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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.*



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

As I write this letter on the holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., our eleventh annual Hyperthermia Prevention Shelter is well under way. On the first evening we had a high volume of guests, and thanks to our high school teens and their families they were served a nice hot meal. I thank everyone from the Core Committee to all the volunteers who gave so much of their time and resources in making sure that our guests felt welcomed and were well cared for during their time here. The donations of casseroles, other foods and winter clothing, along with your monetary donations, certainly benefited those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

This past Friday was the annual March for Life. I thank all who participated in any of the activities connected to the March for Life, as well as those who participated through prayer and fasting. Let us continue to pray and be witnesses to the dignity and value of all human life.

From my speaking at all the Masses last weekend, the witness talk this weekend and the promotions in the bulletin and website, I hope that you will appreciate the value that is being placed on the **Called & Gifted** workshop being held here on Saturday, February 3. I believe it will help you discover your gifts and charisms and how to use them while building up the Kingdom of God. Please go to our website and register.

On Wednesday, January 24 the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis de Sales. Please see the invitation in this bulletin to join us at Our Lady of Good Counsel. As I reflect on this upcoming Feast Day and on the Oblates presence here at St. John Neumann since its founding in 1979, I am full of gratitude. We are unbelievably blessed by the enthusiasm, support and love that you have expressed in embracing Salesian Spirituality and being partners with us in spreading this way of life that our patron saint offers the Church. I believe I speak on behalf of all the Oblates who have served here at SJN, in thanking you for accepting us for who we are, both with our gifts and limitations. On behalf of the Salesian Family, Happy Feast Day!

Live Jesus,

Father Joe

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Prayer and Liturgy

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10;
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20



In today's Gospel we experience Jesus preaching "The kingdom of God is at hand." as He invites several fishermen to come after him. St. Francis de Sales notes:

God has many ways of calling men and women to service. God uses preaching more than any other form to convert individuals. Through the ministry of preaching God has touched the hearts of many people, and called them to special vocations. Preaching is like a divine seed cast into the ground of our hearts by the words of preachers.

God touches others while they are reading good books; still others when they hear the holy words of the Gospel while being read. There are others who were disturbed by the misfortunes, troubles and sufferings that befell them in the world. Still, even if God is all-powerful and can do anything, God does not want to take away the gift of freedom given to us. Whenever God calls us to service, He wants us to come willingly and not out of force or compulsion.

Nonetheless, even if some people come to God's service because they are disgusted with the world or because some sorrows and afflictions trouble them, they can still give themselves to God freely and willingly. Our sufficiency is from our Redeemer who taught us how to be fit ministers and capable of doing God's will. One who abides in Christ partakes of his divine Spirit, who is in the midst of our hearts as a living fountain. Through the love the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts, the frail reeds of our actions are turned to gold. Our hearts, flooded with the love of the Holy Spirit, produce sacred actions that tend towards immortal glory and carry us to it.

Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially his Spiritual Conferences, I. Carneiro, Ed.

CELEBRATION OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



FEAST DAY! The parishioners and staff of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Vienna invite us to join them as they celebrate the Feast of St. Francis de Sales this Wednesday, January 24 at 7:00pm. We will attend Mass 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. Mass will be followed by a light reception.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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 Stacy Leonn ††
MONDAY	JANUARY 22
9:00am	Fr. Bob Brown, OSFS †
12:10pm	Albert Sindall †
TUESDAY	JANUARY 23
6:30am	Alphonse Berardis †
9:00am	Sandy McCarthy †
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 24
9:00am	Lorraine Senior †
12:10pm	Betty and Tom Broussard †
THURSDAY	JANUARY 25
6:30am	Blanche Boetger †
9:00am	Gertrude Ullrich †
FRIDAY	JANUARY 26
9:00am	Vicki Neumann †
12:10pm	Mary Lou Miller †
SATURDAY	JANUARY 27
5:00pm	Alfred K. Trinkl †
SUNDAY	JANUARY 28
7:30am	Helen Ruth Fogg †
9:30am	Edward M. Flynn †
11:30am	People of the Parish
1:30pm	Cordon Bonillas Gomez Family, Special Intention
5:00pm	David Townsend †

PLEASE PRAY for **Jon Zackman** and all the sick.

"The bed of the sick is an altar of sacrifice." St. Francis de Sales

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.

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.

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of January 27 - January 28 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Joe
Sunday	7:30am	Father Joe
Sunday	9:30am	Father Don
Sunday	11:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Jean-Marie Mvumbi, CICM
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Don

MINISTERS OF THE WORD TRAINING

Do you wish to serve at our weekend Masses proclaiming God's Word? Do you have a gift and presence for allowing the scripture to come alive for your fellow parishioners? We will be conducting training sessions in the next few weeks for this ministry. If you'd like more information, please call the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151.



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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 In the desert, it is through Moses that God's word makes itself heard with authority. In the Promised Land, it is through the prophets that the people hear the same word of God.

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.** This psalm invites us to praise and worship the Lord.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Because he believed Christ would return in His lifetime, Paul considered all bonds secondary to preparation for Christ's arrival.

Mark 1:21-28 God has raised up a prophet like Moses. The fulfillment goes beyond the promise. This prophet is himself the Word of God.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Paige Elizabeth Day**, daughter of Sean and Emily; **Marjorie Lewis Swanson**, daughter of Eric and Stephanie; and **Christopher James Ustler, II**, son of Christopher and Jaclyn.

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Father Thomas Ankenbrandt, S.J.**, uncle of John Dister; and **Atonement Father C. Donald Howard**, former pastor of Christ the Redeemer.



PRAY FOR AN OBLATE DAILY

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

- January 22 Reverend Francis J. Hanlon, OSFS
- January 23 Brother Joseph H. Hayden, OSFS
- January 24 Reverend Donald J. Heet, OSFS
- January 25 Reverend Matthew J. Hillyard, OSFS
- January 26 Reverend Christopher J. Hudgin, OSFS
- January 27 Reverend William J. Hultberg, OSFS
- January 28 Reverend Mark A. Hushen, OSFS

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, January 28	9:30am	RCIA Rite of Reception Into Full Communion
Sunday, February 11	9:30am	Baptism
Sunday, February 11	5:00pm	RCIA Rite of Acceptance
Sunday, February 18	9:30am	RCIA Rite of Sending

"There is no better way of growing toward perfection in the spiritual life than to be always starting over again and never thinking that we have done enough."

St. Francis de Sales



RCIA RITE OF RECEPTION

With great joy we will welcome three RCIA candidates to the Eucharistic table next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Manu George and Christopher Ann Munford are being received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Baptized in other faith traditions, they will make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church. Together with Jack Morrison who was baptized in the Catholic Church, they will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. They have been accompanied in RCIA by sponsors Fred Naber, Mickey Edwards and David Miller. Let us pray for Manu, Christopher and Jack as they prepare for this special moment in their journeys of faith.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Parish Information

OFFICE SCHEDULE CHANGE The Main Office will be open during the week from 9:00am - 4:00pm beginning on Thursday, February 1, through the following Friday, February 9.

"ALL ARE WELCOME" CORNER PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO PRACTICE IN THE PARISH: THE DIGNITY OF PRISONERS, PART TWO *"I was in prison, and you visited me." Matthew 25:36*

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, this corner of the bulletin will continue providing information about ministry to prisoners.

Last week, we wrote about two groups of parishioners who minister to those in prison. The first one takes turns teaching a Bible class to a small group of prisoners in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center on a weekly basis. The second group of parishioners volunteers at the jail in the Spanish-language Liturgy of the Word services on Saturdays, and also volunteers to teach review classes for the Spanish-language GED test.

This week, we'll share information about the parish's participation in the **Kairos Prison Ministry**. Kairos is a Christian ministry that brings a realization of God's forgiveness to prisoners, their families and to those who work in prisons. Kairos is an outgrowth of the Cursillo movement and is modeled after the Cursillo movement's emphasis on building a strong personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In the Greek words of the New Testament, Kairos means "the right time for God."

Parish volunteers in the Kairos "Inside Ministry" go to a Virginia state prison twice a year for three and one-half days over a weekend to share their faith, focus on the Word of God in the Bible, give prisoners an opportunity to grow in the love of God and help them develop a sense of service within a Christian community. In the Kairos "Outside Ministry," volunteers share a two and one-half day weekend with family members of prisoners, helping them to find support and to see or become reacquainted with God's love. Both the "Inside Ministry" and "Outside Ministry" also

have "reunions," in which volunteers return to the prison or to the family members to renew the sense of Christian love and community developed during the weekends.

The Kairos Prison Ministry emphasizes the theme of dignity in Catholic Social teaching. The ministry stresses that friendship with God is a free gift to anyone who believes, regardless of their station in life or their past actions. Kairos teaches that Christians should be motivated to provide food for the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothes for the naked and visitations for the sick and those in prison.

Kairos Prison Ministry visits both male and female correctional facilities in Virginia. The next Kairos weekend for the men's group is April 26-29, and preparations for the volunteers working together as a team for that weekend begin March 10 at Saint John Neumann. Please contact either Bill Eager at artbyeager@gmail.com or Pat Schambach at pat.schambach@gmail.com for information about volunteering in the male Kairos Prison Ministry. The next Kairos weekend for the women's group is May 3-6, and their team preparations will begin in early March. For information about volunteering in the women's Kairos Prison Ministry, please contact Patricia Schambach at pschambach@verizon.net or Carol Eager at eager.c@gmail.com.

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.

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. RSVP to Bob More, at rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com if you are interested, and we can help you get the book at a reduced price. Subsequent meetings will be on the third Tuesday of the month.

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 are now available on our website, www.saintjn.org.** 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.

**THE CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP:
REGISTRATION CLOSES MONDAY, JANUARY 29**

This exciting new program provides an opportunity for each of us to deepen our relationship with Jesus and discover God's plan for our lives. In the *Called & Gifted* discernment process you will learn that every baptized lay Christian has been given a unique and deeply personal call to work with our Lord. Discerning your call will give you a new perspective on your life and help you to be more fulfilled in your work and in your relationships.

The workshop, which will be conducted by a team from the Catherine of Siena Institute, will be held on Saturday, February 3, from 9:00am until 5:00pm. Registration details can be found on the parish website, www.saintjn.org, under Current Events. **Spaces are limited, and registration closes on Monday, January 29th!** 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.

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 next 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.

*"It is to those who have
the most need of us
that we ought to show our love
more especially."*

St. Francis de Sales

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, averaging about four calls per month. Please contact Bettine Montgomery at 703-860-0675 or ehmontgomery@verizon.net for details.

BROWN BAG WEEKEND The Cornerstones van will be in the parking lot after all Masses next weekend, January 27 - 28 to collect your non-perishable food donations. This month, they are especially in need of applesauce, chicken soup, coffee, hot chocolate, and canned meats. Thank you for your continued support.



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 kmonroe58@gmail.com, or for morning sessions email madcass5@att.net or joelllan@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.
- **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.

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

- **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 us next weekend after either of 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.
- **Saturday, February 17 - Monday, February, 19, Camden Service Trip, DeSales Service Works, Camden, New Jersey:** Our annual service trip weekend has been set for the 3-day weekend on President's Day! Please contact Thomas with any interest or questions about this powerful service experience. We will carpool each way, and housing is provided for \$35 per night. If you RSVP by February 2, some of the trip cost will be offset by the parish!

WHAT IS
DESALES
SERVICE
WORKS?



DeSales Service Works is a project of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. DSW exists to impact the lives of others and to Live Jesus! We provide opportunities for face-to-face service, and we work to change the lives of those we serve and to expand the mindset of those who serve. All of our efforts seek to improve struggling neighborhoods while recognizing the goodness of these impoverished communities. This apostolate was originally established by the Oblates in 1999 in the Frankford neighborhood in Philadelphia, PA, with Father Mark Plaushin, OSFS as Director. The ministry was relocated to Camden, NJ in 2008 when Father Mark was called back to active duty as a Chaplain in the U. S. Army, and Father Michael McCue, OSFS, became the full-time Spiritual Director.

We invite people to join us here for retreat to experience the Christian world view of St. Francis de Sales, which believes in the power of Salesian gentleness, humility, and optimism. Of course these powers are needed everywhere, especially in an environment that is poor, tough and needs hope. In Camden the needs are obvious and urgent, but need is experienced wherever human beings are. We can make a difference in the lives of needy people in this poor city.

Service retreats offer people of all ages the opportunity to get away, reflect, pray and serve people in need. All retreat themes are rooted in the core teaching of St. Francis de Sales and involve direct service, facilitated reflection, presentations on Catholic social teaching, prayer and opportunity to celebrate Eucharist. These retreats are ideal for college service trips, teens, adults, school groups, or parish groups. They can be designed various lengths of

time: a school day, an over-night, an evening, a weekend, a spring break, a week in the summer, etc.

But a huge reason for participating in a DSW service retreat is that it gives an opportunity to spend time away to perform service, prayer and reflection, to deepen a Christian vision in order to more readily recognize the need and the power of Christian virtues for every place we find ourselves.

For more information, visit www.desaleservice.org or phone 856-203-7363.

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50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES: For more information on the 50+ Club event and upcoming fall events, please email Pat Bossie at grankidsx9@aol.com or call 703-620-3747.

- **Thursday, February 8, Valentine's Day Luncheon, 11:30am, Clyde's Willow Creek Farm in Ashburn.** Yes, it's early, but Ash Wednesday falls on 'Valentine's Day' this year. Clyde's has given us space for 40 people so we may order from the regular menu. Any larger number requires a guaranteed pre-payment and a limited banquet menu choice. If you would like to attend, please call Pat Bossie or email Jill Thurman at jillront@verizon.net.



Faith Formation

Mickie Abatemarco, Director
703-390-2340
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ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

- **Becoming A Catholic** Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets year-round on Tuesday evenings. Email rcia@saintjn.org 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

WEDNESDAY DROP-IN FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL TEENS! Join us this Wednesday and every Wednesday 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!



**"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.

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

St. Ignatius de Loyola

SAVE THE DATE - The Knights of Columbus along with the High School Youth Group will host a Mardi Gras Dinner **Tuesday, February 13** from 5:30pm to 8:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. Take this opportunity with your family and friends on the eve of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent to have a delicious dinner, enjoy musical entertainment and experience the enchanting ambiance of the Parish Hall. Proceeds from the dinner will be used by the parish teens participating in this year's week-long Diocesan Work Camp this summer. Plan to come and experience a good time and a great meal for a good cause! Stay tuned for further details.



Around the Diocese



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.

**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.

**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.

Come to 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.

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More Around the Diocese

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WELCOME HOME

RE-ENTRY PROGRAM seeks Volunteer Mentors to serve as role models and guides to formerly incarcerated/recently released individuals. Help to welcome them home, connect them to available resources, and provide positive, caring support so that they can successfully return to the community. Background check and training, and ongoing education required. Become acquainted with the challenges facing those leaving jail/prison; receive training working in a one-to-one setting; opportunity to help an individual in transition. Contact Sally O'Dwyer at sodwyer@ccda.net.

MORNING OF MERCY FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Join Vicar General, Fr. Tom Ferguson at a morning of recollection for divorced Catholics at St. Luke Catholic Church in McLean at 9:00am February 17. Mass, confession, reflection, prayer and discussion are included. Go to <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy> to register.

Special Collection Stewardship

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and Caribbean, rural terrain and a lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit <http://www.usccb.org/latin-america>.

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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NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year it is January 28 - February 3. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Why not write a thank-you note to a former teacher who impacted your life in a very positive way?

Harm's Way Prayer List



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK the men and women serving in our armed forces and those civilians whose work puts them in harm's way.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION "*Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.*"
MARK 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP FOR JANUARY 14

will appear in next weekend's bulletin due to the Martin Luther King holiday.