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**INFANT BAPTISM:** Please call to register for the Baptism Class, offered monthly. English 703-860-8510; Spanish 703-860-8510, x353.

**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.*

**HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER**

From Sunday, January 15 through next Sunday, January 22, we are hosting up to 80 homeless guests overnight at our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Hypothermia Prevention Shelter. You will notice on our calendar that almost all of our regularly-scheduled activities are cancelled this week. **NOTE: For security reasons, during the week of the Hypothermia Prevention Shelter 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.

Please pray for the success of our efforts and the safety of all of our guests and volunteers.

**THIS WEEK AT SJN...**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

Hypothermia Prevention Shelter Opens  
RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room  
Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

Martin Luther King Holiday  
No 12:10pm Mass  
Parish Office Closed All Day  
No Scheduled Activities

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

No Scheduled Activities

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

Execution Prayer Vigil: 8:30pm; de Sales Chapel

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

Care For Our Common Home: 930am; Conference Room

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20**

Mothers' Group: 10:00am; Early Religious Room

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

No Scheduled Activities

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



### DEAR PARISHIONERS:

With the celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord this past week, we conclude the Christmas Season. Once again, thank you to all who contributed in any way to the Christmas celebration here at St. John Neumann especially to all our liturgical ministers who enhanced the beauty of our liturgies.

Beginning this afternoon and for the next week we welcome approximately 80 guests who will be residing here through the Hypothermia Prevention Shelter. Certainly this is an opportunity for all of us to live up to our motto of "All are Welcome" and to bring the presence of Christ to our brothers and sisters who are our guests for the next week. Just as important this can be an opportunity for many of us to experience Christ in our guests. We also welcome the different faith communities and organizations in the Reston area who will be supporting us throughout the week.

Whether or not you are able to volunteer, I invite all of us to take a moment or two each day this week and pray for our guests and for the success of this week.

With gratitude,

Father Joe

### SAVE THE DATE FOR A FEAST DAY CELEBRATION!

Come celebrate the Feast of St. Francis de Sales with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, the Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales, the Sisters of the Visitation and all members of the Salesian Family on Tuesday evening, January 24 at 7:00pm followed by a light reception in the narthex. All are welcome!



**WE WELCOME** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Elizabeth Lynn Asif, Jonathan Efraim Asif and Lauren Yaelle Asif**, children of Erez and Sarah; **Molly Elizabeth Brass**, daughter of Michael and Colleen; **Zoe Anne Naumiec**, daughter of Jonathan and Kathryn; and **Reed Lawrence West**, son of Zachary and Molly.



**WE PRAY** for those who have died, especially **Emma Hachfeld**, sister of Heinz Weindler; **David Hogan**, brother-in-law of Mickie Abatemarco; and **Rosalie Breckenridge**, mother of Sharon Ostrom and Sandra Sugrue.

## Prayer and Liturgy



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6;  
Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;  
Corinthians 1:1-3;  
John 1:29-34

In today's Gospel the testimony of John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus, the Son of God, comes to take away the sin of the world. St. Francis de Sales remarks:

John the Baptist accepted and proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God. Others refused to acknowledge Jesus as Savior. John the Baptist had great humility. The first step into humility is not to seek to be held or esteemed for what we are not. John the Baptist rejected the honors and titles offered him. He could have led others to himself but instead he recognized Jesus as the Redeemer and pointed others to Him.

Now success can be an excellent thing, if we enjoy and rejoice in it because it gives glory to God, who is the author of our accomplishments. Yet, success and ambition are both capable of seducing the human heart. Unfortunately, our human nature is all too anxious to attract whatever is to its advantage. People seek ways to erect idols and images that are regarded as gods among them. How many of us are greatly taken with worldly elegance, prestige, superiority, and personages? In this we act quite differently from John the Baptist. His spirit was far from that of our times. Walking in humility, he accepted the greatness of Our Lord, and recognized his dependence on the Son of God to guide him.

John the Baptist refused to be moved by pretense. A lover of truth, he suffered martyrdom. While we may not be called to martyrdom, we ought to have the courage to suffer and fight when small temptations present themselves. If we wish to enter the combat against evil, we must be armed with a humility that recognizes our dependence on God's greatness and goodness. If we wish to grow in divine love, let us begin by imitating John the Baptist in accepting the Master of truth and goodness into our hearts. And then, let us lead others to Our Savior....Light to all nations.

*(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales especially "Sermons", Rev Lewis S. Fiorelli, OSFS, ed.)*

**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.



**SATURDAY JANUARY 14**  
5:00pm Richard Provencher †

**SUNDAY JANUARY 15**  
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 †

**MONDAY JANUARY 16**  
9:00am Fr. Berard Pudek †  
12:10pm *No Mass*

**TUESDAY JANUARY 17**  
6:30am Anne Abbott †  
9:00am William and Sara Teachout ††

**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 18**  
9:00am Bruce Wardlaw †  
12:10pm Joseph B. Gormley †

**THURSDAY JANUARY 19**  
6:30am Erin O'Flaherty, Special Intention  
9:00am Lisa Holmes †

**FRIDAY JANUARY 20**  
9:00am Nuala Boyle †  
12:10pm Tom Arienti †

**SATURDAY JANUARY 21**  
5:00pm Robert Levendoske †

**SUNDAY JANUARY 22**  
7:30am Issa Mansour †  
9:30am Rosemary Dennis †  
11:30am George and Linda Skaff ††  
1:30pm People of the Parish  
5:00pm Ivone Weaver †

***"We need to strengthen the conviction  
that we are one single human family."***

*Pope Francis*

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers, Ed Geiger, Marilyn Hala, **Nancy Maiello, William Morris, Larry Murphy, and Elizabeth Terrell** 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.***

**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:

**Isaiah 8:23-9:3** Through the darkness of their Assyrian captivity, the Galileans will see the light of their deliverance.

**Psalm 27: 1, 4, 13-14** **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17** In the Corinthian community, the Christians were divided according to the preacher with whom they identified. Paul reminds them that those who announce the Gospel are all at the service of the one Savior, the Christ, whose one baptism grounds their unity.

**Matthew 4:12-23** In only a few lines Matthew sketches several signs of a new beginning: the arrest of John the Baptist signals the beginning of the New Testament; the preaching of Jesus in Galilee presents Him as the light of the nations; the calling of the first disciples inaugurates the time of the Church and its mission; and the first healings of Jesus reveal the efficaciousness of the salvation He brings.

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



January 16 Reverend Terrence R. Staples  
January 17 Reverend Stefan P. Starzynski  
January 18 Reverend Michael G. Taylor  
January 19 Reverend Hagos Tesfagabir Haile  
January 20 Reverend J. Edwin Thayer Tewes  
January 21 Reverend Gregory S. Thompson  
January 22 Reverend Augustine M. Tran

**LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND**

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of January 21 - January 22 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Joe
Sunday	7:30am	Father Bill
Sunday	9:30am	Father Richard DeLillio, OSFS
Sunday	11:30pm	Father Bob with Deacon John
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Mvumbi with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Jerry with Deacon Dennis

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, January 22	11:30pm	Baptism
Saturday, February 4	5:00pm	Baptism
Sunday, February 12	9:30am	Baptism
Sunday, February 19	11:30am	Baptism



**EXECUTION PRAYER VIGIL** The Commonwealth of Virginia is scheduled to execute Ricky Javon Gray by lethal injection on Wednesday night, January 18, for the capital murders of two Richmond girls in 2006. Please

join our Pax Christi ministry at 8:30pm in de Sales Chapel to pray for Mr. Gray, for the victims of his crimes, and for an end to the death penalty as urged by Pope Francis. Let Bob More ([rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com](mailto:rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com)) know if you're coming, so he can notify you if there is a last-minute stay of the execution.

### Parish Information

### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR LIVE

**JESUS 2017!** Online registration is now available for this annual Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Lenten morning of spiritual reflection taking place this year on Saturday, March 18, here at our parish. The theme will be "Patience and Simplicity," and the speakers will be Rev. Francis Danella, OSFS and Rev. Matthew Hillyard, OSFS. Their presentations, "Heart Centered in a World of Sensory Overload" and "A Salesian GPS: Thank God for Recalculating" will help us direct our footsteps on a steady and sure course as we navigate our spiritual journeys.



The event format will be the same as in previous years. A continental breakfast will be available at 8:00am and the program will open in the church at 9:00am. To register, go to [www.oblates.org](http://www.oblates.org) and click below the Live Jesus! icon.

**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 tomorrow, 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.

### MARCH FOR LIFE



The 44<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life will be held in Washington Friday, January 27. 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](mailto: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.

*"Know that the virtue of patience  
is what assures us  
the most perfection."*

*St. Francis de Sales*

### NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING

**SOON** We have not updated our parish Pictorial Directory since 2011. With the influx of many new parishioners since then we have decided to do a 2017 edition! Mark your calendars for the 2017 Pictorial Directory. Signups for photo sessions will occur during February and March and photographs will be taken during May and June. There is no cost for the directory and a complimentary 8"x10" print, and even Fido can be included in your family photo! See future bulletins and our website for more details as they become available. Anyone interested in helping with the various support activities can contact Ann Booker at [bookercaset@gmail.com](mailto:bookercaset@gmail.com).

**PAX CHRISTI** All parishioners are invited to join us for our next book discussion. We will read and discuss "Nonviolent Communication" by Marshall B. Rosenberg (3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2015). Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00pm, when we will discuss the first three chapters. Subsequent meetings will be on the third Tuesday of each month. Please obtain your own copy of the book and read the first three chapters before the meeting. RSVP to Bob More ([rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com](mailto:rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com)).

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLAMANS!** The Claman family has been selected by the Knights of Columbus as the Council's Family of the Month for January. The Clamans have been members of the St. John Neumann Parish for eleven years. John joined the Knights in 2011, is a member of the Fourth Degree, and has served in various Council leadership positions, including that of Grand Knight. Besides belonging to the Knights, John participates in the Life+Savers youth group along with his 14-year-old daughter, Catherine. Gayle has been an Faith Formation catechist and both she and John have sponsored a Niño Jesús student, contributed to the Birthday and Christmas gift clubs, and supported the parish Hypothermia Prevention Shelter. Daughter Catherine is a member of the Youth Choir and Youth Pastoral Council while 12-year-old son Jack, is an Usher at the monthly Family Mass. Thank you for your service!



### **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).

Your response has been excellent but we still need alternates in case a volunteer gets sick. Our most pressing need is for overnight alternates, or daytime volunteers if we need to stay open due to weather. 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.

Additional support options to consider:

- Requested snacks, casseroles (we should have 240 of them!), supplies and clothing for our clients are due today.
- \$5 gift cards for local restaurants help our clients find warmth during the day. Favorites are Panera, Subway and McDonald's.
- 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.

Many of you have asked where our homeless guests go during the day. Some go to their jobs. Some 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 15, 16, and 22. Our guests use donated gift cards to go to restaurants. We do provide our guests with lunches so they will not go hungry, but gift cards enable them to buy a hot drink and sit in restaurants for a while to keep warm. Thank you for your concern and generosity.



**ADULT CONFIRMATION** If you are a Catholic adult (18 years or older) and are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, classes will begin in February. For information, please email Mickie Abatemarco at [mabatemarco@saintjn.com](mailto:mabatemarco@saintjn.com).

### **ARE YOU CATHOLIC AND WANT TO RETURN TO THE CHURCH?**

We at Saint John Neumann welcome your return. Whatever your situation, we welcome you and will listen attentively and respectfully to your concerns and feelings with acceptance and without judgment. There will be no pressure nor anticipated commitments of any type. There is a group of Catholics who have struggled with faith, and, in some cases, have been away from the Church for an extended period of time.

For some, after time away, their understanding of the Catholic faith may be incomplete or may include "misinformation." Or, perhaps you may have specific questions regarding Church teachings. We want to provide a forum where issues of faith and doubt can be honestly and openly addressed. We can also provide excellent catechetical resources if you would like them.

Sessions begin January 25. Contact Director of Faith Formation, Mickie Abatemarco at 703-390-2340 or [mabatemarco@saintjn.org](mailto:mabatemarco@saintjn.org)

## **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 [kmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:kmonroe58@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.

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- **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).

- **Tuesdays, starting January 17 at 7:00pm, "Saying Yes" Book Study:** We will take a look at our response to God's will in our lives, studying the same guided reflection and discernment as the rest of the parish. Please e-mail Stephanie at [stephanie.skinner11@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.skinner11@gmail.com) to get her address if you're interested in participating.
- **Friday, January 20 - Sunday, January 22: Camden Service Trip** It's not too late to join us for our service trip to Camden, NJ. 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.) There is not cost for the trip, as we have enough budget to cover everyone. Email Thomas at [aintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:aintjnya@gmail.com) if you're interested in joining us for this powerful weekend.
- **Friday, January 27, 6:30pm, 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 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.

**Thursday, February 9: Pre-Valentine Lunch at Clyde's Willow Creek Farm, Ashburn.** If you want to attend, we have 40 seats available, so let Pat know you will attend. Once we receive 40 reservations, we will establish a wait list. This is one of our favorite restaurants. Their website is: <http://www.clydes.com/willow>.

### Faith Formation

Mickie Abatemarco, Director  
703-390-2340 [mabatemarco@saintjn.org](mailto:mabatemarco@saintjn.org)

### ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

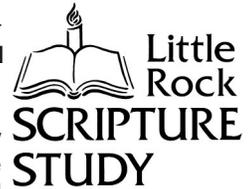
- **Becoming A Catholic** Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets year-round on Tuesday evenings. Email [rcia@saintjn.org](mailto:rcia@saintjn.org) for information.
- **Contemplative Prayer** There is quiet prayer together 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).
- **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 available at the Welcome Desk.

*"The Holy Scriptures are  
our letters from home."*

*St. Augustine of Hippo*

**WINTER BIBLE STUDY** A seven-week Bible Study covering **Second Corinthians** will begin in early February. Join us as we explore God's Word in small groups using study materials developed by Catholic scholars from Little Rock Scripture Study Institute. Come to know the forceful



but loving character of Paul as he continues to promote unity in a divided and confused Corinth by reflecting on his own weaknesses as an opportunity to find strength in Christ. He calls the Corinthians to generosity in care for the poor who live outside their own community.

All are welcome and you may audit a meeting before committing. For your convenience, multiple small groups meet at various times throughout the week. See registration forms for details. They are available on the Parish website and at the Welcome Desk. Tuition of \$25 is due at time of registration. Scholarships are available. Registration is open until **January 23rd**. Contact Janet Broderick at [broderickjmb@gmail.com](mailto:broderickjmb@gmail.com) or 703-860-5029 with questions.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

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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 15** - Hypothermia Prevention Shelter dinner—details follow
- **Sunday, January 22** - Final Diocesan Work Camp Information Meeting: 1:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, January 22** - High School Teen Night: 6:15 – 8:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Thursday, January 26** - Life is Good Evening of Prayer-Eagle Bank Arena—details follow
- **Friday, January 27** - Life is Good Morning Rally - Eagle Bank Arena—details follow
- **Saturday, February 4** - Mini Work Camp: 9:00am; Parking Lot

**HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION  
SHELTER DINNER TONIGHT!**

Agape Teen and Adult Volunteers that have signed up to work at the Hypothermia Prevention Shelter Dinner will help prepare and serve the dinner and clean up afterward. Thank you to the teens and adults who have already signed up and volunteered! Volunteers will have received an email from me designating their shift to help with the dinner. If you have not previously volunteered and did not receive this email from me with your shift, please do not show up tonight for the dinner as we have more than enough volunteers! Our regular High School Teen Night (Agape) will be held next Sunday.



changing our hearts and those of others in this country. Thursday evening's event will feature Mark Hart and Fr. James Searby, with music by The Afters 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 Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, with 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 - 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](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org) as soon as possible!**

**FINAL 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 a final Information Meeting next Sunday, January 22, at 1:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. You do not need to attend if you went to the information meeting on January 8. 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.

**MINI WORK CAMP** Calling all teens and adults! Make a difference in someone's life. Would you like to help those in need, learn some new skills, do hands-on basic home repairs and have fun? Sign up and join us for the next Mini Work Camp on Saturday, February 4 from 9:00am - 3:00pm! No experience is necessary; help bring hope by sharing your Christian love with those in need in our community. Permission Slips are required! Contact Phyllis Rienzo by phone at 703-795-0339 or e-mail at [prienzo@verizon.net](mailto:prienzo@verizon.net) for a permission slip and to let her know you will be participating in the work camp.



**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.

**LIFE IS VERY GOOD**

**EVENING OF PRAYER THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

**MORNING RALLY FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

The Arlington Diocese is sponsoring the annual Life Is Very Good event at the Eagle Bank Arena (formerly Patriot Center) 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. **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

**Around the Diocese**

**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.

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**TEACHER JOB FAIR** The Office of Catholic Schools invites prospective teachers to a Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, March 11. The Fair will be held at Paul VI High School from 9:00 –11:00am. Principals from over 30 diocesan elementary schools, high schools and preschools will be on hand to talk with you about openings for the 2017-2018 school year. Representatives from the Office of Catholic Schools will answer questions about the application process. New teachers and those returning to teaching are welcome. All teachers must be certified or ready to seek certification. Paul VI High School is located at 10675 Fairfax Boulevard (Route 50) in Fairfax. For more information, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools) or call 703-841-2519. We believe in our teachers! Join our excellent schools for a faith-filled experience.

### NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE COMING SOON

The new Arlington Diocese website is almost here! It's mobile-friendly, easy to navigate, welcoming, sensible and robust. It's bursting with photos of smiling faces and vibrant church architecture. It seamlessly integrates social media. To see it for yourself, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org) the week of January 16.

### BISHOP BURBIDGE'S HOMILIES ONLINE

Want to hear relevant, pastoral inspiration from our new Shepherd? He records homilies that are posted weekly on our YouTube page. To view these homilies, along with his installation Mass and an Arlington Herald interview, go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/arlingtondiocese>.

### Special Collection Stewardship

**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA** Next weekend, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

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### SUNDAY TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

The Diocese of Arlington, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Washington, produces a weekly Sunday TV Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Viewers can watch the TV Mass every Sunday from 10:30 –11:00am on the DCW50 network. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshipping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. For more information, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/tv-mass](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/tv-mass).

### MASS TO CELEBRATE WORLD MARRIAGE

**SUNDAY** All married couples are invited to attend the World Marriage Sunday Mass offered at St. Agnes Church on Sunday, February 12 at 5:00pm. Fr. Thomas Ferguson, Vicar General and Moderator for the Curia, will be celebrating the Mass and offer words of reflection for married couples. Please let us know you are coming by registering at <https://worldmarriagesunday.eventbrite.com>. For more information, please contact Nancy McKeague at 703-841-3807.

### CONSIDER SERVING THE CHURCH BY SINGING IN THE ARLINGTON DIOCESAN

**CHOIR** If you can read music and like to sing, you might consider serving the Church by singing in the Arlington Diocesan Choir, which is a chorus consisting of music directors, choir members, cantors, and organists, from all over the Arlington Diocese. The Diocesan Choir is open to all Catholics of the Diocese who have reached their eighteenth birthday and who commit to attendance at scheduled rehearsals and liturgies. The choir sings at the principal Diocesan liturgies, including the Blue Mass, Marriage Jubilee Mass, Rite of Election, Diocesan Confirmation, and Ordinations. Previous choral experience and the ability to read music are preferable. For additional information, call the Office for Sacred Liturgy at 703-841-2554.

### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..."* ISALAH 49:5

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each of us has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.