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Please call Mickie Abatemarco at 703-390-2340, to inquire about becoming Catholic.

**MARRIAGE:** Begin preparation with one of our parish priests at least six months before the desired marriage date.

**SICK:** Please call the office if you know of someone who is hospitalized, seriously ill, or home-bound.

*\*Please Note: Material for the bulletin must be submitted no later than Thursday, ten days prior to the intended publication date.*

**THIS WEEK AT SJN...**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8**

Faith Formation Classes

Knights of Columbus Charity Fundraising Breakfast: 8:30am;

Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Diocesan Work Camp Information Meeting: 1:00pm; Brown-

McCarthy Auditorium

Youth Pastoral Council: 3:30pm; Youth Room

High School Teens: 6:15pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

Boy Scout Troop 124: 7:00; A1/A2

Hypothermia Prevention Training: 7:00pm; B6/7/8

Praying College Moms: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

Lectio for Lectors and Anyone Else: 7:30pm; Youth Room

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Care for Our Common Home: 7:00pm; Office Workroom

Health Ministry: 7:00pm; Youth Room

Liturgy Committee: 7:00pm; Sacristy

Young Adults: 7:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Hypothermia Prevention: 7:30pm; Conference Room

Pastoral Council: 7:30pm; Faith Formation Workroom

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**

Faith Formation Classes

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

Children's Choir: 5:30pm; Music Room

Mothers' Group Wine and Cheese: 6:00pm; Bridal Room

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Saying Yes Discussion Group: 7:00pm; A1/A2

Social Justice: 7:00pm; Conference Room

Finance Committee: 7:30pm Sacristy

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12**

Mothers' Group Playgroup: 9:30am; Early Religious Room

Contemplative Prayer and Lectio Divina: 10:00am; Marian

Chapel

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3:00pm;

de Sales Chapel

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Life After Sunday/Saying Yes Discussion Group: 7:30pm; B1

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**

Mothers' Group Bible Study: 10:00am; Conference Room

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14**

Prayer Vigil for Peace: 4:00pm; de Sales Chapel

Spanish Prayer Group: 6:30pm; de Sales Chapel

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

Hypothermia Prevention Shelter Opens

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## Prayer and Liturgy



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 60:1-6;  
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;  
Matthew 2:1-12

On this feast of the Epiphany, we are reminded that God accepts those who approach God in simplicity of heart. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Many wonders accompanied the birth of the Savior. One was the appearance of the star that brought the Magi. They came with simplicity of heart to adore and render homage to our new King lying in the manger. Let us, likewise, love our Savior in simplicity of heart, having but one aim and object in all we do. Simplicity is nothing else but a pure and simple act of charity which has only one end in view, and that is to obtain the love of God. The heart full of sacred love has no less love when it turns to external duties than when it prays. In such hearts, their silence and their speech, their action and their contemplation, their work and their rest equally sing God's praises. They do all their deeds, great or small with great love. Such were the lives of the saints.

We may ask, "How can we acquire God's love?". Some people think that a certain art is needed in acquiring sacred love. In fact there is no art other than to set ourselves to the work of loving God, which means applying ourselves to the practice of those things that are pleasing to God, in simplicity, without trouble or concern. Imitate the simple love of doves in their having only one mate, for whom alone they do everything, and whom alone they wish to please. Imitate them also in the simplicity with which they express and show their love. They are happy to rest quietly in each other's presence.

The true means of finding and acquiring holy love is to remain in Christ's presence. In this presence, let us delight in the joy of experiencing many inspirations and affections because we belong exclusively to God. Like the Magi, let us come close to the crib of the Christ Child. Let us be rich in love for our Savior who desires to show us how to love.

*(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)*



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 7</b>
5:00pm (Chapel)	Beth Jameson, Special Intention
5:00pm (Church)	Dolores Halpin †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 8</b>
7:30am	Jeril Antoney, Special Intention
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:30am	Dottie Leland †
1:30pm	Jesu Alfonso Villalobos †
5:00pm	Rosemary Palmisano †
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 9</b>
9:00am	Hugh McClafferty †
12:10pm	Mary Mazur †
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 10</b>
6:30am	Jean Margaret Dolan †
9:00am	Edna Lutz †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 11</b>
9:00am	Mary Carson †
12:10pm	Donna Bailey †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 12</b>
6:30am	Maria Cha †
9:00am	George Sullivan †
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 13</b>
9:00am	Richard C. Miller †
12:10pm	Geneva and Carl Moran ††
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 14</b>
5:00pm	Richard Provencher †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 15</b>
7:30am	Ted Moore †
9:30am	Jos and Jessy, Special intention
11:30am	People of the Parish
1:30pm	Norma Johanna Fraser †
5:00pm	Ivone Weaver †

*"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it."*

*Pope Francis*



### PRAY FOR AN OBLATE DAILY

We continue our daily prayers for the priests and brothers in the Wilmington-Philadelphia province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales by praying this week for:

January 9	Reverend John W. Brennan, OSFS
January 10	Reverend Joseph T. Brennan, OSFS
January 11	Brother Thomas P. Brophy, OSFS
January 12	Reverend George J. Brownholtz, OSFS
January 13	Reverend Douglas C. Burns, OSFS
January 14	Reverend James P. Byrne, OSFS
January 15	Reverend Joseph G. Campellone, OSFS

**HEARING IMPAIRED?** Amplification devices are available for anyone having difficulty hearing the Mass. If you would like to use one, just ask an usher before Mass. Also, the parish has purchased large-print Sunday Missals to help you worship. If you would like one for your personal use contact Jo-Ann Duggan at [jduggan@saintjn.org](mailto:jduggan@saintjn.org) or 703-860-6149.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES**

Sunday, January 15	9:30am	Baptism
Sunday, January 22	11:00pm	Baptism
Saturday, February 4	5:00pm	Baptism
Sunday, February 12	9:30am	Baptism

**LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND**

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of January 14 - January 15 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Bill
Sunday	7:30am	Father Jerry
Sunday	9:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	11:30pm	Father Don
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Russo with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Joe

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:** Next weekend we celebrate **The Second Sunday Of Ordinary Time**. Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from God's Word:

**Isaiah 49:3, 5-6** The servant chosen by God does not have the political mission of restoring the kingdom of Israel. His mission will be prophetic, bringing about a change of heart in the faithful remnant. Once inaugurated, this kingdom of justice will have a universal dimension.

**Psalms 40: Here I Am Lord; I come to do your will.** God has saved the psalmist from death, and for this reason the psalmist gives thanks; then the psalmist makes supplication to God. The psalmist calls attention to the characteristics of servanthood: doing God's will, being obedient, delighting in God.

**1 Corinthians 1:1-3** Throughout the next few Sundays, we will read selections from this letter of Paul to the community which he founded in Corinth. In his exhortation, Paul unfolds for the Corinthians their vocation to holiness.

**John 1:29-34** In proclaiming Jesus the Lamb of God, John recognized him as suffering servant. The descent of the Spirit was for the Baptist the decisive sign of Jesus' messianic mission. As the chosen servant and Son of God the Father, Jesus comes to inaugurate the era of forgiveness of sins.

**MEET BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE** In order to provide diocesan parishioners an opportunity to meet him, Bishop Burbidge is celebrating a series of Masses in the deaneries of the diocese in January. He will celebrate Mass for our deanery this Friday, January 13, at St. Theresa Church, Ashburn, at 7:00pm, with a reception to follow.

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers, **Ed Geiger** and **Marilyn Hala**, and for all the sick.

*When you call to add a name to our prayer list, please leave your name and number as a contact and let us know what the illness is. Before calling, please be sure that you have spoken to the person or a member of the family about adding their name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.*

*Names of those who are sick or injured will be kept on the list for three weeks unless you specifically request a shorter period of time or call to ask that the name be removed. **Names that are new this week are in boldface type.***

**ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT**

St. John Neumann (Born 1811; Died 1860) was the Bishop of Philadelphia and first American Bishop to be canonized. We celebrated his feast this past Thursday, January 5. St. John Neumann knew the benefits of Eucharistic Adoration having established the 40 hours devotion in many of his parishes in the Philadelphia area. Here is a prayer of his which illustrates his love for Christ in this most Blessed Sacrament.



"How much I love you, O my Jesus. I wish to love you with my whole heart; yet I do not love you enough. My lack of devotion and my sloth make me anxious.

I have one desire, that of being near you in the Blessed Sacrament. You are the sweet bridegroom of my soul. My Jesus, my love, my all, gladly would I endure hunger, thirst, heat, and cold to remain always with you in the Blessed Sacrament."

Come join us for Exposition and Adoration this coming Thursday, January 12, anytime between 3:00 and 8:00pm. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk.

**MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL**

Join us Saturday, January 14, for our prayer vigil for peace, life, and justice, sponsored by the Pro Life Ministry. We'll mark the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion by praying for the safeguarding of all life from conception to natural death. The vigil is from 4:00 to 4:45pm. We pray the Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace, reflect on God's Word in Scripture, and offer our intentions to our merciful Savior. Contact Bill Eager at [artbyeager@gmail.com](mailto:artbyeager@gmail.com).

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### Parish Information

#### **BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!** Don't forget that the



Knights of Columbus are holding their Charity Fundraising Breakfast this Sunday from 8:30 to 11:30am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. The beneficiary this month is Divine Mercy Care, transforming hearts through healthcare as an umbrella healthcare organization committed to promoting life-affirming medical practice. Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast with family and friends and chat with a Divine Mercy Care representative who can give you information about their work and opportunities for you to volunteer.

#### **HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER JANUARY 15—22**

We will shelter up to 80 homeless people in our facility as part of Fairfax County's hypothermia prevention program. We provide a warm, safe shelter, meals and companionship for our guests, who will arrive at about 5:00pm each day and will leave by 7:30am the following day. Our committee appreciates the generosity of fellow parishioners who have contributed in so many ways to enable us to host this shelter. Let us all continue to "Live Jesus" throughout not just this effort, but in all we do. If you have any questions, contact Pam Dister or Patty Holley at [sjnhypo@gmail.com](mailto:sjnhypo@gmail.com).

Everything you need to know about volunteer job descriptions, training requirements, and how to sign up is located on our parish website at [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org). Job descriptions are also available in the church hallway next to the hypothermia prevention poster.

Overnight volunteers and alternates for other positions are still needed! Staff from our facilitators FACETS and NVFS are on site at all times to help our volunteers. A training session for new volunteers is Monday, January 9, from 7:00 - 8:30pm. All registered volunteers should have received email reminders by now, and overnight volunteers will be contacted shortly by their team leaders. If you registered as an alternate, you will be contacted directly if a slot becomes available. If you missed drivers training, contact Pam or Patty. We still need drivers for some morning slots.

Additional support options to consider:

- Requested snacks, casseroles, supplies and clothing for our clients are due back no later than January 13.
- \$5 gift cards for local restaurants help our clients find warmth during the day.
- Financial donations for unexpected expenses are always welcome. Please write "Hypothermia Prevention Shelter" on the memo line of any checks, and drop in the collection basket.

Faith Formation students are making placemats and other decorations to welcome our guests. In past years, guests have mentioned how comfortable they feel here, and our decorations have played a role in the feeling that all are welcome.

Please remember to pray for the success of our efforts and the safety of all volunteers and clients.

*"In prayer, God keeps calling us,  
opening our hearts to charity."*

*Pope Francis*

**CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTABLE!** You are now able to use your credit card for recurring Sunday, second collection, and one-time special collection offerings. For more information, visit our website, [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org), and follow Stewardship to Electronic Donations.

**2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be processed and made available no later than January 31, 2017. A link to the 2016 contribution statement will be emailed to SJN parishioners whose email address is in our database once the statements are available. Instructions for viewing and printing contribution statements will be available on our website, [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org), beginning January 16. Once the statements are available, parishioners may also contact the Parish Office at 703-860-8510, M-F, 9am-4pm for a printed contribution statement.

### Fellowship

#### **ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:**

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30—11:30am. All are welcome!
- **9:00am Daily Mass and Fellowship:** Following Mass in the Chapel, join us in the Bridal Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. Take that first step and contact us at [info@kofc7566.us](mailto:info@kofc7566.us).
- **Legion of Mary** Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home for two weeks? If interested, the Legion of Mary will deliver and retrieve the Holy Virgin at your convenience. For information email [pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com) or call 703-968-3337.

- **Life+Savers:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, (except December) for fun activities, guest speakers and refreshments from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Drop into the Youth Room to relax or play after Sunday Faith Formation class while waiting for parent pickup or siblings attending Agape. Contact Kevin McManus at [lifesavers@saintjn.org](mailto:lifesavers@saintjn.org).
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to [momsgroup@saintjn.org](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org).
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email [ksmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:ksmonroe58@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com).
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at [megan.murphy218@gmail.com](mailto:megan.murphy218@gmail.com).
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at [youngadults@saintjn.org](mailto:youngadults@saintjn.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS:** Watch here for upcoming activities for singles and couples in their 20s and 30s. Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any event, or to be added to the YA email distribution list, email Thomas Patchan at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com).

- **Tuesday, January 10, 7:00pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium: Winter Pizza and Ideas Night** We'll be gathering everyone together to brainstorm and plan young adult events for the rest of the winter! Pizza and wine will be provided for everyone who attends. Please email Thomas at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com) if you can make it, and we hope you can!
- **Friday, January 20 - Sunday, January 22: Camden Service Trip (NEW DATES)** Our annual service trip to Camden, New Jersey serve at DeSales Service Works has been postponed by a week. We plan to leave at 6:00pm Friday and return Sunday by 8:00pm, but if that doesn't work for you, please let us know! (Departure time could change to Saturday morning.) Cost for the trip will be \$70 each, and is well worth it. Please e-mail Thomas at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining us for this powerful weekend.

- **Friday, January 27, 7:00pm, PJ Mulligan's in Herndon, Monthly Happy Hour:** Come enjoy some appetizers, drinks, and live music with the parish young adults! This is a great chance to meet and get to know other young adults. Please contact Thomas at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com) if you'll join us.

**50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES:** For more information on any 50+ Club event, please email Pat Bossie at [grankidsx9@aol.com](mailto:grankidsx9@aol.com) or call 703-620-3747. Remember to call Pat to make reservations.

- **Tuesday, January 10: NRA National Firearms Museum** This time we get to stay close to home, as the museum is minutes away on Waples Mill Road, just off of Route 50. This facility houses 15 distinct galleries, with each one featuring firearms from different time periods, dating back to 1350! Admission is free, and if you would like to take a peek at what we will see ahead of time, visit <http://www.nramuseum.com/museums/national-firearms-museum.aspx>. Following our tour of the museum, we will have lunch at Coastal Flats in Fairfax. If you want to plan ahead, check the menu at <http://greatamericanrestaurants.com/coastalfats/fairfax>.

*"Teach us to give and not count the cost."*

*St. Ignatius de Loyola*

## Faith Formation

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### ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any program, contact Mickie Abatemarco.

- **Becoming A Catholic** Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets year-round on Tuesday evenings. Email [rcia@saintjn.org](mailto:rcia@saintjn.org) for information.
- **Contemplative Prayer** There is quiet prayer together every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We also meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10:00am with Lectio Divinia.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.
- **Mothers' Group Bible Study** This group meets from 10 to 11:30am most Fridays from September through May, and covers the upcoming Sunday scripture. Childcare is available. RSVP is required to attend. Email Christy Cottrell for more information at [christylc23@gmail.com](mailto:christylc23@gmail.com).

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- **Independent Online Bible Study** This 8-session course, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" will help uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, to get the "big picture" of the Bible. Details and registration link are available on our website under Faith Formation/Adults.
- **Power of Story** This program, presented by William R. Stott, Jr. meets Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel. Class schedule and registration forms are in brochures available at the Welcome Desk.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

Doug Johnson  
703-860-6141

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### UPCOMING AGAPE EVENTS:

Mark your calendars for the following exciting, fun-filled upcoming Agape or Agape related events and make plans to attend:

- **Sunday, January 8** - Diocesan Work Camp Information Meeting: 1:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, January 8** - High School Teen Night: 6:15 – 8:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, January 15** - Hypothermia Prevention Shelter dinner—see details below

### DIOCESAN WORK CAMP INFORMATION MEETING

Though we are currently experiencing the chill of the winter, we are anticipating the warm days of summer and the opportunities they offer to serve others. Diocesan Work Camp will be held from June 24 – June 30 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. All High School teens and their parents are invited to an Information Meeting this afternoon at 1:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. This is a wonderful opportunity for teens and adults to share their gifts and talents, experience Christian love and fellowship and help to repair and renovate homes of people in need. Our parish can only take a limited number of teens and adults to these camps and a number of requirements must be met to qualify so you need to sign up soon! Veteran work campers and those interested in participating this summer must attend this meeting. At this meeting, requirements will be discussed, further information presented and questions will be answered. Selections will be made soon after the meeting and spaces always fill up fast! We also need adult leaders, handypersons/contractors and other adults



for a variety of positions at the work camp or in support of our work camp teams. Please contact Doug Johnson at 703 - 860-6141 or [djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org) if you have questions, or need further information prior to the meeting.

### HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT (AGAPE)

Calling all teens! Join us in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium from 6:15 - 8:00pm for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun! At tonight's session, we will discuss John 15:16 – You Are Chosen, as our young people will discover what it means to be chosen by Jesus! This process includes self-discovery and appreciation. Our young people will also learn and pray the Jesus Prayer as they identify *why* God chose them. Come and learn more about our Catholic faith and traditions and how we can apply our Christian values to our daily lives and in our relationships with others. This will also be a great opportunity to share snacks, enjoy fellowship and make new friends! All high school teens are welcome – bring a friend!

### HIGH SCHOOL TEENS AND ADULTS PREPARE DINNER FOR THE HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER

We need your help Sunday, January 15 as we will provide the meal for the participants in the Hypothermia Prevention Shelter. We need help with preparing and serving the meal, and cleaning up afterward. With no school on Monday, January 16 due to Martin Luther King's Birthday, why not donate some time to provide a welcome atmosphere for our guests and help with this cause? What a great way to follow Christ's example of service to others less fortunate than us. Teens, parents and adults, please respond by email to [djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org) to let me know you will help. Service hours are available. We may not be able to use all volunteers so respond quickly to reserve a spot!

*"As soon as you let go of God,  
there is no solid foundation anymore.  
Everything falls apart."*

*Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS*

**DECEMBER MINI WORK CAMP** Thanks and God bless you to our hardy crew of teens and adults that participated in the Mini Work Camp on December 10. This dynamic and talented group tore down and rebuilt a retaining wall and fence at a townhouse owned by Cornerstones and rented to low income families. Great effort and work was provided by Teens: Hayden Cutler, Riley Cutler, Alexa Fezuk, Elaina Howell, Emilio Vasquez, Justin Vosburgh, Jackie Wells and Anna Workosky and Adults: Bill Behan, Mark Emery, John Feroldi, Scott Parr, Pat Schambach, Alfredo Vasquez and Debbie Wells. Your unselfish donation of your time and talents has provided much needed support, help and benefit to those in need in our community. Special thanks go to Phyllis Rienzo-Parr for her sterling efforts in coordinating the Mini Work Camp program. The efforts of this dedicated and hardworking troupe have truly made a difference in the lives of others!

**SEARCH WEEKEND REPORT**— Over the weekend of December 16 to December 18, a group of parish high school juniors and seniors and young adults experienced a powerful Search Weekend at the Concord Retreat in Yellow Spring, West Virginia. It was a rare opportunity to leave behind homework, demanding AP courses, work schedules, relationship problems, college applications and day-to-day stress and quietly engage in self-reflection and examine our relationships with others and our relationship with God. Each Searcher gained many new insights and forged new friendships which will last long into the future. Congratulations to the teens experiencing their first Search Weekend: Henry Andrich, Kelly Biladeau, James Crosby, Lukas Gose, Peter Grossmann, Erin Reardon, Siobhan Reardon and Dorothy Smith. Special thanks to our Search team of teens: Andrew Eberly, Matt Degutis, Teen Leader Katie Marshall, Lydia Lodge, Tyler Lohmeyer, John Swecker and Lindsey Urban, and adults: Megan Dubois, Anneliese Lohmeyer, Jordan Lohmeyer, Sean McCartney and Doug Johnson. Your dedication to our teens, hard work, and preparation resulted in inspirational and insightful presentations and a powerful spiritual weekend for all present. Thank you to Betsy Puzanghero for her logistical support for the Search. Our deepest appreciation is also extended to Fr. Don Heet and Fr. Bob Mancini for celebrating Reconciliation and Mass on Saturday evening! It was truly a very personal and spiritual experience with lessons and insights which we hope to carry into our everyday lives!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNELIESE LOHMEYER!**

Anneliese was presented the Volunteer of the Year Award for Saint John Neumann Parish by Bishop Michael Burbidge at the Thirteenth Annual Youth and Campus Ministry Appreciation Dinner on December 13 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon. The Master of Ceremonies read the following proclamation in presenting her with the award: “Anneliese Lohmeyer has for years faithfully served with love, concern and encouragement as a teacher, mentor, and friend to the young people in our Saint John Neumann Youth Group. Despite dealing with a variety of health issues and a busy family schedule, she has faithfully and openly shared her faith and the “Good News” of Jesus Christ to countless young people, not only in her words but in the way she lives her life! Thank you, Anneliese, for sharing your lived Christian values and serving as a beacon of light leading scores of our young people to a deeper understanding of our faith and leading them to a closer relationship to God.” Congratulations and thank you, Anneliese, for your love, leadership, dedication to your faith and the generous sharing of your gifts and your many talents!

**HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY E-MAIL LIST:**  
Contact Doug Johnson at [djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org) if you wish to be placed on the SJN High School Teen Ministry email list. This is a great way to learn the latest information on events, programs and opportunities to serve in our high school teen program.

**Around the Diocese**

**MEN'S CONFERENCE AT ST. JOSEPH IN**

**HERNDON** All men of the Diocese are invited to the sixth annual diocesan Men's Conference on March 4. This year's conference is titled “*Girding for Battle*.” It will feature Dr. Scott Hahn, Dr. Ralph Martin and Fr. James Searby. Breakfast, lunch and Mass with Bishop Michael Burbidge will be included. Confessions will be offered from 7:30 – 8:45am. Registration begins January 1. There will be no registration at the door. Parking is limited. Go to [www.arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/men) to register.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES JOBS MINISTRY**

Christians are Networking (CAN), a ministry of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, pairs persons who are unemployed, under-employed, returning military veterans, recent college graduates, or in search of a new career with volunteer HR professionals who will teach essential networking, resume writing, and job interview skills. The CAN program is offered at: St. Theresa Church, Ashburn; St. Philip Church, Falls Church; St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, Alexandria; and Epiphany Middle School, Culpeper. Visit [www.cdda.net/programs\\_jobs.php](http://www.cdda.net/programs_jobs.php).

**GIVE A GIFT FOR LIFE** Please give a *Gift for Life* this season to help Project Rachel provide healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One retreatant wrote: “Your services are perhaps the most comprehensive, empathetic and genuine that I have received in a very long time. I thank you for your sincere time and attention.” For more information and/or to donate: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife).

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND: THE BIBLE  
TIMELINE FOR CATHOLICS IN THEIR 20'S**

**AND 30'S** St. Thomas à Becket's Young Adult Group will begin Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline series on Thursday nights beginning Thursday, January 19 at 7:00pm. This series is back by popular demand by our Young Adults. Plan a journey this New Year through salvation history and learn how the New Testament really is hidden in the Old Testament and the Old is revealed in the New. We will read the most important highlights from the Old Testament and much of the New. For more information: <https://www.meetup.com/20s-30s-Catholics-on-The-Silver-Line/>

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT ST. JOSEPH IN HERNDON

Join us for the 2017 Women's Conference. All women of the Diocese are encouraged to attend the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph in Herndon on March 11 with Immaculee Ilibagiza, author and survivor of the Rwandan Holocaust. The conference title is "Breaking Free through Forgiveness." It will include Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. Online registration starts January 1. There will be no registration at the door. Please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/women](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/women) for more details.

*"We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage."*

*Matthew 2:2*

**DIOCESAN SCIENCE FAIR** Individuals with a science background are needed to help judge seventh and eighth grade students' research projects for the 2017 Diocesan Science Fair. These projects encompass such categories as botany, health, chemistry, zoology, behavioral science, engineering, physics, math and other areas of life and physical science. If your calendar allows you to spend the morning (8:00am – noon) on Saturday, April 8 at Paul VI High School to judge projects, please call Hiliary Mildrew at 703-841-2519.

### EXHIBITION ON SAINT THOMAS MORE

In a new landmark exhibition, "God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More", the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. presents the life, martyrdom, and legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. The exhibition runs through March 31, 2017, at the Saint John Paul II Shrine in Washington. Visit [www.jp2shrine.org](http://www.jp2shrine.org) for more information.



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**SJN Weekly Stewardship**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*  
*MATTHEW 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

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