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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, MARCH 12**

Faith Formation Classes

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Knights of Columbus KOVAR Event

Father Jerry's Farewell Reception: 10:30am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Father Jerry's Farewell Reception: 10:30am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 13**

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

Boy Scout Troop 124: 7:00pm; A1/A2

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

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14**

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

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

Liturgy Committee: 7:00pm; Sacristy

Taizé: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Purification and Enlightenment: 7:30pm; Youth Room

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

Faith Formation Classes

The Papacy – From Italian Prince to Universal Pastor: 10:00am; B6

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

Children's Choir: 5:30pm; Music Room

The Light Is On For You: 6:30pm; Church

The Papacy – From Italian Prince to Universal Pastor: 7:00pm; B6

Catholic Social Teaching: 7:30pm; B1

Finance Council: 7:30pm; Conference Room

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

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

Newcomers' Book Club: 10:00am; A1

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

Pro Life: 7:00pm; Conference Room

Stations of the Cross in Spanish: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel

**FRIDAY, MARCH 17**

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper: 6:30pm; de Sales Chapel

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18**

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Lenten Cross Pin Distribution

Live Jesus: 8:00am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium and Church: 8:00am

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

Faith Formation Classes

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Lenten Cross Pin Distribution

Sunday Coffee: 8:30a.; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

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

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

A parish must periodically review how it understands itself, how it understands its place in the Church and the community, and how it needs to move into the future in order to remain faithful to its mission and to best serve the faithful. I have worked in consultation with the Pastoral Council and we have determined it is time to put together a Pastoral Plan for St. John Neumann. Using the 2013 CARA report as a place to begin, the Parish reached out to Dr. Bob McCarty, D.Min., to assist us in facilitating a Pastoral Plan. Dr. McCarty is a pastoral ministry consultant and trainer and has been in professional ministry since 1973, serving in national, diocesan, parish, school and community programs. He recently facilitated a similar process with St. Rose of Lima Parish in Gaithersburg, MD.

Several members of the Parish Pastoral Council and a member of the Finance Council and several staff members met with Dr. McCarty to begin this process on Saturday, January 28. The next step is a workshop to be held on Saturday, April 1 to consider the challenges and blessings of our parish in the twenty-first century and to identify pastoral strategies for the different areas of parish life. The Pastoral Staff, members of the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils and parishioners involved in various parish ministries will attend this workshop. Once this takes place, the parish community will be invited to participate in different aspects of this plan. This is an exciting opportunity to further our vision for our parish community.

Live Jesus,

Fr. Joe

**FROM THE BISHOP** Bishop Burbidge has granted to the faithful of the Diocese of Arlington, as well as to any visitors or travelers who may be physically present within the territory of this diocese, a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence from meat on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.



Those taking advantage of the dispensation, however, are exhorted to undertake a work of charity, an exercise of piety, or an act of comparable penance on some other occasion during the Second Week of Lent.

### Prayer and Liturgy



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Genesis 12:1-4;**  
**Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;**  
**2 Timothy 1:8-10;**  
**Matthew 17:1-9**

This Sunday we climb Mount Tabor with Jesus. Here, we get a glimpse of the glory of Jesus, whose divine love is always transforming us. St. Francis de Sales notes: Jesus, through his Transfiguration, shows us a little spark of the eternal bliss that is awaiting us. Our Lord is transfigured to make us desire eternal happiness in its entirety.

Our gentle Savior wishes to make use of his divine attractions and inspirations to draw us to His most pure love. When God gives us faith, God speaks to our mind through inspirations. These first perceptions of God's love are poured into us through the Holy Spirit. In hearts that give their consent, God, little by little, gently strengthens the holy love that comes from these inspirations.

The disciples experienced such delight on Mount Tabor that they wanted to stay there. Let us also place all our affections on Our Savior and aspire to the happiness that God has prepared for us. God has given us all the necessary means to attain the happiness of eternal glory. We too are climbing Mount Tabor, since we are firmly resolved to serve Our Savior well, and to love His divine Goodness. Yet, as it often happens when we begin to grow in holiness, we find our affections are still entangled with useless loves. Don't be upset. It is an opportunity to practice virtue. You have a great desire for holiness. Nourish this desire and let it grow each day. If you stumble, cry out to Our Lord who desires your love, and will hold you by the hand. Without growing weary, let us climb Mount Tabor toward the heavenly vision our Savior gave us.

Walk joyously, then, among the difficulties of this passing life. Embrace all the challenges that you encounter along the path that God has marked out for you, and be at peace. Transformation is the true mark of a divine visitation. May you always desire it!

*(Adapted from the writings of Saint Francis de Sales)*

**WE PRAY** for those who have died, especially **Elizabeth Fulton**, mother of Liz Jones; **Father William Guerin, OSFS**; **Lionel Mundy**, father of Catherine; and **Earl Sneed**, brother of Mike.



**WE WELCOME** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Ava Teresa Wharton**, daughter of William and Eileen.



## LITURGICAL REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER HEET

Father Heet continues his monthly series with further discussion of The Body of Christ.

Receiving the Body of Christ in Holy Communion is, obviously, a privileged moment in the Mass. Whether we receive in the hand or on the tongue, just the host or both the host and the Precious Blood, we are receiving and becoming one with the Lord Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Trinity, the incarnate Son of God. All that being said, it is vitally important that we keep this action of the liturgy in perspective. Two points in particular come to mind.

First of all, the Eucharist is not fast food, and we don't come to Mass simply to receive Holy Communion. We are called to participate fully and actively in the entire liturgical action, from the entrance hymn through the dismissal. While Holy Communion is clearly a high point in the liturgy, it is part of a larger whole and we need to see it as such. And while it is true that in special circumstances (a person's inability to get to Mass because of illness, or the lack of an ordained priest being the most common ones) the Eucharist can be received outside of Mass, this is a recognition of particular situations and is certainly not the norm for receiving the sacrament. The Eucharist is part of the liturgical action.

Secondly, when the priest or Eucharistic minister says "The Body of Christ" and we reply "Amen" we are proclaiming our belief that we are receiving not bread and wine but the Body of Christ. However, we are also proclaiming our belief that as the Church gathered in worship, we – all of us assembled – also constitute the body of Christ. Saying "Amen" as we receive the host implies our loving acceptance of the other members of the community and our willingness to do the Lord's work, to be the Body of Christ in our World.

The Eucharist is Christ's great gift to His Church; it is a covenant meal. When we "eat this bread and drink this cup," we proclaim his death until He comes again. In this covenant Christ commits himself to our salvation and we commit ourselves to walking in his ways and doing his will.

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

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers, Bob Biegalski, **Suzanne Brown, Peg Haberman, Nancy Maiello**, and for all the sick.

*When you call to add a name to our prayer list, please leave your name and number as a contact and let us know what the illness is. Before calling, please be sure that you have spoken to the person or a member of the family about adding their name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.*

*Names of those who are sick or injured will be kept on the list for three weeks unless you specifically request a shorter period of time or call to ask that the name be removed. **Names that are new this week are in boldface type.***

**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 17:3-7** We reach the third significant stage of the history of salvation: the exodus through the desert. It is here that God tests the people and that the people put God to the test. Tortured by thirst, Israel begins to doubt the fidelity of the Lord. At the prayer of Moses, God produces a miracle. Water springs forth from a rock.

**Psalms 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9** If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8** We, who are filled with the Holy Spirit, are refreshed along the road of our exodus. Thus we boast of our hope.

**John 4:5-42** The encounter of the Samaritan woman with Jesus provides John with the opportunity to trace the progressive steps of faith. Awakened by the testimony of others or by a crucial event, faith becomes a personal encounter with the Savior. The believer, who is brought by the Spirit into the mystery of Jesus, is transformed and sent forth.



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 11</b>
5:00pm	Louis and Martha St. Pierre ††
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 12</b>
7:30am	Donald A. Deeds †
9:30am	Janet Dunn †
11:30am	Toni Conroy †
1:30pm	Maria Maura Tobar †
5:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 13</b>
9:00am	Rosemary Burns †
12:10pm	Restituto Masanque †
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 14</b>
6:30am	Connie Henry †
9:00am	Ann DePasquale †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b>
9:00am	Evelyn S. Mercantini †
12:10pm	David G. Rowan †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 16</b>
6:30am	Joseph Harrington †
9:00am	Don Boyle †
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>
9:00am	Don Boyle †
12:10pm	Pauline and Edward Baker ††
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 18</b>
5:00pm	Frank Rulona †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 19</b>
7:30am	Regina Cofield †
9:30am	Cliff Buck †
11:30am	Ivone Weaver †
1:30pm	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Babb ††
5:00pm	People of the Parish †

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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 14, 21 and Wednesday, April 12, 7:00pm

#### *Confessions*

Saturdays - 10:00 - 10:30am  
(except Holy Saturday)  
Wednesdays - 6:30 - 8:00pm  
March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12

#### *Lenten Mission*

Sunday, April 2 - Tuesday April 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.



### LIVE JESUS REMINDER!

There is still space available for those who have not yet registered for our Live Jesus event this Saturday, March 18. **Registration closes tomorrow, March 13.** The event begins with continental breakfast at 8:00am, followed by presentations featuring Fr. Frank Danella, OSFS and Fr. Matt Hillyard, OSFS, and concluding with Mass. We should be finished around 12:45pm. To register go to [www.oblates.org](http://www.oblates.org) and click on the registration link.

### RICA SCRUTINIES

Next Sunday at the 9:30am Mass we will celebrate the first of three scrutinies with our RCIA Elect who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The scrutinies, the primary liturgical rites of the Period of Purification and Enlightenment (Lent), are profoundly rooted in our human experience. They address the human conditions of thirst, of blindness and of death. They invite us to explore areas of personal, social and structural sin in ourselves and our world. They are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of those preparing for the sacraments. They are to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.

The scrutinies include the following:

- **Invitation to Silent Prayer** After the homily, the priest invites the Elect to come forward with their sponsors and to kneel down. The whole assembly prays for them in silence. This community has cared for them for some months now on their journey. We have sent them to reflect more and more deeply on the Word of God, and expressed to them our longing for the day on which they would join us at the table of the Lord. Now we pray for them in this sacred silence, deeply asking God to protect them and heal them in the weeks ahead.
- **Intercessions for the Elect** We pray out loud together for the Elect.
- **Prayer of Exorcism** We pray that they might be freed from the power of the Evil One and protected on their journey.
- **The Laying On of Hands** The priest lays his hands for a brief moment on the head of the Elect. It is a solemn act of calling down the Spirit of Jesus to be with them and protect them.
- **Dismissal of the Elect** The Elect, together with the candidates, are then sent forth to reflect upon the Word and this powerful gesture of love on the part of this community, that cares for them so deeply, with the love of Christ.

### PRAY FOR A PRIEST DAILY

We continue our daily prayers for the priests in the Arlington Diocese by praying this week for:



March 13	Reverend Jerry A. Wooton
March 14	Reverend Jamie R. Workman
March 15	Reverend William Wyndaele, C.I.CM
March 16	Reverend Thomas M. Yehl, Y.A.
March 17	Reverend John A. Ziegler
March 18	Reverend Matthew H. Zuberbueler
March 19	Reverend Milton R. Acevedo

### LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

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

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Bill
Sunday	7:30am	Father Bill
Sunday	9:30am	Father Joe
Sunday	11:30am	Father Dave Kenehan, OSFS
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Jean-Marie Mvumbi, CICM With Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Bob with Deacon John

### UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, March 19	9:30am	RCIA First Scrutiny
Saturday, March 25	5:00pm	RCIA Second Scrutiny
Sunday, April 2	5:00pm	RCIA Third Scrutiny

**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". Our schedule:

- March 17: Young Adults; Karen Clifton on Catholic Mobilizing Network (advocacy against the death penalty). There will be no supper because of Live Jesus set-up in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium.
- March 24: Knights of Columbus; Derwin Overton on Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources (OAR) and Bill Richie and Dan Young on Fairfax County Jail Volunteers
- March 31: Boy Scout Troop 124, Mothers' Group and Pastoral Council; Keri Galloway on Guest House and Carol Eager on Kairos Prison Ministry (Women)
- April 7: Health Ministry, Music and Liturgy and Shawl Ministry; John Horejsi of Social Action Linking Together (SALT) on advocacy for prisoners and families
- April 14: No supper; Living Stations of the Cross presented by High School Teens at 3:00pm in de Sales Chapel

**TAIZÉ SERVICES** "Change our hearts, Lord!" Looking for a new kind of Lenten activity? Try a Taizé service! Prayer in the spirit of the Taizé community is a meditative form of common prayer, expressing a basic reality of faith through songs in repetition to reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. *"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*

Taizé services continue on Tuesdays, March 14 and 21 and Wednesday, April 12, at 7:00pm in the deSales Chapel.

**Parish Information**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Main Office will close at 4:00pm the week of March 20 - March 24.

**STOP BY THE RAFFLE TABLE TO  
SEE WHO BENEFITS!**

The funds received for our participation in the 5-Car Raffle will be put towards three worthy groups: our sister parish - Niño Jesús in Manta, Ecuador; Kairos, Guest House, and the St. Luke Foundation. The prizes include five 2017 vehicles (Honda Civic, Buick Verano, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility, and Honda Odyssey Van) and \$20,000 in cash prizes. For just \$5.00 you can have a chance to win one of these fantastic prizes! Stop by today to pick up a ticket for you or to sell some to those you know! Come pick up a chance to win – and help so many in need!



**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** Time slots are still available for your family photo to be taken on select days and times from May 11 through June 17. Look for the "Sign-up now for your Family Photo" event on the main page of our website, [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org). Don't miss out on a free 8"x10" photo and a copy of the Parish's Pictorial Directory.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
NEWEST EAGLE SCOUTS!**

Boy Scout Troop 124 is pleased to announce that two of our Scouts, **Matthew Sabatella** and **Kevin Colston**, recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout! Both young men have worked hard over the past several years to earn this prestigious honor. Attaining the Eagle rank is often the end goal of a scout and his parents. It looks good on a resume and shows commitment to a program over an extended period of time. However, while the Eagle rank is a major advancement milestone, it is not the culmination of scouting. Troop 124 looks forward to the continued support and service to others from both of these fine Eagle Scouts. Congratulations Matthew and Kevin!



St. John Neumann's Boy Scout Troop 124 is accepting new youth members of at least 11 years of age who are interested in serving others, experiencing outdoor adventures, and carrying out conservation and other service projects within the community. For more information about joining the Troop, or assisting the Troop as a Merit Badge Counselor or in any other capacity, please contact Scoutmaster Mike Amaral at [703-344-6168](tel:703-344-6168) or by email at [Mamaral05@gmail.com](mailto:Mamaral05@gmail.com).



**ST. JOHN NEUMANN HAS BEGUN HIS**

**TRIP!** Our parish virtual "Walk to Jerusalem" is up and running! Parishioners have already earned several hundred "miles" with prayer, good works and healthy exercise. You can join anytime!

Stop by the Health Ministry display by the Ladies Room to sign the Commitment scroll and register. You can also register on line at [sjnwalktojerusalem@gmail.com](mailto:sjnwalktojerusalem@gmail.com). Join us in this wonderful Lenten experience! It's easy and fun, no meetings and it's free!

**THE FOLLOWING APPEARED IN THE MARCH  
GABRIEL PROJECT NEWSLETTER:**

**"KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SUPPORT GABRIEL MOMS: PANCAKE BREAKFAST RAISES OVER \$1,500**

St. John Neumann Catholic Church Knights of Columbus, Family of Man Council, helped raise over \$1,500 for the Gift for Life charity funds. The fundraiser was a pancake breakfast recently held on Sunday, February 5. Thanks to the generosity of the KOC and Melissa Przybysz, local Gabriel Leader, who represented the diocesan pregnancy assistance outreach at this parish event."

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**DIVORCED AND SEPARATED GROUP** Are you divorced or separated? Please consider joining our ministry here at our parish. Would you like to talk with someone else who is traveling the same journey? Would you like to find out more about what our Catholic faith has to say regarding divorce? Could you use some positive thoughts regarding your future?

Join us at our first get-together. We will be meeting on eight consecutive Tuesday evenings, starting on April 18, in the Youth Room on the Lower Level at 7:00pm. Registration is required so please contact Jo-Ann Duggan: [jduggan@saintjn.org](mailto:jduggan@saintjn.org) or 703-860-6149.

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR PARISH LENTEN

**MISSION!** Our Lenten Mission this year takes place Sunday, April 2 through Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00pm, and our hope is to engage parishioners as they continue their journey through Lent and Holy Week. Our presenters are ValLimar Jansen and Tom Kendzia. ValLimar, a highly regarded singer, cantor and composer, is known for her gospel and spiritual works. Tom has composed over 30 collections, and many of his worship songs are extremely popular. If you like great upbeat music with your liturgies, don't miss this mission! For more information about ValLimar and Tom, visit [www.ocp.org](http://www.ocp.org) or contact Mickie Abatamarco at [mabatamarco@saintjn.org](mailto:mabatamarco@saintjn.org).

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** We are offering a bereavement support group for adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The group will meet for six weeks beginning Saturday, April 22, from 10:00 - 11:30am. **Group size is limited, so registration is required.** Please contact Kathleen Sebek to register or for additional information at [sebekkathleen@gmail.com](mailto:sebekkathleen@gmail.com).

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME** Have you considered cutting back on red meat for a healthier diet and a healthier planet? Abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent is a traditional practice that reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us on Good Friday and expresses our solidarity with the poor. This Lenten observance also promotes good health, saves money, and protects the environment. Diets high in red meat may increase our risk of disease. Processed meats (e.g., hot dogs, ham, sausage, and bacon) are high in fat and salt. Healthier protein choices include fish, legumes, poultry, and nuts, which combine with whole grains and plant-based foods for a well-balanced diet. A lower red meat intake is a healthier choice for the planet too! Beef production in particular is very water-intensive and has a large carbon footprint, putting more stress on the environment. Research shows that reducing meat production and consumption would significantly cut greenhouse gas emissions. May we extend this healthy Lenten discipline throughout the year.

### RESPONDING TO OUR CHANGING WORLD THROUGH CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The *JustFaith* ministry is hosting *A Program of Prayer, Reflection, Sacred Listening and Response*.

You are invited to pray and reflect on our roles as faith-filled people in the world today through the lens of Catholic social teaching and in light of the ongoing developments in our country and around the globe. This is a chance to gather as a community and prayerfully consider how we can put our faith into action at a time when it's needed most. For our *JustFaith* graduates, it's also a chance to reconnect with each other and share what has been important in your life since taking *JustFaith*. And of course, there will be refreshments and fellowship!

We'll meet on Wednesday, March 22, from 7:30-8:30pm in Classroom B1, and we hope to see you there. If there are any questions, please contact John or Pam Dister at 703-376-8969, or Tom and Michele Costello at 757-646-5937.

### WEAR A CROSS PIN AND SHARE YOUR LENTEN

**SPIRIT!** Teens participating in the Diocesan Work Camp this summer will be distributing cross pins **made by them** after all Masses next weekend, March 18-19, and again the weekend of April 1-2. These crosses not only symbolize the support of the Saint John Neumann community for this important ministry, but more importantly symbolize the greatest sacrifice ever made in the history of the world – Our Savior, Jesus Christ, dying on the cross for the sins of all humanity. Your contributions will help defray lodging and meal expenses for the 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!

## 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. Email [pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com) or call 703-968-3337 for more information.
- **Life+Savers:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, (except December) for fun activities, guest speakers and refreshments from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Drop into the Youth Room to relax or play after Sunday Faith Formation class while waiting for parent pickup or siblings attending Agape. Contact Kevin McManus at [lifesavers@saintjn.org](mailto:lifesavers@saintjn.org).
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to [momsgroup@saintjn.org](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org).
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email [kmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:kmonroe58@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com).
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.

- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at [megan.murphy218@gmail.com](mailto:megan.murphy218@gmail.com).
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at [youngadults@saintjn.org](mailto:youngadults@saintjn.org).

**YOUNG ADULTS:** 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).

- **Lenten 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 (Thursdays at 6:30pm) and Cara at [caraferraro703@gmail.com](mailto:caraferraro703@gmail.com) for the women's group (Wednesdays at 7:15) if you are interested in joining.
- **Friday, March 17, 6:30 pm, Stations of the Cross:** Our group has been asked to lead the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 17. Volunteers are needed to read the text for each station and potentially lead music during the service. There will be no soup supper. Please email Thomas at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com) if you're able to help.
- **Weekend of March 25 or April 1, Young Adult Service Project:** We're currently working with Cornerstones Shelter to plan a service project, potentially working with youth in-need. If you're interesting in learning more and joining us once scheduled, e-mail Thomas at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com).

**50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES:** For more information on any 50+ Club event, please email Pat Bossie at [grankidsx9@aol.com](mailto:grankidsx9@aol.com) or call 703-620-3747. Remember to call Pat to make reservations.

- **Thursday, March 16: St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at P. J. Mulligan's, Herndon.** At this point, we are keeping a waiting list. Let Pat know if you would like to attend and she'll let you know if someone drops out. To check out the menu, the web site is <http://www.pjmulligans.com/>.

## Faith Formation

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### ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

### 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, March 12** - High School Night: 6:15 – 8:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19** - Cross Pin Distribution After All Masses
- **Sunday, March 19** - High School Night: 6:15 – 8:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, March 26** - High School Night: 6:15 – 8:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

### HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT (AGAPE)

Calling all teens! Join us tonight, March 12, for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun. At this Sunday's session, we will discuss "Praying with Saint Patrick: Journeying in His Footsteps." This session encourages us to consider the life and mission of Saint Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, and connect his journey with God to our lives. Through reflection on the idea of pilgrimage, we will examine how God is working in our lives through experiences and encounters. Come and learn more about our Catholic faith and traditions and how we can apply our Christian values to our daily lives and in our relationships with others. This will also be a great opportunity to share snacks, enjoy fellowship and make new friends! All high school teens are invited and welcome, so bring a friend.

**MARDI GRAS DINNER** Thank you to the Knights of Columbus team led by Bob Andres and Steve Saiget for a delicious Mardi Gras meal, the Saint John Neumann Contemporary Choir for lively musical entertainment and the Diocesan Work Camp teens and adults for decorating the Parish Hall in a celebratory ambiance and helping to serve the fantastic meal! Thank you to Joann Sullivan for her colorful posters advertising the event. Special thanks to all the parishioners and friends that supported this annual dinner. Net proceeds will be used toward expenses of the teens and adults who will be participating in the Diocesan Work Camp from June 24 to June 30 in Fredericksburg, Virginia.



## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS** We need you; our first practice is this Tuesday, March 14, at 6:00pm. "The Living Stations of the Cross" is a powerful prayer presentation in which teen participants portray Christ's Passion and Death. All 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited and encouraged to participate in this dramatic presentation. Teen participants will portray Jesus, Mary, Pilate, crowd members and other individuals identified with the Stations of the Cross in a freeze frame tableau with narration of the Stations and contemplative music. Actors, readers, singers and musicians are all needed for this presentation. The Living Stations of the Cross will be prayerfully presented with the parish community on Good Friday, April 14, at 3:00 pm. Practices will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Church with a final practice on Good Friday. If you plan to participate as an actor, narrator, singer or musician, please email [djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org) and come to the Church this Tuesday night at 6:00pm (with your instrument, if you are a musician) for practice. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Doug Johnson on 703-860-6141 or by email.

**CROSS PIN DISTRIBUTION NEXT WEEKEND!** Teens participating in the Diocesan Work Camp this summer will be distributing cross pins **made by them** after all Masses next weekend, March 18-19, and again the weekend of April 1-2. Contributions will help defray lodging and meal expenses for the 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. See article on page 7 for more information.

**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.

### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."* GENESIS 12:1  
God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live.

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### Around the Diocese

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** *"Then the eyes of both of them were opened..."* Let us appreciate the totality of our spouses by taking part in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend is March 31-April 2 in Herndon. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: [RenewMarriage-VANorth.org](http://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

**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 in serving as a judge from 8:00am to noon on Saturday, April 8 at Paul VI High School, please call Hiliary Mildrew at 703-841-2519.

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I can't handle. I just wish that  
He didn't trust me so much.*

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

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