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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:

Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18;
Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19;
Romans 8:31-34;
Mark 9: 2-10

In today's Gospel, Peter, James and John experience Jesus being transfigured. St. Francis de Sales notes:

At the Transfiguration God went out of the way to show that Jesus was truly Savior. At that moment, nothing was so desirable for the Apostles as remaining in the presence of Jesus. I assure you that I never stop wishing you countless blessings from heaven, especially that of always being transfigured in Our Lord. Thanks to our Savior, we are climbing Mount Tabor since we are resolved to serve Him and love His divine goodness. We must encourage one another in holy hope. Let us leave our love for lowly things so we can continue faithfully to aspire to the happiness He has prepared for us.

Where could we give better witness to our fidelity to God than in the midst of things going wrong? There is a real temptation to become dissatisfied with the world and depressed about it when we have to be in it. Yet whether we are immersed in the busyness of worldly events or in solitude, we will encounter difficulties. To think that we can be holy without suffering is a delusion. Where there is more difficulty, there is more virtue. However, if you stumble, don't be upset or ashamed. Instead let us cry out to our Lord and our Lady who will reach out a blessed helping hand to us.

Be like the honeybee. While you are carefully making the honey of holiness, at the same time make the wax of your worldly affairs. For if honey is sweet to the taste of our Lord, wax also honors Him since it is used to make the candles which give light to those around us. Be at peace and walk simply and faithfully along the path that God has marked out for you, and you will walk confidently. Our Savior, who is transfiguring you, has taken you by the hand, and set you on the way to His glory. Let Him be your Guide.

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



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Allison Louise Fecher**, daughter of Richard and Abbey; **Abigail Anne Hargis**, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah; **Mary Ann McHugh**, daughter of John and Katharina; and **Olivia Marie O'Brien**, daughter of Thomas and Iliana.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 24
5:00pm	Maureen Sweet †
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 25
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Ed Carlin †
11:30am	Grace Breidy †
1:30pm	Mary L. Register †
5:00pm	Dr. Han-Shou Liu †
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 26
9:00am	Jim and Veronica O'Donnell, Special Intention
12:10pm	Danny Feely †
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 27
6:30am	Jeanne Normoyle †
9:00am	Michael Creedon †
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 28
9:00am	Pauline Baker †
12:10pm	Henry Charles Haley †
THURSDAY	MARCH 1
6:30am	William Donigan †
9:00am	Alfonso Ortiz †
FRIDAY	MARCH 2
9:00am	William Charles Kunkler, Jr. †
12:10pm	Kathryn Rogers †
SATURDAY	MARCH 3
5:00pm (Chapel)	Peter Zidlicky †
5:00pm (Church)	Carla Davison †
SUNDAY	MARCH 4
7:30am	Theresa Mazzotta †
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:30am	George and Linda Skaff ††
1:30pm	Jenifer Santiago †
5:00pm	Beverly Nestor †

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



February 26	Reverend Marcus A. Pollard
February 27	Reverend Ramel O. Portula, C.I.C.M.
February 28	Reverend Patrick L. Posey
March 1	Reverend Juan A. Puigbó
March 2	Reverend Justin Puthuserry
March 3	Reverend Luis Quiñónez
March 4	Reverend Joseph Rampino

HEARING IMPAIRED? Amplification devices are available for anyone having difficulty hearing the Mass. If you would like to use one, just ask an usher before Mass. Also, the parish has purchased large-print Sunday Missals 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.

PLEASE PRAY for Sara Bowen, Ken Foreman, **Mary Ellen Herron, Eric Magrum, Pat O'Brien** and 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.***



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially . **Cristobal Bojorge**, brother of Lino; **Raymond Dunn**, husband of Peggy; **Joseph Enriquez DeJesus**, son of Generosa and Carlito, and brother of Maria Hahn; **Elaine Gilbertson**, mother of Gary; **Pauline Hughes**, mother of Michael; former parishioner **Helen Mesich**, wife of Frank; **Sergio Efrain Reyes**, uncle of Patricia Guevara; **Evelyn Sopoliga**, aunt of Pat Gilbertson; and **Angie Witt**, aunt of Tom Herron.

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

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

SCHEDULE OF LENTEN LITURGIES AND SERVICES

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

Exceptions: Due to the Oblate-Sponsored Live Jesus event at Our Lady of Good Counsel, there will be no confessions March 10. There also will be no confessions on Holy Saturday.

Wednesday "The Light Is On For You" Confessions

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

Exposition and Adoration

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

Joint Oblate Parish 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.

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

Exodus 20:1-17 After saving His people from slavery, God offers them His Law, the covenant charter of freedom. God's jealous love for Israel demands an absolute fidelity in return.

Psalms 19 **Lord, You have the words of everlasting light.** A fundamental theme of the Old Testament is obedience to the Ten Commandments which – according to the spirituality of Israel – were liberating and life-giving commands. The Decalogue was seen as a positive force in the religious experience of the people. In the words of the psalmist, God's Law is "more to be desired than gold."

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 It is the very excess of love which makes those who love vulnerable. The folly of God's love is revealed in the weakness of the crucified.

John 2:13-25 In driving the sellers from the temple, Jesus symbolizes simultaneously His Father's jealous love, the interiorization of worship and a radically new understanding of the place where we meet God – in the person of the Risen One, Jesus Himself.

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.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS as they begin the Purification and Enlightenment period of the RCIA. At the entrances to the church are baskets containing the names of the catechumens who will be initiated into the Catholic Church during the Easter season. We invite you to select a name from the basket and pray for this person throughout Lent. You are also invited to send a note of encouragement and support to the person whose name you select. These can be placed in the basket marked "RCIA" by the Welcome Desk.

HELP WANTED Each year at the conclusion of the Easter Vigil service we gather to celebrate this great feast and to welcome those who have been baptized into the Catholic Church at the Vigil. We need many helping hands to make this a truly gala celebration. Consider donating your talents in decorating, baking, setting-up or cleaning up. There is a sign-up sheet on a shelf in the main hallway by the Welcome Desk that indicates the specific help we need. Come join us and help show our new Catholics how very special they are to our faith and our parish community.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

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)



WHERE IS THE CUP? – For the remainder of February and March we will be having only two cups at Masses. Many folks are refraining from the cup to limit the spread of germs during the flu season. So, if you do wish to partake of Holy Communion under both species please make your way to the two cups that will be on either side of the center Communion stations. Thank you for your understanding!!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TRAINING

Have you ever thought of becoming a Eucharistic Minister? Ever considered serving your parish in this rewarding ministry bringing our Lord to others? If you are interested please contact the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151. You would need to attend ONE of four diocesan workshops being offered on Saturday, **April 21** at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (in the upper Church) in Fredericksburg; Saturday, **May 5** at St. John the Evangelist (in the Knight's Hall) in Warrenton; Saturday, **May 12** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More (in the upper church); Saturday, and **May 19** at Our Lady of Hope (in the upper Church) in Potomac Falls. Each workshop will last from 10:00am to 12:00pm. You would also need to attend a follow-up meeting at our parish near the end of May, to orient yourself regarding the particulars of serving here. If you discover you are called to serve our community in this capacity either at Mass or bringing communion to the sick, please let us know!

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 BEGINS SOON!

Our parish Vacation Bible School will be held July 9 - 13 from 9:00am to noon.

The theme this year is "Shipwrecked! Rescued by Jesus". Registration for campers (rising PK4 through 8th grade) and volunteers (rising 9th grade through adult) will begin March 5th. Please join us for an exciting week of faith, fellowship, and fun as our program takes kids to an uncharted island and anchors them in the truth that Jesus carries us safely through life's storms.

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:



- 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

Parish Information

IN SEARCH OF...A FEW GOOD MEN The Kairos Prison Ministry invites you to join our team for the Kairos 7 retreat at Sussex 1 Maximum Security Prison in Waverly, VA April 26th - 29th. Men from other religious organizations will join us here for team formation and preparation meetings on four Saturdays between March and April. These retreats give us an opportunity to bring Christ to the incarcerated with whom we will spend the weekend, and always offer spiritual growth for all of us. Contact Bill Eager at artbyeager@gmail.com (703-899-4304) or Patrick Schambach at pat.schambach@gmail.com (571-218-9787).

BIRTHDAY CLUB TAGS Tags for the Birthday Club sponsored by our Social Action Committee will be available on the counter in the main hallway next weekend. Please take a tag, purchase the wished-for gift and **return the wrapped and tagged gift by the weekend of March 18** For most of these children the gifts we purchase will be the only gifts they receive on their special day. We hope you can help put smiles on their faces.



COLLECTING PARISH HISTORY Do you have any photos or other documents that might help tell the story of our parish and its history? If so, and if you would be willing to share them, please bring them to the parish office by this Friday, March 2. Please label items with as much information as you can, and if you want to keep the originals, please bring us a copy only — we will not be able to return originals.

WALK TO JERUSALEM-FIRST STOP!

Our visit to Philadelphia, where St. John Neumann was the 4th Bishop, was very inspiring. Philadelphia, where both the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution were written, is the birthplace of our nation's democracy. Sadly, we are reminded every day of injustices that violate the

word and/or intention of our Founding Fathers. Let us take inspiration from all of these great leaders to carry out our Catholic mission of social justice, as we head to our next stop, a devastated Puerto Rico. To inspire our WTJ mission, Benjamin Franklin reminds us, "Wouldst thou enjoy a long life, a healthy body, and a vigorous mind, and be acquainted also with the wonderful works of God".

DISTANCES: Reston to Philadelphia: 157 miles, Philadelphia to Puerto Rico: 1,579 miles. Total collective "miles" logged for the week were not available at time of publication. Keep up with current progress by visiting the Health Ministry bulletin board. Remember you can join any time! Just go to the parish website and click on the WTJ link, or sign up at the Health Ministry bulletin board.

THE BLOOD DRIVE IS

COMING! The Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council's quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive takes place Saturday, March 10 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Blood donors are able to register online at www.redcrossblood.org by using the sponsor code STJOHNNEUMANNVA. You can also call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to register or get answers to eligibility questions. You may call John Moran of the Knights at 202-586-8803 if you need help with the process. You can accelerate your check-in when you arrive March 10 by going online before you come, and using the RapidPass function to do your pre-readings and questionnaire.



THINK YOU ARE SMARTER THAN A CATHOLIC

SISTER? As part of National Catholic Sisters Week, which runs from March 8 -14, Support



Our Aging Religious (SOAR!) is hosting a trivia night on Tuesday, March 13 for young professionals in the D.C. area. Gather your friends or come by yourself to test your knowledge against a team of Catholic Sisters! Bonus questions will feature trivia about the lives and legacy of Catholic Sisters.

The event takes place at Ireland's Four Courts Irish Pub, 2051 Wilson Blvd, Arlington. Happy hour starts at 6:30pm and the trivia starts at 7:00pm. Join in a fun and friendly competition as we celebrate all they have done for us.

There will be free appetizers for each team and prizes for the winners! If you have questions contact Annika Rowson at 202-529-7627 or events@soar-usa.org

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.

CORNERSTONES VAN: The Cornerstones' van is in our parking lot this weekend. Please drop your non-perishable food items for our neighbors in need in the back of the van.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH Our Knights of Columbus Council #7566 has selected the John Giordano family as the Council's Family of the Month for February. John currently serves as the Council's webmaster and manages the site content at www.kofc7566.us/

John joined the Knights in 1997 and follows in the footsteps of his father, who is a 4th Degree Knight--the highest degree a Knight can attain--and an Honorary Life member in New Jersey. John, his wife, Lynne, and his family joined our parish when they moved from Burke into the Navy neighborhood 22 years ago.

John was the Council's financial secretary for 12 years, and he has also served as the Council's treasurer.

John and his wife are both Air Force veterans. Their son, Brian, who is also a member of Council #7566, is an Army officer stationed at Fort Carson, CO. Their daughter, Amy, is a CPA and lives in Arlington, VA.

Congratulations to the Giordano family!

CHURCH CALLS FOR ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

This weekend after all the Masses, please visit the Pax Christi table in the narthex to learn about the Church's position on nuclear weapons. In the past, the Church gave conditional acceptance to the possession of nuclear weapons for deterrence while nuclear-armed countries worked toward progressive disarmament. But in recent years, the Church has come to condemn even the possession of nuclear weapons and has called for their complete abolition. Come to learn what the Church is now saying on nuclear weapons and what actions our Bishops are urging the faithful to take. For more information about Pax Christi, the Catholic peace movement, email Bob More at rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com.



KNIGHTS' KOVAR WEEKEND

The Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council #7566 will be outside church after all Masses March 10 - 11 offering Tootsie rolls. Your free-will donations will help to support KOVAR, a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity. KOVAR was established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax-exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities. Visit <http://www.kovarva.org> for more information about their work.



“Love, and say it with your life.”

St. Augustine

BAKERY DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional volunteers to pick up bakery products from the Fair Lakes Whole Foods Market and deliver them to the Cornerstones Embry Rucker Shelter in Reston. For over six years, 14 parishioners have been picking up and delivering about 10 - 20 dozen baked goods each and every night that otherwise would have been thrown away. Two of our regular volunteers have moved out of the area and we need new volunteers for Sunday and Tuesday nights. You will rotate with another volunteer partner, so the commitment is just one night every other week, or once a month if that fits your schedule. We usually arrive at Whole Foods at 9:45pm and complete the delivery to the shelter by 10:30pm. As Pope Francis has noted, we know that approximately a third of all food produced is discarded, and *'whenever food is thrown out, it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor.'* If you are interested in being part of this rewarding effort, please contact Ed Sabo at [703-689-427](tel:703-689-427) or saboedward@aol.com.



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

LENT — FAST, PRAY, GIVE



Fast from single use items. Pope Francis encourages us to make lifestyle changes: "There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation in our little daily actions." (Laudato Si' 211) Be mindful of what products you buy and only use once, especially ones used for a short period of time that then take decades to decompose, such as plastic bags and water bottles. **Suggested Lenten Activity:** "I (our family) will refrain from accepting plastic bags from stores and from buying bottled water." Although not as convenient, carrying our purchases in reusable bags and refilling our own water bottles is a visible and effective way to act nobly and live wisely.

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 kamonroe58@gmail.com, or for morning sessions email madcass5@att.net or joellanf@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.

- **Monday, February 26, 7:00pm, Evening Rosary and Meditation:** Start your week off with a peaceful and powerful group prayer of the Rosary! We will meet in the narthex before starting and will provide some instruction on how to pray the rosary for everyone. Please e-mail Jeff at mccullenlc@gmail.com with any questions.
- **Wednesdays of Lent, 7:30pm, Lenten Small Group, St. John Neumann (Room TBA):** It's not too late to join us for our annual Lenten small group, which will be diving into learning more about the Eucharist! We'll meet for six Wednesdays of Lent to view and discuss a video series from Bishop Robert Barron. If you'll join us, please e-mail Claire at claireanet@gmail.com.
- **Saturday, March 3, 12:30pm, Air And Space Museum Trip, Carpool from SJN:** Join us as we 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. Whether you're joining for the carpool or meeting us there, please e-mail Brian at bstuhan@gmail.com if you can join us!
- **Thursday, March 8, 6:30 - 8:00pm, Lenten Halfway Discussion and Adoration:** Halfway through Lent, let's meet to discuss our progress on our Lenten prayer, fasting, and alms giving, and then head to Adoration to pray over our Lenten journey! We will meet in a classroom from 6:30 - 7:00pm, and afterwards all are invited to Adoration for as long as desired. Please e-mail saintjnya@gmail.com with any questions.

Faith Formation

ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

- **Becoming A Catholic** Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets year-round on Tuesday evenings. Email rcia@saintjn.org 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.
- **Life After Sunday** A small group meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm for faith-sharing based on spiritual friendships and the Gospel message.
- **Mothers' Group Bible Study** This group meets from 10 to 11:30am most Fridays from September through May, and covers the upcoming Sunday scripture. Childcare is available. RSVP is required to attend. Email Felice Ketterer for more information at felicegabriele@gmail.com.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.

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.

WEDNESDAY DROP-IN FOR ALL HIGH

SCHOOL TEENS! Join us this Wednesday and every Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room to gather with old friends, meet new friends and enjoy food, games, music, fellowship and faith sharing. Don't miss out and bring your friends!



MINI WORK CAMP - Calling all teens and adults! Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? It's a great opportunity 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 Mini Work Camp next Saturday, March 3 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 email at prienzo@verizon.net for a permission slip, more information, and to let her know that you will be participating in the work camp.

CROSS PIN DISTRIBUTION After all Masses next weekend, March 3 - 4, our teens who are participating in Diocesan Work Camp this summer will be distributing cross pins they made. These crosses symbolize the support of our parish community for this important ministry and, more importantly, the greatest sacrifice ever – Our Savior, Jesus Christ, dying on the cross for the sins of all humanity. Your free-will contributions will help defray lodging and meal expenses for teen and adult volunteers from our parish when they travel to Fredericksburg, Virginia to spend a week helping our poor, disabled, elderly and underprivileged brothers and sisters in our Diocese. Thank you in advance for your generous support of these teens and adults who will be eyes and feet and hands of Christ making a difference in the lives of others!

Around the Diocese

PRAYING COLLEGE MOMS RETREAT ON CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER



Deepen your prayer life this Lent. Come to the Praying College Moms Retreat on Contemplative Prayer. Learn more about the practice of contemplative prayer and how it can draw you in to a closer relationship with Christ. It will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 8:30am to 4:00pm at Mount Tabor Retreat House in Vienna. (Snow date: March 17) The fee for the retreat is \$25 and includes a hot lunch and light refreshments. Please go to www.prayingcollegemoms.org to register; pre-registration is required.

COMING SOON — 2018 CONFERENCES FOR MEN AND WOMEN

All men are invited to the 2018 Men's Conference "Marked Men: Made For Greatness" on March 3 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon. The conference will feature one of the most celebrated Catholic speakers in the world of social media, Fr. Mike Schmitz, who will be joined by Bishop Burbidge and Billy Atwell, Chief Communications Officer of the Diocese. Registration is now open at www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

All women of the Catholic Diocese of Arlington are invited to the 2018 Women's Conference "From Darkness Into Light" on March 10, also at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Featured speakers are Diane Foley, mother of slain journalist James Foley, and Sr. Grace Dominic, writer and national speaker. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge. Registration is now open at www.arlingtondiocese.org/women.

The ticket price for each event is \$65. Continental Breakfast and Lunch are included in the fee. At each event, Confession will be available prior to the presentations. Please check the times for each event on the specific websites. Make sure to register soon as both of these events are very popular and slots fill quickly.

*"Never look at what the world offers
without considering what it hides."*

St. Francis de Sales

PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL is hosting a *Preview to Catholic High School* for all 7th and 8th graders and their families on **Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00pm**. This is an opportunity to learn about our new campus, academic, athletic, fine arts and special programs. No reservations are needed. Contact ehanley@pvpanther.net with questions.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

HUGE CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Little Flower Consignments is looking for consignors, volunteers and shoppers to help make this our biggest sale yet! The sale is being held Saturday, March 10 starting at 8:00am at St. Theresa's Catholic School in Ashburn. Consigning and shopping with us is easy and 100% of proceeds are donated to Divine Mercy Outreach, a Catholic Charity which serves local families in need by providing emergency housing payments, utility assistance, medical payments, bedding, food, clothing and so much more. For more information, visit us at www.LittleFlowerConsignments.org or at www.facebook.com/LittleFlowerConsignments.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"Here I am!" he answered.* GENESIS 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Special Collection Stewardship

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION Thank you to everyone who participated in the 128th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support!

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BURBIDGE, BISHOP OF ARLINGTON, will celebrate a special **Mass and Anointing of the Sick** of the Diocese on Saturday, March 17. All members (and companions) of the Diocese who are sick or physically/mentally challenged are invited to attend. The Mass and Anointing of the Sick will be held at 11:00AM at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 3901 Woodburn Road, Annandale. Lunch will follow for all attendees, provided by the Knights and Dames from the Northern Virginia Region of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Malta, Federal Association. There will be no charge for the lunch. Please RSVP to Laura Mead at 703-280-1122 or RSVPAnointingMass@gmail.com (with name, number attending and contact phone number or email).



PARISH SECRETARY - FINANCE ASSISTANT

St. Joseph Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon, would like you to consider a new position!

Parish Secretary - Finance Assistant
St. Joseph Catholic Church
750 Peachtree St., Herndon, VA 20170

Secretarial:

- General Parish Office functions, phones, parishioner data base, maintain Parish print collateral, maintain Mass requests.

Finance assignment:

- Performs Contract, Billing and Receivable maintenance for School;
- Manage mailing and processing of new and returning tuition contracts;
- Performs revenue reconciliations and accounting duties as assigned;
- 3 to 5 years of accounting experience, preferably in an educational setting;
- Highly proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word;
- Prior experience with Parish Data Systems and FACTS desired, but employer will train;

Position is full-time, 30 hours per week.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resume to twesthues@sjcherndon.org.

Harm's Way Prayer List

WELCOME HOME! LTC Jeffrey P. O'Donnell, 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. As we continue our Lenten prayer let us ask Mary, the Holy Mother of God, to continually watch over and protect all those who are in harm's way.