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APRIL 19, 2020: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)
ST. VERONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH



Jesus, I Trust in You

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"To know, to love, and to serve God"



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MASS SCHEDULE*

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:45 am & 5:00 pm;
 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm (both Vietnamese)

Monday-Friday (weekdays): 8:30 am & 12:15 pm
Wednesday & First Friday: 7:30 pm
Friday (except 1st Friday): 7:00 pm (Vietnamese)
Saturday: 8:30 am

HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE*

Wednesday: 7:00 pm (includes Exposition, Holy Rosary, Benediction & Mass)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE*

Monday & Friday: 11:30 am—Noon
Wednesday: 6:30 pm—7:30 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am—10:00 am & 3:30 pm—4:30 pm
First Friday: After the 8:30 am Mass & 6:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday: 9:00 am—**Saturday:** 8:00 am

* Please listen to pulpit announcements & parish office recordings, and consult current bulletin & website homepage for schedule changes.

** Call Adoration Chapel Hotline for up-to-date information on Chapel schedule: 703-773-2033.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION



Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement. Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date. It is best for us to hear from you as soon as you become engaged to set up your initial appointment.



Baptisms: We welcome your new child. Generally, baptisms take place at 12:15 pm the first and third Sunday of each month, with some flexibility based on circumstances. Baptism preparation instruction is required for first-time parents or parents who have not previously attended a class. Please call the parish office to begin the process of scheduling the baptism.



Holy Communion & Anointing of the Sick: God bless you. If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick at Fair Oaks Hospital, Sunrise Assisted Living at Fair Oaks, Dulles Health & Rehabilitation Center, Harmony at Chantilly, Arbor Terrace Fairfax in Chantilly, or at home, please call the parish office to arrange a visit.



Parish Registration: Welcome. To register as a parishioner of St. Veronica, please pick up a registration form in one of the church vestibules or in the parish office. Upon completion, you may drop the form in the Sunday collection basket, or mail it. If you are moving out of the parish or have a change of address, please let the parish office know.



Initiation of Adults & Children: The RCIA process leads adults into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office or email RCIA@stveronica.net for details.

RCIA


PARISH OFFICE
 www.stveronica.net

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Office Hours:
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Principal: Mr. Michael Busekrus

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 18: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

- * Shackford Pitcher +
- * Oliver Frakes +

Sunday, April 19: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

- * Fidelia Fernandes+ and John+ & Amelia+ Fernandes +++
- * The People of St. Veronica
- * Kathleen Becker +
- * William E. Ratliff +

Monday, April 20:

- * Patricia McMackin +
- * Solum-Ratliff Family

Tuesday, April 21: Saint Anselm

- * Dung Ngoc Nguyen +
- * Solum-Ratliff Family

Wednesday, April 22:

- * Angela Wimmer +
- * Special Intention of Adele Giambrone
- * Nancy Melilli +

Thursday, April 23: Saint George; Saint Adalbert

- * Reverend Sam Slocum +
- * Danielle Bregoli

Friday, April 24: Saint Fidelis Sigmaringen

- * The Administrative Staff of the Saint Veronica School Office
- * Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Lingard ++

Saturday, April 25: Saint Mark, Evangelist

- * Thomas Joseph Blondet
- * Marie Petrucci +

Sunday, April 26: Third Sunday of Easter

- * Lucille Chung
- * Anne Lina Gusto +
- * The People of St. Veronica
- * William E. Ratliff +

WEEK AT A GLANCE

By order of Bishop Burbidge, all public activities at St. Veronica parish, except Confessions, are suspended until further notice. Private Masses for the scheduled intentions will continue to be offered.

However, the church remains open ALL hours of the night and day for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in private prayer.

Page 5 of this bulletin explains how to reserve an hour to be with Our Lord.

Limit of ten people in the church at a time, 6 feet apart.

*Pray the Rosary Daily
Pray the Rosary Every Day*

~ Fast & Pray for Persecuted Christians ~

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WORSHIP

FROM GREEN TO GOLD — APRIL 19, 2020

As indicated by the title of this column there is a sports connection here, but indicative of our current coronavirus-affected world we now live in there really isn't anything to report on that front. The other connection to the title is liturgical, specifically the colors of two Church seasons, green for Ordinary Time, and we certainly are not in "ordinary time," as there is nothing ordinary about these times. The other color, gold, represents the most glorious seasons, including our current season of Easter. It is my hope that despite everything, including sadly no public Sacred Triduum services or Easter Sunday Masses, everyone had a blessed and glorious Easter. My further hope is that all of you are having a truly grace-filled Easter Season. We did have all of our Triduum and Easter Masses. They were live-streamed for those who wanted to view them, but realizing that does not replace being present to them. That of course is one of the problems with this new "virtual" world in which we seem to now be living. That may work for one's place of employment. Our parish school is really striving to continue the learning process with this alternative, but even there it does lose that personal connection. With Mass (or confession for that matter) a person has to be physically present to it to have actually attended. Watching it does connect a person to his or her parish and may provide an inspiring thought or two, which could be a grace-filled moment, but not sacramental grace. That then is one of the problems with this way of doing things and has caused some confusion for a few people.

All the above said, the church was beautiful and as strange as it was having no congregation present, it was a privilege to be back in church offering Mass on Holy Thursday, at the Easter Vigil, and on Easter Sunday. I am grateful to all of those who contributed towards the Easter lilies, to all of those who decorated the church (our sacristan and a handful of others), to our camera person, who filmed all of the liturgies, to Fr. Dyer for assisting and serving as the celebrant of the Good Friday liturgy, our two seminarians (Mike and Alfredo, whom I introduced here last week) and to anyone else who assisted in any way. In addition, I want to thank Emily Mason, our music director, who coordinated all of the music including working with the various choirs and orchestras of the parish. While Emily was present no one else was. It was amazing how it all worked out. I thank Deacon Ochenkowski for remotely chanting part of the Exsultet. I also want to express my gratitude to those who have been coming round the clock for Eucharistic Adoration. This has been a great blessing. We may have to suspend the weekend hours, however, which we added after it was announced that there would be no public Masses. Interest was high before Easter Sunday but seems to have waned since. We have multiple hours with no adorers. If you want this to continue, please consider signing up for hours. There is info on how to do this elsewhere in this bulletin. I also want to thank our Knights for assisting at all of our confession and other specified times, handling "crowd control," that is making sure there are no more than ten people in the church at a time. Finally, as might be expected, we are hurting financially. With no one attending Masses our collections are down significantly. While our expenses have been reduced a bit due to less activity here, most costs are about the same. Some of you have been extremely generous, so we sincerely thank you.

While Easter Sunday was beautiful, this weekend, the Second Sunday of Easter, is known as Divine Mercy Sunday and is a significant feast as well. This is the beautiful Church devotion by which we consider how truly loving God is and how He showers His forgiveness upon us. Because this Sunday concludes the Octave of Easter, we are offering today's Masses in the church rather than the rectory chapel, where we will return next week. You may have prayed the Divine Mercy Novena which began on Good Friday and concluded yesterday. Before the Masses today Fr. Dyer and I led the Divine Mercy Chaplet. All of this helps us to have a greater appreciation for this devotion and to be ever more aware of Our Lord's tremendous mercy for us. We continue to hear confessions at all our regularly scheduled times, which is the sacrament where we come in direct contact with the mercy of God and actually receive sacramental grace otherwise so elusive right now without Holy Communion.

Before closing I wanted to explore another saint whose name I mentioned here last week. He is St. Roch (or Rocco) who was born in 1295 in France at Montpellier, where his father was governor. As a child he was known for his devotion and asceticism. When his parents died he sold everything he had and went to Rome, which was at that point dealing with an epidemic of the plague. He assisted the sick, and it is said he brought about the healing of many through "prayer, the sign of the cross, and the touch of his hand." Eventually he got sick himself and was expelled from the city, taking refuge in a forest, where it is said a dog brought him food from his master's table. That is why he is a patron saint of dogs and of epidemics. It is believed he died in a town not too far from Milan, but is buried in a church, St. Rocco's, in Venice. May we pray for St. Roch's intercession as we continue to confront this coronavirus. (See prayer on page 9 of this bulletin.) May his prayers help us as we face the unknown and struggle with the suffering of so many. ~ *In Christ, Fr. Kleinmann*

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

PERPETUAL ADORATION AT ST. VERONICA

In the temporary absence of public Masses and our ability to receive the Holy Eucharist, we are blessed to have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Veronica. Please help to make sure that we have at least one committed adorer every hour to be with Our Lord—go to Sign up Genius, <https://tinyurl.com/rreele9>, or simply click on the orange bar on the home page of our website, www.stveronica.net.

We ask that you help us adhere to the 10 person limit within the church and six foot distance. Hand sanitizer is available in the south vestibule. Be sure to sign in at the table near the confessionals. Look for the free resource, "How to Make a Holy Hour." If you sign up for an hour between 9:00 pm and 8:00 am, contact 301-728-7855 for the security code.

Currently, many Catholics are denied the great gift of praying in His Presence. This opportunity is for us a tremendous blessing!

LIGHT A CANDLE, HAVE A MASS OFFERED

If you are unable to come to the church at this time to light a candle, the parish office can do it for you. Mail a check for the number of candles you would like to have lit (suggested donation \$3 each). The lighted candle symbolizes your prayer intentions and desire to remain in God's presence.

Father Kleinmann and Father Dyer continue to celebrate private Masses for scheduled intentions. If you would like a Mass offered, please call the parish office, 703-773-2000, to discuss available dates and the reservation procedure.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EASTER FLOWER DONORS AND THEIR INTENTIONS

We would like to thank all those whose donations made the beautiful Easter flowers in and around the altars of sacrifice and repose possible. Please keep them in your prayers, along with their intentions, which have been placed at the altar for the Easter season.

ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED

During this trying time, if you are in need of assistance, please email the parish office, info@stveronica.net, so that we can help or direct you to other resources.

IMPORTANT CAR RAFFLE UPDATE

The 5 Car Raffle is next **Saturday, April 25th**. Winners will be posted on All Saints website after each drawing. You

can't win if you didn't purchase a ticket! Mail your ticket stubs and payment to "All Saints Church" using the addressed envelope provided. For extra tickets, contact Spencer Rainey at sjrainey@verizon.net.

FRAUDULENT EMAILS AND TEXTS

Emails and texts purporting to be from Father Kleinmann are once again making the rounds of our community. Father Kleinmann would never communicate with you in this way. Please disregard and delete.

PUSH MOWER NEEDED

Father Dyer would like to mow the lawn at the Rectory. Please call the parish office if you have a gently used gas powered push mower you would be able to donate.

CONTRIBUTING TO ST. VERONICA

Thank you to all who have been mailing or dropping off their envelopes. While public celebrations of the Mass may be suspended, the good work of our parish continues: Your donations help Father Kleinmann and Father Dyer continue the mission of St. Veronica.

For your safety and that of our parish staff, and in keeping with the distancing directives, parishioners who currently give with envelopes should mail their donations to the parish office, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA, 20151, or place them in the Poor Box in the north vestibule. Please place larger envelopes in the votive candle box if they will not fit in the Poor Box slot. Be certain that your name and the designation for your contribution is on the envelope. If you know your parish envelope number, please include this also. Please do not give the envelopes to the priests or another staff member.

Faith Direct is available for one-time or ongoing contributions to the parish. If you use your bank account, and not credit/debit card, there is no fee to the parish. If you use a credit card, we ask that you consider adding the processing fee option to alleviate some of the cost to the parish. Go to www.faithdirect.net, and use church code VA92. If you have any questions, please email Michele Sharon at msharon@stveronica.net.

CORNERSTONE

Sunday Offertory

Weekend of 4/12/2020	\$ 9,003.00
Faith Direct 1 of 4 Weeks/April*	\$ 14,098.33

Monthly Mortgage

Weekend of 4/12/2020	\$ 4,200.00
Faith Direct 1 of 4 Weeks/April*	\$ 5,613.00

Special Collections

Mother Teresa/Poor Box 4/12/2020	\$ 491.98
Faith Direct/April	\$ 1,420.00
Easter Offering	\$ 4,237.00
Faith Direct/April	\$ 2,792.00

401 Families Donating through Faith Direct

Thank you, and may God bless you for your continued support and generosity.

*Contributions via Faith Direct are deposited in the parish bank account once a month. The total deposit designated for Sunday Offertory and Monthly Mortgage has been divided by the number of Sundays for that month and added to the weekly totals.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

Virginia Exteriors

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Please see their ad in our bulletin, and support all those who make this bulletin possible. We are grateful for their support of our parish.

EDUCATION, CATECHESIS, AND EVANGELIZATION

STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FAITH

Summary of Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

In the early days of the Church in Jerusalem, the faithful listened intently to the teachings of the apostles. They lived a communal life, sharing all property in common and praying and taking their meals together.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

In this first letter from Peter, he speaks to the Christians with great joy and confidence, reminding them that through Christ's resurrection, they have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

After His resurrection, Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who is absent, sees Christ later and believes in His resurrection after feeling His wounds. Christ admonishes Thomas by saying, "You became a believer because you saw Me. Blessed are they who have not seen and believed."

On this Sunday of Divine Mercy, learn more — with these resources identified by Erin Johnson, St. Veronica Youth Minister

- ◇ **4 Promises of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7zLmgIQazvc>
- ◇ **St. Faustina- Prophet of Mercy**, 8 Minutes to better understand who St. Faustina is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLEN7gZ67F0>
- ◇ **Beautiful Divine Mercy Chaplet with Franciscan Friars of the Renewal:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-410S9wP0s>
- ◇ **Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Chant:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THI6-953eko>

Televised, Live-Streamed, and Recorded Sunday and Daily Masses

Father Kleimann's 9:00 am and Father Dyer's 10:45 am **Divine Mercy Sunday Masses** will be live streamed and recorded from St. Veronica Church on **April 19th**. View them on our YouTube channel, which can be accessed from the home page of our website. (Please be sure to subscribe to the channel.)

Go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/covid19resources/> for a list of Arlington Diocese live stream Masses, prayer guides and other resources.

The Arlington Diocese co-sponsors a televised Sunday Mass with the Archdiocese of Washington at the Basilica Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, available at 10:30 am on Sundays on two local TV stations as well as online. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/sdln7bn> for more information or to view the Mass.

Eternal Word Television Network broadcasts Mass each day, including Sunday, at 8:00 am, 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm, and midnight. The network also carries a variety of spiritual and educational programming for adults and children throughout the day and night. Go to ewtn.com/tv/weekly-grid for the complete schedule. The "Channel Finder" tab will help you find your local station.

Spiritual Communion when one is unable to receive Holy Communion:

⇒ *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Take this opportunity to explore Formed.org, which St. Veronica makes available to parishioners for free—books, podcasts, studies, movies and more—for the entire family.

WEEKLY READINGS

*Second Sunday Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)*

Sunday

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20

Sunday

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21;
Lk 24:13-35

THE HOLY FATHER'S APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

Universal: Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

BALTIMORE CATECHISM

Q. Does the First Commandment forbid us to honor relics?

A. The First Commandment does not forbid us to honor relics, because relics are the bodies of the Saints or objects directly connected with them or with Our Lord.

Q. Does the First Commandment forbid the making of images?

A. The First Commandment does forbid the making of images if they are made to be adored as gods, but it does not forbid the making of them to put us in mind of Jesus Christ, His Blessed Mother, and the Saints.

A Message from St. Veronica School



SVCS is proud of all our alumni! Over the past month they too have had their own changes to their normal life. Those in high school have adapted to distance learning, the end of after school activities, and weekend jobs. Packing up dorms, saying goodbye to friends for possibly up to six months, and moving back home mid-semester has been the life of our alumni attending college. Older alumni in the work force have had to modify their work load and schedule while others are currently raising their own families. We pray for continued health and for God to give strength to our alumni who are on the front lines of the COVID-19 virus. St. Veronica Catholic School has given our alumni a vibrant religious education and exemplary academic foundation by empowering all through faith and knowledge. We know they will see the face of Christ in others as they navigate their own lives. Continue to conquer life, Victors!



APOSTOLIC SERVICE, PRAYER, AND FELLOWSHIP

Dear College-age Young Adults: Are you looking for a way to remain connected with faith-filled peers during this pandemic? You are invited to join us on Mondays at 3:00 pm for a Rosary and fellowship on a weekly Zoom conference call. If you'd like to know more, email us at youthapostolate@stveronica.net.



youthapostolate@stveronica.net: Young Hearts on Fire with the Love of Christ
A dynamic youth ministry for young people in grades 6-12

How do I find out more information about youth ministry at St. Veronica?

We send out regular email updates to parents. If you would like to be on our distribution list, please let us know. We are also posting up to date information on our webpage on the parish website.

Are youth activities cancelled during the COVID-19 situation?

At this point in time, all in-person youth activities have been cancelled until further notice. However, we are so excited to share that we are still holding many gatherings online! We invite all youth in grades 6-12 to join us! We are using Zoom video conferencing as our platform and do so with the permission of Fr. Kleinmann and within the safe environment guidelines of the Arlington Diocese. Zoom can be used on a computer, laptop, tablet, phone, or other smart device. Our current schedule of events includes a weekly family rosary, devotionals for high school and middle school youth, IGNITE Middle School Ministry, and more! Contact us at youthapostolate@stveronica.net if you have any questions about how to join our Zoom ministry meetings. You will need to email us to receive the meeting link and password for the gatherings.

Youth Apostolate Schedule

We hope to "see" you on Zoom during these events:

Sunday, April 19th, FAMILY Rosary at 1:30 pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 1:30 pm (Divine Mercy Sunday!)

Monday-Friday, April 20th-24th, Middle School Daily Devotional at 1:30 pm

Monday, April 20th, High School Boys' Discipleship Group at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, April 22nd, Mother and Daughter Bible Study-6:00 pm

Thursday, April 23rd, ENDOW Middle School Girls' Ministry at 3:15 pm

Friday, April 24th, IGNITE Middle School Ministry at 7:30 pm

Sunday, April 19th and 26th, FAMILY Rosary at 1:30pm

Bonds of Love: Dear Parish Family, Youth Apostolate would like to invite everyone to participate in our "Bonds of Love" spiritual exercises over the coming weeks. Here's what we need to do. In these days of uncertainty, and for as long as the social distancing protocols have us physically separated, we invite you to join us in our efforts to remain spiritually connected. Every day, as a community, we have the opportunity to engage in spiritual and corporal works of mercy, acts of love where we can extend mercy to one another. We would like to create a physical representation of all of the works of mercy that we will each complete or receive as we pray for one another. Therefore, we are asking everyone to create a paper chain representing our communion. The chain will contain notes of received graces and of offered prayers, sacrifices, and works of mercy. Together we will pray for an end to the COVID-19 situation and all other related intentions. Each day, write down your experiences of being loved and your works of mercy on thin strips of paper, attach them together using staples, tape, or glue to make a chain. Keep adding to your chain every day. At the end of the COVID-19 situation, we will hold a great celebration where we will all come together and attach our individual prayer chains into one long physical expression of our union in these difficult times. Use whatever color or style of paper you want . . . just keep praying and engaging in works of mercy! Let's see if we can make a chain long enough to surround our parish building! Contact us at youthapostolate@stveronica.net for more information or inspiration.

Boy's Discipleship Group with Fr. Dyer: All boys in grades 8-12 are invited to a weekly gathering with Fr. Dyer over Zoom on Mondays at 5:00 pm from now until June. Father will help us reflect Scripture and challenge us to grow in virtue. For more information and to sign up, contact youthapostolate@stveronica.net.

Mother and Daughter Bible Study: All moms of daughters in grades 6-8 are invited to join us for a six week Bible Study titled, *Discovering My Purpose*, on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. The books can be ordered online from *Walking with a Purpose*, and cost \$20. Contact us for more information. We will gather on April 22nd for introductions and actually begin the study on April 29th.

"And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body." - Colossians 3:14-15

PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY

We continue our daily prayers for priests by praying each day this week for:

April 19	Rev. Stephen Schultz
April 20	Rev. James Searby
April 21	Rev. Edwin Seh
April 22	Rev. Eric Shafer
April 23	Rev. Thomas Shepanzyk
April 24	Rev. Scott Sina
April 25	Rev. Charles Smith

DIVINE MERCY CORNER

"I perform works of mercy in every soul. The greater the sinner, the greater the right he has to My mercy. My mercy is confirmed in every work of My hands. He who trusts in My mercy will not perish, for all his affairs are Mine, and his enemies will be shattered at the base of My footstool." Jesus to St. Faustina, *Diary* 723. JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!

WORDS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."

Prayer to Saint Roch

O Blessed Saint Roch,
Patron of the sick,
Have pity on those
Who lie upon a bed of suffering.
Your power was so great
When you were in this world,
That by the sign of the Cross,
Many were healed of their diseases.
Now that you are in heaven,
Your power is not less,
Offer, then, to God
Our sighs and tears
And obtain for us that health we seek
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

(Repeat the following 3 times)
Saint Roch, pray for us,
That we may be preserved
From all diseases of body and soul.

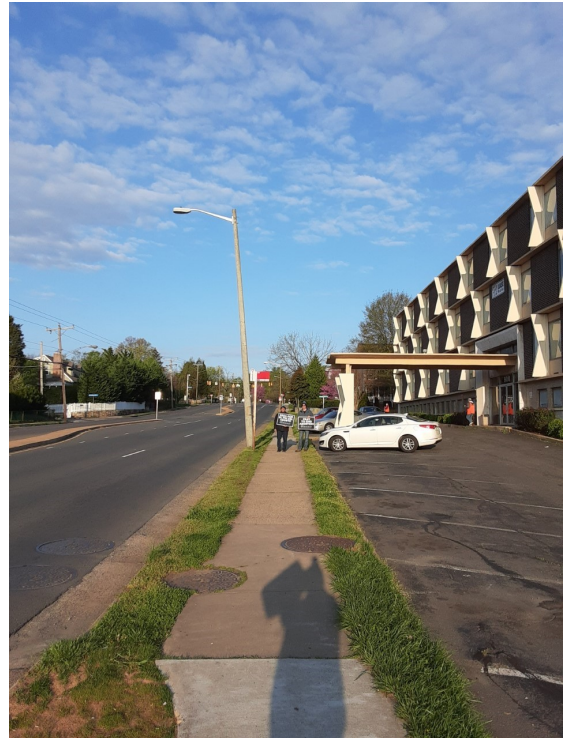
O most merciful God, who through an angel promised Saint Roch, that whoever would invoke his name should be preserved from pestilence and contagious disease, grant that through his intercession we may be preserved from all dangers, both of soul and body, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Email to Bishop Burbidge from Steve Grist, St. Veronica Pro-life Coordinator

Your Excellency:

Attached please find a photograph taken outside the Falls Church abortion mill Saturday morning April 11, 2020 at approximately 7:30 am. At the time of the photograph, four pro-lifers were saying prayers/offering services.

Thankfully, there were no pro-abortion advocates. However, deathscorts roamed the parking lot to prevent pro-lifers from offering services to abortion minded arrivals.



At approximately 7:45, an abortion minded woman entered the building. About an hour later, the abortionist arrived. As the abortionist exited car, pro-lifers pleaded with her to stop the killing, then promised to pray for her.

Notably, April 11, 2020 was the last Saturday before Easter.

By 9:00 am, there were about six pro-lifers saying prayers, some offering services - no clerics.

*May God give you courage in these evil times,
Steve*

PS: Each Saturday, the mill is open from 6:45 am until 1:00. See <https://fallschurchhealthcare.com/request-an-appointment>.

In 2015, the mill abortionists performed 2053 abortions. In 2016, the abortionists performed 2233 abortions, almost a 10% increase.

Considering approximately 300 operational days per year, the mill abortionists killed an average of 7 babies per day.