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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

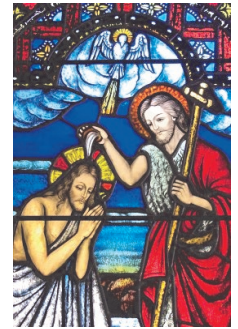
Please call Mary Lyons, 703-390-2340, to inquire about becoming Catholic.

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 11

RE Classes
Sunday Coffee: 8:30am; Auditorium
RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room
Boy Scout Medal Workshop: 1:00pm; B4
High School Teens (Agape): 6:15pm; Auditorium

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

RE Classes
Boy Scout Troop 124: 7:00pm; A1/A2
Hypothermia Prevention Training: 7:00pm; B9/B10
Mothers' Group New Members: 7:00pm; Bridal Room
Penitential Psalms: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel
Lectio for Lectors and Anyone Else: 7:30pm; Youth Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

RE Classes
French Conversation: 9:30am; A2
Pax Christi: 7:0pm; Conference Room
RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1, A2
RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

RE Classes
Mothers' Group Play Group: 9:30am; Early Religious Room
Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room
Children's Choir: 5:30pm; Music Room
JustFaith: 7:00pm; A1/A2
Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4
RCIA Team: 7:00pm; Bridal Room
Spanish Young Adults: 7:00pm; B2
Social Justice: 7:30pm; Conference Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

RE Classes
Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel
Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4
Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1
Pro Life: 7:30pm; Conference Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

No Schedule Activities

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

RCIA Dismissal: 5:30pm; Conference Room
Spanish Prayer Group; 6:00pm; de Sales Chapel

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Sunday Coffee: 8:30am; Auditorium
Celebration of Atanacio Sandoval's Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate; 12:30pm; Auditorium

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.

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord this weekend, our Christmas season that began with His birth now comes to an end. Our beautiful decorations will disappear, and despite the sometimes harsh weather conditions of these winter months, there will remain a permeating joy that fills the hearts of all.

The beauty of this season here at the parish is exhibited in so many ways. On behalf of the entire staff I wish to express thanks for the many gifts, cards and remembrances we have received from you the parishioners of this parish. Your gratitude empowers us as we strive to serve the needs of the community.

I am grateful to so many people who contributed in so many ways to our annual celebration of Christmas. Our season would not be complete without specific thanks to several groups in the parish. CJ Capen, Heather Smith and our musically talented choirs and musicians added a wonderful spirit to our Christmas celebrations. To them, our gratitude for allowing us to raise our voices in joyous song.

Our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers, cleaners and sacristans all added so much to a wonderful celebration. We thank the various staff members, who in their specific areas, devoted many hours to the planning and executing of the Christmas festivities both liturgical and celebratory. I am grateful for all they do to help us minister as the parish we are meant to be. A big thanks to Wanda Cooke and the Arts and Environment Committee, the Young Adults, and all those who collaborated in decorating the church so beautifully. Another thank you goes to Jessica McInerney and Hannah Archey for their coordination of the first Nativity Play in recent history.

Finally I want to thank you, the wonderful parishioners and friends of this parish, for your presence and support of all that we do is a source of encouragement to all of us on the staff. Thank you for being you; you are the best. I pray this new year will be one filled with the blessings of God for all of you.

God Bless,

Father Tom

WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Alexander**

Marusceac Ayachi, son of Ramzy and Monica; **Leaf Marie Badilla**, daughter of Rey and Cyra; **Amelie Jean May**, daughter of Dan and Elony; **Ryan Mary Frazitta**, daughter of Daniel and Ellen; **Georgia LuAnne Heindel**, daughter of Jan and Shannon; **Charlee Lu Holmes**, daughter of Brian and Tara; **Elijah Minh Anh Marikio**, son Denis and Anna; **Soleil Elizabeth St. Jacques**, daughter of Gregory and Emily; **Shannon Marie Stoner**, daughter of Barry and Meaghan; and **Joseph Pratt Anderson Warren**, son of Peter and Caitlin.



Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7;
Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38;
Mark 1:7-11

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord. The Baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of His ministry. St. Francis de Sales notes that from time to time we need to reenergize the resolution we made in baptism to be children of God:

The first Christians celebrated the anniversary of their Baptism, the day that they dedicated themselves to becoming children of God. We also ought to renew our commitment to the service of the Divine Goodness. In celebrating our baptismal vows, we strengthen our fervor, renew our promises and reaffirm our good resolutions.

A good lute player has the habit of testing the strings of his instrument to see if they need tightening or loosening in order to sound harmonious. Likewise it is necessary for us to examine our affections that are not in balance, and our neglected resolutions. We need to see what we must do to recover what, by our weakness or negligence, we have lost. We must not be surprised at this because it seems that even the sun needs to start its course anew once a year to repair in spring the losses the earth suffered in winter. By renewing our commitment we can start to repair our faults.

We can also regain lost time by fervor and diligence in totally uniting ourselves again to Our Lord. During our journey on this earth, Our Lord leads us by the hand, causing us to walk in virtue, or He carries us in the arms of His Divine Providence. His goodness is willing to lead us and to carry us, but He also wants us to take our little steps alone, doing on our part all that we can, helped by His holy love. Happy are the souls, who travel through life doing what they can in the practice of virtue and good works, and still holding on to the hand of our Lord! They are the children who sing the canticle of the glory of God because they dedicate themselves to the service of Divine Goodness as Jesus did at His baptism.

*(Adapted from L. Fiorelli, OSFS, ed.,
Sermons of St. Francis de Sales, V. 2)*

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially ; **Brother John Bailey, OSFS; Natalie Bedwarski**, mother of Susan Maiello; **Patrick Fedor**, son of Gerald and Mary Clare and brother of Megan Clare; **Roberto Incer**, husband of Marisa; **Father Louis Komorowski, OSFS; Josephine MacDonald**, mother of Lorie Scali; **Thomas Mathews**, husband of Eileen; **Paul Morgan**, father of Peggy Paper; **Grace Quattrone**, mother of Joseph; and **Evelyn Rivera**, mother of Yvette Braganza and grandmother of Chloe, Mark and Rhea.





SATURDAY	JANUARY 10
5:00pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	JANUARY 11
7:30am	Van Kwong †
9:30am	Jack E. Lehtonen †
11:30am	Sandy McCarthy †
1:30pm	Tony Otis Onuwaje †
5:00pm	Bonnie Craze †
MONDAY	JANUARY 12
9:00am	Dan Scanlon †
12:10pm	Mariannina Perrino †
TUESDAY	JANUARY 13
6:30am	Hank Krebs †
9:00am	Terry Trimble †
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 14
9:00am	Sandy McCarthy †
12:10pm	Lena Piagari †
THURSDAY	JANUARY 15
6:30am	James Mackell †
9:00am	James Kerrigan †
FRIDAY	JANUARY 16
9:00am	Donald Boyle †
12:10pm	Donald Boyle †
SATURDAY	JANUARY 17
5:00pm	Carmela Razzano †
SUNDAY	JANUARY 18
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Sandy McCarthy †
11:30am	Marian Peiletier †
1:30pm	Estella Molina Guerero †
5:00pm	Bonnie Craze †

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

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 This account depicts the major characteristics of the prophetic vocation. God chooses and calls those who are open to recognize Him because of their interior poverty. When they have taken the first step, God draws nearer and sends them on mission.

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 Here Am I, Lord; I Come to do Your Will. This psalm, in two parts, emphasizes praise in the first and supplication in the second.

1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 For several consecutive Sundays we will hear the section of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians about Christian morality. He roots his moral recommendation in life-giving theological soil. Here, faced with the lax morals of the inhabitants of Corinth, Paul recalls the dignity of the human body as temple of the Holy Spirit destined for resurrection.

John 1:35-42 John directs his disciples to Jesus for he recognizes that here is the true teacher and Messiah. The responses of Andrew and his companion set the stage for the first of Jesus' signs.

PLEASE PRAY for those who have asked for our prayers: **Billy Bentley**; Lori McLean; and for all who are sick; and for all caregivers who minister to 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 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. **Boldface type is used for names that are new to the list this week.***

PRAY FOR A PRIEST 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 12 th	Reverend Harold V. McGovern, OSFS
January 13 th	Brother Harry F. McGovern, OSFS
January 14 th	Brother Michael L. McGrath, OSFS
January 15 th	Reverend Hugh J. McGuigan, OSFS
January 16 th	Reverend Timothy M. McIntire, OSFS
January 17 th	Reverend Joseph J. McKenna, OSFS
January 18 th	Reverend Mark S. Mealey, OSFS

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Saturday, January 17 th	5:00pm	RCIA Rite of Welcome
Sunday, January 18 th	9:30am	Baptism
Sunday, January 25 th	11:30am	Baptism
Saturday, January 31 st	5:00pm	Baptism

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RCIA RITE NEXT WEEKEND



Next weekend on Saturday, January 17th at the 5:00pm Mass, Isabel Santa will enter the catechumenate period of RCIA through the Rite of Welcoming. Isabel shares our Christian faith through the sacrament of Baptism. She will now begin preparation to make a profession of faith in the Roman Catholic Church. Isabel will be accompanied on this journey by her sponsor, Nellie Perez. With the support of the entire St. John Neumann community she will also prepare for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. As we support Isabel and all our candidates and catechumens by our prayers and hospitality let us recall our own baptism. What does it mean to be baptized into the mission of Jesus Christ? How are we living fully as children of God and brothers and sisters in Christ? Are we, too, committed to deepening our relationship with Christ and each other?

*“Be patient with everyone,
but above all with yourself.
Worry prevents us from doing well
the very things about which
we are worried.”*

St. Francis de Sales

Parish Information

2014 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

You will be able to print your official 2014 Contribution Statement this month, once all year-end contributions have been posted. The online parishioner database will be updated in early January with all year-end contribution information. The following week you will be able to log into the parishioner database to view and print your 2014 statement.



The parishioner database is the same place where you can view your children's RE class assignments and First Eucharist dates and update your address and other contact information. If you are a registered parishioner with an active email and are not one of the 1800 parishioners who have already established an account, you can click on the "Click Here for Instructions on Printing your Contribution Statement" option on the main page of our website, www.saintjn.org or contact Patty Kwapniewski for more details, at pkwapniewski@saintjn.org or 703-860-6147.

THE 2015 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS SOON

This month Bishop Paul Loverde will send a mailing to you regarding the 2015 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2015 BLA is "Stewards of Christ Sharing Gospel Joy!" After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. When we join together as one Body in Christ, we can do so much for so many!

CAN YOU HELP A FELLOW PARISHIONER

ATTEND MASS? One of our parishioners needs a ride to Sunday Mass from the Glade/Glade Bank Way area of Reston. This person is willing to be flexible on Sunday Mass time; any rides would be greatly appreciated and would allow her to celebrate in community with us. The bus ride to the parish from that area is a lengthy process. If you are able to help, even on a monthly basis, please contact Sue Colyer at scolyer@saintjn.org or 703-860-6149.



LOST AND FOUND REPURPOSE

Do you keep looking under the front seat of the car for those missing leather gloves? Can't find your hat? Are you still searching for your special prayer book that you may have left behind while attending Mass or another event at St. John Neumann? You may not be aware that we have a Lost and Found area located in the Ushers' Closet, a room just to the left of the de Sales Chapel. Our Lost and Found collection is outgrowing available space, so next weekend, January 17th - 18th, we will display the items in the narthex in the hopes that you will be reunited with a forgotten treasure. Also, beginning this month we will keep found items in the Ushers' Closet for 30 days and then donate what is not retrieved to The Closet in Herndon. Please stop by the tables next weekend whether you are missing a personal item, or not. You might just spot something of yours that you didn't realize you lost!

THINKING ABOUT BIBLE STUDY?

A six-week Little Rock Scripture Study course on "Parables of the Kingdom" will begin in early February. All are welcome to join us as we open up God's Word to get a fuller understanding of **how to bring the joy of the Gospels into our daily living**. For your convenience, multiple small groups meet at various times throughout the week. See details on registration forms which are available on the parish website, at the office and after all Masses at the Welcome Desk. Tuition of \$25 is due at time of registration. Scholarships are available. Registration is open through January 21st. For more information, contact Janet Broderick at broderickjmb@gmail.com or 703-860-5029.

HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER JANUARY 18-25, 2015

We will shelter up to 80 homeless people in our facility throughout this period as part of Fairfax County's hypothermia prevention program. Our goal is to provide 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 our 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, all the time. If you have any questions, contact Pam Dister or Patty Holley at sjnhypo@gmail.com

How Can You Help?	What Does This Task Entail?
Be An Onsite Overnight Volunteer	Overnight volunteers and alternates for other positions are still needed. A Hypothermia Prevention Shelter Sign-up link is provided on the first page of the SJN website (www.saintjn.org) for job descriptions, training requirements and to sign up. The final training session for new volunteers is this Monday, January 12 th , from 7:00 - 9:00pm. All registered volunteers should have received email reminders by now, and overnight volunteers should be contacted shortly by their team leaders. If you registered as an alternate, you will be contacted directly if a slot becomes available.
Provide Transportation Assistance	New driver training took place on Saturday, January 10 th . Contact Pam or Patty at sjnhypo@gmail.com if you missed the training.
Provide Snacks or Clothing	If you have taken a tag, your item is due back no later than January 15 th .
Provide Financial Support	Gift cards (\$5) for local restaurants are needed to provide clients a warm place to spend time during the day, especially on January 19 th when the daytime shelter will be closed. Checks will be accepted for unexpected needs; please write "Hypothermia Prevention Shelter" on the memo line. Donations may be brought to the Parish Office.
Provide Casseroles	If you have taken a pan; please return the casserole no later than January 18 th . Freeze casseroles if made in advance.
Making Placemats and Welcoming Decorations	SJN religious education students are making placemats and other decorations to welcome our guests. In past years, guests have mentioned how comfortable they feel at SJN, and the placemats have played a role in the feeling that all are welcome.
Pray	Pray for the success of our efforts and the safety of all guests and volunteers.

Fellowship

- 50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES:**
- Tuesday, January 20th:** We will meet at 11:00am for lunch at the Big Bowl Chinese Restaurant in Reston Town Center.
 - Wednesday, February 11th:** Enjoy a Pre-Valentine's Day luncheon at Clyde's Willow Creek Farm Restaurant in Ashburn at 11:00am. Our group will be limited to 50 people. As expected, reservations are filling up very quickly. Please call Pat Bossie as soon as possible at 703-620-3747 if you plan to attend.

- YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY:** Here are some of our upcoming activities for singles and couples in their 20s and 30s. Email Angela (saintjnya@gmail.com) for more information on any event.
- Saturday - Monday, January 17th - 19th:** De Sales Service Works, Camden, NJ; Service Trip. Along with the YAs from Our Lady of Good Counsel parish, our combined group of over ten is taking a weekend trip to Camden, NJ to visit and serve the community. Regardless of your age, please see the next page for information on what De Sales Service Works is all about, and opportunities to volunteer or support.
 - Sunday, January 25th** - Prep for Outreach: 1:00pm; B5. Meet to create posters and materials to use for our Outreach after Masses in early February.
 - Saturday, February 7th - Sunday, February 8th** - Young Adult Outreach: Narthex. Young Adults will be available after each Masses throughout the weekend to answer any questions and spread the word about our group. We need MANY volunteers to help pass out flyers and staff our information table. To sign up for a time slot, please email Angela.

***"Blessed are the hearts which can bend,
they shall never be broken."***

St. Francis de Sales

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WHAT IS DE SALES SERVICE WORKS AND WHY ARE THE YOUNG ADULTS GOING THERE?

Our Young Adult Ministry has been active in service work for many local organizations, to include Alternative House, Cornerstones and the Embry Rucker Shelter. They viewed a weekend retreat at DSW as an opportunity for direct service to others in a very needy environment while at the same time experiencing facilitated reflection, presentations on Catholic social teaching, prayer and celebration of the Eucharist.

De Sales Service Works, DSW, is a ministry of the Oblates that invites people to join in service, prayer, community, and Salesian spirit. This ministry is particularly focused on sharing Salesian spirituality with the people of Camden, NJ through personal service and advancement of peace and justice. DSW is directed by Father Mike McCue, OSFS, who served for ten years as campus minister at Bishop Ireton High School and later at George Washington University.

Camden has been listed among the poorest of US cities for 40 years. It is a modest sized city across the Delaware River from Philadelphia. Like many US cities, industry and jobs left, property values dropped, buildings aged, and drugs entered the picture. This city has so much need, with a wide range of opportunities to address the needs and to help people in concert with efforts of other service groups.

On the same block as the DSW House, there are five ministries: a medical center, a legal help center, a family center that particularly aids families who have been victims of violent crime, an amazing computer/web training center and a small Catholic grade school. Not too far away are a great soup kitchen/homeless outreach, a homeless shelter, an urban gardening project, a nursing home, a clothing center and various parish outreach efforts. Year-long volunteers and participants in Salesian service retreats have the opportunity to work with these ministries and to learn about them, their people, and their work.

DSW work invites people into the vision of Jesus, hoping to be a gentle presence in a busy, hard-edged world. Our service is hands-on and helpful for the people we encounter. We learn from one another as we form relationships and share our common faith and compassion across economic, cultural, social, and language differences. The Oblates welcome DSW year-long and service retreat volunteers of all ages to Camden to live, work, and pray, serve, and experience a retreat in this urban setting.

Perhaps when the Young Adults return from their trip, a report of their experience may inspire others of you to consider participating in support of this important Oblate Ministry. To learn more about DSW, visit their web site at www.oblates.org/dsw.

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.
- **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.
- **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 Angela Davis at youngadults@saintjn.org.
- **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.
- **Shawl Ministry:** On alternate Sunday afternoons 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.

Faith Formation

Mary B. Lyons, Director
703-390-2340 mlyons@saintjn.org



WELCOME HOME Are you a "returning" Catholic or perhaps thinking this may be your home? You may contact Mary Lyons and see our brochure at www.saintjn.org/returning-catholics on our website. A new six-week series is planned for January and February.

RCIA Interested in being Catholic? Do you have questions? Contact Mary Lyons and visit our web site and see www.saintjn.org/about-becoming-catholic.



BIBLE STUDY FOR MOTHERS OF YOUNG CHILDREN is held on Fridays from 10:00 - 11:30am in the Conference Room; child care is provided. For more information, please contact Christy Cottrell at christyc23@gmail.com. The group meets this week.



CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Join us and experience together the prayer of quiet together every Thursday evening and the second and fourth Thursday mornings of the month at 10:00am. The simple format is explained each time we gather. See the parish website for more information about this beautiful prayer experience.

ADULT CONFIRMATION A group of adult Catholics will begin meeting in January to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to be celebrated at St. Thomas More Cathedral on Pentecost weekend, May 23rd - 24th. If you are a baptized Catholic and receive Communion, but have never been confirmed and would like to join this group, please contact Mary Lyons.



THE POWER OF STORY: SIN & REDEMPTION

A History and Inquiry: In the Light of the Seven Penitential Psalms

The Power of Story is a curriculum, which in its present form includes six courses presented in a 4½ year cycle. Bill Stott has taught this full cycle five times in two separate venues since 1999. From the start, it has been intended to constitute a major in Biblical Theology.

Beginning in January, there is a new Power of Story course, *Sin & Redemption: A History and Inquiry*. This course will examine and discuss these issues in the context provided by The Word of God.

Detailed registration brochures are available near the Welcome Desk. This new course begins on Monday, January 12th, at 7:00pm in de Sales Chapel. All are welcome!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

Doug Johnson
703-860-6141

djohnson@saintjn.org

UPCOMING AGAPE EVENTS: Mark your calendars for the following Agape or Agape-related events and make plans to attend:

- **Sunday, January 11th** - High School Teen Night: 6:15pm; Auditorium
- **Sunday, January 18th** - High School Teens Prepare and Serve Dinner at Hypothermia Prevention Shelter Night: 6:00pm; Auditorium
- **Wednesday - Thursday, January 21st - 22nd** - "Life is Very Good" - Sign up now!

SJN HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY EMAIL LIST:

Contact Doug Johnson at djohnson@saintjn.org to be placed on our High School Teen Ministry email list. This is a great way to learn the latest information on events.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT Join us this Sunday, January 11th, in the Youth Room for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun! At tonight's session our topic for discussion is "Life is Good; Eternal Life is Better!" The goal for this session is to help our young people understand eternal life with regard to the four last things: death, judgment (both particular and final), heaven, and hell in light of salvation. All high school teens and their parents are welcome to join us to continue our faith journey together. Bring a friend; friends do not have to be members of our parish or Catholic.

If you have not yet registered for the Saint John Neumann High School Youth Ministry Program (AGAPE), a registration form is available on the Saint John Neumann website at www.saintjn.org or at the Faith Formation Office. You don't need to be registered to attend our fun and informative events but we would like you to register soon!

HYPOTHERMIA SHELTER DINNER We need your help! Agape will be providing the meal for the guests in the Hypothermia Shelter Sunday, January 18th in the Auditorium. We need help preparing the meal, serving the meal and cleaning up after the meal. We also invite teens to share their musical gifts and talents by volunteering to play their musical instruments to entertain our dinner guests. You don't have school on Monday, January 19th due to Martin Luther King's Birthday, so why not donate some quality time to provide a welcome atmosphere for our guests and help with this worthy cause. This is a great way to follow Christ's example of service to others less fortunate than us. Teens & parents, please respond as soon as possible to djohnson@saintjn.com to let me know you will help; service hours are available. We may not be able to use all the volunteers so please respond as soon as you can to reserve a spot!

LIFE IS VERY GOOD - EVENING OF PRAYER AND MORNING RALLY:

You are invited to join groups from all over the country at one or both of these events at the Patriot Center on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax.

On Wednesday, January 21st, from 7:30 – 10:00pm, the Evening of Prayer will celebrate the culture of life and features music by Matt Maher and Rend Collective and a keynote address by Chris Stefanick. Tickets are \$15 each and should be reserved in advance.

The Morning Rally will take place Thursday, January 22nd from 9:00am – 12:00pm and is a great opportunity to prepare to take to the streets of Washington, D.C. to make our voices heard as we proclaim the gospel of life at the March for Life. The morning rally includes Mass and Reconciliation, music by the Ike Ndolo Band, with Chris Stefanick as emcee. Tickets are \$16.50, with a Chick-fil-A lunch, and should be reserved in advance.

There is a discount rate of \$26.50 if you attend both the morning and evening events. If you are interested in attending one or both of these events, please contact Doug Johnson by email at djohnson@saintjn.org as soon as possible as the event is selling out fast.

THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SEARCH WEEKEND – The weekend of December 19th to December 21st, a group of high school juniors and seniors and young adults from our parish experienced a powerful Search Weekend at the Concord Retreat in Yellow Spring, WV. 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: Alec Brown, Sarah Delcoco, Brigid Doebrich, Alex Jung-Moss, Shaun Kelly, Vela McBride, Matt McPherson, Will Nicoud, Louis Rigo, Bryan Sitko, Brent Sullivan and Jamilka Vizcaino.

Special thanks to our Search team of teens: Nathan Rulona, Billy Crowe, Jordan Lohmeyer and Tian Rulona, and adults: Megan Dubois, Anneliese Lohmeyer, Melissa Hish, Sean McCartney, Fr. Don Heet, OSFS 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 Patty Kwapniewski and Betsy Puzanghero in the Faith Formation Office for their logistical support for the Search Weekend. Our deepest appreciation is also extended to Fr. Don Heet, OSFS for celebrating Reconciliation and Mass with us and gracing us with his presence over the weekend! It was truly a very personal and spiritual experience with lessons and insights which we hope to carry into our everyday lives!

Special Collections

A special collection this weekend, **January 10th-11th**, is for Catholic Relief Services and the work they are doing among the victims of the Ebola epidemic in Africa. The CRS has been very involved in battling this health crisis and all parishes have been asked to consider a second collection to support these efforts. Please be as generous as you can to this terrible plight that has stricken the people in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea.

Next weekend, **January 17th - 18th**, the special collection will be to support the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Annual Appeal.

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HEALING MASS THIS WEEK AT ST.

MARK The Catholic Healing Ministry of the Diocese of Arlington will celebrate a Mass and Healing service on **Thursday, January 15th at 7:30pm at St. Mark, Vienna, VA.** Fr. John Melmer, celebrant. For further information call 540-347-0809 or www.healingministry.net

IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN NEED OF HELP?

Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning the weekend of February 27th, 2015, call 703-351- 7211 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

ARE YOU DOING SOME EARLY PLANNING FOR COLLEGE?

Families of 7th and 8th grade students are invited the *College Night* at Paul VI Catholic High School on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:15pm. Learn how PVI can help you navigate the road to college.

For more information, contact Mrs. Battle, PVI's College and Career Specialist, at lbattle@paulvi.net or 703-352-0925.

SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED – The 12th annual 7th and 8th grade St. Mark Catholic School Science Fair will be held Thursday, February 5th. Come enjoy a lunch, then visit with students about their projects and to help select winning projects. No experience is necessary; we will train you! Come enjoy a few hours and be impressed with our respectful, talented St. Mark Middle School Students! If you can spare a few hours, please contact mtribble@stmark.org or call 703-281-9103 for more information.

RELIGIOUS RETREAT FOR MEN Start the new year with a weekend retreat for men on January 16th - 18th, at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, Virginia. Fr. Julio Martinez, OFM, Conv. will be the retreat director. For reservations or information please go to www.dominicanretreat.org or call the Dominican Retreat at 703-356-4243.