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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, FEBRUARY 12**

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Faith Formation Classes

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Blood Pressure Screening: 2:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

Boy Scout Troop 124: 7:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

Praying College Moms: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

Lectio for Lectors and Anyone Else: 7:30pm; Youth Room

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**Happy Valentine's Day**

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Care For Our Common Home; 7:00pm; Conference Room

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

Faith Formation Classes

Saying Yes Discussion Group: 10:00am; 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

Finance Council: 7:30pm; Conference Room

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

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

Newcomers Book Club: 10:00am; A1

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Pro Life: 7:00pm; Conference Room

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Birthday Club Gifts Due

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Birthday Club Gifts Due

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### FROM FATHER JOE:

#### AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED SJN PRESCHOOL

Last March, Father Tom informed the parish of a proposal for the possibility of having a preschool at the parish. As he mentioned, the preschool would be licensed by the state of Virginia and would be under the direction of the Office of Catholic Schools of the Arlington Diocese. A parish-wide survey indicated an interest to pursue this possibility, and with the support of the Pastoral Council parishioners Kathy D'Allessandro and Anne Hanover began a feasibility study. They worked closely with Mark Gosselin, our Facilities Manager and with Fairfax County to determine what needs to be done to make this a reality. Kathy and Anne submitted a proposal on operations and finances of the preschool to the Finance Council. We are working with the diocesan appointed attorney and have submitted a Proposed Special Permit Amendment Application to the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning.

It is important to emphasize that we are in the early stages and that barring any roadblocks the soonest the preschool would open is Fall of 2018. As warranted, updates will be made available.



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**Sirach 15:15-20;**  
**Psalms 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34**  
**I Corinthians 2:6-10;**  
**Matthew 5:17-37**

In today's Gospel Jesus calls us to a "higher" love. Jesus urges us to avoid practicing or pursuing spiritual minimalism, i.e., looking to do only the bare minimum of what is required: living life by the "good enough" method. Jesus clearly raises the bar when he tells his listeners that it isn't enough to avoid killing your neighbor; you must avoid growing angry with, or holding a grudge against, your neighbor. Indeed, you must be reconciled with your neighbor. It isn't enough to avoid committing adultery; we must also avoid looking at others in ways that objectify or discount them for our own gratification or advantage. Indeed, rather than waste your time by looking at others your time would be better spent by examining yourself. It isn't enough to avoid making a false oath; you should avoid putting yourself in any situation in which you would feel obliged to swear to anything. Simply say what you mean, and mean what you say.

Jesus' "higher love" is really at the heart of Francis' notion of "devotion." He wrote: "Genuine, living devotion presupposes love of God, and hence it is simply true love of God. Yet it is not always love as such. Inasmuch as divine love adorns the soul, it is called grace, which makes us pleasing to God's Divine Majesty. Inasmuch as it strengthens us to do good, it is called charity. When it has reached a degree of perfection at which it not only make us do good but also do the good carefully, frequently and promptly, it is called devotion. In addition, it arouses us to do quickly and lovingly as many good works as possible, both those commanded and those merely counseled or inspired." (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part 1, Ch. 1)

For his part, St. Francis de Sales also challenges us to avoid spiritual minimalism. It isn't good enough to avoid lying; we must be truthful. It isn't good enough to avoid gluttony; we must be disciplined. It isn't good enough to avoid being parsimonious; we must be generous. It isn't good enough to avoid injuring others; we must heal others.

God, help us to live this higher love. Help us to avoid trying to simply 'get by' in life; help us to understand what it means to truly live...by fully loving.

*Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS,  
Executive Director of the De Sales Spirituality Services*

*"Do you think your prayer is useless  
and produces no fruit?  
Do not deceive yourself.  
God hears you and fulfills your prayers."*

*Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS*

### Prayer and Liturgy



**WE WELCOME** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Javier Louis Gallagher**, son of Christopher and Cara; and **William Anthony Parmentar**, son of Zachary and Michelle.

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGES:** The Adult Confirmation sessions will meet on Tuesdays, February 21 and March 14, and Thursday April 27. For information contact Mickie Abatemarco at [mabatemarco@saintjn.org](mailto:mabatemarco@saintjn.org).

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULES HEADS-UP:

Monday February 20, the Parish Offices will be closed due to the observance of Presidents' Day. As is our normal holiday practice, there will be Mass at 9:00am, but there will not be Mass at 12:10pm. Also, the building will be locked shortly after the end of the 9:00am Mass.



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 11</b>
5:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 12</b>
7:30am	Mary Bailey †
9:30am	Christopher Leonard Day †
11:30am	Vipin and Jasmine Antoney, Special Intention
1:30pm	Michael Murray †
5:00pm	Brad Bilowus †
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 13</b>
9:00am	Betsy Kimmerle †
12:10pm	Flynn Family, Special Intention
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 14</b>
6:30am	Patrick Northrup †
9:00am	Meg Friel †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>
9:00am	Celso Pastor †
12:10pm	Mary Ellen Merchant †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 16</b>
6:30am	Mrs. Dobson †
9:00am	Fr. Berard Dudek †
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>
9:00am	John Rennish †
12:10pm	John J. Friel †
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>
5:00pm	Rosemary Palmisano †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b>
7:30am	People of the Parish †
9:30am	Gracy Breidy †
11:30am	Ilario Clandorf †
1:30pm	Roberto Incer †
5:00pm	Rosemary Palmisano †

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** Fr. Bob Mancini will present The Papacy - From Italian Prince to Universal Pastor beginning Wednesday, March 8. There will be approximately 9 sessions, with two options, 10:00am and 7:00pm. Stay tuned for more information!

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers, **Patricia Bell, Olga Cadiz, Bill Knaus, Girlie Mendoza, Father Nicholas Waseline, OSFS and Virginia Trinidad,** 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.***

**LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND**

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of February 18 - February 19 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Don
Sunday	7:30am	Father Jerry
Sunday	9:30am	Father Dave Kennahan, OSFS
Sunday	11:30am	Father Joe
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Jean-Marie Mvumbi, CICM
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Bill

**UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES**

Sunday, February 19 11:30am Baptism

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

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18** Because Israel belongs exclusively to the God of the covenant, its morality must conform to the holiness of God. The community of the Lord is founded upon mutual respect and love. Hatred, vengeance and rancor are banned.

**Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12, 13** The Lord is kind and merciful.

**1 Corinthians 3:16-23** Hatred divides people. The clawing dependence of individuals on any particular preacher or teacher can destroy the cohesiveness of the Christian community. We find our unity in Christ alone, the supreme wisdom of God.

**Matthew 5:38-48** There is a justice higher than the law of revenge; a joy greater than simple fulfillment of one's obligations, a love broader than concern for one's friends. Jesus calls us to the perfect and all-encompassing love of the heavenly Father.

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



- February 13 Reverend Leopoldo M. Vives, D.C.J.M
- February 14 Reverend Tien Minh Vu, O.P.
- February 15 Reverend Joseph Diem Quang Vu
- February 16 Reverend Robert J. Wagner
- February 17 Reverend Steven R. Walker
- February 18 Reverend Kevin B. Walsh
- February 19 Reverend Jason Weber

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Parish Information

#### 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.

Do yourself and your family a favor; have your blood pressure screened by parish nurses this Sunday, February 12 between 2:30 - 3:30pm. 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.



#### BIRTHDAY CLUB GIFTS ARE DUE!

If you took a tag to purchase a birthday gift for a child, please remember the wrapped and tagged gifts are **due by next Sunday, February 19**. Your gifts may be the only ones received by these deserving children so please do not disappoint them. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to make this a great day for each child!

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING COLLECTION REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH!** You were so generous on Super Bowl eve that we set a record with your donations. Because of you we have \$4,181.30 to donate to charity. Read more about it under High School Teens on page 8!

#### PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL!

Eleven St. John Neumann parishioners have been named to the second quarter honor rolls at Paul VI High School. **Grant Hastings, Kate Klimkiewicz, Catherine Mandable, Sydney Mandrgoc, Courtney Tacogue, Haley Tacogue and Vanessa Van Horn** were named to the Principal's Honor Roll. Among those named to the Honor Roll are parishioners **Carleigh Boland, Lauren Maloney, Sophia Redmond and Alessandra Wade**. Congratulations to these hard-working students; we are very proud of your accomplishments.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITMENT NEXT WEEKEND!



When you see the Knights of Columbus mentioned frequently in the bulletin, do you wonder what this organization is all about, and what the Knights really do? Do you sense that there is much more going on than providing wonderful Charity Fundraising Breakfasts and Italian Dinners, and directing traffic at Easter and Christmas? There is!

During the calendar year of 2016, The Family of Man Council #7566, through the generosity of parishioners who support their events, was able to raise over \$21,000 for local charities and additionally donated more than 6,000 hours of volunteer service to the parish and local community.

The Knights in the Council "hit the streets running" in January. In addition to their monthly Charity Fundraising Breakfast, the Knights shared their time and talent (and a little sweat!) through various other activities. They contributed, prepared and served dinner one evening at our Hypothermia Prevention Shelter. Once again, several of the Knights teamed up with those in the St. Mary of Sorrows Council in Fairfax to help renovate a house purchased by Marian Homes specifically to house individuals with intellectual disabilities. If that wasn't enough, four Knights joined up with 100 other Virginia Knights, working closely with the organizers of the March for Life and law enforcement agencies by serving as marshals at the march.

The Council has been part of our St. John Neumann community since 1980, and continues to share with us their 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 18 - 19 after all the 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 Brow-McCarthy Auditorium to see what has been happening within the Council itself lately!



#### MEAL MINISTRY

We are reinitiating our Meal Ministry program. This group provides meals on a temporary basis for parishioners who are ill, recovering from surgery or have a special need. If you can assist by preparing and delivering the occasional meal, please contact Diane Trentacoste at [dftbiz@gmail.com](mailto:dftbiz@gmail.com) or 703-868-1380. To all previous participants, we welcome your continued help. Those who are in need of our meals can contact Jo-Ann Duggan at [jduggan@saintjn.org](mailto:jduggan@saintjn.org) or 703-860-6149 or contact Diane.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES** of the Diocese of Arlington gratefully thanks St. John Neumann Parishioner Vicki Hamilton for donating her car to the Cars for Families program. Thank you, Vicki, for working with Catholic Charities to help transform the life of a family, facilitating access to work and other opportunities for themselves and their children. Catholic Charities accepts used cars in good running condition and gives them directly to families in desperate need of transportation. Catholic Charities also accepts non-working or unwanted vehicles to fund our many volunteer programs. For program information, please visit the CCDA website or contact cars@ccda.net.



### **DID YOU SEE THE NEW HONDA ODYSSEY PARKED OUTSIDE?**



It could be yours if you buy the winning ticket! This weekend is the first weekend of "After Mass" ticket sales for the All Saints Church 5-Car Raffle! Prizes include five 2017 vehicles and \$20,000 in cash prizes. Tickets remain \$5 each and will be on sale after Masses until Easter weekend. Those who have bought tickets recently or are new to the parish should be receiving their tickets in the mail to sell.

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

### **KAIROS COOKIES** *"For I was hungry and you gave me food . . . in prison and you visited me"* (Mt. 25:35-36)



Once again, some members of our parish will take part in two Kairos retreats for VA State Prison inmates this Spring. The first will be for men at the Sussex 1 maximum security prison, east of Richmond beginning March 16 and the second for women at the Virginia Correctional Center, west of Richmond, beginning May 4. Do you have a few hours to help bring Christ to these prisoners? Though not everyone can visit prisoners in person as the Gospel suggests, there are other concrete ways to live this Gospel message.

To help them bring God's love to these men and women in a real and visible way, we can **bake cookies (we need a total of 350+ dozen to help attain the total 3,000 needed to cover both retreats) make posters, and/or pray during the retreats on March 16-19 and May 4-7.**

Families, individuals, RE classes or other groups can help these imprisoned men and women know they are not forgotten through these small but powerful good deeds.

For more information and **specific directions for baking (they have to be done a certain way!)**, please email or call Pat Schambach at [patschambach@gmail.com](mailto:patschambach@gmail.com) (571-218-9787), or Bob Trainor at [btrainor71@cox.net](mailto:btrainor71@cox.net) (703-476-

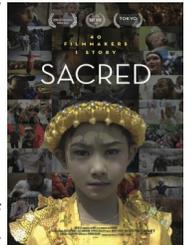
2891) for the men's retreat. For the women's retreat in May, please contact Barbara Emery at [memery1@gmail.com](mailto:memery1@gmail.com) (703-855-3060), Joanna Fiedler at (571-213-7167) or [joanna.fiedler@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.fiedler@gmail.com), or Jasmine Antoney at (301-910-2332) or [isleparadise@yahoo.com](mailto:isleparadise@yahoo.com). Or give a call if you'd like to learn more about getting involved in Kairos!

**We will have a cookie bin to accept cookies beginning at Masses next Saturday, February 18. and all cookies need to be collected for the men's retreat no later than Sunday, March 12.** All cookies for the women's retreat are needed no later than Sunday, April 30.

All help will be gratefully accepted. Please don't underestimate how powerful a prayer or poster or a dozen cookies are in the life of an inmate. What you do may just be the first sign of God's love that an inmate has ever experienced. Everything matters!

### **ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH PRESENTS A SCREENING OF "SACRED"** Saturday, March 4 at Bow

Tie Cinemas in Reston Town Center. Shot by more than 40 filmmaking teams around the world, **SACRED** immerses the viewer in the daily use of faith and spiritual practice. At a time when religious hatreds dominate the world's headlines, this film explores faith as primary human experience, and how people turn to ritual and prayer to navigate the milestones and crises of private life. Academy Award® winning director Thomas Lennon commissioned or sourced footage from top independent filmmakers from more than 25 countries and a wide range of religious traditions, with each team contributing a single scene. Sweeping in its global reach, yet intensely intimate, **SACRED** is a tour de force that unifies these scenes into a single work, told without narration, without experts and, for long stretches, without words at all. The film is not rated and runs 86 minutes.



There is limited seating and tickets must be purchased by February 27. Tickets, available in the Faith Formation office, are \$7.00 and include continental breakfast at 9:30am, the film at 10:00am, and a question and answer period with Executive Producer, Dr. William F. Baker, following the screening. Bill is the President Emeritus of WNET-Thirteen, New York's public television station. The recipient of multiple Emmy Awards and duPont-Columbia Journalism Awards, he is also the executive producer of the film *THE FACE: JESUS IN ART*.



**LIVE JESUS** Registration is now open for this year's *Live Jesus!*, a Lenten morning of spiritual reflection, prayer and fellowship on Saturday, March 18 here at our parish. This year's theme is "Salesian GPS: Gentleness, Patience and Simplicity". It's hard to imagine a better time for a spiritual GPS to guide us through the distractions of daily living with gentleness, patience, and a calm and peaceful heart!

This year's presenters 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" offer to help

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us direct our footsteps on a steady and sure course as we navigate our spiritual journeys. The day will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:00am and the program will open in the church at 9:00am with the first of our two presenters, after which there will be a short break. A brief period of prayerful silence will follow the second presentation, followed by Mass. The program will be complete by approximately 12:45 pm. Register online at <http://www.oblates.org/news-events/>; click on the registration link.

### FAITH FORMATION POSITION:

#### COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

The Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation (Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade) serves the parish mission of catechesis through relationships and programs which foster growth in faith, sacramental preparation, communal belonging and outreach opportunities. This position reports to the Director of Faith Formation and is expected to work closely with the Faith Formation Team. This is a full-time position. Evening and weekend hours are to be expected. Salary is commensurate with level of education and experience.

#### Qualifications:

- Practicing Roman Catholic
- Bachelor's Degree in Religious Education, Theology or Pastoral Studies
- Two years' experience in Parish Catechetical ministry preferred
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills and the ability to work collaboratively with the Faith Formation team and parish staff
- Effective written and oral communication skills for work with parents, catechists and parish staff
- Strong public speaking skills
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office software and internet.

The job description is available upon request. Send cover letter and resume to [mabatemarco@saintjn.org](mailto:mabatemarco@saintjn.org).

### Fellowship

#### ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30—11:30am. All are welcome!
- **9:00am Daily Mass and Fellowship:** Following Mass in the Chapel, join us in the Bridal Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. Take that first step and contact us at [info@kofc7566.us](mailto:info@kofc7566.us).
- **Legion of Mary** Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home for two weeks? If

interested, the Legion of Mary will deliver and retrieve the Holy Virgin at your convenience. For information email [pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com) or call 703-968-3337.

- **Life+Savers:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, (except December) for fun activities, guest speakers and refreshments from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Drop into the Youth Room to relax or play after Sunday Faith Formation class while waiting for parent pickup or siblings attending Agape. Contact Kevin McManus at [lifesavers@saintjn.org](mailto:lifesavers@saintjn.org).
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to [momsgroup@saintjn.org](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org).
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email [kmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:kmonroe58@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com).
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **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).

- **Thursday, February 16, 6:30 pm, Monthly Happy Hour, P.J. Mulligan's, Herndon:** Come enjoy some appetizers, live music, and great company with the parish young adults! Please contact Thomas at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com) if you'd like to join us.
- **Sunday, February 19, 9:30am, Mass and Young Adult Brunch, St John Neumann and Ted's Bulletin:** Come worship with other young adults at Mass, and then we'll all head out to brunch right after! We'll meet in the narthex around 9:20am to get seats together and will meet after mass near the narthex welcome desk at 10:40am. Please e-mail Katie at [Kathryn.c.harris@saic.com](mailto:Kathryn.c.harris@saic.com) if you'll join us.
- **Friday, February 24, 7:00pm, Board Game Night, Cara's House, Reston:** Break out the Parcheesi, it's time for board game night! We'll have plenty of games, as well as drinks and snacks, and you can bring your favorite game too! Please e-mail Cara at [caraferraro703@gmail.com](mailto:caraferraro703@gmail.com).
- **Starting the week of March 1, Men's Lenten Small Group:** This Lent, we'll be forming a men's group to meet weekly and grow closer to God together through faith, fellowship, and accountability. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Zach at [zanderson916@gmail.com](mailto:zanderson916@gmail.com).

**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, March 16: St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at P. J. Mulligan's, Herndon.** 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. To check out the menu, the web site is <http://www.pjmulligans.com/>.

## Faith Formation

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### ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

- **Becoming A Catholic** Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets year-round on Tuesday evenings. Email [rcia@saintjn.org](mailto:rcia@saintjn.org) for information.
- **Contemplative Prayer** There is quiet prayer together every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We also meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10:00am with Lectio Divinia.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.
- **Mothers' Group Bible Study** This group meets from 10 to 11:30am most Fridays from September through May, and covers the upcoming Sunday scripture. Childcare is available. RSVP is required to attend. Email Christy Cottrell for more information at [christylc23@gmail.com](mailto:christylc23@gmail.com).
- **Independent Online Bible Study** This 8-session course, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" will help uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, to get the "big picture" of the Bible. Details and registration link are available on our website under Faith Formation/Adults.
- **Power of Story** This program, presented by William R. Stott, Jr. meets Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel. Class schedule and registration forms are in brochures available at the Welcome Desk.

### 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, February 12** - High School Teen Night: 6:15 – 8:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Saturday, March 4** - Mini Work Camp 9:00am; Parking Lot

**DIOCESAN WORK CAMP 2017** Diocesan Work Camp will be held from June 24 to June 30 in the Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania area of Virginia. Saint John Neumann can bring a limited number of teens and many teens committed to attend have already registered. **Applications will not be accepted after February 24.** Interested High School teens must contact Doug Johnson, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, either by phone at 703- 860-6141 or by email at [djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org) as soon as possible if they are interested in participating in this week-long summer work camp.

### HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT (AGAPE)

Calling all teens! Join us tonight Sunday, February 12, 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.



**"SOUPER" BOWL COLLECTION** – Last weekend, high school teens and adults were outside holding soup pots after all Masses seeking monetary donations for the **"Souper Bowl of Caring."** **Your generosity enabled us to reach an all-time high of \$4,181.30!**

This annual event serves as a reminder that while many of us are able to enjoy 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. All donations will be used to combat poverty and fund service projects for those in need locally, nationally and globally! God Bless you and thank you to all who helped: Teens – David Bermingham, Audrey Craig, Maria Craig, Tommy Craig, Hayden Cutler, Riley Cutler, Dayana Marmol, Bobby McCaleb, Ryan McCaleb, Taylor Mullins, Matthew Nicoud, Michael Tran, Vinnie Tran, Lindsey Urban, Emily Wydra, and Matthew Wydra and Adults: Nicole Craig, JoEllan Frasch, Doug Johnson, Jason Meringolo, Judy Nicoud, Ludy Rauber, Art Rudolf and Steve Saiget. Special thanks to the adult and young volunteers that helped after the Spanish Mass! Your generous donation of your time will make a difference in the lives of those in need!

### 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, March 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.



## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**FEBRUARY MINI WORK CAMP** Thanks and God bless you to our hardy crew of teens and adults that participated in the Mini Work Camp on February 4. This dynamic and talented group removed a very over-engineered deck at a home owned by Cornerstones and rented to low income families. Great effort and work was provided by Teens: Tony Clark, Riley Cutler, Cat Dale, Jennifer Garrett, Ryan Harris, Lucas Heishman, Nozomi Hunter, Aidan Kropp-Sullivan, Jack Minichiello, Stephen O'Donnell, Josh Ubrell, Emilio Vasquez, Justin Vosburgh, and Anna Workosky, and Adults: Bill Behan, Catherine Dale, Mark Emery, John Feroldi, Tim Lisko, Jim O'Donnell, Scott Parr, Pat Schambach, and Cindy Workosky. Your unselfish donation of your time and talents has provided much needed support, help and benefit to those in need in our community. Special thanks go to Phyllis Rienzo-Parr for her sterling efforts in coordinating the Mini Work Camp program. The efforts of this dedicated and hardworking troupe have truly made a difference in the lives of others!

**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.

### Around the Diocese

#### 2017 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL BEGINS

This month many of us will receive a mailing from Bishop Burbidge regarding the 2017 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2017 BLA is "*Offering hands to serve and hearts to love.*" 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 and ministries that serve the people in our diocese, using the return envelope provided by the diocese. If you prefer to donate online, please follow the instructions found on the reverse side of your pledge card. *Every pledge is an expression of God's love and mercy!*

### Special Collection Stewardship

**ARLINGTON CATHOLIC HERALD** Thank you for your generous donations to last weekend's collection for our diocesan newspaper. Your contributions will help all of us stay informed about activities within and outside of our diocese.

OUR THANKS TO  
DR. KARL PETRIE, D.C., C.S.C.S.  
AMERICAN HEALTH AND WELLNESS  
FOR SPONSORING AN AD  
IN OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN

**WELCOME HOME SGT Glenn E. Meissner, USA** recently returned home from working in Harm's Way. We join with his family and friends in prayers of gratitude for his safe return.

#### PILGRIMAGE TO ANNECY-LYON, FRANCE, AND GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, WITH THE OBLATES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES!

Join Fr. Tim McIntire, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, and Maggie Riggins, Campus Minister at DeSales University, for a week-long pilgrimage, June 25 to July 7, to the home of St. Francis de Sales. The tour price of \$2975 per person is based on sharing a double room and includes round-trip air fare from Newark Liberty International Airport, ground transportation, daily breakfast, two lunches (one while cruising beautiful Lake Annecy), two dinners, tours of Salesian sights, and plenty of free time. Fr. Joe Newman, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, will provide some additional commentary while we bus from Annecy to Geneva and Lyon, and tour the scenic Savoyard countryside. For more information, contact Fr. Tim at [Timothy.McIntire@desales.edu](mailto:Timothy.McIntire@desales.edu) or register at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/9fqdyr>.



**ARLINGTON DIOCESE WEBSITE** Just in case you haven't tried to access it yet, the new website for the Arlington Diocese is up and running, and you are going to like it much better than the prior one! It is much easier to navigate and provides access to far more information. Take a look; you may be very surprised at all the diocesan ministries and activities. Just follow this link:

<https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/>

### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** "*For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.*" MATTHEW 5:20

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.