

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 Easter

April 15, 2018



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	

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, APRIL 16, 2018

Monday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide

- 7:00 AM Mass **AURELIA FORNOS** †
- 7:00 PM Confession & Miraculous Medal Novena
- 7:30 PM Mass **SARAH HART**

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2018

Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide

- 7:00 AM Mass **CORINE SWANSON** †
- 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends: 7:30 PM)
- 7:00 PM Confession
- 7:30 PM Mass **ROGER PAREDES**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018

Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide

- 7:00 AM Mass **GLENDA CHEEKS**
- 8:30 AM Mass **HOLLY CARROLL**
- 3:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends: 7:30 PM)
- 7:00 PM Confession
- 7:30 PM Mass **EMMA WILLIAMS**

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018

Thursday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide

- 7:00 AM Mass **SARAH ROLLA**
- 6:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration (ends: 7:30 PM)
- 7:00 PM Confession
- 7:30 PM Mass **MICHAEL TAYLOR** †

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2018

Friday of the 3rd Week of Eastertide

- 7:00 AM Mass **JEANE McCURRY** †
- 7:00 PM Sung Vespers & Confession
- 7:30 PM Mass **ANNA MARIE BYRNES** †

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018

St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor

- 8:00 AM Mass **RUSSELL SCHUMACHER** †
- 8:30 AM Confession
- 4:00 PM Confession
- 5:00 PM Mass **EDGAR MIGUEL GONZALEZ** †
- 7:00 PM Confession

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

4th Sunday of Easter

- 7:15 AM Mass **LAUREN GRAVER** †
- 8:15 AM Mass **CAPT. & MRS. JAMES SHEEHAN**
- 9:30 AM Mass **JACQUELINE ANTONIONI** †
- 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** †

The next **English BAPTISM CLASS** is Tuesday, **MAY 1** at **6:30 PM** in the St. Rita Rectory Conference Room. You must call the Rectory Office to sign up for the class: (703) 836-1640. The next **Spanish BAPTISM CLASS** is Thursday, **MAY 10** at **6:00 PM** in the Parish Center Hall.

POOR BOX: All cash, grocery cards & food donations, to help our neighbors in financial distress, are greatly appreciated. **We're running low on money to assist the poor in our community.**



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

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** or www.loyolaontheptomac.com **Register early as these retreats get booked quickly.**



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.

The next **RESPECT LIFE MASS** is Saturday **APRIL 28** at **8 AM** at St. Rita Church.

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

Save the Date! ST RITA COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM GROUP will meet on Monday, **APRIL 16** at 7 PM in the Parish Center. Keep your Lenten resolutions going — learn how to put the Corporal Works of Mercy into action at St. Rita Church. **Much to do and we need to reorganize to get it done.** Questions, please contact: Susanne Arnold at susannearnold@verizon.net

St. Rita Parish needs adorers for **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** on **WEDNESDAYS**, from **3:30 PM to 6:30 PM**, in 30 minute intervals. Please contact Karen at (703) 836-1640 if you can commit to just a 1/2 hour every week. *Thank you!*



HOLY LAND WOOD CARVINGS will be here the weekend of **APRIL 28—29**. **After all Masses**, beautiful homemade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land will be offered for purchase. The sale of these carvings is a primary source of income for many Christians of Bethlehem, who are enduring hardships due to the volatile situation in this region. Christians in the Holy Land once comprised 37% of the population. Today, less than 1% remain. Please support our brothers and sisters in Bethlehem by purchasing some of these beautiful carvings after Mass.

Interested in joining the St. Rita **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**? Contact Jeff Cuiper at jeffcuiper@gmail.com

March 2018 Collections

Regular Offertory	\$ 42,661
Repairs & Replacements	\$ 4,858
Poor Box	\$ 1,648
Electronic Giving — Offertory	\$ 28,027
Electronic Giving — Repairs & Replacements	\$ 4,008
Electronic Giving — Poor Box	\$ 1,221

PARISH GIVING: www.parishgiving.org

Third Sunday of Easter

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 Sr. Maria Josepha, Labor Mariae

Please Pray For The Sick in Our Parish:

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

Jane Hardiman	Thomas Quinn
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
Sirap 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

2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA): 35% of St. Rita Parish households have made financial commitments to the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal. So far, we've only met 83% of our parish goal. We still need another \$24,000. If you didn't fill out a pledge card yet, please do so today. Please consider making a sacrificial gift to support the many diocesan programs and ministries that serve thousands of people. **Pledge cards are available in the pews.** You can also **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!*

DINNER AT CHRIST HOUSE: Our next turn to serve is Sunday, **APRIL 22** from 4—6 PM. To help, please contact **Susanne Arnold @ (703) 683-5138**.

LECTORS NEEDED: Lectors are needed for all Masses, especially the **7:15 AM Sunday Mass** and the **7:30 PM Monday Mass**. This ministry requires minimal time; and scheduling is flexible. If you can help out, please contact Frank Donahoe at 703-960-0719 or fpdonahoe137@gmail.com

AROUND THE DIOCESE *and beyond*

Paul VI Catholic High School is currently accepting registrations for **SUMMER CAMPS** for all ages and interests from fine arts to athletics. <https://pvisports.net/main/campsclinics/>

STEP ALIVE! STEP ALIVE! STEP ALIVE! to benefit the ALIVE! Child Development Center - giving low income children high quality early learning. 100% of families receive tuition assistance. A member of ALIVE!, **St. Rita Church** is one of the 44 faith-based organizations providing shelter, education, food, furniture & emergency financial help to those in need. Sunday, **MAY 6:** 2—5 PM. A 5K or 5 mile walk followed by catered picnic with live music. Register & Start: First Christian Church, 2723 King St. Alexandria, 22302. **Cost:** \$25 Individual; \$10 Youth 6-13 & Seniors 70+. Register or donate on line at www.alive-inc.org



Franciscan Monastery HERB & PLANT SALE: Join us **APRIL 28** (9 a.m.—6 p.m.) and **APRIL 29** (8 a.m.—3 p.m.) at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017.

Get organic herbs, annuals, perennials, fruit trees, vegetables, fresh honey and Monastery-grown plants, **while enjoying food and craft vendors** in one of Washington's most beautiful locations. **Free garden tours on the hour.** Saturday, 11 a.m.—2 p.m. Sponsored by the volunteer Franciscan Monastery Garden Guild to support the preservation of the monastery's historic gardens.

RESPECT LIFE MASS WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE on Saturday, **APRIL 21** at 9:00 AM, at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Rosary will be in front of the abortion facility on 900 South Washington St, Falls Church, VA 22046



HISPANIC MASS FOR VOCATIONS: Sunday, **APRIL 22**--Únete a Monseñor Burbidge para orar por más vocaciones, especialmente de nuestras comunidades hispanas. Esta Misa anual se celebrará en español el domingo **22 de abril** en la Iglesia de Cristo Redentor en Sterling a las 12:00 PM.

Is your marriage in trouble? **RETROUVAILLE** can help, please call: (703) 351-7211 or go to www.HelpOurMarriage.com



Celebrate your Catholic faith at the annual Diocesan **BASH 2018**, our largest gathering of Catholic **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS** (6th—8th graders) on Saturday, **APRIL 21**, from 3:30--9 PM at Bishop O'Connell High School. \$10 fee includes music, games, snacks, DINNER, inspirational speakers, confession and Sunday Vigil Mass with Bishop Burbidge! Learn more and register online at <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Youth-Ministry/BASH>

Bishop Burbidge's HOMILIES ONLINE: Receive relevant and pastoral inspiration: youtube.com/arlingtondiocese.

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 or karenkorn@gmail.com.