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Rev. Jerry J. Pokorsky

Direct line to Pastor

703-759-3520

(No text messages please)

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Rev. Marcus Pollard

Direct line to Parochial Vicar

571-681-0901

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon*

*Novus Ordo Latin Mass

Saturday

8:30 am & Vigil Mass 5:30 pm

Weekdays & Federal Holidays

8:30 am (except Wed. 12:15 pm)

Holy Days

See "Mass Intentions" & website for Holy Day Mass schedule.

Sacraments

PENANCE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:45 - 8:15 am

(except holy days and holidays)

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:15 pm

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.

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.

JULY 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome



**24 HOUR
EUCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

Every Wednesday beginning at 1:00 pm 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 Religious Education office 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.

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.

PRAYER FOR SICK OR DECEASED

Contact Parish Office for mention in the bulletin.



PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office ----- 703-759-4350

Fax ----- 703-759-3753

Religious Education ---- 703-759-3530

Siena Academy ----- 703-759-4129

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday ---9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Closed on Federal Holidays

PARISH WEB SITE

www.saintcatherineschurch.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The bulletin deadline is 11:00 am two Fridays preceding the weekend of distribution. Please contact Parish Office for earlier deadlines during holidays.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26, 2026**

...Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." (Matthew 13: 45 - 52)

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, July 25

8:30 am Jeff & Madeleine Trissell

5:30 pm Jan Pascoe

SUNDAY, July 26

8 am Pro Populo

10 am Kevin Andrew Trissell

12 pm Jean Senior+

MONDAY, July 27

8:30 am Albert Senior+

Private Mass [Thomas Ray Nevin+]

TUESDAY, July 28

8:30 am Lee Ashman+

Private Mass [Empty]

WEDNESDAY, July 29

12:15 pm Brian & Lauren Trissell

Private Mass [Empty]

THURSDAY, July 30

8:30 am Mary Kay & Steve Bailey

Private Mass [Empty]

FRIDAY, July 31

8:30 am Darby Bukowski+

Private Mass [Empty]

SATURDAY, August 1

8:30 am Nicholas Bukowski

5:30 pm Virginia Lowry+

SUNDAY, August 2

8 am Pro Populo

10 am Rita Ashman

12 pm Jude O'Herron

PLEASE PRAY FOR Richard A. Giebel, Jr., Joan Callahan Frankhauser+, John M. Grasmeder+, James Mercer+, Martin DiMezza+, Teresa Ascione, John Larounis, James & Cynthia Ignizio, Joe Cosby. Call rectory for additions.

THE PARISH WEBSITE is the preferred method of communicating late-breaking news including Weather related adjustments and access to the Parish Registration Link:

<http://saintcatherineschurch.org>

APPLICATION TO SCHEDULE A BAPTISM - on Web Site, click Sacraments, then Baptism Guidelines and follow the link.

WEDDING REGISTRATION APPLICATION - on Web Site, click Sacraments, then Wedding Guidelines and follow the instructions.

QUICK CONTACT REFERENCE

Adoration – Diane Cieslak – 703-678-3919

KOC – Bill Kelley -703-839-5713 GK10754@VAKofC.org

Opus Dei – Daryl Glick – 703-689-3433 x201

Pro-Life – Mark Poirier – mark.g.poirier@gmail.com

SCYA - Greg Meehan - stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com

Lay Dominicans – Paul Bernier - 703-759-3886

What's New?

(See Inside for details)

- Nothing to report

(Announcements in CAPITAL letters are recurring, non-capitalized announcements are new with expiration dates.)

AROUND THE PARISH

PRO LIFE – For Information, please contact Mark Poirier at mark.g.poirier@gmail.com.

LAY DOMINICANS – All Parishioners are invited to share in the apostolic mission of the Dominican Order of Preachers by study, prayer and preaching. Meetings are usually held every 1st Saturday at 9:30 am in Padre Pio Hall until further notice, following Mass and rosary. Contact 703-759-3886.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – is a Catholic gentlemen volunteer organization that serves our parish. It meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at Padre Pio Hall. To join or learn more, please contact Grand Knight Bill Kelley via 703-839-5713 or HowToBecomeAKnight@yahoo.com . Also, see the Parish Web Site under the " Organizations

and Apostolates" tab or read the "Become a Knight" paragraph below.

FORMED.ORG Formed is an on-line web-based digital platform from the Augustine Institute 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 Saint 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. Go to formed.org/signup and follow the directions. Each registered family has access. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about our faith from the best Catholic authors and presenters.

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 morning after the 8:30 am Mass until 11 am. For more information, contact Daryl Glick at 703.689.3433 x201.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Please be attentive to weather conditions and check our web site for updates. Contact Diane Cieslak at 703-678-3919 or email her at polskagirl65@gmail.com .

BECOME A KNIGHT - The Padre Pio Knights always welcome practicing Catholic gentlemen (18 or older) to join its Council. If currently a Knight who wants to transfer into our council, email us at HowToBecomeAKnight@yahoo.com If not yet a Knight, simply complete an online application and then attend a 30-minute Admissions Ceremonial. To apply online, scan the QR code below and then enter "St. Catherine of Siena" for our church, "10754" for our council, as a promo code to waive the \$30 enrollment fee. You will be contacted shortly by an officer about attending a ceremonial. The next Admissions Degree Ceremonial(s), open to any Catholic gentleman and his family to attend, will be on Tuesday, August 18th, at 7:30pm (7:00pm

report time) in our church; a candidate need only register online and attend one of our 30-minute ceremonies to become a member of our Council. A registration URL hyperlink and additional information is available on the Knights Apostolates page on church website. **[Exp. Date: None]**

KOC INSURANCE AND MORE - Do you have life insurance, long-term care, or other retirement needs? Consider a free consultation with the Knights of Columbus. Contact Grand Knight Bill Kelley at 703-839-5713. **[Exp. Date: None]**

KOC CHRIST HOUSE FOOD SERVICE ("CHefs"): On the fourth Thursday of each month, the Knights of Columbus serve hot meals to the homeless and poor at CCDa's Christ House in Alexandria. We always welcome volunteers starting at 1:30pm that day to prepare, and then drive down to Alexandria to serve, these meals. If interested, contact the Padre Pio Knights at PadrePioKnightsActivities@yahoo.com.

Note: we also deliver all dry food donations left in the Catholics Charities food donations closet to Christ House with the hot meal delivery. **[Exp. Date: None]**

MAKE A GIFT OF STOCK TO SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH - If you would like to make a gift of stock to Saint Catherine of Siena Church you can download the stock donation form from the Arlington Diocese, by going to the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y282avsn> . Please contact your broker in writing in order to provide proper documentation for a gift of stock and follow the instructions on the stock donation form. For additional information or assistance, please contact Christine Farmer by phone at 703-841-3896 in the Office of Development or by email which can also be found on the form. For more details see our website <http://saintcatherineschurch.org>.

[Exd. Date: None]

AROUND THE DIOCESE

For more details see our website
<http://saintcatherineschurch.org>

DIOCESAN MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE INITIATIVE

- The Diocese has announced the public launch of the Diocesan Mental Health Resource Initiative. The Mental Health Resources page allows any individual seeking a Catholic counselor to submit a request for referral which a team of Catholic counselors will review, respond, and assist. For the links to both Bishop Burbidge's Statement and the Mental Health Resources page on the diocesan website see the *Around the Diocese* tab on the church web site. [Exp. None]

ALPHA OMEGA CLINIC & CONSULTATION SERVICES

- For over 20 years, the Alpha Omega Clinic has been blessed to offer individual, couples and family psychotherapy integrated with the fullness of the Catholic faith. It is our mission to be a trusted provider of compassionate Catholic faith-based mental health services and clinical excellence. For detailed (See parish web site for details). [Exp. Date: None]

THE IPS CENTER FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Are you or a loved one in need of compassionate, Catholic, and affordable therapy? The IPS Center for Psychological Services provides mental health care from an integrated perspective. For inquiries about our services, please call 703-418-2111. (See Parish web site for contact information and details.) [Exp. Date: None]

Follow up on Mental Health Letter from Bishop Burbidge

- In his recent pastoral letter on mental health, Bishop Michael Burbidge encouraged Catholics to seek help when needed and noted *CatholicTherapists.com* as a resource for finding mental health professionals. *CatholicTherapists.com* is a national online

directory that connects individuals, couples, and families with licensed therapists who understand and respect the Catholic faith. Whether you are facing anxiety, depression, grief, relationship challenges, or other life difficulties, professional support is available. Visit *CatholicTherapists.com* to learn more or to find a Catholic therapist in your area. Catholic mental health professionals are also invited to join the directory and connect with those seeking faith-informed care. [Exp. Date: 7.27.26].



SIENA ACADEMY

Happy Summer from Siena Academy

As we begin our summer vacation, we want to thank our students, families, parish community and friends for a wonderful school year. We are grateful for all the learning, growth, and joyful memories shared throughout the year and look forward to seeing everyone again in August.

Please note that the school office will be closed June 15–30 and will reopen on July 1. Summer office hours will be Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We wish everyone a safe, restful, and wonderful summer vacation.



"The mission of Siena Academy is to partner with parents, the primary educators of their children, in forming the whole child—mind, body, and soul. Rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church and formed by the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, we guide each child into a deep, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Anchored in the Montessori Method, we cultivate a love of learning, a spirit of wonder, and a life grounded in faith, virtue, and service to God."

Siena Academy is a Catholic Montessori School offering toddler, primary and elementary academic programs. We are the parish school of Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church.
sienamontessori.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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**DRE – Father Jerry Pokorsky,
Assisted by Greg Meehan**

Our goal is to have our children realize being Catholic is a way of life and not just another subject to learn. This spiritual journey involves a head to heart understanding of what it means to make a Christian difference in this world. Parents teach by their word and example as the primary educators in the Domestic Church. St. Catherine's supports our families by providing quality religious education in a faith-filled environment. Through the cooperative effort of parents, the catechetical program, our parish family, and the students themselves, our children will grow in their love for God and knowledge of their Catholic faith, develop their God-given gifts and talents, and be authentic and effective disciples of Christ in this world. Please check the parish website for the cluster schedules for when your child comes to meet in person with their class. Please check the parish website for all sacramental preparation requirements and deadlines as well as CCD scheduling of Cluster Meetings for those children who are enrolled in the CCD program. For questions please email stcatherinesreoffice@gmail.com or call 703.759.3530.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Dear Parents and Guardians,

If your child is seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation this fall, please contact the Office of Religious Education as soon as possible.

There are several requirements and deadlines associated with Confirmation preparation. Some of these deadlines have already passed, and it is important that we review your child's status and discuss any remaining requirements.

To ensure that your child remains on track for Confirmation, please reach out to the Office of Religious Education at your earliest convenience. We will be happy to answer any questions and provide guidance regarding outstanding paperwork, service hours, sponsor information, or other preparation requirements.

Please check out the Confirmation section on the parish website under the Religious Education tab for all dates, deadlines and requirements.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We look forward to assisting you and your family as your child continues their journey toward receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sincerely,

Greg Meehan

Office of Religious Education

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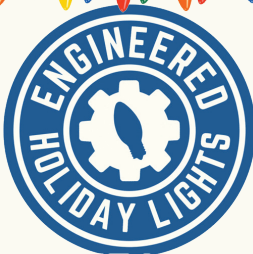
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