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Please call Sue Colyer 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 13**

FF Classes

Birthday Club Gifts Due

Car Raffle Ticket Sales After Masses

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 14**

FF Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

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

Young Adults Lenten Discussion Group: 7:00pm; Conference Room

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 15**

FF Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Lenten Penance Service: 7:00pm; Church

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Conference Room

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

FF Classes

Newcomers Group: 9:30am; Conference Room

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

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

RCIA Team: 6:00pm; Bridal Room

Reconciliation (The Light is On For You); 6:30pm; Church

JustFaith: 7:00pm; A1/A2

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Spanish Young Adults: 7:00pm; B3

Finance Council: 7:30pm; Conference Room

**THURSDAY, MARCH 17**

Mothers' Group Play Group: 9:30am; Early RE Room

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**

Mothers' Group Bible Study: 10:00am; Early Religious Room

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper: 6:30pm; Church and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

Easter Egg Hunt: 10:00am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Spanish Prayer Group: 6:00pm; de Sales Chapel

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Today I end my three part series on stewardship. Having already addressed the issues of time and talent, I want to address the issue of treasure. It is the third element of the critical criteria of determining a person's dedication to the church community and its mission. The wonderful programs that mark an active parish, the proper facilities in which to mission, the qualified staff to support the life of the parish and the basic opportunity to share Gospel values all take place only with the necessary financial support. Looking at the weekly financial report you can see that there is a generous response to this parish's needs, but, as I said in regard to the other two elements involved in true stewardship, that fair share is born by the minority and not the majority.

I would never ask any parishioner to identify their faithfulness solely by their financial contributions, nor would I ask any family to go without necessities to lend financial assistance, but there are parishioners who do not have a realistic understanding of the complex financial demands required to keep this place and its ministries up and running. This does impact the decision they make in regard to financial support for the church. We try to be transparent about our financial situation and our finance council provides an honest oversight of all financial transactions to represent all of you and to assure the integrity of where and how we use the parish's financial resources.

This brings us to you the parishioners. I ask only that you consider what your contribution to the parish actually is. If your resources have increased over the years, has this been marked by an increase in your church giving to the degree that does not negatively impact your own financial stability? There is no set answer that applies to all but I only ask whether or not you believe your contribution has to change to truly embrace the total picture of true stewardship: time, talent and treasure.

God bless,

Father Tom

### Prayer and Liturgy

**WE WELCOME** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Luke Alexander Bevan**, son of Westley and Sarah; **Jack Anthony Causa**, son of Jack and Isabel; and **Charlotte May Cobuzzi**, daughter of Paul and Morgan.



**WE PRAY** for those who have died, especially **Alberto Alfaro**, father of Jeff and Teresa; **Charles Dauphin**, father of Donna Courain and grandfather of Daniel; **Jean Dolan**; and **Rev. Joseph M. McCloskey, SJ**, brother of Peggy Ferguson.



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**Isaiah 43:16-21;**  
**Psalms 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;**  
**Philippians 3:8-14;**  
**John 8:1-11**

Luke tells us the scribes and Pharisees bring to Jesus a woman caught in adultery. They make her stand in the middle of the crowd, and they announce that she was caught in the very act of adultery.

The law of Moses prescribes stoning as the punishment for adultery. But it does not permit doing anything you want to do to a person caught in adultery. It is clear, however, that the scribes and Pharisees are using this woman just as bait to catch Jesus, and they have no hesitation about shaming her terribly in the process.

Maybe that is one of the reasons Jesus looks down at the ground to write in the dirt. If He is looking down and she is standing up, then He isn't looking at her. And so He is protecting her in her shame, by helping her be hidden from Him, alone of all those men staring at her. In caring for her in this way, Jesus is doing something to protect her from the injustice of her captors.

And here's another thing to see. If this woman was caught in the very act of adultery, as her captors say, then there had to have been a man with her when she was caught. Where is he? Why isn't he here with her? Did the scribes and Pharisees just let him go? The law of Moses prescribes stoning him too.

The scribes and Pharisees are hypocritical, then, and Jesus catches them in it. He makes clear that they don't care enough about the law of Moses to keep it themselves. They melt away when Jesus tells them to let the ones without sin be the first to cast stones.

By that move, Jesus diminishes the woman's shame considerably, doesn't He? Only when it is clear that her accusers have been caught in their hypocrisy and shamed by it, does Jesus lift up His eyes and look at her.

And so, by His justice for her and His mercy, Jesus catches her for the Lord. Of all those who came to Jesus because of her, she is the only one left standing by Him at the end of the story. And she is the only one who calls Him 'Kyrie' ('Lord', 'Sir').

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**AREA LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES** For those of you who for one reason or another may not be able to attend our own regularly scheduled or Lenten opportunities to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Easter, here are other services in our area:

Monday, 3/14; 7:00pm	St. Thomas à Becket, Reston
Thursday, 3/17; 7:00pm	Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna
Sunday, 3/20, 7:00pm	St. Mark, Vienna



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 12</b>
5:00pm	George Robert Gay†
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 13</b>
7:30am	Elizabeth Popovich †
9:30am	Robert Ranft †
11:30am	George and Jeanette Breidy
1:30pm	People of the Parish
5:00pm	Caroline Kearns, Special Intention
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 14</b>
9:00am	Dr. Joseph Falcone †
12:10pm	Greg Baldowski †
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b>
6:30am	Edna Sullivan †
9:00am	Paul Hoover †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 16</b>
6:30am	Josephine Guerro †
9:00am	Nelly Concepcion †
12:10pm	M. Virginia Walsh †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 17</b>
6:30am	Margaret Hearn†
9:00am	Don Boyle †
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 18</b>
9:00am	Margaret Davis, Special Intention
12:10pm	John and Kathleen Tomsyck ††
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 19</b>
5:00pm	Marguerite and John Wise ††
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 20</b>
7:30am	Una Louise Carew †
9:30am	George and Linda Skaff ††
11:30am	Abraham George †
1:30pm	Peter J. Buzzanell †
5:00pm	People of the Parish

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

**Luke 19:28-40** (Gospel of the Procession) For Luke the manifestation of the palms is the last appearance of Jesus in His city. As always when He is at home, there is on the one side "the crowd" of disciples who acclaim Him the Lord, and on the other side the group of Pharisees who do not accept this popular acclamation.

**Isaiah 50:4-7** This third "Song of the Suffering Servant" highlights the faithfulness of the servant that is founded on the fidelity of God. Thus it shows him as the attentive disciple.

**Psalms 22: My God, My God, Why Have You Abandoned Me?** This psalm, a messianic psalm which Christianity has traditionally applied to Christ, appears to have originally been three separate psalms: a song of despair, a call to praise, and a declaration that all people will worship God.

**Philippians 2:6-11** This primitive liturgical hymn expresses well the double route of Christ's paschal journey. The servant obediently accepts the humiliation of the cross and God responds by raising Him in glory. This profession of faith in the divinity of the "Lord" must remain before us throughout the proclamation of the passion.

**Luke 22:14-23:56** The narrative of Luke tells the story of his master with tenderness and emphasizes the great humanity, non-violence, generosity, forgiving spirit and child-like abandonment of the one whom Pilate admits is innocent.

**SCHEDULE OF LENTEN  
LITURGIES AND SERVICES**

**Daily Mass**

Monday - Friday, 9:00am  
Tuesday, Wednesday 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

**Taizé Prayer**

Wednesday, March 23, 7:00pm

**Confessions**

Saturdays - 10:00 - 10:30am  
(except Holy Saturday)  
Wednesdays - 6:30 - 8:00pm  
March 16, 23

**Lenten Penance Service**

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00pm

Our Holy Week Schedule can be found on the next page.



**PRAY A ROSARY WITH  
PRAYING COLLEGE MOMS**

All parishioners are invited to join our Praying College Moms Thursday, March 31, at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel to pray the Rosary together. Age is no barrier; you might even bring your children so they can pray for the children of others! All are welcome.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE**

*"In failing to confess, Lord, I would only hide You from myself, not myself from You."*

*(Saint Augustine)*

All are welcome to participate this Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00pm. Get ready for Holy Week through this healing and life-giving sacrament! Many confessors will be available to bring us this joyful reconciling love of the Father. "The Sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true 'spiritual resurrection,' restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1468.)

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES

#### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20

All Masses will begin with the blessing of palms, followed by procession to Church.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 21

Mass 9:00am

Mass 12:10pm

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 22

Mass 6:30am

Mass 9:00am

Taizé Prayer 7:00pm

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Mass 6:30am

Mass 9:00am

Mass 12:10pm

Confessions 6:30-8:00pm

#### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24

*Note: There will be no 6:30 or 9:00am Mass today.*

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** 8:00pm

*(Bilingual, English-Spanish)*

**Reposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

9:00pm—Midnight

#### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Morning Prayer 9:00am

**Living Stations of the Cross** 3:00pm

*(Presented by the youth of our parish)*

**The Passion of the Lord** 8:00pm

#### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26

**Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food** 9:00am

**The Great Easter Vigil** 8:30pm

*(Bilingual, English-Spanish)*

**NO SCHEDULED CONFESSIONS**

#### EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

**Masses will be celebrated at the following times:**

7:30, 9:30, and 11:30am

1:30pm *(Spanish)*

*Note: There will be no 5:00pm Mass on Easter Sunday.*

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers: **Rosemary Burns**; Mary Featherly, Vito Guarino, **Cathy Mitchell** and Dick White, and for all who are sick and all caregivers who minister to 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 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 added this week appear in boldface type.***

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

March 14 Reverend Alexander Diaz

March 15 Reverend Michael J. Dobbins

March 16 Reverend John J. Dolan, O.S.F.S.

March 17 Reverend Ramon Dominguez, Y.A.

March 18 Reverend Denis M. Donahue

March 19 Reverend Jeb S. Donelan

March 20 Reverend William N. Dougherty, O.S.F.S.

### LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of March 19 - 20 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Bill
Sunday	7:30am	Father Jerry
Sunday	9:30am	Father Don
Sunday	11:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Francis Russo with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Jerry

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR LAST LENTEN

**TAIZÉ** Join us for our final Taizé prayer service before Easter in the de Sales Chapel at 7:00pm Wednesday March 23. Taizé is a meditative form of common prayer, where we sing simple, uncomplicated songs in an intimate setting. In the middle of Holy Week, give yourself the gift of quiet time of renewal in this moving service, and set aside your chaos for the moment in an effort to draw closer to God.

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

God doesn't need us to be perfect in order to love us, but He does need us to trust Him in order to reach us with His love. Visit us on Wednesdays, from 6:30 - 8:00pm and begin again with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To help you reflect and grow daily this Lent, sign up for daily texts or emails by texting "Lent" to 84576. To find times at other parishes and for additional resources visit [TheLightIsOn.org](http://TheLightIsOn.org).



### LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND SOUP

**SUPPERS** 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 and will be followed immediately by soup supper. Representatives of various ministries will take turns hosting these events. The schedule for our hosts is:

- March 18: Spanish Ministry and Pastoral Council with speaker from Spanish Community.
- March 25: No soup; Living Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm will be enacted by High School Teens.

## Parish Information

### STOP BY THE CAR 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; the Health Wagon, and Family Preservation and Strengthening Services (Family Pass). The prizes include five 2016 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!

### KNIGHTS' KOVAR WEEKEND

The Knights of Columbus will be outside church after all Masses this weekend 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.



### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Hispanic Ministry and Mothers' Group will be hosting this fun-filled annual event Saturday, March 19 in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Musical entertainment will begin at 10:15am followed by the Egg Hunt at around 11:15am. The event will be limited to 200 children. **Each** child must be 10 years old or younger and be **accompanied by an adult**. To sign up using Signup Genius online, please go to [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org) to find the link. You do not need to create an account within Signup Genius to sign up your child. Simply click the "I don't want an account" button. If you have any questions, contact Jessica Unrein at [jlm19842@aol.com](mailto:jlm19842@aol.com).

### HEALTH FAIR VOLUNTEERS

Could you help out for an hour or two at the Health Fair taking place Sunday, April 24, from 10:00am to 4:00pm? No medical training is needed; we need help with registration and collecting evaluations, keeping the healthy snack table stocked, water pitchers filled, directing people to the various tables, etc. We especially need Spanish speaking volunteers to help translate for our Hispanic parishioners. Even if you can commit just an hour or two it would be of great help. Contact Lucy Boland at [lboland@gmu.edu](mailto:lboland@gmu.edu) for more information.

### BIRTHDAY CLUB GIFTS ARE DUE!

If you took a tag to purchase a Birthday gift for a child, please remember the wrapped and tagged gifts are due by this Sunday, March 13. Your gifts may be the only ones received by these deserving children so please do not disappoint them. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to make this a great day for each child!



### MORE FROM FATHER TOM: ON ADULT CHILDREN

We are currently trying to update our parish registration files and we know we are carrying the names of adult children who are currently married or otherwise living on their own. There are circumstances where the adult child should remain as part of the family registration and we understand that. With that said, many parents keep their children registered long after they have reached adulthood and are no longer living at home, because of the expectation that they need to be registered to be married here at the parish. I can tell you that if a parent is registered here, we would gladly be open to having the wedding of your child(ren) here. They need not be kept on the roles solely for that purpose.

If they are living on their own they should be registered in a parish. It helps that parish to know they belong when it comes time for sponsor certificates for Baptism or Confirmation. But that isn't even the most important reason; it is to be in a faith community where their faith can be nourished and fed on a regular basis, which is what makes people understand what is involved in being a sponsor. To register at Saint John Neumann all they need to do is go to our web site at [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org) and look for the registration form. We do not follow strictly the parish boundaries and accept anyone wishing to be a part of our community, but it really is unrealistic to think you will be an active member of this faith community if it involves extensive distance to travel.

The most important thing is for our young people to feel a part of the community they find nourishing and fulfilling, and to actively be a part of that community of faith. So, please let us know the status of any child over 25 so we can remove from our records those who live in other places.



### PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL

**ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL!** Nine St. John Neumann parishioners have been named to the second quarter honor rolls at Paul VI High School.

**Grant Hastings, Kate Klimkiewicz, Catherine Mandable, Kevin O'Callaghan, Jennifer Preston and Courtney Tacogue** were named to the Principal's Honor Roll. Among those named to the Honor Roll are parishioners **Brendan Henry, Sophia Redmond and Haley Tacogue**. Congratulations to these hard-working students; we are very proud of your accomplishments.

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

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



Here is a wonderful family project for one afternoon or evening of Spring Break when you reach that point where everyone is starting to climb the walls! Do you have a few hours to help men and women in prison? We are again in need of cookies, prayers and posters for Kairos Weekends, ways you can help live the Gospel message! It's hard to describe how important a prayer or a dozen cookies are in the lives of inmates. Men and women in prison generally feel forgotten by the world and distant from God and each other; prayer and cookies are the start of many miracles!

Five of our parishioners will take part in two retreats for inmates this spring: the men's Kairos weekend at Sussex I State Prison beginning April 7 and the women's Kairos weekend at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women beginning April 28. To help them bring God's love to these men and women in a real and visible way, we can:

- bake cookies (We need 300+ dozen by Sunday, April 3 for the men and 100+ dozen by April 24 for the women. Cookies can be made anytime and kept frozen in the church freezer)
- make posters
- pray during the weekends of April 7-10 and April 28-May 1

Families, individuals, Faith Formation classes or other groups can help these imprisoned men and women know they are not forgotten through these powerful good deeds. All help will be greatly appreciated.

For more information and specific directions for what can be in or on the posters or cookies, please email or call one of the following:

- Bill Eager at [artbyeager@gmail.com](mailto:artbyeager@gmail.com) or 703-899-4304
- Patrick Schambach at [pat.schambach@gmail.com](mailto:pat.schambach@gmail.com) or 571-218-9787
- Patricia Schambach at [pschambach@verizon.net](mailto:pschambach@verizon.net) or 703-860-1809
- Barbara Emery at [memery1@gmail.com](mailto:memery1@gmail.com) or 703-437-3060

**PRESCHOOL SURVEY** The Pastoral Council is considering a proposal to open a Catholic preschool in the fall of 2017. The preschool would be licensed by the state of Virginia and under the direction of the Office of Catholic Schools of the Arlington Diocese. It would be a Catholic faith-based, developmentally appropriate program. We invite all parishioners, regardless of whether or not you would use the preschool, to type the following link into your web browser to complete a brief survey about the potential preschool: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJNPreschool](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJNPreschool). The survey link is also on the parish website. The survey can only be taken one time on each computer, but it can also be accessed by smartphone. Any questions or further comments can be sent to [Saintjnpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:Saintjnpreschool@gmail.com).

## 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).

- **Life+Savers:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders gather for a special, fun time between 3:00 - 4:30pm. Each Sunday evening, we meet in the Youth Room for about one-half hour after Faith Formation classes. 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> Thursday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For information about morning sessions, please email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [kmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:kmonroe58@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 Marie Ruff at [youngadults@saintjn.org](mailto:youngadults@saintjn.org).

**LIFE+SAVERS ALERT:** There will be **NO** Saturday Social in March due to our usual third Saturday of the month falling within the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Spring Break. Our monthly Saturday Social will resume April 16. Please watch for mailings from Life+Savers for updates.

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

- Sign up by Wednesday, March 16: SJN Young Adults NCAA Bracket. March Madness is quickly approaching; take a shot at becoming our bracket champion. We're playing for pride and priceless bragging rights (no money will change hands!). For details and to join in the fun, email Matt at [mjfaltynski@gmail.com](mailto:mjfaltynski@gmail.com).
- Friday, March 18; 7:00pm: Men's/Women's Night Out: Kick off the weekend with a night out with other young adults.
  - **Women's Mexican Fiesta:** The ladies will enjoy a Mexican fiesta hosted by Marie, complete with vegetarian fare (it's a Friday during Lent, after all), party games and both cocktails and non-alcoholic cocktails. Bring drinks or a side to share! Email Marie for more details and to RSVP: [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com).
  - **Men's March Madness:** Join the guys for wings, beer and NCAA Tournament games at The Buffalo Wing Factory in Reston. Email Matt for details and to RSVP: [mjfaltynski@gmail.com](mailto:mjfaltynski@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.

- **Tuesday, March 29:** We will head into the District of Columbia to visit the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, at 400 Michigan Avenue, N.E., with expected arrival at 10:30am. You may eat at the shrine cafeteria up until 2:00pm, or may opt to have lunch at Busboys and Poets in neighboring Brookline. Visit [www.busboysandpoets.com](http://www.busboysandpoets.com) for menu options.

***“All our actions, prayers and sufferings must be guided by the desire to be one with God. This must become a hard and fast habit in our deeds and actions.”***

*Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS*

## Faith Formation

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### ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

- **Welcome Home** Are you a "returning" Catholic? Do you know someone interested in renewing a relationship with the Church? See the brochure on the hallway table or the parish website ([www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org)) under *Welcome*. A new small group for returning Catholics will meet for four Mondays beginning April 11.
- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Interested in being Catholic? Do you have questions? A group of inquirers meets on Tuesday evenings.
- **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. The simple format is explained each time we gather. Information is on the parish website. All are welcome.
- **Bible Study for Mothers With Young Children** This group meets on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30am, with child care provided. Email Christy Cottrell for more information at [christylc23@gmail.com](mailto:christylc23@gmail.com).
- **Road to Emmaus** This small discussion group meets Monday mornings at 10:00am to discuss the previous Sunday's readings. Email [saintjnrte@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnrte@gmail.com) to receive materials.
- **The Power of Story "SPIRITUALITIES" IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HERES AND THE BEYONDS** This program, presented by William R. Stott, Jr. meets at 7:00pm in the deSales Chapel. Registration flyers and schedule are on the table in the main hallway. All are welcome!
- **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.

### 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 13; High School Teen Night (Agape): 6:15pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- Wednesday, March 16; Living Stations of the Cross Practice: 6:00pm, Church
- Sunday, March 20; NO High School Teen Night (Agape): Spring Break
- Friday, March 25; Good Friday Presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross: 3:00pm, Church
- Sunday, March 27; NO High School Teen Night (Agape): Easter Sunday

### HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT (AGAPE)

Calling all teens! Join us for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun. At this Sunday's session we will help our teens learn to recognize and respect the human dignity of all immigrants, documented or undocumented, and discover how they can make a difference for immigrants by their attitudes and actions. 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 be a great opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith and values, share snacks, enjoy fellowship and make new friends! All high school teens are welcome; bring a friend!

### ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL TEENS!

We need you to join us for Living Stations Of The Cross Practice. "The Living Stations of the Cross" is a powerful prayer presentation in which teen participants portray Christ's Passion and Death. Practice will continue this Wednesday, March 16 from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the church. There will be a final practice on Good Friday, March 25 prior to the presentation. Please plan to join us. 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, March 25 at 3:00pm, with a final practice taking place before the presentation. If you plan to participate as an actor, narrator, singer or musician, please send an e-mail to [djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org) and come to the church on Wednesday, March 9 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 at 703-860-6141 or by email.

### 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.

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Around the Diocese

**SAVE THE DATE** The ever-so-popular **Empty Bowls Fundraiser** to fight hunger in Northern Virginia will once again be hosted by the Giving Circle of HOPE on Friday, April 8 from 5:30 to 8:00pm at Floris United Methodist Church in Herndon. As usual, all proceeds will go to Food For Others. Stay tuned for more information in future bulletins, but do put this on your calendar so you won't miss out!

**LIVING WELL, AGING WELL SUMMIT** Join us for the 2016 Living Well, Aging Well Summit on Saturday, April 16. This event, taking place from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Fairfax County Government Center is free, and features health, wellness, and community resources, with keynote presentations, seminars, exhibitors, and more. Visit [www.livingwellfairfax.org](http://www.livingwellfairfax.org) for more information.

**HOW DOES AUSTRIA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER SOUND?** St. Thomas à Becket has planned a trip to the **Austrian Alps, Salzburg, and Vienna from September 7-15, 2016**, at a cost of approximately \$2,800, double occupancy, including roundtrip airfare from Dulles. The trip includes a cruise on the Danube River and "The Sound of Music" sights in Salzburg. The trip of a lifetime to some of the most beautiful sights in the world! A deposit of \$300 per person is due by April 29. Please contact Betsy Coffey at [b.coffey@stbchurch.com](mailto:b.coffey@stbchurch.com) for more information or view trip brochures at [www.stbchurch.com](http://www.stbchurch.com). All are welcome!

**BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL** The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is in full swing and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, let's join together to do the Lord's work - work that touches the lives and souls of thousands of people in our diocese. Thank you!

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### SPOTLIGHT ON THE ARTS SUMMER

#### CAMPS IN THEATRE & ART THIS JULY:

Expert Instructors in Drama, Music, Dance, and Art are providing one week camps this July for students as young as Pre-K and as old as high school. Learn from some of the areas top Catholic teachers within the creative arts through camps like **Camp Broadway, Art Explorer, Drama Bootcamp, Creative Kindergarten, and Art Fun Camp**. Registration is \$20 off per camp through April 15th. Plus, families registering 3 or more kids can take an additional 10% off. All of the details can be found at [www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com](http://www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com).

#### 5K AND KIDS FUN RUN

Bring your running shoes, your family and your friends and join the Bishop O'Connell High School community for a morning 5K race and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, April 9. Register online by March 20 to make sure you get your T-shirt size. Find out more about the race and register today at [www.bishopoconnell.org/5K](http://www.bishopoconnell.org/5K). Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.



**LOOKING FOR SOME FUN THIS SATURDAY?** The St. Veronica Knights of Columbus are hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day / St. Joseph's Day party on Saturday, March 19 from 6:00pm - 9:30pm, at St. Veronica's Catholic Church parish hall, 3460 Centreville Road, Chantilly. This is a family event that includes food, drink, sing-alongs, Irish dancers, live entertainment and plenty of smiling Irish eyes. Adults \$7, Children \$5, Family maximum \$24, drinks extra. Contact <http://www.stveronica.net/> or [703-773-2000](tel:703-773-2000) for more information.

### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."* Philippians 3:8

The first commandment says that we shall not put other gods before the Lord. Detaching ourselves from material possessions and considering them "rubbish" does just that. It strengthens our relationship with Jesus and allows us to live more freely and joyfully.