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

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

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

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



**THIS WEEK AT SJN...**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22**

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am;

Conference Room

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23**

Power of Story: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel

Lectio for Lectors and Anyone Else: 7:30pm

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24**

**St. Francis de Sales Feast Day!**

Pax Christi: 7:00pm; B1

St Francis de Sales Feast Day Mass and Reception: 7:00pm; Church and Narthex

Knights of Columbus Social: 7:30; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25**

Saying Yes Discussion Group: 10:00pm; B6/B7

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

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

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

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

Welcome Home: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26**

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

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

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 27**

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28**

Brown Bag Weekend

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29**

Faith Formation Classes

Brown Bag Weekend

Sunday Morning Coffee: 8:30am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



### DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Dear Friends,

This Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Francis de Sales. The Oblate Priests and Sisters and the Visitation Sisters of Georgetown Visitation celebrate this feast regionally. This year St. John Neumann is hosting the celebration Tuesday at 7:00pm in the church. We invite you to join us for the liturgy and a light reception to follow. The presider and homilist at the Mass will be Father Jack Loughran, OSFS, Director of Formation for the North American Oblate Provinces.

Though I am writing this as Hypothermia Week is well on its way I am delighted to report that true to form the parish lives up to its motto "All Are Welcome" and our reputation of wonderful hospitality. Thank you to all who have participated in any way such as volunteering your time during the week, providing casseroles, snacks, supplies, clothing and gift cards. As this is the Tenth year that we have hosted the Hypothermia Shelter I extend our heart-felt gratitude to Pam Dister and Patty Holley for their initiative in making this a reality, and for their determined commitment these past ten years. Most important, the success of this great ministry is due to the active participation of so many throughout our entire parish community and the other faith communities that join us and we are ever grateful as we continue to live out the Gospel.

As our Nation has transitioned to new leadership, let us pray for our President and all elected leaders that they govern with wisdom and compassion in addressing the needs of all.

Finally, let us all pray for those attending the 44<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life being held in Washington, this Friday, January 27. Even if you can't make the March, please join us for a prayer service being held at 10:00am in the chapel before the participants board the bus at 11:00am.

Live Jesus,

Fr. Joe



**WE WELCOME** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **John Richardson Baldyga**, son of Michael and Julia; **Christopher Joel Buzzanell**, son of Mark and Angela; **Kylie Rose Kleehammer**, daughter of Andrew and Nicole; and **Trevor Michael Stoner**, son of Barry and Meaghan.

### Prayer and Liturgy



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**Isaiah 8:23-9:3;**  
**Psalms 27: 1, 4, 13-14;**  
**I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17;**  
**Matthew 4:12-23**

In today's Gospel Jesus calls several fishermen to come and follow Him. St. Francis de Sales comments on their calling, and also ours, to follow Our Savior:

When Our Savior tells His Apostles that He has chosen them, He makes no exception. Even Judas was called although he misused his freedom, and rejected the means God gave him. We can be sure that when God calls someone to embrace Christianity, to be single or married, to be a religious, priest or bishop, God gives each person all the necessary help to attain sanctity in his or her vocation. Yet, even after their conversion, some of the Apostles were subject to some imperfections, like St. Peter who failed miserably by denying the Lord.

Likewise, we see that it is impossible to overcome in a day all the bad habits acquired by caring poorly for our spiritual health. Nonetheless, Our Savior wants you to serve Him just as you are, both by prayer and by actions suited to your state and stage in life. Once you are convinced that you must serve God where you are, and go on doing what you are doing, have a tender affection for your state in life.

Be of good heart; cultivate your vineyard with divine love. As you set out on your daily tasks, place yourself in the hands of God, who desires to help you succeed in your affairs. Believe that God will do what is best for you, provided that, on your part, you employ a gentle diligence. Do not be surprised if the fruits of your labor are slow to appear. If you do the work of God patiently, your labor will not be in vain. Our Lord, who makes houses for the snails and turtles, will lead you well; let Him do it. We must walk faithfully in the way of our Lord, and remain in peace, as much in the winter of sterility as in the autumn of fruitfulness. Walk joyously, then, in your vocation with confidence in Divine Providence.

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

### COME TO OUR FEAST DAY CELEBRATION!

All are welcome to join us as we 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 this Tuesday evening, January 24 at 7:00pm. Mass will be followed by a light reception in the narthex.



**LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND**

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of January 28 - January 29 are:

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



**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 23 Brother John M. Carroll, OSFS
- January 24 Brother Robert M. Carter, OSFS
- January 25 Reverend Joseph F. Chorpenning, OSFS
- January 26 Reverend Paul H. Colloton, OSFS
- January 27 Reverend John P. Connery, OSFS
- January 28 Reverend Michael C. Connolly, OSFS
- January 29 Reverend John W. Crossin, OSFS

**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:

**Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13** In the century preceding the ministry of Zephaniah, the people of Judah had suffered greatly at the hands of the Assyrians. As the Assyrian threat receded, the prophet used the imagery of war to portray the coming Day of the Lord and to shock the people into looking for the true happiness promised to the faithful remnant of believers.

**Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10** Happy the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**I Corinthians 1:26-31** Paul reveals to the lowly the religious dimension of their social condition. Their wisdom, their power and their riches are Christ. God chose those who are nothing to confound by their faith those who believe themselves to be everything.

**Matthew 5:1-12** The kingdom of God is the world stood upon its head by the paradox of Jesus Christ. He promises beatitude to the poor, the lowly and the suffering who know their need of God.

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers, Nancy Maiello, William Morris, **Larry Murray**, 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.***

***“Don't lose your inner peace  
for anything whatsoever,  
even if your whole world seems upset.”***

*St. Francis de Sales*



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| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>5:00pm  | <b>JANUARY 21</b><br>Robert Levendoske †              |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>7:30am    | <b>JANUARY 22</b><br>Issa Mansour †                   |
| 9:30am                     | Rosemary Dennis †                                     |
| 11:30am                    | George and Linda Skaff ††                             |
| 1:30pm                     | People of the Parish                                  |
| 5:00pm                     | Ivone Weaver †  |
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>9:00am    | <b>JANUARY 23</b><br>Lyn Carney, Special Intention    |
| 12:10pm                    | Thomas Lenihan †                                      |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br>6:30am   | <b>JANUARY 24</b><br>Joseph B. Gormley †              |
| 9:00am                     | Tom and Betty Broussard ††                            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>9:00am | <b>JANUARY 25</b><br>Claudia McLoughlin †             |
| 12:10pm                    | George Magnani †                                      |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br>6:30am  | <b>JANUARY 26</b><br>Jaime Concepcion †               |
| 9:00am                     | Thomas Wutkowski †                                    |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>9:00am    | <b>JANUARY 27</b><br>Eddie Mazzola, Special Intention |
| 12:10pm                    | Edward Flynn †  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br>5:00pm  | <b>JANUARY 28</b><br>Kevin Briggs †                   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br>7:30am    | <b>JANUARY 29</b><br>Tom Casey †                      |
| 9:30am                     | Richard Hamoush †                                     |
| 11:30am                    | Rosemary Palmisano †                                  |
| 1:30pm                     | Carol Alsip †   |
| 5:00pm                     | People of the Parish                                  |

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

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

### Parish Information

**HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER** Our parish has been sheltering up to 80 homeless persons this week as part of the County's hypothermia prevention shelter program. Our guests will depart for another church this Sunday morning, January 22. Our most basic goal has been to keep homeless people from freezing at night during the cold winter months, and we did so.

Our casserole drive was a great success. We used many of the casseroles during the week. We donated some casseroles to the Reston Drop-In Center and to the Embry Rucker shelter, where some of our guests went during the day, and have many left to donate to Embry Rucker and other shelters throughout the season. Thanks to the many people who donated such delicious homemade meals.

Your donations of clothing, money, food, and gift cards were also essential to our program. Our guests appreciated the warm clothing you donated, and we were able to use monetary donations for unexpected items they needed. The food you and St. Mark's provided enabled our guests to take a bag lunch when they left each day, or it was used at our shelter. Any leftovers will go to area shelters. And finally, we gave your gift cards to guests during the week and have enough left to give to other shelters. Our guests so appreciate being able to purchase something so they can warm up on these cold days.

Next week, we will present a few details about what the hundreds of volunteers from four faith communities did during their more than 3,000 volunteer hours. Each year, our guests are overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our parishioners and our faith partners. One guest remarked that he didn't participate in the program all the time; he preferred to camp out when it wasn't too cold. But he comes here every year, not just for the comfortable accommodations and delicious food. He comes because he is treated with respect here. There is no better recommendation than this, and we thank everyone who participated in our hypothermia prevention week effort.



**MARCH FOR LIFE** The 44<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life will be held in Washington this 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.

### 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." Perhaps you 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.

Welcome Home sessions begin this Wednesday, January 25. Contact Director of Faith Formation, Mickie Abatemarco at 703-390-2340 or [mabatemarco@saintjn.org](mailto:mabatemarco@saintjn.org) for information.

**PAX CHRISTI** Join us for our next book discussion, beginning this Tuesday evening, January 24. We will read and discuss "*Nonviolent Communication*" by Marshall B. Rosenberg (3<sup>rd</sup> edition, 2015). **At this meeting we will discuss the first three chapters. Subsequent meetings will be on the third Tuesday** of each month. Obtain your own copy of the book and read the first three chapters prior to the meeting. Email Bob More to RSVP ([rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com](mailto:rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com)).

### NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING SOON

Because we have not updated our parish Pictorial Directory since 2011 and we have many new parishioners, 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. If you are interested in helping with the various support activities, especially the signup events beginning next month, email Ann Booker at [bookercazet@gmail.com](mailto:bookercazet@gmail.com).

### 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 "Salesian GPS: Gentleness, 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.

**BROWN BAG WEEKEND** The Cornerstones van will be here after all the Masses next weekend, January 28 - 29. Please remember to bring your donations for those in need in our community. This month they especially need canned meats, vinegar, oatmeal, canned fruit, applesauce, cooking oil, and dry beans. Thank you!



**FROM THE PARISH NURSE: Body, Mind, Spirit: A Healthy New Year** Beginnings are a wonderful thing. We practice them every morning when we awaken to a brand new day, full of possibility. We are stirred each time we witness a Baptism during a Sunday Mass. We experience joy and relief in Sacrament each time we go to Reconciliation. Beginnings are filled with hope; and now, more than ever, we need hope.

A New Year offers us a clean book into which we will write the pages. The older I get, the more I realize the value of setting realistic goals for the new year based upon the rationale of "a little better" versus a 180-degree transformation. Few of those idealized landmark intentions really stick, but lots of 10, 20, and 30% improvements do!

So here are my Top Ten suggested healthy improvements for 2017:

1. Sleep more, use the internet less.
2. Begin the day with prayer more, and with news less.
3. Meditate more, medicate less.
4. Walk more, injure yourself with stressful exercise less.
5. Eat natural food more, consume processed food less.
6. Entertain friends at home more, go out less.
7. Drink water more, soda and alcohol less.
8. Use the telephone more, use Facebook and text less.
9. Listen more, talk less.
10. Be hopeful more, pessimistic less.

St. Francis de Sales reminds us to let consistency be our friend. "Perseverance is one of the virtues that keeps us in serene submission to the will of God". Simply beginning each day reminding yourself of your intention/resolution is half the battle. It takes roughly 90 days to develop a new habit. Commit to just 90 days to move the needle along the continuum toward your ultimate goal. At the end of that time, you may find that you have embraced a healthy life change that practiced one day at a time achieved a large part of your goal. In a favorite phrase of my generation, "Just keep showing up". Happy New Year from your Parish Nurse.

**THE POWER OF STORY CONTINUES!** Parishioner, poet and teacher, William R. Stott, Jr., is offering the Biblical Theology portion of the Power of Story series with two courses. The twelve-session Spring Semester will focus on Monasticism, and its vital role in defining, shaping and preserving Western civilization.

**Course Schedule**

Classes will be held from 7:00 - 8:15pm in de Sales Chapel. Flyers/registration forms are available in the main hallway. For more information call 703-860-8510.

1/23 Historical Overview	3/13 Discovery of Self
1/30 The One and The Many	3/20 Emancipation of Self
2/6 Institution/Process	3/27 Rule/St. Benedict
2/13 Authority	4/3 The World
2/27 Discipline	4/10 Civilization
3/6 Rule/"Rules"	4/24 East/West

**2016 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** will be processed and made available no later than January 31. 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 are available on our website, [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org). Once statements are available, parishioners may also contact the Parish Office at 703-860-8510, Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm for a printed contribution statement.



**IT'S TIME FOR THE 5-CAR RAFFLE!** St.

John Neumann is again participating in the All Saints Church 5-Car Raffle! Prizes include five 2017 vehicles and \$20,000 in cash prizes. New parishioners and those who participated the past three years will soon be receiving car raffle tickets by mail to sell. With these great prizes, the tickets will sell themselves! After-Mass weekend ticket sales will begin February 11!

As in past years, all the earnings go directly to worthy charitable groups. A portion of the money will again be used to help the parishioners of Niño Jesus (our sister parish). This year we also will contribute to three additional worthy organizations: Guest House, Kairos and the St. Luke Foundation.

**SAVE THESE DATES!**

- Sunday morning, February 5, the Knights of Columbus will host their monthly Charity Fundraising Breakfast from 8:30 to 11:00am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium, benefitting the Gabriel Project which supports pregnant women with varied short or long-term needs. More information will be in next weekend's bulletin.
- Monday, February 6, Family Dinner Night for Pre-K through 5th Grade will feature BINGO! What a great way to spend a winter family evening. RSVP to Mickie Abatemarco by January 30 at [mabatemarco@saintjn.org](mailto:mabatemarco@saintjn.org).
- Friday, February 10, Movie Night for Adults will feature the film "Sully". Wine, cheese and popcorn will be available at 6:30pm with the movie beginning at 7:00pm.



**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).

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME** Have you noticed the sign on Lawyers Road showing that St. John Neumann has adopted the one-mile stretch of road that passes in front of our church? The Care for Our Common Home ministry sponsors this project. If you are interested in helping with one of the quarterly clean-ups, contact us at: [saintjn.cch@gmail.com](mailto:saintjn.cch@gmail.com).

Here is a home energy consumption tip for you. Adjust the temperature by investing in a programmable thermostat. It can cut energy consumption 20-to-30 percent by adjusting the temperature throughout the day. Moving your thermostat down two degrees in winter and up two degrees in the summer can save 2,000 lbs. of carbon dioxide per year. Check the temperature setting on your water heater. Wwww.Energ.gov recommends a setting of 120 degrees F. If it's set too high, it's working harder than necessary and costing more money.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Fellowship

#### ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30—11:30am. All are welcome!
- **9:00am Daily Mass and Fellowship:** Following Mass in the Chapel, join us in the Bridal Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. Take that first step and contact us at [info@kofc7566.us](mailto:info@kofc7566.us).
- **Legion of Mary** Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home for two weeks? If interested, the Legion of Mary will deliver and retrieve the Holy Virgin at your convenience. For information email [pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com) or call 703-968-3337.
- **Life+Savers:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, (except December) for fun activities, guest speakers and refreshments from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Drop into the Youth Room to relax or play after Sunday Faith Formation class while waiting for parent pickup or siblings attending Agape. Contact Kevin McManus at [lifesavers@saintjn.org](mailto:lifesavers@saintjn.org).
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to [momsgroup@saintjn.org](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org).
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email [ksmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:ksmonroe58@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com).
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at [megan.murphy218@gmail.com](mailto:megan.murphy218@gmail.com).
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at [youngadults@saintjn.org](mailto:youngadults@saintjn.org).

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

- **Tuesdays, starting January 17 at 7:00pm, "Saying Yes" Book Study; Stephanie's House** 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 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 Gina at [gcordell@udel.edu](mailto:gcordell@udel.edu) 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>.

*"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."*

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

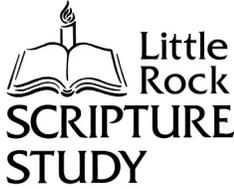
### Faith Formation

#### 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.
- **Bible Study for Mothers With Young Children** This group meets on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30am, with child care provided. 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 in brochures available at the Welcome Desk.

**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 through tomorrow, **January 23rd**. Contact Janet Broderick at [broderickjmb@gmail.com](mailto:broderickjmb@gmail.com) or 703-860-5029 with questions.

*“Never worry about numbers.  
Help one person at a time,  
and always start with  
the person nearest you.”*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

## 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 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

## 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 today, 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.

## HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT (AGAPE)

Calling all teens! Join us tonight Sunday, January 22, for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun. Come and learn more about our Catholic faith and traditions and how we can apply our Christian values to our daily lives and in our relationships with others. This will also be a great opportunity to share snacks, enjoy fellowship and make new friends! All high school teens are invited and welcome, so bring a friend.

## 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 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

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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!**

**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.

### Special Collection Stewardship

**CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA** This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting this special collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to people in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Support the second collection. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

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### 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.

### 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>.

### 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.

### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."*  
MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. This means everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.