

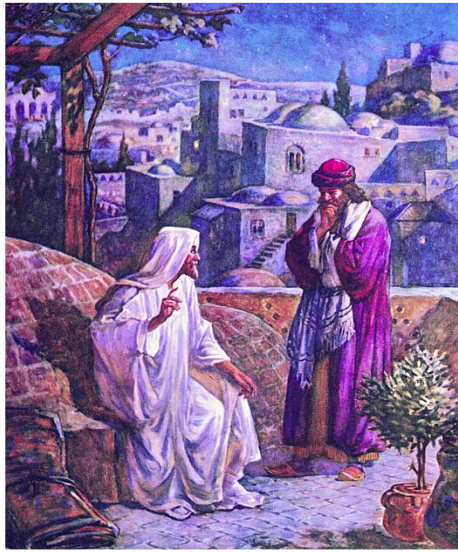
# Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church

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## Fourth Sunday of Lent



.. Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in Him will have eternal life

... John 3:14-21

Parish Rectory Offices: (703) 836-1640

Open: Monday — Friday: 9 AM to 9 PM

Closed: M-F (12:30 — 1:30 PM) & Saturday & Sunday

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March 11, 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 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 12, 2018

Monday of Week 4 of Lent

7:00 AM Mass SEAN KELIHAN †  
7:00 PM Confession  
7:30 PM Mass VIRGINIA HALL †

### TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

Tuesday of Week 4 of Lent

7:00 AM Mass ERIKA RAMIREZ  
6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends:7:30 PM)  
7:00 PM Confession  
7:30 PM Mass CAROLYN CHENEY

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018

Wednesday of Week 4 of Lent

7:00 AM Mass LAYZE & DORIS VIDIGAL †  
8:30 AM Mass JENNIFER DHANAGOM  
3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends:7:30 PM)  
7:00 PM Confession  
7:30 PM Mass STEPHEN PIKE †

### THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018

Thursday of Week 4 of Lent

7:00 AM Mass LEN PAWLAK  
6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends:7:30 PM)  
7:00 PM Confession  
7:30 PM Mass FR. JACK O'HARA

### FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018

Friday of Week 4 of Lent

7:00 AM Mass AURELIA FORNOS †  
**2:30 PM Stations of the Cross**  
6:30 PM Sung Vespers  
**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Confession**  
7:30 PM Mass GLORIA MOREIRA &  
VIRGINIA BRAKE †  
**8:15 PM Stations of the Cross (en Espanol)**

### SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018

Commemoration of Saint Patrick, Bishop, Missionary

8:00 AM Mass MIKE & KATHY GAFFNEY  
8:30 AM Confession  
4:00 PM Confession  
5:00 PM Mass CORINE SWANSON †  
7:00 PM Confession

### SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018

5th Sunday of Lent

7:15 AM Mass SONNY HILL & LARRY KING †  
8:15 AM Mass FR. DANIEL GEE  
9:30 AM Mass MINDY, STEVE, LUKE & TATE  
WILSON 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 MATILDE ALVARADO

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.



**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. The remaining date for soup dinner is: **MARCH 23**. 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 25:** Easter Flower Offering

**March 29:** Holy Thursday

**March 30:** Good Friday (offering goes to support the shrines in the Holy Land)

**LECTORS NEEDED:** We need some new lectors to replace those who have left. Lectors are needed for all Masses but especially the **7:15 AM Sunday Mass and the 7:30 PM Monday Mass**. Please consider volunteering for this ministry. It's a great way to spread the Word of the Lord and contribute to our parish. It doesn't require much time and scheduling is flexible. If you can help out or would like more information, please contact Frank Donahoe at 703-960-0719 or [fpdonahoe137@gmail.com](mailto:fpdonahoe137@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! [www.LentenAdventure.com](http://www.LentenAdventure.com)

**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)



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

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

The next **RESPECT LIFE MASS** is Saturday **MARCH 24** at 8 AM at St. Rita Church.

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 Katie Baglini at [kbaglini@saintrita-school.org](mailto:kbaglini@saintrita-school.org)



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

*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)

**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](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!

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:AnointingMass@gmail.com) with your name, contact info (phone and email), and number of attendees.

**Catholic 5K and Children's Fun Run:** 9:00 am on Sat, **APRIL 28** at St Catherine of Siena, Great Falls. All are welcome to celebrate the Feast of St. Catherine with Mass, breakfast and the 7th annual *Palio di Siena* 5K and Children's Fun Run. [www.sienamontessori.org/5K](http://www.sienamontessori.org/5K) or [karenlkorn@gmail.com](mailto:karenlkorn@gmail.com).

**40Days40Ways Encore!** TEXT “ways” to **84576** or sign up for email alerts at [arlingtondiocese.org/40days40ways](http://arlingtondiocese.org/40days40ways)

**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](http://nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ).



**SUMMER in ROME PROGRAM for YOUNG MEN** (ages 14-18): *Catholica Summer Program* is a life-changing opportunity for young men. For three weeks, explore the Caput Mundi, Rome, Italy:

**JUNE 8-26, 2018.** Featured events:

- Daily Mass in St. Peter's Basilica
- Classes in Latin, History and Italian
- Comprehensive Program of Tours through Rome
- Sports and Day Trips throughout Italy

The Summer Program of a Lifetime! More information and registration: <https://prorome.com/catholica-summer-program/>

**RETREAT AT LOYOLA ON THE POTOMAC:** *St. Rita parishioners* are invited to participate in a coed retreat at Loyola on the Potomac, an idyllic setting for quiet reflection and prayer. The retreat will be held on **APRIL 20-22** and the theme is “*Come Follow Me.*” This Jesuit retreat is in a secluded location overlooking the Potomac River at *9270 Loyola Retreat Rd, Faulkner, MD 20632*. To reserve a space, please contact Lisa White at **(301) 392-0800** [www.loyolaonthepotomac.com](http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com) **Register early as these retreats get booked quickly.**