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



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

If you are looking for something to enhance your Lenten journey, "Live Jesus 2018, Be not afraid...Learn from me" might be the answer (see details in article below). This event is a real blessing for the Oblates because it gives us an opportunity to celebrate our spirituality with so many people in the Washington area and beyond. Due to the importance that we Oblates place on this event, there will be no Saturday morning confessions on March 10 so that we can be present at *Live Jesus*. If you haven't already registered, I would encourage you to do so soon by going to the Oblate website.

Please remember during Lent we have confessions on Wednesdays from 6:30pm-8:00pm and that our joint Oblate parishes Lenten Reconciliation service is on March 14 at 7:00pm.

Thank you to all who have donated to this year's Bishop's Lenten Appeal: *Living in faith...Giving in gratitude*. As of Friday, February 23 we have reached 52% of our goal of \$316,000. If you have not yet donated, I ask that you prayerfully consider doing so soon. As I mentioned several weeks ago at the Masses, the annual BLA is the way our parish supports the vital ministries and good works of the Diocese especially in serving the least fortunate. It also serves important works like the Diocesan Work Camp and the formation and education of our Permanent Deacons. These are just two of many examples. Parish participation in the BLA signifies that we are part of the larger entity of the Diocese of Arlington.

As we are now truly in the "thick" of Lent, I pray that all of us are embracing the opportunities to experience spiritual growth and transformation.

Live Jesus,

Father Joe

LIVE JESUS 2018! There are still a few days left for you to register for this Saturday's annual Lenten morning of prayer, fellowship and reflection on Salesian spirituality hosted at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Vienna. Doors will open at 8:00am on March 10 for a continental breakfast in De Sales Hall, followed by the opening of the morning's program at 9:00am. Mass will follow, concluding by 12:45pm. Rev. David Kenehan and Rev. Mark Hushen, both Oblates of St. Francis de Sales, will be the presenters. Fr. Matt Hillyard will be the celebrant, and Very Rev. James Greenfield, Provincial, will be the homilist.



If you haven't yet registered, please give some serious thought to taking a few hours out of your routine and attend. This is an opportunity for you to learn and to enjoy the company of fellow Catholics, but most importantly, it's a time for you to be nurtured by the good news of Salesian spirituality and how you can incorporate it, almost seamlessly, into every moment of daily living. Go to www.oblates.org, click on the Live Jesus icon and follow the prompts. It's easy and quick, and you'll receive an email confirmation of your successful registration. See you there!

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT TIME

Prayer and Liturgy

Please Note: The readings for Mass in this liturgical year are from the Lectionary for Mass, Cycle B. The RCIA Catechumens will celebrate three scrutinies, on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, (March 4, 11, and 18). The readings at the Scrutiny Masses are always taken from Cycle A. In "This Sunday's Readings" we are identifying both the Cycle A and Cycle B readings. The reflection is based on Cycle B readings, as those will be proclaimed at most Masses.

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Cycle A Readings (9:30am Mass only)
Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42.

Cycle B Readings (all other Masses)
Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1; Corinthians
1:22-25; John 2:13-25

The Temple was built as a house where God's glory would dwell in the midst of his people. The buyers and sellers of offerings had compromised the sacredness of the Temple. Jesus' zeal to restore its sacredness leads him to clear the Temple. But this parable-in-action had a deeper meaning, as his disciples understood later.

When the Jews asked for a sign for why he had acted this way, Jesus responded: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews thought he was talking foolishly. Later on, the disciples understood that Jesus was talking about the temple of his own body. Jesus is the sacred place where God's glory dwells in the midst of his people.

After the disciples experienced the tragic death of Jesus on the Cross and became witnesses to his resurrected body three days later, and the Holy Spirit had come upon them and filled their minds and hearts with light, they were able to look back at all they had experienced with Jesus in a new light. They began to understand that they were now part of the Body of Christ – the continuation of the sacred place where God's glory remained in the midst of his people. As they preached Jesus Christ crucified and raised, they experienced the power and wisdom of God at work in Jesus' name. Some people who heard them found a crucified Savior to be a stumbling block; others thought it utter foolishness. Still many others accepted it as saving grace.

You and I are among those who have accepted saving grace. We have been incorporated into the Body of Christ by our baptism. As Church community, we are to be the sacred dwelling place of God in our world. And each of us has been taught to reverence our body as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Hearing the account of Jesus cleansing the Temple is a

good Lenten reminder to us individually and as a community. Am I keeping the temple of my body sacred? What kind of effort do I make to keep the community sacred? Is Jesus inviting me to a cleansing in some way?

"Lord Jesus, you are the power and wisdom of God. Open each of us to the cleansing you want to do in your temple during this Lent."

RCIA: THE FIRST SCRUTINY This weekend at the Sunday 9:30am Mass we celebrate the first of three scrutinies. With our Elect John Baker, Damarviz Laureano, Taylor Johnston, and Karen Baca Oliva and against the backdrop of the story of the Woman at the Well we examine (scrutinize) our lives to uncover areas of personal sin. We pray for each of the Elect, that their spirit is filled with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water.

There will be no Saturday confessions on March 10 due to the Oblate-sponsored Live Jesus event at Our Lady of Good Counsel, and no confessions on March 31, Holy Saturday.

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)



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 will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 28.





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 †

MONDAY MARCH 5
 9:00am Elizabeth McFerren Fulton †
 12:10pm Barbara Hancock †

TUESDAY MARCH 6
 6:30am Doryce Keyes †
 9:00am Abigail Ryan †

WEDNESDAY MARCH 7
 9:00am Michael Whelpley †
 12:10pm Jean Halicki †

THURSDAY MARCH 8
 6:30am Mary Pat Harbison †
 9:00am Katherine Duffy †

FRIDAY MARCH 9
 9:00am James Hanley, Sr. †
 12:10pm Genato Ledesma †

SATURDAY MARCH 10
 5:00pm Deacon Eric Laudeman, OSFS †

SUNDAY MARCH 11
 7:30am Robert Acker †
 9:30am George and Jeanette Breidy †
 11:30am People of the Parish
 1:30pm Dr. Juan Touya †
 5:00pm Constante Albano †

PLEASE PRAY for **Kristen Arel**, Sara Bowen, Mary Ellen Herron, Eric Magrum, Pat O'Brien, **Mike Quinn**, and all the sick.

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

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.

WHERE IS THE CUP? – For the remainder of 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. 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!!

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of March 10 -11 :

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Bill
Sunday	7:30am	Father Joe
Sunday	9:30am	Father Bill
Sunday	11:30am	Father Joe with Deacon Joe
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Don with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Don with Deacon John

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS Next weekend we celebrate the **Fourth Sunday in Lent**. **The readings for the 11:30 am Mass will be from Cycle A of the Lectionary. At all other Masses we will hear the readings from Cycle B.** Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from God's Word:

11:30 AM READINGS (CYCLE A):

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a The Lord sent Samuel to Bethlehem to the house of Jesse, where Samuel was to anoint the new king of Israel. After Jesse presented each of his sons, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the youngest, David.

Psalms 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Ephesians 5:8–14 Live as children of light in goodness, justice, and truth. "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

John 9:1–41 or 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38 Jesus cured a man born blind. The Pharisees became upset because he did this on the Sabbath. After the Pharisees rejected the man's story, he met Jesus again. Jesus, "Son of Man," explained how the blind will see, but those who hold on to sin will remain in darkness.

READINGS FOR ALL OTHER MASSES (CYCLE B):

2 Chronicles 36:14–16, 19–23 God's people lived in sin, mocking God's messengers and ignoring the Lord's warnings. Finally their enemies destroyed Jerusalem. They were taken captive, but God showed mercy.

Psalms 137:1–2, 3, 4–5, 6 Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Ephesians 2:4–10 God is rich in mercy, and out of love the Lord brought us to life in Christ when we were in sin. God saved us by grace, not by anything we have done.

John 3:14–21 God's Son came into the world not to condemn it, but to save it. As Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT TIME

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

Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 28 7:30pm

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; 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 appear.

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 Fredericksburg; Saturday, **May 5** at St. John the Evangelist in Warrenton; Saturday, **May 12** at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More; and Saturday, **May 19** at Our Lady of Hope 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 to 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!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

(CLOW) moves to 9:30am Masses beginning this Sunday March 4. Due to the increase of families at the 9:30am Sunday Masses we are moving CLOW in hopes of reaching more of our young people! All children (parents are welcome as well) of Kindergarten – 6th Grade age may join with the group that is dismissed after the Collect (Opening Prayer) at the beginning of the Mass. The group moves to the chapel for scripture reading, prayers and an age-appropriate reflection. Volunteers are also welcome to join us as readers (our young people proclaim the readings), prayer leaders and cue persons. Training is provided for anyone who would like to help out in these roles. Join us at the 9:30am Masses for Children's Liturgy of the Word!

ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me" John 6:54-57



Come adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, this amazing gift he has left to us on our journey, our 'true food'! This coming Thursday we will have Exposition and Adoration from 3:00pm – 8:00pm. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Desk. Should you want to get reminder emails about our monthly Adoration contact the Liturgy Office – 703-860-6151 or email pbartnick@saintjn.org.

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Leonard A. D'Amico**, father of Lisa Bailey and grandfather of Kevin and Brian; **Val Dorsey II**, brother of Valerie Lister and uncle of Jessica and Harrison, **Doris L. Schilling**, mother of Karl; and **David Ward**, husband of Mary and father of Kristen Broz and Danielle.



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:

March 5	Reverend Gerald J. Mahoney, OSFS
March 6	Reverend Robert A. Mancini, OSFS
March 7	Reverend George W. Martyn, OSFS
March 8	Reverend William T. McCandless, OSFS
March 9	Reverend Michael J. McCue, OSFS
March 10	Reverend John E. McGee, OSFS
March 11	Reverend Thomas J. McGee, OSFS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP SUPPERS

Join us Friday evenings during Lent. Stations of the Cross will begin in the church at 6:30pm, followed by soup supper in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. Our sponsors and speakers are:

- 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 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE *"A clean heart create for me, O God; renew in me a steadfast spirit. Do not drive me from your presence, nor take from me your holy spirit. Restore my joy in your salvation; sustain in me a willing spirit."* Psalm 51:12-14

Join us for our Lenten Reconciliation Service Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00pm. We will hold this joint service with parishioners from Our Lady of Good Counsel parish. Many confessors will be available!

MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE Join us next Saturday, March 10, for our monthly prayer vigil for peace, life, and justice, as we pray that elected officials promote the common good in their decisions on budgetary and policy issues. The vigil, sponsored by Pax Christi SJN, is from 4:00 to 4:45pm in the De Sales Chapel. We pray the Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace, listen to God's Word, and offer our intentions. For more information, contact Ken Fredgren (fredgren.k@gmail.com) or Bob More (rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com).

Parish Information

TODAY'S CHARITY BREAKFAST WILL HELP THE OBLATES! This Sunday, March 4, the beneficiary of the Knights of Columbus charity breakfast is the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales Retirement Fund. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 - 11:00am. The Oblates need your help! After decades of devoted service, many Oblates are retired and many are in need of assisted living and medical care. All monies raised for the Retirement Fund are used to provide for the retirement needs of the Oblates, specifically those in Childs, MD where the community of senior and infirmed priests and brothers live. While working for nominal wages, the Oblates served our schools and parishes as pastors, teachers, administrators, coaches, activity moderators and counselors, and they are now in need of financial support to ensure they are cared for with dignity. The time is now for you to give back to the men who have devoted their lives in service to others.

THE BLOOD DRIVE IS

COMING! The Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council's quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive takes place next 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.



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.

BIRTHDAY CLUB TAGS Tags for the Birthday Club sponsored by our Social Action Committee are now available on the counter in the main hallway. 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. Thank you for your support.



LENT — FAST, PRAY, GIVE

Be mindful of food waste. Pope Francis in Laudato Si' encourages us to say grace before meals in gratitude for the gifts of creation, for those who labor to provide us food and in solidarity with those in need. (227) In the U.S., 1 in 8 households struggles to put food on the table, yet 40% of all produce is thrown away costing a family of four about \$1800 per year. Wasted food is the #1 contribution to landfills. **Suggested Lenten Activity:** *"I (we) will take notice of food being thrown out at our home and pledge to reduce wastage by buying and serving less, and by re-using unspoiled food as left overs or sharing an extra portion with neighbors in need."* Bless us O Lord and these thy gifts and help us to not waste the bounty of your creation.

PARISH BALANCE CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 20

Woody McMahon, PT, of Sequoia Health and Fitness will conduct 8 weekly sessions for our parish at 483A Carlisle Drive, Herndon, beginning Tuesday, March 20. With over 30 years of experience, Woody specializes in health and fitness programs for all ages including severely out of shape adults. He specializes in a holistic approach to helping people with osteoporosis, osteopenia, acute and chronic back pain as well as painful/weak knees, hips and shoulders. The one-hour classes will begin at 12:00pm. The cost is \$80 for the 8 sessions. RSVP is mandatory to Susan Infeld, SJN Parish Nurse, at sinfeld@saintjn.org by March 13! Email Susan with any questions. Balance is the key to our longevity as we age. These are skills we can retrain our brain to develop which will help to keep us safe and out of the hospital! This is also a great way to make new parish friends. All are welcome!

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT TIME



WALK TO JERUSALEM (CAMINA HACIA JERUSALEN)

We are thankful to our Hispanic Community for helping us on this leg of our trip to Jerusalem! Our next two stops both required us to speak Spanish, and our parishioner translators have been an enormous help. To recap: We left Philadelphia and travelled 1,579 miles south to San Juan, Puerto Rico. We rolled up our sleeves (as a traveling "Workcamp Team") to help rebuild homes after hurricane Maria. We prayed at Iglesia Porta Coeli, the oldest church in America built in 1606. Our trip to Buenos Aires, Argentina from San Juan (3,703 miles) was very challenging but we drew strength from all participants in this year's WTJ efforts! Our Holy Father Pope Francis was Cardinal in this beautiful country before answering the call proclaimed by the "white smoke." Our exercise, prayers and good works have inspired us all to continue Pope Francis' social justice mission and many are participating in the generous opportunities that we have at the parish. Our next stop is Fatima, Portugal. We are excited to meet and to pray the Rosary with the many who are on pilgrimage here, and to share our amazing journey with them! Vaya con Dios, amigos!

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



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 26 - 29. Might you be called to help bring Christ to these prisoners? 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. For information on this vital ministry, Contact Bill Eager at artbyeager@gmail.com (703-899-4304) or Patrick Schambach at pat.schambach@gmail.com (571-218-9787).

"ALL ARE WELCOME" CORNER

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO PRACTICE IN THE PARISH:

WELCOMING THE HOMELESS

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

This article continues our reflection in this "corner" of the bulletin on the first theme of Catholic Social Teaching: "Life and Dignity of the Human Person." This week's article is on the parish's ministry to the homeless. As a reminder, the theme of dignity is the basis for the Church's entire teaching on social justice. The theme emphasizes that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society.

A little more than a month ago, the parish completed its annual participation in the county's hypothermia prevention program. For one week in January, hundreds of parish volunteers donated thousands of hours of time to welcome homeless persons, give them food and a place to sleep, and treat them like human beings. Jesus tells us that when we welcome the stranger and clothe the naked, we welcome and clothe Him (Matthew 25:31-46). The Church also urges us, **as a community**, to meet the needs of the poor, including their right to a decent place to live. Yes, the Church sees this as a right, inherent in the truth of human dignity! The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Charities last year urged Congress to support affordable housing needs more generously, underscoring the needs that the Church is trying to address: "Catholic Charities agencies provide housing services to over 450,000 people, including 31,000 permanent housing units and over 100,000 rental payments to keep clients in their homes. Despite these efforts, over 70 Catholic Charities agencies across the country continue to have waiting lists for housing. Indeed, over half of renters below the poverty line spend more than half of their income on housing. In response to such widespread unmet need, Housing and Urban Development programs need more resources, not less." The Virginia Catholic Conference also is urging the State Assembly to adopt several initiatives that could improve the ability of low-income families to obtain affordable housing: raising the minimum wage, maintaining the government assistance "safety net," and expanding programs that help low-income families afford a decent place to live (<http://vacatholic.org/>).

The Urban Institute, a nonpartisan research institution, has compiled data from the US Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development to show that the gap between average rents and the number of households needing help with rent has increased for almost two decades. Government assistance has not effectively filled this gap. In Fairfax County, the estimate is that for every 100 low-income households, there are only 35 rental units available. You can look at the Urban Institute's data at <http://apps.urban.org/features/rental-housing-crisis-map/>.

If you would like to become involved in the planning and preparation for the parish's annual hypothermia prevention program, you can contact parishioners Pam Dister or Patty Holley at sjnhypo@gmail.com. If you would like to become involved in community efforts to counter the problem of homelessness, you can contact parishioner Joe Burke at burkejoesam@gmail.com. And contacting your legislators in Congress and the State Assembly to urge them to implement policies that help people live with dignity, including by increasing the stock of affordable housing, is part of living our Catholic faith. Both the Virginia Catholic Conference and Social Action Linking Together (SALT) provide information about contacting your state legislator: <http://vacatholic.org/action-center/> and <http://www.s-a-l-t.org/contact-your-legislator.html>.

Fellowship

ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

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

- **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.
- **Sunday, March 11, 9:20am, Narthex:** Every 2nd Sunday of the month, we meet for 9:30am Mass and brunch afterwards! Meet us in the narthex before Mass at 9:20am to sit together near the choir, and join us

afterward in the narthex to head to brunch!

- **Friday, March 16, 6:15pm, Church and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium:** We'll be volunteering at our weekly Lenten Stations and Supper, and will need volunteers to read at the stations, sing or play an instrument, provide soup, and to clean up after the event! Please email [thomas](mailto:thomas@stjohns.org) to volunteer for this powerful Lenten experience.

Faith Formation

ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

- **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.

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.

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT TIME

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

SAVE THE DATE for a Catholic 5K and Children's Fun Run at 9:00am on Saturday, April 28 at St Catherine of Siena, Great Falls. Children of all ages and adults are welcome to celebrate the Feast of St. Catherine with Mass, breakfast and the 7th annual Palio di Siena 5K and Children's Fun Run. Prizes go to the Catholic organization of choice.

For more information visit www.sienamontessori.org/5K or contact Karen Korn at karenkorn@gmail.com.

"Fight back with affection and not with reason."

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@pvipanther.net with questions.

Harm's Way Prayer List



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK the men and women serving in our armed forces and those civilians whose work puts them in harm's way.

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***"Sin is an offense against God,
just as virtue is honor paid to Him"***

St. Francis de Sales

LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MARRIAGE IN 2018?

Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Let us practice listening better to God and our spouse by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend. The next weekend is September 21-23 in Herndon. Early sign-up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

Special Collection Stewardship

**HELP
Jesus
IN DISGUISE**

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..."* EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.