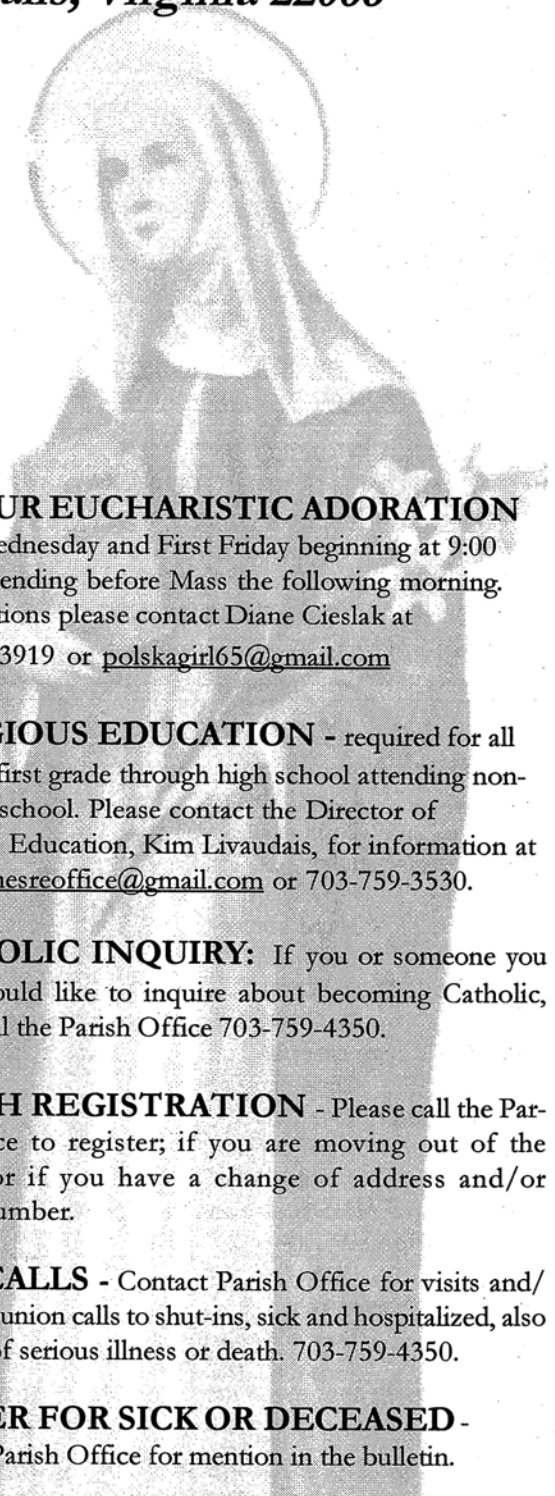


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PHONE NUMBERS

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday - 9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Closed on Federal Holidays

PARISH WEB SITE:

www.saintcatherineschurch.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon*
*Novus Ordo Latin Mass
Saturday: 8:30 am & Vigil Mass 5:30 pm
Weekday, Holy Days, Federal Holidays: 8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:45 am - 8:15 am
(except holy Days and holidays)
Saturdays: 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Baptismal Catechesis is required for parents one month (30 days) before the baptism; Godparents are encouraged to attend. To make Baptismal arrangements for both class and ceremony, call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - In accord with the regulations of the Bishop of Arlington, couples must contact a priest and begin preparation at least six months prior to the wedding. Parish registration is required. Living together before marriage is sinful and harmful to future marriage. Couples who are living together will be asked to live separately during the preparation time.

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Wednesday and First Friday beginning at 9:00 AM and ending before Mass the following morning. For questions please contact Diane Cieslak at 703-678-3919 or polskagirl65@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - required for all children first grade through high school attending non-Catholic school. Please contact the Director of Religious Education, Kim Livaudais, for information at stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com or 703-759-3530.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY: If you or someone you know would like to inquire about becoming Catholic, please call the Parish Office 703-759-4350.

PARISH REGISTRATION - Please call the Parish Office to register; if you are moving out of the parish; or if you have a change of address and/or phone number.

SICK CALLS - Contact Parish Office for visits and/or Communion calls to shut-ins, sick and hospitalized, also in cases of serious illness or death. 703-759-4350.

PRAYER FOR SICK OR DECEASED - Contact Parish Office for mention in the bulletin.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

The bulletin deadline is 3:00 pm two Fridays preceding the weekend of distribution. Please contact Parish Office for earlier deadlines during holidays.

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2017

"...Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.".....Psalm 80

SPECIAL NOTICES:

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**See the Flyer for complete information
Confessions every Wednesday evening at
6:30 pm sharp one priest only**

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, December 2

8:30 am Nassar and Khattar Families

5:30 pm Marilyn Natoli †

SUNDAY, December 3

8:00 am Pro Populo

10:00 am Stanley Plummer †

12:00 pm Fred Crane †

MONDAY, December 4

8:30 am Jean Pierre Struelens †

TUESDAY, December 5

8:30 am Aida DeLauro †

WEDNESDAY, December 6

8:30 am Constance Holtz †

THURSDAY, December 7

8:30 am Constance Holtz †

FRIDAY, December 8

8:30 am Sierra Smallwood

7:00 pm Katherine Hadford

SATURDAY, December 9

8:30 am Mary Ann Ricci †

5:30 pm Alfonso Basile †

SUNDAY, December 10

8:00 am Constance Holtz

10:00 am Stanley Plummer †

12:00 pm Pro Populo Fred Crane †

Collections

Collection totals for the weekend November 25th and 26th: Regular -- \$10,464, 2nd collection - Parish Maintenance -- \$1,997. Thank you for your generosity. Next weekend's 2nd collection is for Catholic Charities.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD CALENDAR

Grades 1 through high school

Monday evenings: 5:00 –6:15; 6:30 – 7:45

Classes in session December 4, 11

No classes December 18, 25, January 1

Classes resume January 8

No class January 15

Attention All High Schoolers: It's not too late to sign up for the Monday evening CCD class! This is a great opportunity to continue learning about our beautiful Faith and discuss current topics with your Catholic friends. The class runs from 6:30 to 7:45. **Note: No High School Class on January 8.** High School classes resume on January 22.

And... **we have a great group of teens helping with the 5:00 pm classes** as assistants. We **could always use more help at either session.** This is a great chance to help your Church, share the Faith, AND earn service hours. Contact Mrs. Livaudais for more details. stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com

Confessions for CCD Students in Grades 3 through high school: Father Pokorsky will be available to hear the children's confessions during CCD time for the next two weeks. He will hear confessions for those children in the 5:00 pm session on December 4, and will be available for students in the 6:30 session on December 11. Please encourage your children to take advantage of this opportunity offered for the Advent season.

Advent Wreath Lighting: We will continue the tradition started last year of gathering in the church for the last fifteen minutes of each CCD class in December to celebrate Advent. Parents are welcome to join us as we light the candles of the Advent wreath and pray in preparation for the celebration of our Lord's birth!

First Holy Communion PARENTS MEETING: Parents of those children receiving the Sacraments of First Penance and First Holy Communion this spring are asked to attend a meeting on December 7 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in Bishop Justs Hall. Father Pokorsky will speak about your child's formation in the Faith and Sacramental preparation. The catechists will present information about classroom lessons, and other practicalities. Please make sure that at least one parent attends this important meeting.

Also, parents of all children receiving sacraments this spring, please mark your calendars now with these important dates: **First Penance, Saturday, February 24; Rehearsal for First Holy Communion, Thursday, May 3; First Holy Communion celebrated at noon Mass on May 6.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Eucharistic Adoration

WEDNESDAYS: and FIRST FRIDAYS

24 hour Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 8:30 am Mass and ends at 8:55 am the following morning.

We need volunteers for the 1:00 am to 2:00 am hour.

To volunteer, please contact Diane Cieslak at: 703-678-3919 or polskagirl65@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call Father Pokorsky on his direct line – 703-638-8451.

OVER 50?????

New members welcome!

No charge for the 1st meeting. Dues \$20.

Call Judy Mahanes at 703) 759-3997.

JP2 YOUTH APOSTOLATE

is a new group formed under the patronage of St. John Paul the Great. Our mission is to provide a social outlet for school-aged youth of the area in the spirit of faith, adventure, and service to others. Unlike other youth organizations, JP2 Youth is parent-led, parent-organized, and parent-supported.

Contact: [:novajp2youth@gmail.com](mailto:novajp2youth@gmail.com).



Christmas trees -- are available for purchase every Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 am until 4:30 pm while supplies last. Trees -- up to 12' -- are competitively priced and include free local delivery (Delivery subject to availability of truck.).

The **December Pancake Breakfast** will be on Sunday, **December 10** following the 8:00 and 10:00 am Masses.

The **Children's Christmas Party** -- is scheduled for Thursday, **December 21**.

THIRD ORDER DOMINICANS

The Dominicans TOR invite all parishioners to share in their apostolic mission by study, prayer, and preaching in keeping with our state as members of the laity. Meetings are usually held every 1st Saturday at 10:00 am in Padre Pio Hall following Mass and Rosary. Contact Paul Bernier at bernierp@verizon.net or 571-340-0940.

OPUS DEI

EVENING OF RECOLLECTION:

A priest of the Opus Dei prelature presents an "Evening of Recollection" for women on the **3rd Monday of each month from 7:30 pm to 9:15 pm** in the Church.

CONFESSIONS: A priest of the Opus Dei prelature offers Confessions on **Monday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass until 11 am.**

RECOLLECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS:

A monthly Recollection, with quiet prayer and reflection, open to all high school girls on the **3rd Saturday of each month from 12:15 to 3:00 pm.**

Please contact: Alyssa Hernandez at: stonecrestaolactivities@gmail.com for more information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Rev. Gerry Creedon†, Dan Specat†, Charles Marcolini†, Elisa Barbaro, Dominic Ricci†, Connie Holtz†, Marilyn Natoli†, Isabella Maria Santorum, Blanche Gorklinsky, Walter Zolkiwsky†, Arleen Michelitch†, Angela Bubbosh†, Bernadette Magurski, Madeline Daniels†, Dominick Carducci†, Dora Berrara†, Ann Haraburda† Patricia Guntle, Mary E. Brindley†, Joseph Squarzi Jr. †, Kathleen Fisher†, Joseph Dunne†, Walter von Fricken†, Mary Wood, Alfonso Basile†, Maryann Murphy†, Joshua Basile, T. Peter Wood, Marilyn Josephine Natoli, Collette Briggs, Vickie Miller. FOR PARISHIONERS SERVING OUR COUNTRY OVERSEAS: Jonathan Choo, Justin Smallwood, Thomas Ballweg

ST. AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

“FORMED.org”

We are excited to announce that St. Catherine of Siena has access to *Formed* from the Augustine Institute. *Formed* is a dynamic on-line web-based digital platform available 24/7. This series is designed to help you grow in your faith at all levels – how you think, pray and live. Better yet, access is *FREE* to all St Catherine of Siena parishioners and families anywhere, anytime, on computers, tablets or phones. So even though you have a busy schedule, you can still learn and grow in your faith. To access FORMED, go to:

<https://formed.org> and set up your own username and then enter our parish code—**F6KWXM**. Each registered family has access. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about our faith from the best Catholic authors and presenters.

DIAPER DEPOT – A WOMAN’S CHOICE

A Woman’s Choice Pro-life Center in Herndon is conducting bi-monthly diaper drives. The next collection is scheduled for January 13th and 14th. **We especially need sizes 4 & 5.** Our mission is to raise awareness of the need for disposable diapers and to generate donations of dollars and diapers, so that all babies within our care at A Woman’s Choice remain clean, dry and healthy. Disposable diapers are not an allowable expense for federal assistance through programs such as the Women, Infant and Children’s Program (WIC) and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). A single mother of one child working full-time and earning the federal minimum wage will spend over 6% of her gross salary on diapers. The need for diapers is current and on-going. **Please place your donations in the red “pack and play” in the Narthex the weekend of January 13th and 14th God Bless you for your generosity.**

FROM THE DIOCESE

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

MOBILE RESPONSE CENTER DONATIONS

Mobile Van Donations: Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate the abundance of God’s many blessings in our lives. It is also a time to recognize those among us who struggle with poverty and may not have a home to share God’s love. Catholic Charities asks you to come together with your loved ones to assemble meaningful Care Bags right in your own home. Your Care Bags will be distributed to those in need throughout the Diocese through the “Mobile Response Center Vehicle,” a 26-foot truck that CCDA will use to deliver supplies such as water, hygiene products, grocery gift cards, snack packages, and these Care Bags directly to those who so often go without. For more information, contact Sally O’Dwyer at sodwyer@ccda.net.

OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE

Novena for Miscarriages, Infertility, Infant Loss

Bishop Burbidge will be praying a novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe from December 4-12, 2017 for all who have experienced the pain and sorrow surrounding infertility, miscarriages, infant loss and the like.

If you would like to join him in praying the novena, text "novena17" to 84576 or sign up to receive email alerts at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/novenawithbishop2017

Please email your special intentions to: familylife@arlingtondiocese.org so that we can place them before the Bishop.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Recollection for Men and Women Discerners

Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out. The Office of Vocations will hold a day retreat for men on Saturday, December 16 and a day retreat for women on Sunday, December 17. Both run from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and are open to those 17 years and older. Please register by Friday, December 8. Contact: 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org.