

Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church

3815 Russell Road | Alexandria, VA 22305

703.836.1640

www.strita-parish.net | www.saintrita-school.org

Third Sunday of Lent

... Take these out of here and stop making
My Father's house a market place John 2:16



Parish Rectory Offices: (703) 836-1640
Open: Monday — Friday: 9 AM to 9 PM
Closed: M-F (12:30 — 1:30 PM) & Saturday & Sunday

CLERGY	(703) 836-1640	EXT.
Pastor:	Rev. Daniel N. Gee fathergee@gmail.com	17
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Vincent P. Bork	30
Permanent Deacon	Rev. Mr. Stephen J. Dixon deacondixon.strita@gmail.com	
In Residence	Rev. Karol Nedza	15
PARISH STAFF	(703) 836-1640	EXT.
Director of Religious Education	Betsy Nunn stritaDRE@gmail.com	25
Dir. of Sacred Music	Lawrence Bowie	29
Sacristan	Elizabeth Vail stritasacristy@gmail.com	
Business Manager Church & School	Debbie Beck dbeck.strita@gmail.com	13
Registrar, Sacramental Records, Bulletin Editor	Karen Davidson stritasecretary@gmail.com	12
Receptionist, Hispanic Liaison	Alma Ramirez stritachurchasst@gmail.com	10
Maintenance Manager Church & School	Adan Aguilar maintenance.strita@gmail.com	

March 4, 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 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, MARCH 5, 2018

Monday of Week 3 of Lent

- 7:00 AM Mass **EDWARD AVELLA** †
7:00 PM Confession
7:30 PM Mass **HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY** †

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

Tuesday of Week 3 of Lent

- 7:00 AM Mass **KIM EVERSOLE** †
6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends: 7:30 PM)
7:00 PM Confession
7:30 PM Mass **ALFREDO MAGALLANES** †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018

Commemoration of Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

- 7:00 AM Mass **FR. GERRY CREEDON** †
8:30 AM Mass **MISSY McGRAW**
3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends: 7:30 PM)
7:00 PM Confession
7:30 PM Mass **KATE BENDER** †

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018

Commemoration of Saint John of God, Religious

- 7:00 AM Mass **VANESSA RAMIREZ**
6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends: 7:30 PM)
7:00 PM Confession
7:30 PM Mass **MARGARET VIRGINIA PYLES** †

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018

Commemoration of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

- 7:00 AM Mass **HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY** †
2:30 PM Stations of the Cross
6:30 PM Sung Vespers
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Confession
7:30 PM Mass **ANNA MARIE BYRNES** †
8:15 PM Stations of the Cross (en Espanol)

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

Saturday of Week 3 of Lent

- 8:00 AM Mass **LEN PAWLAK**
8:30 AM Confession
4:00 PM Confession
5:00 PM Mass **STANLEY SPYCHALA** †
7:00 PM Confession

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

- 7:15 AM Mass **THANA DIXON** †
8:15 AM Mass **RAYMOND McGUANE** †
9:30 AM Mass **DAVID ROBERTSON** † 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 **SERVANTS OF THE LORD & THE VIRGIN OF MATARA**

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

PARISH GIVING: 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 703-548-1888 Ext. 32 for K-8th grade or
- **Caitlin Rockwell** at 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

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. The remaining dates for soup dinners: **MARCH 9** and **MARCH 23**. Please call Maureen Schweers at 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.



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



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.

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



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

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! Work hours are Monday—Friday 6:30—8AM, 2:45—6:15 PM and 11:15 AM—6 PM on half days. Competitive pay! Email Vivian at vquintero-green@saintrita-school.org



Third 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 stritchsecretary@gmail.com

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 always need more Adorers. Time slots are scheduled in half-hour increments. 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*”

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!*

High School Students: **FEED THE HUNGRY THIS LENT**



This is **HANDS-ON, FAST-PACED, SATISFYING** work!

Join our team to prepare and serve dinner at Christ House on **Sunday, MARCH 25, 4:15—6:15 pm.**

To assist with advance prep (*salad or dessert*) or day-of assistance, email Cindy Hart at chriscindyhart@gmail.com.

The perfect Lenten activity!

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 with your name, contact info (phone and email), and number of attendees.

“We proclaim Christ crucified...the power and wisdom of God.” Could Jesus be calling you to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Jaffe at (703) 841-2514, or write: j.jaffe@arlingtondiocese.org.



40Days40Ways Encore! Did you like 40Days40Ways last year? Do it again and grow in charity throughout Lent. TEXT “ways” to **84576** or sign up for email alerts at arlingtondiocese.org/40days40ways

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 **7:00PM**. Learn about our new campus, academic, athletic, fine arts and special programs. Contact ehanley@pvpanther.net with questions.

This Lent, see the “Tomb of Christ”— Journey virtually to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place of the crucifixion and burial of Christ. **“The Tomb of Christ”** at the National Geographic Museum (*near St. Matthew’s Cathedral, Washington, DC*) is an immersive, 3-D exhibit based on the historic 2016 restoration of Jesus’ tomb. See the cave walls of Jesus’ tomb, hidden for centuries, and test technology used in the restoration. Get details and group discount information at nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ.

SECOND COLLECTION for Catholic Relief Services: Next Sunday, **MARCH 10-11**, our parish will take up a second collection which benefits Catholic Relief Services, the Holy Father’s Relief Fund, and other charities that advance the international social ministry of the Church.

8th Grade VOCATIONS MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE: All 8th graders of the diocese are invited to pray for vocations on **Tuesday, MARCH 6**, at **Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 5121 Woodland Way, Annandale, VA 22003**. The program begins at **10:30 a.m.** and includes Mass, followed by a brown-bag lunch (*dessert will be provided*), and concludes by 1:30 p.m. All 8th graders must be accompanied by an adult; space is limited to 8th graders only. Please arrive early so all can be seated before 10:30. More info at vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.