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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

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.

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19;
Psalm 40: 2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;
1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20;
John 1:35-42

This Sunday we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Our New Year's resolutions have already gone the route of ordinariness. Yet St. Francis de Sales tells us that we are called to live an ordinary life in an extraordinary way. One element of this extraordinary way is our good desires to live a holy life. Francis notes:

What other flowers do we have in our heart but good desires? As soon as good desires appear, we need to prune away all the dead and useless obstacles that stop us from living a holy life. Bad habits come galloping on horseback as they enter our heart but leave slowly on foot. In this enterprise we must have courage and patience. After striving to be holy for awhile, we generally recognize that we are still subject to many imperfections. It is easy then to become dissatisfied, disturbed and discouraged. Yet we must not let our heart give in to the temptation of giving up everything and going back to our old way of life.

On the other hand, there are those who think themselves perfect before they have scarcely begun. They try to fly without wings and are in great peril of a relapse on being too soon out of the physician's care. The work of growing holy ought not to end until God calls us to our eternal home. We must not be disturbed by our imperfections. Unless we see them, how can we transform them? Our victory does not consist in being unconscious of them but in recognizing them. We are always victorious as long as we continue to struggle to overcome them. We are never conquered unless we lose courage. Imperfections and venial sin cannot deprive us of spiritual life. Thus, we must have a good opinion of those we see practicing virtues imperfectly, since we know that the saints themselves have often practiced them in this manner.

*(Adapted from Francis de Sales,
"Introduction to a Devout Life")*

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL WHO ARE SICK

When you call to add a name to our prayer list, 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.



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January 8, 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout the month of January we are provided with special opportunities to bear witness to our belief in the dignity and value of all human life, especially the lives of the unborn. The most public display of the Gospel of Life is the annual March for Life. In advance, I thank all of our parishes that are welcoming visitors from other dioceses and providing hospitality to March for Life participants.

We also remember that with God's grace, prayer and fasting are effective means of changing hearts. I therefore encourage you to participate in the USCCB's *Nine Days of Prayer, Penance and Pilgrimage* from January 18 to 26 (see www.usccb.org). In addition, please pray at Mass for a greater respect for the gift of human life.

I look forward to seeing many of our youth at the EagleBank Arena in Fairfax for our Diocese's Life Is VERY Good Evening of Prayer (January 18, 7:30 pm) and Rally and Mass (January 19, 9:00 am). The annual March for Life rally begins on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., at noon on January 19.

This year, the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See has granted a plenary indulgence that may be obtained, under the usual conditions, by those who participate in the sacred celebrations carried out on January 18 and 19. The elderly, sick and homebound may also gain a plenary indulgence if they spiritually unite themselves to these events and make their prayer and penance an offering to God.

Thank you for your faithful witness to the dignity and value of all human life, and please be assured of my prayers for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Ayson Grey Hahn**, son of Brian and Maria; **Noah Zachary Lamontagne**, son of Jeremy and Courtney; **Ella Louise May**, daughter of David and Amy; **John James Menard**, son of Steven and Emily; and **Victoria Marie Zaloga**, daughter of Steven and Lydia.



UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

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| Sunday, January 21 | 11:30am | Baptism |
| Sunday, January 28 | 9:30am | RCIA Rite of Reception Into Full Communion |

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

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 The mission of Jonah to preach conversion to a Gentile city clearly expresses the universality of God's salvation at a time when Jewish particularism held sway. The conversion of the Ninevites shows that grace knows no frontiers.

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Teach Me Your Ways, O Lord. When we faithfully carry out our baptismal commitments, we discover that the ways of God are indeed the ways of "love and truth"

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 The two passages from Paul's letter read this Sunday and next concern the attitudes of Christians toward the goods and relationships of this world. Since Christ is always at our door, we must be on guard not to be swallowed up in this passing world.

Mark 1:14-20 Jesus, a prophet like Jonah, demands faith in His word and requires a total commitment from those whom He calls with authority. Later, the fishermen of Galilee will become gatherers of people.

THE LINEN MINISTRY IS STILL LOOKING FOR A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS!

We could really use a few additional volunteers to help launder altar linens and altar server gowns. The responsibilities are modest and individuals are asked to serve approximately two months a year--once for altar linens and once for the gowns. Each volunteer has a partner to help ensure that the tasks are not too time consuming, and clear guidelines are provided. If you can help, please contact Catherine Crawford at catherine.l.crawford@gmail.com.



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 or 703-860-6149.



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Paul Bracaglia, Jr.**, father of Dave and grandfather of Laurie, Katie and Jill; **Stanley E. Fulton**, father of Liz Jones; **Rosemarie A. Jones**, mother of Tom; **Maureen Mello**, daughter of Eileen Matthews; and former parishioner **Cosmas Robless**, husband of Shirley.

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of January 20 - January 21 are:

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| Saturday | 5:00pm | Father Don |
| Sunday | 7:30am | Father Don |
| Sunday | 9:30am | Father Dave Kenehan, OSFS |
| Sunday | 11:30am | Father Joe |
| Sunday | 1:30pm | Father Francis Russo, OFM Cap. with Deacon Atanacio |
| Sunday | 5:00pm | Father Bill with Deacon Dennis |

LIVE JESUS 2018 SATURDAY, MARCH 10 OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



*Be not afraid
...learn from Me*

PRESENTERS ARE FATHER MARK HUSHEN, OSFS
AND FATHER DAVE KENEHAN, OSFS

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT
[HTTP://EVENTS.OBLATES.ORG/LIVE-JESUS/](http://events.oblates.org/live-jesus/)



Parish Information

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| SATURDAY | JANUARY 13 |
| 5:00pm | Thomas Burckhardt, Special Intention |
| SUNDAY | JANUARY 14 |
| 7:30am | People of the Parish |
| 9:30am | Richard Provencher † |
| 11:30am | Robert Biegalski † |
| 1:30pm | Family of Cordon Bonillas Miranda, Special Intention |
| 5:00pm | Robert Greco † |
| MONDAY | JANUARY 15 |
| 9:00am | Lorraine and Bill Senior †† <i>No 12:10 Mass Martin Luther King Day</i> |
| TUESDAY | JANUARY 16 |
| 6:30am | Dorothy Bayard Gilbert † |
| 9:00am | Father Berard Dudek † |
| WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 17 |
| 9:00am | Russ Iuculano † |
| 12:10pm | Vito and Lena Piagari †† |
| THURSDAY | JANUARY 18 |
| 6:30am | Alphonse Berardist † |
| 9:00am | Richard Hodes † |
| FRIDAY | JANUARY 19 |
| 9:00am | Susan Mitchell † |
| 12:10pm | David Morgans † |
| SATURDAY | JANUARY 20 |
| 5:00pm | Richard Ott † |
| SUNDAY | JANUARY 21 |
| 7:30am | Roland Poirier † |
| 9:30am | People of the Parish |
| 11:30am | Robert Levendoske † |
| 1:30pm | Fatima Bonillas de Peña, Special Intention |
| 5:00pm | Carl and Stacey Leonn †† |

HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER

Sunday, January 14 through Sunday, January 21, we are hosting up to 80 homeless guests overnight at our 11th annual Hypothermia Prevention Shelter. You will notice that almost all of our regularly-scheduled activities are cancelled this week. **For security reasons, during the week of the Hypothermia Prevention Shelter all of the outside doors will be locked at 5:00pm.** If you arrive later than that, you will need to enter through the outside entrance to the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium (the left-most door as you face the front of the building) or arrange ahead of time to be met by someone who can let you in.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available no later than January 31, 2018. A link to the 2017 contribution statement will be emailed to SJN parishioners whose email address is in our database once the statements are available. If your postal and/or email addresses have changed, please call the office so we can update your information in our database. Instructions for viewing and printing contribution statements will be available on our website, www.saintjn.org, beginning Friday, January 19. Once the statements are available, parishioners may also contact the Parish Office at 703-860-8510, Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm for a printed contribution statement.

**CONFLICT RESOLUTION SERIES:
"BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS"**

All are welcome to attend a four-part series on Conflict Resolution facilitated by Deacon John Wagner, retired Federal Mediator. The presentations will be held on Wednesdays January 24 and 31, and February 7 and 14 from 10:00 to 11:30am and 7:00 to 8:30pm. On presentation dates, the same information will be covered during each time period, so you may attend either morning or evening sessions.

Emphasis will be placed on effective listening, patience, creativity and collaboration. Come, have fun and join your fellow parishioners and neighbors who would like to learn and explore a variety of methods and means to manage and hopefully resolve conflict.

Since this subject has a wide appeal and many parishioners have already expressed an interest in the program, it would be beneficial for you to register in advance by contacting Betsy Puzanghero at 703-860-6155.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

STARTS SOON! The half-day Preschool will open in Fall 2018 for ages 2 1/2 to Pre-K. The Preschool will help young children develop a love of Jesus and knowledge of the presence of God in their lives. Information sessions will be held in Classroom B1 on Sunday, January 28 after all morning Masses. On the parish website at www.saintjn.org, look under the Preschool tab for more dates, exact times and forms.

Registration for parishioners will begin January 30. If you have questions, email Preschool@saintjn.org.

"To say that God turns away from the sinful is like saying that the sun hides from the blind."

St. Anthony the Great



PRAY FOR A PRIEST DAILY We continue our daily prayers for the priests in the Arlington Diocese by praying this week for:

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| January 15 | Reverend Jean Vanes Nicolas |
| January 16 | Reverend Cornelius O'Brien |
| January 17 | Reverend Javier O'Connor, D.C.J.M. |
| January 18 | Reverend John F. O'Connor, O.F.M. |
| January 19 | Reverend John M. O'Donohue |
| January 20 | Reverend John T. O'Hara |
| January 21 | Reverend Keith M. O'Hare |

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SAMARITAN HELP NEEDED Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that you can do from home? We are in need of a few new people to join our team of "Samaritans", volunteers who help the Outreach Minister with the Emergency Services requests that come into the parish. Volunteers sign up to help with calls for one month of the year. Please contact Bettine Montgomery at 703-860-0675 or ehmontgomery@verizon.net for details.



MARCH FOR LIFE The 45th annual March for Life will be held in Washington Friday, January 19. It is the largest Pro Life event in the world. Once again, our parishioners will travel to the Rally and March. That morning all are welcome to attend a prayer service beginning at 10:00am in the de Sales Chapel. The March for Life Rally begins at noon and will take place on the Mall. The March immediately follows and will proceed up Constitution Avenue past the Supreme Court building. For those who wish to attend the Rally and March, a free bus will leave here at 11:00am. The bus will pick us up at 4:00pm to return to the parish. To reserve a seat on the bus you may sign up at the Welcome Desk or contact Bill Eager at artbyeager@gmail.com or 703-899-4304. We hope you can participate in this powerful and peaceful event. Please pray for safe travel for all the people coming from all over the country to attend.

A PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVE- FROM THE PARISH NURSE The "sign of peace" that we share with one another before Holy Communion has origins deep in the early Church. The symbolism of this act is a beautiful way of demonstrating peace among God's people in preparation for receiving the Eucharist.

The Catholic in me loves shaking hands during Mass. I feel such a warm sense of community among the congregation. However, the nurse in me secretly cringes since germs are most often spread with our hands.

There are many among our congregation struggling with medical issues themselves or within their families that put them at heightened risk for illness. In addition, on any given Sunday there are folks sensing those first queasy signals of GI distress or a sore throat. I suspect there are even a few with feverish children at home, hugged on the way out the door.

So, regarding the "passing of the peace", I think a modicum of sensitivity is in order. If someone doesn't want to shake your hand or hold it during the Lord's Prayer, this is not indicative of a social bias, rudeness or a suspicion of you as "Typhoid Mary". It suggests a health concern either for you or for them, and should be respected. If you are ill or have close contact with someone who is, I encourage you to refrain from shaking hands.

Consider a warm and friendly alternative at these special times during Mass. My personal favorite is to fold my hands together, smile and bow to my neighbor. Hopefully they will see me look into their eyes respectfully, hear the words "peace be with you" and understand. The gracious thing to do if you are the person extending your hand and the gesture is not mirrored, is to mimic whatever peace sign is offered in return.

May we continue to worship together and support one another both "in sickness and in health" as we share in community the sacred celebration of Divine Liturgy.

MEAL MINISTRY *"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Matt:25:35*

Are you able to prepare a very simple meal that would be enjoyed by a parishioner who is experiencing illness or temporary difficulty that makes it hard for him/her to cook? We all know from experience what it is like to not be up to cooking when we really need nourishment. Our Meal Ministry is a wonderful program and we are in need of a few extra hands. We are not asking for a long-term or tightly defined commitment. You can sign up for the days and times that are convenient for you. If you are interested in helping, please call Diane Trentacoste at 703-868-1380 or Jo-Ann Duggan at 703-860-6149.



HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER JANUARY 14-21

We are sheltering 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.

Your response has been excellent. Most of our volunteer slots are filled, but we still need a few overnights. Our most pressing need is for overnight alternates in case a volunteer gets sick. We also need volunteers who could come during the day if we have to stay open due to weather conditions. To volunteer, check the website for vacancies, but email Pam Dister and Patty Holley directly at sjnhypo@gmail.com. If you have already registered as an alternate, you will be contacted if a slot becomes available.

All casserole pans have been taken; we will have 240 casseroles for our own or other shelters. Please bring them to the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium before Masses on January 13-14. Snacks or clothing items are also due back no later than January 14.

Support checks are greatly appreciated for unexpected needs, such as guests who do not have warm boots. Please write "Hypothermia Prevention Shelter" on the memo line. Donations may be brought to the parish office during the week or the welcome desk before or after Masses.

Many of you have asked where our homeless guests go during the day. Some go to their jobs, some others go to the Reston Drop-In Center, where guests with mental health or other issues can relax. Many of them go to the Lamb Center in Fairfax, a faith-based day shelter where they can receive services, fellowship, and food. However, the Lamb Center is closed on January 14, 15, and 21. Our shelter will remain open all day on the 15th. On other days, your gift cards enable them to buy a hot drink and sit in a restaurant for a while to keep warm. Your donations also enable us to provide warm clothing to those who must spend time outside. Thank you for your concern and generosity.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

GUN VIOLENCE BOOK DISCUSSION

Please join Pax Christi SJN for our next book discussion, starting Tuesday, January 23, at 7:00pm in Room B5. We'll be discussing *Confronting Gun Violence in America* by Thomas Gabor (2016) over the next five months. If you're interested, RSVP to Bob More, rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com, and we can help you get the book at a reduced price. Subsequent meetings will be on the third Tuesday of the month.

"ALL ARE WELCOME" CORNER

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO PRACTICE IN THE PARISH: MINISTERING TO PRISONERS

This article continues our reflection in this "corner" of the bulletin on the first theme of Catholic Social Teaching, which is "Life and Dignity of the Human Person." As a reminder, this theme is the basis for the Church's entire teaching on social justice. The theme emphasizes that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. This week, we will begin to provide information about several groups of parishioners who minister to those in prison. One group of parishioners takes turns teaching a Bible study class to a small group of prisoners in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center ("the jail") on a weekly basis. Each parishioner uses his or her own unique styles and skills to proclaim the Gospel.

Another group of parishioners volunteer at the jail in the Spanish-language Liturgy of the Word services on Saturdays, and also volunteer to teach review classes for the Spanish-language GED test. Many people think that when someone has committed a crime, especially a serious crime, that the offender should be confined forever, or shunned forever by society. Jesus's example, however, was to go to the outcasts and reclaim their lives for God. Jesus still offers them hope for a new life through His compassion and mercy. Parish ministers of dignity carry this message into prison. Through the years, quite a number of prisoners have responded to this message, and the prisoners often tell the parishioners how their whole outlook has changed. So, rather than accept the "bad person" label that some would force on them, they have put on a new person – a new person who is forgiven with all the dignity of a child of God.

These parishioners are living out our church's calling to show mercy and to recognize the dignity of all people, even those who hurt us. The American bishops have urged elected leaders in the US to emphasize "restorative" principles in crafting criminal justice policies. The bishops define restorative justice in the following way:

"Justice includes more than punishment. It must include mercy and restoration. A simplistic punitive approach to justice can leave victims of crime with feelings of neglect, abandonment and anger, making reconciliation and healing difficult. A restorative justice approach is more comprehensive and addresses the needs of victims, the community and those responsible for causing harm through healing, education, rehabilitation and community support." (US Conference of Catholic Bishops, *Background on Criminal Justice*, <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/background-on-criminal-justice.cfm>)

Please contact Dan Young at Young355TFW@hotmail.com for information about participating in Bible study ministry to prisoners, and please contact Bill Richey at williamerichy@hotmail.com for information about participating in the Spanish language Liturgy of the Word services, or to help with Spanish-language GED test preparation at the jail. And if you have any information or perspectives about parish ministries and their applicability to the themes of Catholic Social Teaching, please contact John Dister at jmdister@gmail.com.

THE CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP:

ANSWERING THE POPE'S CALL

Pope Francis has renewed the call for a new evangelization—a reawakening of the Church's missionary spirit. The Holy Father is calling us to actively help others encounter the Risen Christ by allowing Him to work through the spiritual gifts we bring to work, family life, and friends. The introductory *Called & Gifted* workshop will teach you about your place in the Church's mission to the world and about the spiritual gifts you have been given in order to fulfill that mission.

The workshop, offered by a teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs, will be held on Saturday, February 3, from 9:00am until 5:00pm. Everyone is invited to participate. Registrations details can be found on the parish website, www.saintjn.org, under Current Events. *Spaces are limited; sign up now!* There is a \$25 fee to offset program costs, which can be waived for financial need. To learn more about the program, send inquiries to sjn.cgw@gmail.com. To request a fee waiver, contact Mickie Abatemarco at 703-390-2340.

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:** After Mass, join us in the Social 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.
- **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 or call 703-968-3337.
- **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, email momsgroup@saintjn.org.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 2nd Monday evening or the 2nd Tuesday morning for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email ksmonroe58@gmail.com, or for morning sessions email madcass5@att.net or joellanf@aol.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.
- **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.

YOUNG ADULTS: RSVP to Thomas Patchan at youngadults@saintjn.org.

- **Friday, January 19, 7:00pm, Escape Room, Herndon:** We'll head to Herndon's Escape Room for a community-bonding activity and will have some friendly competition against the SJN Mother's group! Afterwards, we'll all socialize with each other and the Mothers' Group at a local restaurant or bar. Please RSVP if you'd like to join the Young Adults team in a fun evening of parish bonding!
- **Saturday and Sunday, January 27 and 28, 6:00pm, Meet the Young Adults, SJN Social Room:** All young adults, new and old to the parish are welcome to join after the 5:00pm Masses for wine and hors d'oeuvres! It'll be an opportunity for new members to meet and learn about our ministry! Please e-mail Thomas if you'll be joining.

Faith Formation

Mickie Abatemarco, Director
703-390-2340 mabatemarco@saintjn.org

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 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.
- **Life After Sunday** A small group meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm for faith-sharing based on spiritual friendships and the Gospel message.
- **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 Felice Ketterer for more information at felicegabrielle@gmail.com.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Doug Johnson
703-860-6141 djohnson@saintjn.org

NO WEDNESDAY DROP-IN THIS WEEK! There will be no Wednesday Night Drop-In Program this week as the Church will be welcoming our homeless guests all week at our Hypothermia Prevention Shelter. Join us for the next gathering Wednesday, January 24 from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room to gather with old friends, meet new friends and enjoy food, games, music, fellowship and faith sharing. Don't miss out and bring your friends!

LIFE IS VERY GOOD

**EVENING OF PRAYER THURSDAY, JANUARY 18
MORNING RALLY FRIDAY, JANUARY 19**

The Arlington Diocese is sponsoring the annual Life Is Very Good event at the EagleBank Arena on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax. You are invited to join groups from all over the country at one or both of these events. Bishop Burbidge will be there both Thursday and Friday and encourages you to join him.

The Evening of Prayer (including Confessions) will take place on Thursday from 7:30pm - 10:00pm and will be an opportunity to pray for the success of the March for Life in changing our hearts and those of others in this country. Thursday evening's event will feature Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Ennie Hickman, and music by Hawk Nelson and the Ben Walther Band. Tickets are \$17 - reserved seating is in order of payment.

The Morning Rally (including Mass and Confessions) on Friday will take place from 9:00am - 12:00 pm and will prepare us to take to the streets of Washington to make our voices heard as we proclaim the gospel of life at the March for Life. The Rally will feature Ennie Hickman, Father James Searby, and music by the Ben Walther Band. Tickets are \$17, which includes a Chick-Fil-A lunch to go. Reserved seating is in order of payment.

There is a very good chance that both of these events will sell out so we need to get you registered now! **If you are interested in attending one or both of these events, please contact Doug Johnson by e-mail at djohnson@saintjn.org or by phone at 703-860-6141 as soon as possible!**

"SOUPER" BOWL COLLECTION — TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ALL MASSES FEBRUARY

3—4 After all Masses that weekend High School Teens will be outside holding soup pots seeking monetary donations for the " **Souper Bowl of Caring.**" This annual event serves as a reminder that while many of us will be enjoying the Super Bowl in the warmth and comfort of our homes enjoying our snacks of choice, many in our world do not even have a bowl of soup to eat.

We need four teens (or adults) at the Vigil Mass Saturday and all five of the Sunday Masses to help with the collection. Please volunteer now by contacting Doug Johnson by email at djohnson@saintjn.org as soon as possible.

All donations will be used to combat poverty and fund service projects for those in need locally, nationally and globally! We encourage all parishioners to donate generously to this cause.

Around the Diocese

LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE IN

2018? *Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening."* Let us practice listening better to God and our spouse by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: March 2-4, and September 21-23 in Herndon. Early sign-up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Harm's Way Prayer List

WELCOME HOME! Drew Cassidy, Civilian recently returned home from working in Harm's Way. We join with his family and friends in prayers of gratitude for his safe return. As we enter 2018 let us ask Mary, the Holy Mother of God, to continually watch over and protect all those who are in harm's way.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'"* JOHN 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

Special Collection Stewardship

2018 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

BEGINS! This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2018 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2018 BLA is *"Living in Faith ~ Giving in Gratitude."* After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serve the people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to the Lord's work in our diocese.

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COMING SOON — 2018 CONFERENCES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

All men are invited to the 2018 Men's Conference "Marked Men: Made For Greatness" on March 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon. The conference will feature one of the most celebrated Catholic speakers in the world of social media, Fr. Mike Schmitz, who will be joined by Bishop Burbidge and Billy Atwell, Chief Communications Officer of the Diocese. Registration is now open at www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

All women of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington are invited to the 2018 Women's Conference "From Darkness Into Light" on March 10, also at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Featured speakers are Diane Foley, mother of slain journalist James Foley, and Sr. Grace Dominic, writer and national speaker. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. Registration is now open at www.arlingtondiocese.org/women.

The ticket price for each event is \$55 through February 1; \$65 thereafter. Continental Breakfast and Lunch are included in the fee. At each event, Confession will be available prior to the presentations. Please check the times for each event on the specific websites. Make sure to register soon as both of these events are very popular and slots fill quickly.



Saint Joseph School
once a saint, always a saint

**Discover Catholic Schools
St. Joseph School Open House
750 Peachtree St., Herndon
January 30 in the Parish Hall
9:30am - 11:00am**

Please contact Mrs. Mary Lewis, Admissions Coordinator at mlewis@sjschoolva.org for more information.

HAVE TIME ON YOUR HANDS AND TALENT TO GO WITH IT?

Did you know that your most important work could begin after you retire? Please join representatives from the Ignation Volunteer Corps to find out how your talents and compassion are needed to serve the materially poor in Northern Virginia.

An information session on February 27 from 10:00-11:00am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Vienna, in the Brisson Room. If you have questions, or would like to RSVP, call 703-534-4140 or send email to jcoolidge@ivcusa.org.