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

*Bulletin articles are due ten days prior to intended publication date.

Prayer and Liturgy

REMINDER DURING COLD AND FLU SEASON

If you are feeling ill, please refrain from:

- drinking from the cup
- shaking hands during the Sign of Peace
- holding hands during the Our Father



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20;
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9;
1 Corinthians 7:32-35;
Mark 1:21-28

St. Paul tells us in today's reading "to be free of anxiety." St. Francis de Sales gives us some advice on how to cope with anxiety:

There is a real temptation to become dissatisfied with the world and distressed about it when we have of necessity to be in it. We imagine we would feel better if we were on another ship. That may be, but only if we change ourselves! Solitude has its assaults, the world its busyness. In either place we must be courageous since in either place divine help is available to those who trust in God and who humbly and gently beg for God's caring assistance.

One of the sources of our anxieties is our self-centered love. Why are we surprised by our imperfections? We want nothing but consolation. When we experience our own misery and weaknesses, let us do three things and we will have peace. Let us have a pure intention of seeking in all things, the honor and glory of God. Let us do the little we can toward this end and leave to God the care of the rest. These little attacks of anxiety and sadness that are brought on by the multiplicity of our responsibilities permit us to practice the dearest and best virtues that Jesus recommended to us: gentleness and trust in God. True virtue is not produced by outward idleness, anymore than healthy fish are raised in the stagnant waters of swamps.

To protect ourselves from surprise attacks of anxiety, where we become resentful and ready to flare up if any one crosses us, we must often arouse in our hearts patience and courage. But when we do totter and fall, we must not be ashamed of being a little grimy and dusty. It is better to be covered with dust than with sores. If we place ourselves in God's care and let the heavenly dew of God's love heal us, all will be well.

(Francis de Sales, Introduction to a Devout Life)

BLESSING OF THE THROATS Saturday, February 3 is the

memorial of Saint Blaise, who was Bishop of Sebaste, Armenia, in the fourth century and a martyr. There is a story that he cured a little boy who was choking on a fishbone.

In anticipation of this Feast, on February 2 during the 9:00am and 12:10pm Masses throats will be blessed with two crossed unlit candles. The tradition of the blessing of the throats is not only for protection against throat ailments, but against all diseases, and is not just for those who are sick, but for everyone.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

RCIA RITE OF RECEPTION This is a special weekend for three of our RCIA candidates. Manu George and Christopher Ann Munford will be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church at the 9:30am Mass. Together with Jack Morrison, who was baptized in the Catholic Church, they will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. In the past months they have been attending Mass, learning about the Catholic faith, and becoming involved in the life of our community by participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Let us pray for Manu, Christopher, and Jack and continue to provide them with the love and support of our parish.



*“To convert somebody
go and take them by the hand
and guide them.”*

St. Thomas Aquinas



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 †
MONDAY	JANUARY 29
9:00am	Irene Rogacki Okonski †
12:10pm	Fidel Garcia †
TUESDAY	JANUARY 30
6:30am	Marie Jessie Sirmans †
9:00am	Robert W. Turnbull †
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 31
9:00am	Edna Ruth Birely †
12:10pm	Adeline Sweeney Phillips †
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 1
6:30am	Edna Ruth Birely †
9:00am	George J. Terwilliger †
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 2
9:00am	Jackie Reiley †
12:10pm	Helen Benson †
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 3
5:00pm Chapel	Ermelinda Arias †
5:00pm Church	Frank Schroeder †
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 4
7:30am	Rosemarie Carlantonio †
9:30am	Steve Hankinson †
11:30am	Robert Biegalski †
1:30pm	People of the Parish
5:00pm	John and Edna Pfeifer †

PLEASE PRAY for **Raymond Dunn, Carrie Gillotte, Anne Saldanha, Jon Zackman** and for 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.

Boldface type is used for names that are new this week.

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

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Job is the type of the just one tried by misfortune. In the midst of illness and suffering, his prayer is a cry of faith: remember, O Lord.

Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted. In this portion of the psalm the God who has created the stars is pictured as the God who also saves the weak and who rescues the outcasts.

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Paul has recommended detachment and renunciation to his readers. He himself wants no payment for his missionary work. Thus he will keep himself free to share the lot of the powerless in order to win them for Christ.

Mark 1:29-39 Jesus heals through compassion. When the crowds take him for a simple wonder-worker, he puts the distance of the desert and of prayer between himself and them. He later returns to proclaim to them the real nature of healing.

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of February 3 - February 4 are:

Saturday	5:00pm (Chapel)	Father Don
Saturday	5:00pm (Church)	Father Bill with Deacon Joe
Sunday	7:30am	Father Don
Sunday	9:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	11:30am	Father Bill with Deacon Joe
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Francis Russo, OFM Cap.
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Joe

WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Remy Oliver Arel**, son of Alan and Kristen; and **Avery Lauren Liggitt**, daughter of Alex and Lauren.



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



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Lee Bauer**, husband of Nancy; **Rose Bronzetti**, aunt of Pam McCain; **Margaret Ann Quigley**, wife of Tom and mother of Maureen Wiley, **Rita Raphael**, sister-in-law of Carol; **William Rensel**, brother of Dennis; and **Hans H. Heckler**, father of Margaret Coggins.

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



- January 29 Reverend J. Kevin O'Keefe
- January 30 Reverend Peter Odhiambo Okola, A.J.
- January 31 Reverend Michael T. Orlowsky
- February 1 Reverend Carroll L. Oubre
- February 2 Reverend Inhyun Paik
- February 3 Reverend Francis J. Peffley
- February 4 Reverend Edwin E. Perez

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.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE! Instructions for viewing and printing your contribution statement are on our website, www.saintjn.org, under Current Events. You may also contact the Parish Office at 703-860-8510, Monday- Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm for a printed contribution statement.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The Knights of Columbus Council #7566 has selected the Keith George family as the Council's Family of the Month for January 2018. The George family moved to Fairfax in July 2002 and quickly found a home at our parish. Keith joined the Knights in 2005 and has served as Grand Knight (2008-2009), Deputy Grand Knight (2007), and Council Trustee (2009-2012, 2013-2015). He currently is the Council Treasurer. He enjoys volunteering at various Knights' cooking events to raise funds for charity. He also regularly leads the Knights' Christmas and Easter parking lot management efforts.

Keith and his wife, Kelly, have two daughters. Drea is a junior at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) and is looking forward to graduating with a degree in kinetic imaging in December 2018. Drea assisted Fr. Heet in recording the Sunday Mass for distribution on the parish website when she was a student at Langley High School. Marin is in the 8th grade at Cooper Middle School, has been an altar server since 2015, and can frequently be seen serving at 9:30am Mass on Sunday. Congratulations to the George family!

"We must fear God out of love, not love Him out of fear."

Saint Francis de Sales

HAVE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENED!



Are you aware that high blood pressure (HBP) is a serious condition leading to coronary heart disease, heart failure, stroke, kidney failure, and other major health problems? About 1 in 3 adults in the United States has HBP. The condition usually has no signs or symptoms; you can have it for years without knowing it. During this time, HBP can damage your heart, blood vessels, kidneys, and other parts of your body.

Knowing your blood pressure numbers is important, even when you're feeling fine. If your blood pressure is normal, you can work with your health care team to keep it that way. If your blood pressure is too high, treatment may help prevent damage to your body's organs.

As we begin a new year, do yourself and your family a favor! Plan to have your blood pressure screened by our parish Health Ministry nurses Sunday, February 11, between 2:30 - 3:30pm. It only takes a few minutes and could save your life. For those whose pressure readings are high, counselors will be available to offer guidance on changes in diet and behavior that can help you to better control your blood pressure, or to help you assess whether or not you need medical treatment. Lots of documentation on how to reduce and control your blood pressure will be available at the screening for you to take home with you.

Let's all have a happy **and healthy** new year!

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER

From January 14 - 21, St. John Neumann participated in Fairfax County's Hypothermia Prevention Response Program. Each night, we hosted 60 - 70 homeless guests sponsored by the non-profits FACETS and New Hope Housing. Our shelter provided snacks, dinner, breakfast, lunch and a warm place to sleep. Just as important, we offered fellowship and lively entertainment. The guests said that St. John Neumann was a warm and welcoming place and that they were treated with dignity. Several former guests came by for dinner and were happy to hear that they now have housing.

Last week's shelter took the work of many, many volunteers. Here is a glimpse of what you and our faith partners at St. Thomas à Becket, St. Mark, and Congregation Beth Emeth provided for our guests last week:

- more than 3500 volunteer hours by hundreds of different volunteers, many of whom stayed overnight with our guests
- the assistance of our parish's priests and staff in the planning and implementation of our week. We could not have accomplished this without you!
- delicious hot dinners prepared by Agape, the Knights of Columbus, Just Faith, St. Thomas à Becket, Congregation Beth Emeth, and the SJN Spanish-speaking Community
- setup, serving, and cleanup of china and flatware by the Care for our Common Home group for several special dinners
- hot breakfasts prepared by Bill Behan and Virginia Kitchen Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
- Funds and set-up help from our parish Boy Scout Troop 124
- transportation to and from our church
- hundreds of restaurant gift cards used by our guests and to be used this season by the guests at Embry Rucker, North County Hypothermia Prevention Center, the Lamb Center, and the Reston Drop-In Center. These cards enable our guests to warm up in restaurants.
- 240 homemade casseroles, some used this week at our shelter, and some to be used at Embry Rucker or other shelters this season. They were delicious and much appreciated by our guests.
- donations of warm clothing, shoes and boots; blankets, breakfast, lunch, and snack food supplies; toiletries, books, magazines and games, and money to purchase these items
- financial donations that were used to purchase gasoline for our guests with cars, or SmarTrip cards to enable those without cars to take public transportation
- live music and dance: St. Thomas à Becket's Bank Street Band; Happy Feet Cloggers, the Congregation Beth Emeth Chorale, Mini-Musicals on the Move, Moonlight Cabaret Singers, and our 5:00pm Sunday

Mass music group and friends.

- haircuts by stylists from PR at Partners salons
- Bingo and Dominoes (very popular), movies, and therapy dogs (adorable)
- foot care by our Health Ministry
- hand and sewing machine clothing repair
- placemats made by religious education students, and
- fellowship, care, and consideration

Thanks so much to all those who took part in this enormous effort. Every single donation of time, talent or treasure was noticed and appreciated. Our guests were overwhelmed by your generosity. You have shown that St. John Neumann truly is a place where all are welcome.

HOW ABOUT BREAKFAST BEFORE OR AFTER MASS NEXT WEEKEND?

The Knights of Columbus will host their monthly Charity Fundraising Breakfast next Sunday, February 4, from 8:30 to 11:00am.



Their designated charity this month is The Car Ministry, one of the first car donation charities. The Car Ministry accepts donated cars and

trucks for the purpose of giving them to the poor and needy, plus those in full-time Christian work. Thousands of vehicles have been given over the years. Donors can make tax-deductible contributions to the car donation program. Contributions include donated vehicles and financial assistance. Since the vehicles are given away, donors are able to take the fair market value as a tax deduction.

People are referred to the Car Ministry by social workers and pastors. Once given a vehicle people have an opportunity to get to work and take care of family needs. Between 50 and 75 vehicles are given each year depending on the number donated. There are many more applicants than available vehicles. Local churches, from many denominations, are regular financial supporters of the car charity. Individuals also give financial support. Finances continue to be a serious challenge. Funds are needed to continue this work.

So, take a break from the kitchen and enjoy a healthy, hearty breakfast prepared by the Knights, with your free-will donations helping support a worthy cause!

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!

Mark your calendar for Friday, February 9 as Family Movie Night returns, featuring Moana! This acclaimed, animated Disney film features Moana, a chieftain's daughter, and Polynesian culture. Pack up your sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows, put on your PJ's and come on over. We will be serving ice cream sundaes for everyone. Ice Cream will be served at 6:30pm and the movie will start at 7:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium.



MEN: ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT THE

CHALLENGE? Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protection of families, service to others and to defend our values. For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families.

Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process. As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including tens of thousands here in Virginia, who stand together.

Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit <http://kofc.org/joinus> to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

*“The Word of God is pure,
and it will make pure all who read it.”*

St. Francis de Sales

OUR PARISH "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" MENTORING PROJECT AT HUNTERS WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IS A SUCCESS!

This year, twelve parishioners volunteer spending at least an hour once weekly to read with and/or mentor students at Hunters Woods Elementary School. Guided by staff, the mentors making students feel very special as they support them in their education process.

Due to large classroom size and special needs, so many teachers need "more hands on deck" to accomplish student goals. Emily Cope, Hunters Woods principal, expressed her deep gratitude for our mentors and hopes we can provide a few more mentors during this current school year.

All volunteers working in the school have to be fingerprinted and educated on the mentoring process. If you are interested, contact parishioner, Kathy Fredgren, a retired teacher, at fredgren.kathy@gmail.com or by phone at 703-674-8160.

"It Takes A Village" is an understatement in our schools today! We are optimistic that our parish has enough resources to provide some additional help at Hunters Woods School. Let Go! Let God!

BROWN BAG WEEKEND

The Cornerstones van will be in the parking lot after all Masses this weekend, 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.



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.



Fellowship

ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30-11:30am. All are welcome!
- **9:00am Daily Mass and Fellowship:** After Mass, join us in the Social Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. Take that first step and contact us at info@kofc7566.us.
- **Legion of Mary** Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home for two weeks? If interested, the Legion of Mary will deliver and retrieve the Holy Virgin at your convenience. For information email pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com or call 703-968-3337.
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information, email momsgroup@saintjn.org.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 2nd Monday evening or the 2nd Tuesday morning for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email ksmonroe58@gmail.com, or for morning sessions email madcass5@att.net or joelllanf@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 this 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!

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 Divina.

- **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 felicegabriele@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 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!

SUNDAY GAME AND MOVIE NIGHT! All High School teens and your friends are welcome to join us for a Game and Movie Night tonight in the Youth Room and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium from 6:15 to 8:30pm. Come to play games, watch a movie and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship. We will have pizza! Bring your favorite board game and your favorite movie suitable for viewing by a Christian youth group! Choice of movie will be determined from among available selections. If selections submitted are deemed inappropriate by management, an appropriate substitute will be provided. Don't miss out; share in the fun!



**"SOUPER" BOWL COLLECTION:
TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ALL
MASSES FEBRUARY 3-4**

After all Masses next 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.

Last year's donations to the "Souper Bowl" collection were distributed as follows: food for the Hypothermia dinner prepared by the teens; relief efforts for Puerto Rico through Catholic Charities (\$1522.26); support of DeSales Service

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Works in Camden, NJ (\$1,000); support for relief efforts in Haiti through Hands Together (\$500) and \$500 for hurricane relief efforts for Jesus the Worker Catholic Church in Florida (Pastor, Fr. Pat O'Connor). We encourage our parishioners to consider a monetary donation for this worthy collection!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY'S FAMILY LENTEN PROGRAM will take place Sunday, February 11, from 6:15 – 8:30pm, in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. All High School teens and their families are invited to participate in our Family Lenten Program. This is a great opportunity to develop a better understanding about the season of Lent. The evening will begin with a delicious dinner followed by family discussions on the theme of sacrifice, to help you dive deeper into reasons for the Lenten season! Families will create a Lenten plan of sacrifice and action, and all will participate in a moving presentation of the Stations of the Cross. Enter the season of Lent with an established plan to make it the most spiritually-focused season of Lent ever! If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Doug Johnson either by phone at 703-860-6141 or email at djohnson@saintjn.org.

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LAST CHANCE to register for Work Camp! Contact Doug Johnson either by phone at 703-860-6141 or email at djohnson@saintjn.org as soon as possible for more information.

Around the Diocese

HELP WANTED More than just a job, this is a Ministry position. St. Mark Catholic Church in Vienna has an immediate opening on our ministry team for a full time Parish Secretary. The successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic, able to work independently and as part of a ministry team in a dynamic environment, and handle confidential information and situations with professionalism and discretion. Must be organized and have good computer and people skills.

The position requires ability to prioritize tasks and attention to detail while performing a range of duties, including; addressing telephone and walk-in inquiries, managing parishioner database, preparing correspondence, maintaining Sacramental records, editing Parish bulletin and updating Parish web site. Competence with MS Office including Publisher is required. Hourly pay with benefits. References and fingerprinting required. Please prayerfully consider this position and send resumes to csheehan@stmark.org.

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.

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.

*"As we reflect on our sins one by one let us
also consider His graces one by one."*

St. Francis de Sales

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOVES VOLUNTEERS
Do you want to answer God's call to serve? Please visit www.ccda.net/volunteer.php to find more than 120 different volunteer opportunities available. Each year more than 1,700 people volunteer with Catholic Charities. There is something for everyone. Catholic Charities relies on its volunteers to reach those in need throughout the Diocese. We are also seeking corporations who want to come and volunteer as a group! Come and share your talents and skills with us. To learn more, please contact the Director of Volunteers, Sally O'Dwyer at sodwyer@ccda.net or (703) 841-3838.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Around the Diocese

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 This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting this 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.

NEXT WEEKEND A special collection will take place next weekend for The *Arlington Catholic Herald*. It is the official newspaper of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington and has a weekly circulation of over 61,000. This newspaper is distributed locally, nationally and internationally. The *Arlington Catholic Herald* received 28 awards from the Catholic Press Association in 2017. For more information, visit <http://www.catholicaherald.com/>.

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?

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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 "*Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.*" 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32 How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.