

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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PHONE NUMBERS

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Religious Education: 703-759-3530
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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.

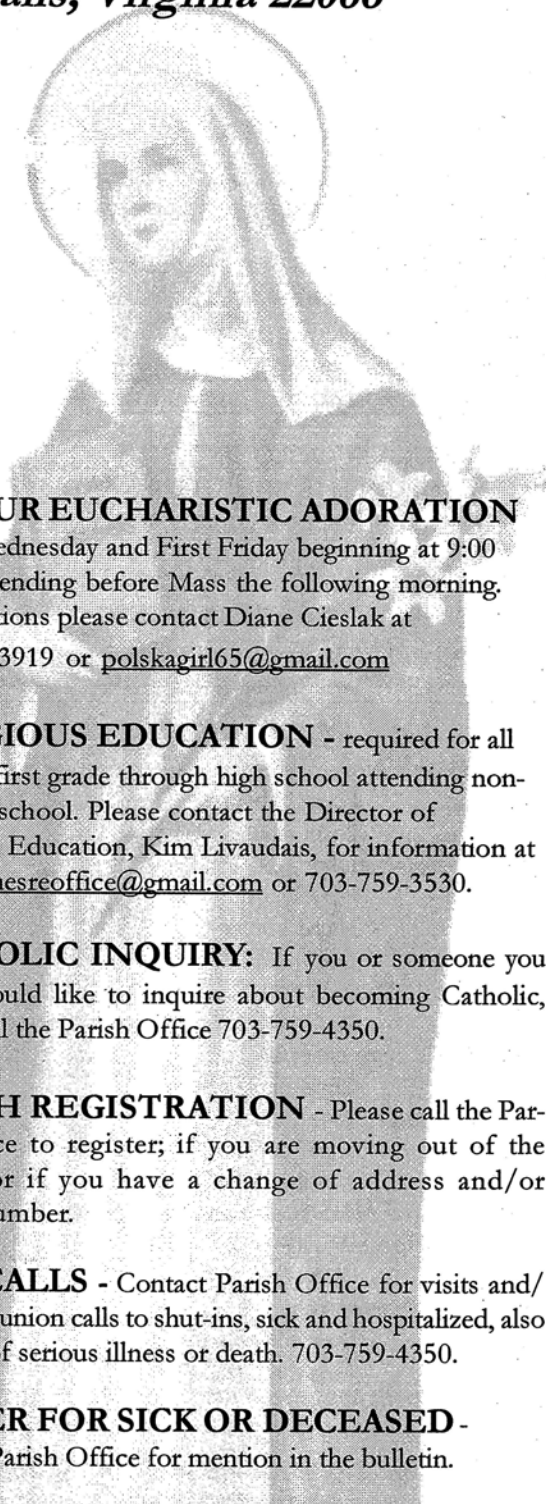
PARISH REGISTRATION - Please call the Parish Office to register; if you are moving out of the parish; or if you have a change of address and/or phone number.

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 Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

"...Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace"
2 Peter 3:14

SPECIAL NOTICES:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Knights of Columbus invites all adult parishioners of St. Catherine's to our Annual Adult Christmas Dinner Party on Saturday, December 16 at 6:30 PM in Bishop Justs Hall.

See details in the Knights' column below.

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 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 Fred Crane †

MONDAY, December 11

8:30 am Charles Teetor †

TUESDAY, December 12

8:30 am Thomas Froio †

WEDNESDAY, December 13

8:30 am Constance Holtz †

THURSDAY, December 14

8:30 am Eileen Shanley †

FRIDAY, December 15

8:30 am Gabriel James

SATURDAY, December 16

8:30 am Constance Holtz †

5:30 pm Abigail Ryan †

SUNDAY, December 17

8:00 am Michael Creedon †

10:00 am Constance Holtz †

12:00 pm Pro Populo

Collections

Collection totals for the weekend December 2/3:
Regular -- \$13,225, 2nd collection for Christmas Flowers -- \$1,585, Poor Box -- \$344. Thank you for your generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD CALENDAR

Grades 1 through high school

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

CLASSES IN SESSION:

DECEMBER 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.
scatherinesreoffice@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.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY –
The Knights of Columbus invite all adult parishioners to our Annual Adult Christmas Dinner Party on Saturday, December 16 at 6:30 PM in Bishop Justs Hall. The details are:

- (1) cost \$20pp;
- (2) bring wine/adult beverage to share;
- (3) **must** RSVP by December . 11to Gary Lanzara (gmlanzara@gmail.com 703-759-6959)
- (4) prepare for an enjoyable evening!

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).

Children's Christmas Party – with Santa
is scheduled for Thursday, **December 21.**

OVER 50?????

New members welcome!

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

Call Judy Mahanes at 703) 759-3997.

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.

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.

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).

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

FROM THE DIOCESE

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington Christmas Collection – This Weekend

This collection is vital to the diocese's work of serving the poor with Christian love and compassion. Your support of this collection is vital. Please participate with Catholic Charities in their mission to ease the suffering of people across the diocese. If you are not able to make a gift today, please make your gift in next week's collection and note **Christmas Collection/Catholic Charities** on the memo line of your check. Or visit www.ccca.net to learn more and make a year-end gift.