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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 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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Presidents' Day Holiday

No 12:10pm Mass

Parish Office Closed All Day

No Scheduled Activities

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Pax Christi: 7:00pm; Conference Room

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

Knights of Columbus: 8:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

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

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

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

Care For Our Home Movie *Bag It - Is Your Life Too Plastic?* 6:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

Brown Bag Weekend

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Pictorial Directory Sign-Up

Walk to Jerusalem Sign-Up

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

Faith Formation Classes

Brown Bag Weekend

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Pictorial Directory Sign-Up

Walk to Jerusalem Sign-Up

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Prayer and Liturgy



#### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18;**  
**Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12, 13;**  
**1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48**

In today's Gospel, Jesus picks up where he left off last Sunday by adding yet more verses to his version of the song "Higher Love." Jesus proclaims that it isn't enough to practice retribution that is balanced; you should not practice retribution at all. It isn't enough to love your neighbor while hating your enemy; you must also love your enemies; you must pray for those who persecute you. When asked to travel a certain distance, you must go the extra mile. When asked for help, do what you can without expecting any return for your generosity. If someone strikes you on one side of your face, offer them the other side.

However, it would be a mistake to hear in Jesus' words the invitation to be a wimp, a wall flower or a door mat: there comes a time in a person's life (just as there were many times in Jesus' life) when—despite all attempts to roll with the punches—you must simply—and strongly—stand up for what is right. The challenge is...in knowing how to take a stand against another without allowing hatred to grow in our hearts...

In his *Introduction to the Devout Life*, Francis de Sales observed: "Nothing so quickly calms down an angry elephant as the sight of a little lamb...nothing so easily breaks the force of a cannon ball as wool. We do not set much value on correction that comes from anger—even when accompanied by reason—as to that which comes from reason alone... as long as reason rules and peaceably chastises, corrects and warns—even though severely and exactly—everyone loves and approves it." (Part III, Ch. 8)

If we must stand up for ourselves we must avoid knocking others down. If we must correct, chastise or reprove others it must be done without suborning resentment. If we must work for peace it must be pursued without employing unjust means. As we know from our own experience, however, this is much easier said than done: when justice actually requires that we prevent someone from striking us (or others) on the other cheek we might unintentionally strike them first! Francis de Sales offers the following advice when we do the right thing in the wrong way: "As soon as you see that you are guilty of a wrathful deed, correct the fault right away by an act of meekness toward the person with whom you grew angry. Just as it is a sovereign remedy against lying to contradict the untruth upon the spot as soon as we see we have told one, so, too, we must repair our anger instantly by a contrary act of meekness. As the saying goes, fresh wounds are quickest healed." (Ibid)

As we see so clearly in the life of Jesus, living a "higher love" often has less to do with what we do—or don't do—with others; it has much more to do with how we do—or don't do—with others.

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

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers, Olga Cadiz, **Carrie Gillotte**, **Peg Haberman** Bill Knaus, **Maria Christina Louis**, Girlie Mendoza, Father Nicholas Waseline, OSFS, Virginia Trinidad, **Kristina Weaver**, 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.*



**WE WELCOME** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Parker Alexis Bishop**, daughter of Andrew and Catharine; **Aidan Michael Canavan**, son of Steven and Nadine; and **Logan William Patterson**, son of William and Elisabeth.

*"Though you do not see Him, you believe,  
and in believing there is unspeakable joy."*

*St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, Feast Day February 23*

**WE PRAY** for those who have died, especially **Muriel Bendernagel**, mother of James; **Robert Iadarola**, brother of Mary Arnhold and uncle of Michele and Christopher; **Hal Macomber**, husband of Gloria; and **Peggy Stott**, wife of Bill.



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

**Isaiah 49:14-15** The prophet reminds the exiles, filled with discouragement, that the tenderness of God is as certain as that of a mother for her child.

**Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9** Rest in God alone, my soul.

**1 Corinthians 4:1-5** Christ's servants, who are the stewards of God's mysteries, should not be paralyzed by human criticism, nor obsessed with their own judgment. The servant must depend totally upon the loving justice of God.

**Matthew 6:24-34** Christians are called to cooperate in their daily work with the constant creative action of God. At the same time, in the midst of our most engrossing tasks, we must remain detached, free, and serene. We can find our way in this creative tension through reliance on the total love of God who summons us to this work. Service of God is incompatible with bondage to idols.



<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 †
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 20</b>
9:00am	Susan Mary Stott †
12:10pm	No Mass
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 21</b>
6:30am	Patrick Northrup †
9:00am	Richard Hodes †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>
9:00am	Rev. John E. Twomey †
12:10pm	George Bruzdowski †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 23</b>
6:30am	Albert Fox †
9:00am	Felix Charles †
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>
9:00am	Rosemary Palmisano †
12:10pm	Clifford Buck †
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>
5:00pm	John O'Hara †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 26</b>
7:30am	George Whelpley †
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:30am	Dolores A. Halpin †
1:30pm	Candelario Arbaiza †
5:00pm	Rita Bailie †

**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!

<b>ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES—MARCH 1</b>	
6:30am	Liturgical Service with Distribution of Ashes
9:00am	Mass with Distribution of Ashes
12:10pm	Mass with Distribution of Ashes
5:00pm	Liturgical Service with Distribution of Ashes
7:00pm	Mass with Distribution of Ashes
8:15pm	Liturgical Service with Distribution of Ashes (Spanish)

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.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** Tomorrow, 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.



**PRAY FOR AN OBLATE DAILY**

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

- February 20 Reverend John J. Dennis, OSFS
- February 21 Reverend James T. Dever, OSFS
- February 22 Reverend David J. Devlin, OSFS
- February 23 Reverend Joseph A. DiMauro, OSFS
- February 24 Reverend John J. Dochkus, OSFS
- February 25 Reverend John J. Dolan, OSFS
- February 26 Reverend Stanley J. Dombrowski, OSFS

**LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND**

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of February 25 - February 26 are:

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

**WE ARE COLLECTING PALMS**

Ash Wednesday is almost upon us. If you would 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 the weekend of February 25 - 26 Please bring them to church when you come to Mass, to Faith Formation class, or any event.



<b>UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES</b>		
Sunday, March 5	9:30am	RCIA Rite of Sending
Sunday, March 19	9:30am	RCIA First Scrutiny

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### 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 addressing Criminal Justice Reform, "From Punishment to Justice and Mercy - Setting Things Aright". We begin on March 3 with the Hispanic Community, Pro Life and Social Justice ministries hosting Stations and Supper. Fr. Don Heet, OSFS will speak on Catholic Social Teaching, with Bill Eager on Kairos Prison Ministry (Men).

**TAIZÉ OUTREACH** Come join us Sunday, February 26 at 3:30pm for a special Taizé service at the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute, located within the Fairfax Hospital Complex. See Director of Music, C.J. Capen for more details. Also, mark your calendar now with the upcoming Lenten Taizé services that will take place at the parish at 7:00pm on Tuesdays March 7, 14, and 21, and Wednesday, April 12.

#### 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

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

##### Taizé Prayer

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21 and Wednesday, April 12, 7:00pm

##### Confessions

Saturdays - 10:00 - 10:30am  
(except Holy Saturday)  
Wednesdays - 6:30 - 8:00pm  
March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5

##### Exposition and Adoration

Thursday, March 9

##### Lenten Mission

April 2 - 4; 7:00pm

##### Joint Lenten Penance Service

Thursday, April 6, 7:30pm  
at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna

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.

### READY TO LEARN AN OLD WAY TO PRAY THIS

**LENT?** Join other parishioners on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00pm for an overview of the ancient, monastic form of Centering Prayer. This method is accessible now for all. We will give a description, answer any questions, and practice this beautiful prayer of letting go and resting in God's presence. We will meet in the main church by the piano. *The first language of God is silence.*

*Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10*



### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

You know the feeling that life often "kicks us when we're down"? God is never like that; He always gives us a helping hand. 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, sign up for daily texts or emails by texting "Lent" to 84576. To find times at other parishes and for additional resources visit [www.thelightison.org](http://www.thelightison.org). Also, in the pamphlet rack in the main hallway near the Welcome Desk there are cards with discussion of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, tips on going to confession, and some very helpful tips on how to prepare by doing a good examination of conscience. And remember, even the Pope goes to confession!

### Parish Information

### 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 ([saintjn.org](http://saintjn.org)), click anywhere on the picture of the bishops, 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.

### BIRTHDAY CLUB wrapped and tagged

**gifts are due this weekend.** Please remember that these may be the only gifts the children receive, and we don't want to disappoint them on their special days. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!



### KNIGHTS' MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We are holding a membership drive in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend. Stop by for a chat and see how we support the parish and local charities in our broader community. If you would like more information, 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.

### HEALTH MINISTRY OFFERING A UNIQUE

**RETREAT** The parish Health Ministry is planning a Spiritual Retreat Day at church for homebound parishioners. The retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 1 from 10:00am to 1:15pm. The day will feature two talks, Mass, anointing of the sick, and an opportunity for private confession, along with both continental breakfast and lunch. There will be no fee for attendance at the retreat. For more detailed information, contact Lucy Boland at 703-591-0125 or by email at [lboland@gmu.edu](mailto:lboland@gmu.edu).

**IS YOUR LIFE TOO PLASTIC?** Everyone is cordially invited to a showing of the award-winning documentary, *Bag It: Is Your Life Too Plastic*, this Friday, February 24. It is an amusing but thoughtful film that explores the effect of plastic products on our world. Be prepared to be entertained, educated and inspired to make changes. Join us for wine and cheese at 6:30pm with the movie and discussion to follow at 7:00. This event is sponsored by the Care for Our Common Home Ministry. For more information, contact [saintjn.cch@gmail.com](mailto:saintjn.cch@gmail.com).



**WALK TO JERUSALEM IS BACK!** We are "resurrecting" the parish virtual "Walk To Jerusalem" this Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. It's been three long years since we've meandered through the desert with our beloved St. John Neumann and fellow parishioners. "Miles" are earned by 20 minutes of exercise and/or spiritual/prayerful activities. All parishioners, no matter what your abilities, can participate in some way. What a wonderful time as individuals and as a parish family to become healthier and closer to God in body, mind and spirit! "Prepare the way for the Lord"! We are only 5,925 miles from Jerusalem and our virtual Walk will make this Lent a more spiritual, transformative journey.



WTJ sign-up starts next weekend, February 25 - 26. Look for our table where Health Ministry volunteers will be waiting to help you register. You can "walk" alone or consider forming a team with your Faith Formation class, bible study group, family or neighborhood. "Miles" are reported weekly at [sinwalktojerusalem@gmail.com](mailto:sinwalktojerusalem@gmail.com) or dropped weekly in a basket at the WTJ table by the Health Ministry Bulletin Board. Let us shape this Lenten season as an opportunity to slow down and creatively connect with our Savior, ourselves and our parish family!

**THE NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IS COMING!** Sign up now to have your family photographed in May and June for the new Pictorial Directory. There is no cost/no obligation and photographed families receive a free 8x10 portrait and a complimentary directory. The online portal for scheduling a session is available on our website [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org), or if you prefer you can contact Ann Booker at 703-606-2043 to schedule your appointment. We will also have volunteers after Mass next weekend, February 25 - 26 to provide more information or help you sign up in person!

**DO YOU LIKE THE 2017 GMC SIERRA  
PARKED OUTSIDE?**



The ticket you buy may be the winner! This is our second 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.

**BROWN BAG WEEKEND** The Cornerstones van will be here after all the Masses next weekend, February 25 - 26. Please bring your donations for those in need in our community. This month they especially need canned vegetables (any kind), dry beans and dry lentils, chicken soup, coffee, and tea. Thank you!

**IT'S MARDI GRAS!**

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND THE  
HIGH SCHOOL TEENS FOR OUR**



**MARDI GRAS DINNER**

**Enjoy the family fun on  
Tuesday, February 28  
5:30 to 8:00pm  
In the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium**

**Menu:**

**Jambalaya Red Beans and Rice  
Macaroni and Cheese  
And Other Mardi Gras Favorites  
Beer, Wine and Soft Drinks**

**Free will donation - bring the whole family!  
All proceeds will be donated to the St. John  
Neumann teens participating in this year's  
Diocesan Work Camp!  
LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMP ROULER!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE  
MONTH**

Steve and Antoinette Saiget have been selected as the Family of Man Council's Family of the Month for February. Steve was introduced to the parish through his son, Trent, and the Agape Work Camp program in 2010, where he worked with kids from various parishes through 2012. He was confirmed and entered the Church in 2014 and became a member of the Council that same year. Steve served as the Council's Deputy Grand Knight, and currently is the Grand Knight. He facilitated the Introduction of a Human Trafficking Presentation, has been the Council's coordinator for and a volunteer with the Hypothermia Prevention Shelter, served as an usher at the Live Jesus event and is the Knight's liaison to the parish's Social Justice Ministry. He has been a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Corps at Diocesan and Veterans events, and has participated in other outreach activities with the local community, including Special Olympics. Antoinette has been a parishioner since 2005 and served as a Minister of the Word from 2010 to 2016. She was also a team member of the Kairos Prison Ministry for two years and was involved with the Cursillo Program for a number of years. Congratulations to Steve and Antoinette, and thank you from all of us for your service.

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Fellowship

#### ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

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

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

- **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 and Women's Lenten Small Groups:** This Lent, we'll be forming separate men's and women's groups to meet weekly and grow closer to God together through faith, fellowship, and accountability. Please contact Zach at [zanderson916@gmail.com](mailto:zanderson916@gmail.com) for the men's group and Cara at [caraferraro703@gmail.com](mailto:caraferraro703@gmail.com) for the women's group if you are interested in joining.

**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 now have 60 seats available, so we have room for more to join in the fun. 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/>.

*“Give me a person of prayer,  
and such a one will be  
capable of accomplishing anything “*

*St. Vincent de Paul*

### Faith Formation

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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](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.

**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).

**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 19** - High School Teen Game and Movie Night: 6:15 – 10:00pm; Youth Room and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, February 26** - High School Night: 6:15 – 8:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Tuesday, February 28** - Mardi Gras Dinner: 5:30 – 8:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Saturday, March 4** - Mini Work Camp: 9:00am - 3:00pm—Parking Lot

**AGAPE GAME AND MOVIE NIGHT!** All High School Teens, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends are welcome to join us for a Game and Movie Night this Sunday night, February 19, in the Youth Room and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium from 6:15 to 10:00pm. Come celebrate having Monday off from school for Presidents' Day and join us to

play games, watch a movie and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship. We will have pizza! Bring friends and your favorite board game. Our movie will be "Heaven Is For Real." This movie recounts the true story of a small-town father who must find the courage and conviction to share his son's extraordinary, life-changing experience with the world. His son claims to have visited Heaven during a near death experience and details his amazing journey with childlike innocence, speaking matter-of-factly about things that happened before his birth – things he could not possibly know. Don't miss out - share in the fun!

**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.



**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**

**ST JOSEPH SCHOOL** has openings in all grades K-7<sup>th</sup> for 2017-2018 school year. Student slots fill up fast, so or email [mlewis@sjschoolova.org](mailto:mlewis@sjschoolova.org) or call Mrs. Mary Lewis her at 703-880-4315 to schedule a private tour, and experience Catholic Education at its finest.

**CHECK OUT THE NEW AND IMPROVED**

**CATHOLICHERALD.COM!** Go to the Arlington Catholic Herald's recently redesigned website to catch up on the latest news in the Arlington Diocese and at the Vatican, and find Catholic events in the area. The Catholic Herald has been informing, inspiring and connecting Catholics by sharing the faith story of the Diocese for more than 40 years. Follow the Catholic Herald on Facebook and Twitter, and sign up for the email newsletter at [bit.ly/ACHnewsletter](http://bit.ly/ACHnewsletter). Or, if you prefer, call 703-841-2565 to subscribe to the weekly print edition.

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES

#### WANTED FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE DAYS

Catholic Charities has many wonderful opportunities available for groups, corporations or businesses that would like to volunteer. We are happy to work with your group to personalize the event and ensure that your group has a great experience. Please contact [sodwyer@ccda.net](mailto:sodwyer@ccda.net).

### DIOCESAN SCIENCE FAIR

Individuals with a science background are needed to help judge seventh and eighth grade students' research projects for the 2017 Diocesan Science Fair. These projects encompass such categories as botany, health, chemistry, zoology, behavioral science, engineering, physics, math and other areas of life and physical science. If you are interested to judge projects during 8:00am - noon on Saturday, April 8 at Paul VI High School, please call Hiliary Mildrew at 703- 841-2519.

### DISCOUNT COURSES AVAILABLE THROUGH CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY

Join the inspiring instructors at Catholic Distance University for a faith-filled journey of discovery. Enroll in an online independent study course of your choice and study anytime, anywhere! For a full list of courses, browse our catalog at [www.cdu.catalog.instructure.com/](http://www.cdu.catalog.instructure.com/). Use Promo Code CDU15ARLINGTON when registering to qualify for the \$30 rate.

### Special Collection Stewardship

#### 2017 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

##### OFFERING HANDS TO SERVE AND HEARTS TO LOVE

Please read the newsletter being distributed with today's bulletin that contains detailed information about how the BLA funds are distributed throughout our diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to support the many programs and ministries that serve the people of our diocese. *Every gift is an expression of God's love and mercy!*

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### TEACHER JOB FAIR

The Office of Catholic Schools invites prospective teachers to a Teacher Job Fair on Saturday, March 11. The Fair will be held at Paul VI High School from 9:00 –11:00am. Principals from over 30 diocesan elementary schools, high schools and preschools will be on hand to talk with you about openings for the 2017-2018 school year. Representatives from the Office of Catholic Schools will answer questions about the application process. New teachers and those returning to teaching are welcome. All teachers must be certified or ready to seek certification. Paul VI High School is located at 10675 Fairfax Blvd. (Route 50) in Fairfax. For more information, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/catholicschools) or call (703) 841-2519. We believe in our teachers! Join our excellent schools for a faith-filled experience.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOVES VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to answer God's call to serve? Please visit [www.ccda.net/volunteer.php](http://www.ccda.net/volunteer.php) to find more than 100 different volunteer opportunities available. 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](mailto:sodwyer@ccda.net) or (703) 841-3838.

### EXHIBITION ON SAINT THOMAS MORE

In a new landmark exhibition, "God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More", the St. John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. presents the life, martyrdom, and legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. The exhibition runs through March 31, 2017, at the Saint John Paul II Shrine in Washington. Visit [www.jp2shrine.org](http://www.jp2shrine.org) for more information.



### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."*

MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.