mass **HAZEL MACKEY †**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018**

*Friday of Week 2 of Lent*

7:00 AM Mass **FR. JOSEPH CAZAVANETTE**

**2:30 PM Stations of the Cross**

6:30 PM *Sung Vespers*

**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Confession**

7:30 PM Mass **FR. GREGORY HART †**

**8:15 PM Stations of the Cross (en Espanol)**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018**

*Saturday of Week 2 of Lent*

8:00 AM Mass **ANNA MARIE BYRNES †**

8:30 AM *Confession*

4:00 PM *Confession*

5:00 PM Mass **THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT and THEIR FAMILIES**

7:00 PM *Confession*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018**

*3rd Sunday of Lent*

7:15 AM Mass **MRS. MOULD †**

8:15 AM Mass **ALTAR LINEN LAUNDERERS**

9:30 AM Mass **ROBERT MARKWART † 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 RODRIGUEZ †**

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](mailto:StRitaVocations@gmail.com) to sign up.

**PARISH GIVING: [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org)**



**ST. RITA SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:** Online registration is open for current school and parish families. Apply online, under the **Admissions** tab, at <https://saintrita-school.org/admissions/apply> or contact:

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

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](mailto:stritasacristy@gmail.com)

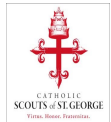
St Rita **LENTEN SOUP & STATIONS** --Come share a simple



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**. Please call Maureen Schweers at [maureen.schweers@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.schweers@gmail.com) with questions. We hope to see you there!

**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](mailto:mrbeaujo@gmail.com).



**MARCH 2017 SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

- March 4:** Repairs & Replacements (R&R) (St. Rita Church)
- March 11 :** Catholic Relief Services —used to provide humanitarian aid and resettling displaced families.
- March 25:** Easter Flower Offering
- March 29:** Holy Thursday
- March 30:** Good Friday (offering goes to support the shrines in the Holy Land)

**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](http://www.LentenAdventure.com)



**MARCH 2** is **FIRST FRIDAY**. There will be **All Night Eucharistic Adoration** following 8:15 PM Stations of the Cross in Spanish.

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

The next **BAPTISM CLASS** is **Tuesday, MARCH 6** at **6:30 PM** in **St. Rita Parish Center Conference Room OR Rectory Conference Room**. You must call the Rectory Office to sign up for the class: **(703) 836-1640**. All parents are required to attend this one-time one-hour Baptism Preparation Class.

**January 2018 Collections**

Regular Offertory . . . . .	\$ 38,600
Repairs & Replacements . . . . .	\$ 4,070
Poor Box . . . . .	\$ 2,222
Electronic Giving — Offertory . . . . .	\$ 33,403
Electronic Giving — Repairs & Replacements . . . . .	\$ 4,836
Electronic Giving — Poor Box. . . . .	\$ 1,005

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### *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	Phyliss 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
Lorric 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](mailto:stritasecretary@gmail.com)

**The Saint Rita School Extended Day Care Program is hiring** 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](mailto:vquintero-green@saintrita-school.org).

**WEDNESDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** *Saint 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](http://strita-parish.org). Click on the “*Mass & Confessions Schedule*” button and click on the link to “*sign-up genius*”

**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!

**ATRIUM REGISTRATION:** Enrollment for the Wednesday afternoon Homeschool Atrium (*Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*) is now open. We have openings for **children 3—8 years** of age. For more information please contact Miss Megan Rolla at [mrolla@saintrita-school.org](mailto:mrolla@saintrita-school.org)



Legion of Mary **PATRICIANS' GROUP MEETING** will be held in the Parish Center on Saturday, **MARCH 3**, beginning at **6:00 PM** following 5 pm Mass. The topic will be: *Sorrowing with the Mystical Body of Christ.*

## AROUND THE DIOCESE *and beyond*

**MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** *The Order of Malta,* Northern Virginia Region, cordially invites all experiencing illness and/or physical/mental challenges to a Mass and Anointing of the Sick with **Bishop Michael Burbidge** on Saturday, **MARCH 17** at 11:00 am in St. Ambrose Catholic Church. Lunch will be served after Mass by the Knights and Dames of Malta. Please **RSVP** to Laura Mead, DM at: 703-280-1122 or [AnointingMass@gmail.com](mailto:AnointingMass@gmail.com) with your name, contact info (phone and email), and number of attendees.



*The 15th Annual Live Jesus!*, a morning of Lenten reflection, fellowship, and prayer will be held on Saturday, **MARCH 10**, at 9:00 am, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. The theme is “*Be Not Afraid... learn from me.*” For more information visit: [www.oblates.org](http://www.oblates.org) and click on the LIVE JESUS icon.

*Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting.  
Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you?*

If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, call Father J.D. Jaffe at (703) 841-2514 or write: [j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org)



**EXHIBITION OF EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD:** This Vatican International Exhibition will be hosted by St. John the Beloved Parish in McLean from **MARCH 2-4**, and consists of illustrations and detailed descriptions—in English and Spanish—of more than 120 Eucharistic miracles that have occurred all over the world dating as far back as the 900s. The depictions provide unique confirmation of the True Presence in the Eucharist. The exhibition will be held in the gym at St. John Academy, St. John the Beloved Church, **6420 Linway Terrace, Mclean**, 703-356-7916. *La exhibición vaticana internacional “Milagros eucarísticos del mundo”, se presentará en la parroquia de McLean ST JOHN the BELOVED, entre los días 2 y 4 de marzo.*

**2018 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** at St. Joseph Church in Herndon on **MARCH 10**, [www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women) for more details. **2018 MEN'S CONFERENCE is FULL.**

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW:** Paul VI Catholic High School is hosting a Preview to Catholic High School for all 7th and 8th graders and their families on Tuesday, **MARCH 6** at 7:00 PM. Learn about our new campus, academic, athletic, fine arts and special programs. Question: [chanley@pvpanther.net](mailto:chanley@pvpanther.net)