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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



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45

Today St. Paul tells us to "do everything for the glory of God." St. Francis de Sales elaborates on this intention:

How do we "do all things in the name of God" so as to live well? First, we must purify all our intentions as far as we can. We must make a firm purpose to use the day well for the intention of giving glory to God and not us. Anticipate what tasks, transactions and occasions for serving God you may meet today. What temptations will you be exposed to, such as anger, self-centered love, or some other irregularities? Carefully prepare yourself to avoid, resist, and overcome whatever might hinder you from authentically living Jesus.

To do all things well, first make a holy resolution to grow in the love Jesus exemplified. To prepare yourself to put this resolution into practice, ask our Savior to help you make the best use of the means available to you to grow in holy love, and serve Him. Admit that you alone can not carry out your decision to avoid evil and do the good that God desires of you. Hold your heart in your hands, and offer it with your good desires to Our Savior. Ask Him to take your heart under His protection and strengthen it so to grow in His authentic love.

To do all for the glory of God, train yourself to pray. Receive the sacraments often. As you perform the important tasks of your vocation, never forget to practice humility, gentleness, patience, and simplicity, virtues that grow like flowers at the foot of the Cross.

As you care for your family with all the diligence required, bring these souls to love God by infusing good inspirations into their hearts. Great opportunities to serve God rarely present themselves but little ones are frequent. As you carry out your responsibilities so that they give glory to God, all your activities, even eating, drinking, sleeping or recreation, will be done in the name of God, who leads you to authentic wholeness through Jesus Christ.

Adapted from the Writings of St. Francis De Sales

HEARING IMPAIRED? Amplification devices are available for anyone having difficulty hearing the Mass. Just ask an usher before Mass. **Large-print Sunday Missals** are available 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.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WE ARE COLLECTING PALMS

Ash Wednesday is almost upon us. Please bring back to church the blessed palms you received on Palm Sunday last year. We will add them to those being burned and used to make the Sign of the Cross on your forehead on Ash Wednesday. We have two large baskets in the Narthex in which you can deposit your old palms through this Sunday, February 11.



ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES—FEBRUARY 14

6:30am	Liturgical Service with Distribution of Ashes
9:00am	Mass with Distribution of Ashes
12:10pm	Liturgical Service with Distribution of Ashes
6:00pm	Mass with Distribution of Ashes
8:00pm	Liturgical Service in Spanish with Distribution of Ashes

A basket will be available at the back of the church at all Ash Wednesday liturgies for a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please be generous.

SCHEDULE OF LENTEN LITURGIES AND SERVICES

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday, 9:00am
Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30am
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:10pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays - 6:30pm, followed by Soup Supper with Speakers
Stations in Spanish - Thursdays, 7:00pm

Taizé Prayer

Tuesdays, February 27, March 13; Wednesday, March 28
7:00pm

Saturday Confessions

10:00 - 10:30am
(except March 10 due to Live Jesus, and Holy Saturday)

Wednesday "The Light Is On For You" Confessions

Wednesdays - 6:30 - 8:00pm
February 21, 28, March 7, 21

Exposition and Adoration

Thursday, March 8; 3:00 - 8:00pm

Joint Lenten Penance Service at SJN

Wednesday, March 14, 7:00pm

As we near the end of our Lenten journey, the schedules for Palm Sunday, Holy Week services, Triduum and Easter will be included in this column.



SATURDAY

5:00pm

SUNDAY

7:30am

9:30am

11:30am

1:30pm

5:00pm

MONDAY

9:00am

12:10pm

TUESDAY

6:30am

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday—see Liturgy Table for Services

9:00am

6:00pm

THURSDAY

9:00am

12:10pm

FRIDAY

9:00am

12:10pm

SATURDAY

5:00pm

SUNDAY

7:30am

9:30am

11:30am

1:30pm

5:00pm

FEBRUARY 10

Joan Doherty †

FEBRUARY 11

Marie Jessie Sirmans †

Patrick Purcell †

Velma and Norbert Haas †

Elena Neira †

People of the Parish

FEBRUARY 12

Noah "Bo" Kinsey-Korzym †

Shawn Mullaney †

FEBRUARY 13

Ruth Cappo †

Audrey Lyke †

FEBRUARY 14

Ash Wednesday—see Liturgy Table for Services

Flynn Family, Special Intention

Dennis O'Hara †

FEBRUARY 15

Kay Gorman †

Geraldine Pickup †

FEBRUARY 16

Joe Sheehan †

James Heron, Special Intention

FEBRUARY 17

People of the Parish

FEBRUARY 18

Marian Halpin †

Lorraine Senior †

Joe Garfield †

Carlos, Francisco, Arturo and

Ricardo Cordon Bonillas,

Special Intention

Irma de Pigati †



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Grace Saoirse Barna**, daughter of Brian and Shannon.

PLEASE PRAY for Raymond Dunn, **Ken Foreman**, Carrie Gillotte, Barbara O'Connor, Carol Palmer, Anne Saldanha and for all the sick.

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

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.***

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

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of February 17 - February 18 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Bill
Sunday	7:30am	Father Joe
Sunday	9:30am	Father Joe
Sunday	11:30am	Father Bill
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Francis Russo, OFM Cap. With Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Don



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Nancy Kabance**, wife of Wes and mother of Carson, Kennedy and Chandler; and **John C. Miller**, father of Peter and David.

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: Next weekend we celebrate **The First Sunday of Lent**. Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from God's Word:

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15 Creation, disordered by violence and sin, longs for restoration (Rom 8:19-22). God, who is faithful in His mercy, continues to turn and to forgive. He continues to renew His covenant with His people.

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 **Your Ways, O Lord, Are Love And Truth To Those Who Keep Your Covenant.** God is faithful to us, and when we faithfully carry out our baptismal commitments, we discover that the ways of God are indeed the ways of "love and truth."

1 Peter 3:18-22 In the covenant with Noah, God promised never again to destroy the world by water. Instead, in one of His great surprises, He offers us life through baptism into the waters of Christ's death.

Mark 1:12-15 Between the baptism in the Jordan which begins His ministry and the baptism of His death which completes it, Jesus accepts the paradox of the human condition. Even as He is tempted by Satan, He proclaims the good news of Satan's defeat. The reign of God is at hand.

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, February 18	9:30am	RCIA Rite of Sending
Sunday, March 4	9:30am	RCIA First Scrutiny
Sunday, March 11	11:30am	RCIA Second Scrutiny
Sunday, March 18	5:00pm	RCIA Third Scrutiny



BEGINNING THIS WEDNESDAY, AND THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS OF LENT, THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Lord's mercy is always available in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and pierces the darkness of sin. With great trust, may we confidently approach Jesus who awaits us and experience His mercy in this sacred Season of Lent and always. Bishop Burbidge, Diocese of Arlington

Are you having difficulty forgiving an acquaintance or loved one? Have you considered seeking God's healing first? In fact, that's what the Sacrament of Reconciliation is all about. On Wednesdays during Lent, between 6:30 - 8:00pm, come to St. John Neumann and experience God's compassionate love in this Sacrament. To help you reflect and grow daily this Lent, there are cards in the pamphlet rack near the Welcome Desk with discussion of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, tips on going to confession, and some very helpful guidance on how to prepare a good examination of conscience. (Note: Wednesday, March 14 is our Parish Lenten Service at 7:00pm)

RCIA RITE OF SENDING Next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass we celebrate the Rite of Sending for Election with those who have been preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church at Easter. Our catechumens are John Baker, Taylor Johnston, Damarviz Laureano, and Karen Baca Oliva. They are being accompanied in RCIA by sponsors Skipp Maiden, Bea Shore, Lourdes Sandoval, and Emil Baca.

During the rite, sponsors witness to the readiness of the catechumens for reception of the initiation sacraments. Each catechumen signs our parish Book of the Elect.

In the afternoon the catechumens, along with their sponsors, will go to St. Thomas More Cathedral for the Rite of Election. Based on the testimony given by the sponsors and our support of their readiness for the sacraments, Bishop Burbidge will declare the catechumens to be **elect**, chosen by God for Baptism this Easter. Bishop Burbidge will sign our Book of the Elect which will be on display in the narthex throughout the Lenten and Easter seasons.

Please pray for our catechumens as they begin the Purification and Enlightenment period of the RCIA.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

TAIZÉ IN LENT:



“Change our hearts, Lord!” Prayer in the spirit of the Taizé community is a meditative form of common prayer, intentionally simple in structure and ecumenical in nature allowing it to be rich in its meditative quality that gets to the heart of a contemplative prayer form. *“Right at the depth of the human condition, lies the longing for a presence, the silent desire for a communion. Let us never forget that this simple desire for God is already the beginning of faith.”* (Brother Alois, Prior of Taizé) The community thinks of itself as a “parable of community”, a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and separated peoples. Taizé services this Lent are at 7:30pm on Tuesdays, February 27 and March 13, and Wednesday, March 28.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY SOUP SUPPERS WITH SPEAKERS

Join us while we pray as a community on Friday evenings during Lent. Stations of the Cross will begin in the church at 6:30pm. Afterward there will be soup supper in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium, with various speakers. Our schedule of sponsors and speakers:



- February 16: Care For Our Common Home, Just Faith, Pax Christi; Dr. Tony Tambasco on The Biblical Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching
- February 23: Mothers' Group; Family Night; **Starts at 6:00pm**
- March 2: Music and Liturgy, Welcome the Stranger, Social Justice Committee; Gregory McKinney on Welcome The Stranger, Share The Journey: A Global Catholic Perspective
- March 9: Men's and Women's Kairos, Pro Life, Jail Ministry, Pastoral Council; Gay Gardner and Kimberly Snodgrass on Making Solitary Confinement Truly A Last Resort
- March 16: Hispanic, Health and Shawl Ministries, Young Adults; George Mason University DACA Students
- March 23: Knights of Columbus, Boy Scout Troop 124; Rebecca Hartner on Gabriel Homes
- March 30, Good Friday: Youth Ministry; Living Stations of the Cross presented by High School Teens; 3:00pm; no soup supper

HOLY ROSARY AFTER MASS

In honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes today, interested parishioners are invited to gather to recite the Rosary in the de Sales Chapel after the 7:30 and 9:30am Masses. Rosaries and prayer guides will be available. Whether the Rosary is a familiar devotion for you and your family, or something you have not previously utilized in your prayer life, please feel free to join us.

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



February 12	Reverend John P. Peterson, Y.A.
February 13	Reverend Mark A. Pilon
February 14	Reverend Mauricio R. Pineda
February 15	Reverend Anthony J. Pinizzotto
February 16	Reverend Donald J. Planty
February 17	Reverend Jerry J. Pokorsky
February 18	Reverend Christopher J. Pollard



RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

This Sunday, February 11, at the 5:00pm Mass, we will celebrate a Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for Izzy Ara, Luke High, Stephen Lee, and Carmen Pena. They began their RCIA faith journey as inquirers in the Pre-catechumenate or Inquiry period of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Now in preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist they will study the teachings of the Catholic Church, seek to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, and join in service to our community. We are witnesses to the faith they are seeking. Please pray for them and for all our candidates and catechumens.

Parish Information

IT'S BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING TIME!

Want to help save your own life? Come to have your blood pressure screened today from 2:30—3:30pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. Our Health Ministry nurses will be there to take your readings, and it only takes a few moments. High blood pressure is a silent killer; you owe it to yourself and to your family members to check your health!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITMENT

NEXT WEEKEND!

Council #7566 has been part of the St. John Neumann community since 1980, and continues to share ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. If you are 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, the Knights will be happy to chat with you next weekend, February 17—18 after all Masses. Stop by our recruitment table in the narthex and find out how you can get involved. If you would like more information before you talk with us, visit our web site at <http://www.kofc7566.us>. You should also check out the Council's bulletin board located near the outer doors to the left of the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium to see what has been happening within the Council itself lately!



IT'S MARDI GRAS! The Knights of Columbus and the High School Youth Group will host a Mardi Gras Dinner this Tuesday, February 13 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. Join us on the eve of Ash Wednesday for a delicious dinner with your Mardi Gras favorites, musical entertainment by the Contemporary Choir and the fellowship of our community. Proceeds from the dinner will be used by the parish teens participating in this summer's week-long Diocesan Work Camp.

CALLING ALL PARISHONERS: JOIN OUR VIRTUAL WALK TO JERUSALEM

WHAT: We are accompanying our patron St. John Neumann on a "virtual" Lenten walk and spiritual journey from Reston to Jerusalem. The program is easy to follow and everyone, regardless of ability, can participate. "Miles" are earned with physical, prayerful and helpful activities. WTJ Guidebooks explain the details of the program, provide weekly Scripture readings, health tips and offer many "points to ponder."



WHEN: We start earning miles Ash Wednesday and finish Palm Sunday. "Miles" earned are submitted each Saturday or Sunday, so we can track our collective efforts. Team leaders will total team mileage. Weekly progress will be noted on the World Map on the Health Ministry bulletin board. Together as a parish family, we will join St. John Neumann to complete a circuitous 20,640-mile journey (not a straight shot this time) to Jerusalem.

HOW: Participate individually or form teams with family, friends or neighbors. Details are in the WTJ Guidebook but here are just a few examples of how you or your team earn:

- **Exercise** – 20 minute walk, house cleaning = 1 mile; 20 minutes heavier exercise = 2 miles; 1 hour hike, dance, aerobics = 3 miles
- **Prayer** – 1 decade of the Rosary = 1 mile; daily Mass or Stations of the Cross = 2 miles; attendance at "Live Jesus" = 10 miles; "Called and Gifted" Workshop = 20 miles, "J Walking with Fr. Joe" = 5 miles
- **Good Deeds** – Volunteer 1 hour = 2 miles; Children can do age-appropriate "good deeds" such as clean their rooms, help with meals or laundry. Be creative and pray for openness to see the many opportunities God offers us to do "works of mercy" for others!

Join any time! Sign up online by sending your name or team name to: sjwalktojerusalem@gmail.com or register in person in the Narthex at the "Walk To Jerusalem" table on February 10 - 11 after all Masses.

THE HEALTH MINISTRY: BEING MORTAL

Atul Gawande's bestselling book "Being Mortal" takes us on a journey to a place we would rather not go - death. From his perspective as both Physician and son, Gawande shares the reality of how and why we end up where we do at the end of our days. Modern medicine is a wonderful gift when it helps bodies that are trying to heal. But often it can inflict cruel injustices on bodies that are trying to die. Understanding "goals of care" and realistic outcomes with the frail and those suffering with terminal illness is crucial to making good decisions at the end of life.

Please join us Thursday, February 22 at 7:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium for our Health Ministry's presentation of "Being Mortal". We will feature a panel of experts for discussion including Dr. Jean Pinzon, Inova Palliative Care, Mary Ellen Gizzie, grief counselor with Vitas Healthcare, and Fr. William Dougherty OSFS.

We will open by previewing a 20-minute video from the author, followed by an interactive discussion. *All are encouraged (but not required) to read "Being Mortal" and/or view a one-hour documentary by Frontline:* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5ckON3HxRc>) prior to our meeting.

This topic is inescapable for all of us as we are all mortal. A critical understanding of our choices, treatment benefits and burdens, and how these connect with our Catholic teachings will surely help for what we all pray for - a happy death.

*"The virtue of humility touches and attracts
the Heart of God more than all the others."*

St. Francis de Sales

TROOP SCOOP Boy Scout Troop 124 extends a cordial invitation to members of the St. John Neumann parish community to join us at our upcoming Court of Honor for Eagle Scouts Joey Shacochis and Trent Ballard on Saturday, February 24, at 3:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. Come celebrate the accomplishments of these Eagle Scouts and in witnessing their re-commitment to living the ideals of Scouting throughout their lives. We will be calling upon all Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold awardees in attendance at the COH to join in part of the ceremony. If you will be able to attend, kindly RSVP no later than February 20 to shac_clan@yahoo.com.



The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Troop 124 would also like to congratulate Eagle Scout Tyler Witlin on attaining this honor. He received his Court of Honor during a trip to Northern Tier High Adventure Base in late January.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



LENT — FAST, PRAY, GIVE

"That's the way I've always done it." Let's challenge ourselves during the Lenten season to assess some of our lifestyle habits and consider gentler, less selfish alternatives. Look for a tip in the bulletin each week during Lent on how to develop habits that will allow us to live more simply. In doing so, we will become more aware of God's continual, loving presence in our lives. Hopefully by Easter our new habits will have become natural and our lives will be richer.

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL - DONATING

IS ONLY A CLICK AWAY! After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs, offices and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Make donating easy for yourself - go to our website (www.saintjn.org), click on the BLA Current Event, and you will be taken to the Arlington Diocese BLA donation site! What could be easier? Need your BLA ID number and can't find your letter? Call the office at 703-860-6147 for help.

LIVE JESUS!

Ash Wednesday is this week and if you're like most Catholics, you've been thinking about something special to do for Lent. As children, the hardest thing for us was to give up candy. Since those days, the focus on sacrificing during Lent has eased up a bit and turned into finding something very special to undertake during the weeks of the journey to Easter, something that will stretch us in ways that we can grow in our spirituality and awareness of others' needs. Instead of being inward (giving up something), we're now pushing outward, (growing and giving.)



Attending Live Jesus! is that perfect "something special" you can do for Lent. It's the annual Saturday morning of reflection, prayer and fellowship focused on the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. Although this is the 15th year this event is taking place, there is always something new to be learned. The presenters will be Rev. David Kenehan, OSFS and Rev. Mark Hushen, OSFS, two Oblates of St. Francis de Sales who will bring new insights to the teachings of the great "Gentleman Saint".

Fr. Kenehan is a retired Army Chaplain and occasionally assists both here and at Our Lady of Good Counsel. In his unique presentation, "My Life With Jesus - Be Not Afraid" he'll tell real life stories of several people. You'll gain a deeper appreciation for how a life with Jesus can lead to a greater sense of peace and well being.

Fr. Hushen is now Chief Mission and Legacy Officer of Ashley Addiction Treatment in Havre de Grace, MD. His distinctive presentation will focus on how to use Salesian Spirituality to build and maintain healthy, loving relationships. Come prepared to learn from this challenging portion of the program, "Train the Mind, Change the Brain. Change the Brain, Change the Game!"

The event will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Vienna on Saturday, March 10 beginning with a continental breakfast at 8:00am in De Sales Hall, followed by the two presentations which will then be followed by the celebration of Mass, concluding at about 12:45pm. Register today by going to www.oblates.org and clicking on the Live Jesus icon. If you don't have a computer or don't feel comfortable using one, Merle Senyk in the Administration Office (703-896-7402) will register for you.

If there's only one special thing you do during Lent, 2018, let this be it!

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 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.

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

- **Throughout Lent (February 14 - March 29), Time and Location TBA, Lenten Small Discussion Groups begin soon:** We're gauging interest and availability for our new Lenten small groups! We will form groups to meet weekly on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday nights for a Lenten-themed spiritual book study each week. Our meeting times will vary based on feedback, so if you're interested, e-mail Claire at claireanet@gmail.com to join a small group!
- **Saturday, March 3, 12:30pm, Air And Space Museum Trip, Carpool from SJN:** Join us to head to the nearby Smithsonian Udvar-Hazy Center and enjoy the artifacts of sky and space! We will carpool from SJN to save parking fees, so whether you're joining for the carpool or meeting us there, please e-mail Brian at bstuhan@gmail.com if you can join us!

Faith Formation

ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any program, contact Mickie Abatemarco at 703-390-2340 or mabatemarco@saintjn.org.

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- **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 felicegabrielle@gmail.com.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group

ADULT CONFIRMATION Are you an adult with a desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Preparation for adult Confirmation will begin on February 28 at 7:00pm in Room A3. Please contact Mickie Abatemarco for an interview prior to the beginning of classes.

High School Youth Ministry

Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any program, contact Doug Johnson either by phone at 703-860-6141 or email at djohnson@saintjn.org.

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.

Around the Diocese

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CITIZEN? Apply now! Come to a citizenship application workshop hosted by Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services on March 3 from 10:00am – 1:00 pm at St. Anthony Catholic School. **COST:** \$110, cash or credit. To register, contact hogarimmigrantservices.org/workshop or 571-208-1572.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

HONORING GOD AND GOD'S CREATION

In "Laudato Si'" Pope Francis tells us "There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions." Would you like to learn little daily actions that can honor God and God's creation? You are invited to join St. Mark Parish in Vienna on February 18 after the 11:45am Mass as Jane Crosby, featured in an April 2017 article in the *Arlington Catholic Herald*, talks about her journey to a zero waste lifestyle. Jane will give practical tips and tell us how her zero waste journey has strengthened her faith. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Betsy Zolper, betsyzolper@verizon.net.

"God is more glorified when we unite with our brethren and neighbors and join our offerings to theirs."

St. Francis de Sales

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.

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.

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PAUL VI CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S NEW HOME!

LEARN ABOUT OUR NEW CAMPUS

Join representatives from PVI for coffee and conversation Sunday, February 25, in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium after the 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. This is the answer to our prayers - a Top 50 Catholic High School with 35 years of educational-excellence experience is moving to a state-of-the-art campus! Join us to learn more about:

- PVI's strong commitment to Catholic values and strong academics
- Planned timelines for the move to the Loudoun
- Details about the new bus service
- Renderings of the new building



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ASH WEDNESDAY we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 25 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support **restores the Church and builds the future** in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection on February 14. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."*
1 CORINTHIANS 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"