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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

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 19

Faith Formation Classes

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Lenten Cross Pin Distribution

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

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

MONDAY, MARCH 20

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Health Ministry: 7:00pm; Main Office Work Room

Pax Christi: 7:00pm; Sacristy

Taizé: 7:00pm; Church

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

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

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

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

Catholic Social Teaching: 7:30pm; B1

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

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

Newcomers' Book Club: 10:00am; B4

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

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

Stations of the Cross in Spanish: 7:00pm; Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper: 6:30pm; Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Brown Bag Weekend

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Faith Formation Classes

Brown Bag Weekend

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

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

RCIA Dismissal: 12:30pm; Conference Room

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 17:3-7;
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;
John 4:5-42

Today's readings speak to the catechumens. Moses experiences a deeper faith in God's Word. The Samaritan woman experiences a new life in Christ. St. Francis de Sales notes: There are two different lives represented in us: the "old life" and the "new life." In the "old life" we live according to the faults and infirmities we have contracted through our human condition and culture. We are like the eagle that drags its old feathers along the ground, unable to take flight. We must let go of the old life, 'burying it in the waters of holy baptism or penance' if we wish to enter into the "new" life.

In the "new" life we live according to the love, favors, and will of our Savior. Our new life in Christ is salutary and redeems us. It is living, lively and life-giving. It causes us to soar aloft for we are 'alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord'. Our new life is like the eagle also. Having shed its old feathers, the eagle takes on new ones. Grown young again, it flies off in its new powers. Alas, some tender souls newly born out of penitential ashes may have difficulty soaring about in the open air of sacred love. While they are living, animated and winged by love, they may still have habits that their old life left in them. While we remain in this world, we can be bent either by divine love or useless loves.

When we choose to pursue useless loves, we become hesitant to approach Our Lord. This is normal. If we have offended a friend, we feel shame. But we must never live in shame. Our growth in divine love is such that an opening always remains for sudden assaults of other objects and apparent goods. We experience hesitancy in turning to God in our frailties so that we may cast ourselves even more into God's merciful arms. Let us have the courage then to discard the old life. Let us grow in confidence to live a new life in Christ Jesus, who desires to deepen our love so that we may be eternally loving.

Adapted from the writings of Saint Francis de Sales

SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

SAINT OF THE DAY FOR MARCH 19

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness, and hence it is really "right" for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame" (*Matthew 1:19*).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

Reflection

The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (*Luke 2:41-51*). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus' mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn't believe that he came from such humble beginnings: "Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary...?" (*Matthew 13:55a*). It was almost as indignant as "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (*John 1:46b*).

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WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Martha Amaya**, sister of parishioner Maria Blandino, and **Ed Sutter**, father of Pamela Uncles.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Ruby Judith Rosenberger**, daughter of Richard and Ruth.

HEARING IMPAIRED? Amplification devices are available for anyone having difficulty hearing the Mass. If you would like to use one, just ask an usher before Mass. Also, the parish has purchased large-print Sunday Missals to help you worship. If you would like one for your personal use contact Jo-Ann Duggan at jduggan@saintjn.org or 703-860-6149.



SATURDAY MARCH 18
 5:00pm Frank Rulona †

SUNDAY MARCH 19
 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 †

MONDAY MARCH 20
 9:00am Rosemary Burns †
 12:10pm Katherine Rogers †

TUESDAY MARCH 21
 6:30am Mrs. Kos †
 9:00am Alicia Delgado †

WEDNESDAY MARCH 22
 9:00am Mary Brown †
 12:10pm Joseph Harrington †

THURSDAY MARCH 23
 6:30am Joseph Cuccurullo †
 9:00am Nancy Lewicki, Special Intention

FRIDAY MARCH 24
 9:00am William Hertweck †
 12:10pm Adrien Desrosiers †

SATURDAY MARCH 25
 5:00pm People of the Parish †

SUNDAY MARCH 26
 7:30am Patrick Delaney †
 9:30am Mary Broderick Burgess †
 11:30am Richard Hodes †
 1:30pm Raymond Hummel †
 5:00pm James Cook †

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

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

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

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

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a The fourth significant stage of the history of salvation is the selection and anointing of David as king, the chosen one of God.

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

Ephesians 5:8-14 *Illumination* is one of the beautiful terms our ancient tradition has given to Baptism. It would certainly be tragic for someone who has been enlightened by faith to return to a life of darkness rather than to live as a child of the light.

John 9:1-41 The healing of the man born blind is a major text for Christian initiation. Christ, who is the light of the world, is a sign of contradiction. Those who pridefully pretend to see sink into the depths of darkness; whole those who recognize their blindness ascend into the light. They are progressively introduced into the mystery of the Father's messenger. The messenger is He whom we call Jesus, a prophet, a man of God, the Son of Man.

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

PLEASE PRAY for those who have asked for our prayers, Suzanne Brown, Peg Haberman, **Tim Lisko**, **Sandi McLean**, 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.***

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Saturday, March 25 5:00pm RCIA Second Scrutiny
 Sunday, April 2 5:00pm RCIA Third Scrutiny



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 20 Reverend Edward T. Fitzpatrick, OSFS
 March 21 Reverend Thomas P. Gallagher, OSFS
 March 22 Reverend Daniel G. Gambet, OSFS
 March 23 Reverend Charles C. Garst, OSFS
 March 24 Reverend Marc A. Gherardi, OSFS
 March 25 Reverend Anthony J. Gilborges, OSFS
 March 26 Reverend Thomas J. Gillespie, OSFS

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FEELING UNEASY LATELY? GOD CAN HELP

WITH THAT! Have you considered seeking God's healing? In fact, that's what the Sacrament of Reconciliation is all about. On Wednesdays during Lent, between 6:30 - 8:00pm, come to St. John Neumann and experience God's compassionate love in this Sacrament. To help you reflect and grow daily this Lent, sign up for daily texts or emails by texting "Lent" to 84576. To find times at other parishes and for additional resources visit www.thelightison.org.



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

Tuesday, March 21 and Wednesday, April 12, 7:00pm

Confessions

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

RCIA: THE FIRST SCRUTINY This weekend at the Sunday 9:30am Mass we celebrate the first of three scrutinies. With our Elect, Hever Fernando Melgar Arriaga, Enedina Trejo Cortes, Kathy Dominguez, Michael Claudio Hart, George Matovu, Ashlee Murray, Amanda Roth, and Alexander Shipp, 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.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION "With Burning Hearts: Discipleship and the Joy of The Eucharist in Lent and Always" Join us for three evenings of shared faith experience suitable for all ages. Let your hearts be nourished in rediscovering the joy of the Eucharist, Sunday April 2 through Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00pm. Through Scripture, ritual, dramatic storytelling and music, we learn to embrace our baptismal promise of discipleship.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER 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 will need to attend *one* of four diocesan workshops:

- Saturday, April 22 at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington;
- Saturday, April 29 at Our Lady of Hope in Potomac Falls;
- Saturday, May 13 at Holy Trinity in Gainesville, or
- Saturday, May 20 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg.

Each workshop will take place from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

We will have a follow-up meeting at our parish near the end of May to orient you on how to participate in this ministry 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!

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 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

Parish Information

PARISH OFFICE "QUICK NOTES"

- The Main Office will close at 4:00pm Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 24.
- The Runner's Marathon of Reston takes place on Lawyers Road in front of church on Sunday, April 9 at 7:30am. The water stop located by the church closes at 11:45am, when the race is expected to be finished. Use caution entering and exiting the parking lot.
- The 2018 Mass Intentions Book will open on Monday, April 24 for intentions from January 1 through June 30.

BROWN BAG WEEKEND

The Cornerstones van will be here after all the Masses next weekend, March 25-26. Please remember to bring your donations for those in need in our community. This month they especially need canned vegetables (any kind), dry beans and dry lentils, cooking oil, and condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, etc.)



**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.

**HELP NEEDED SATURDAY, APRIL 15
FOR EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION**

Each year at the conclusion of the Easter Vigil service we gather to celebrate this great feast and to welcome those who have been baptized into the Catholic Church at the Vigil. We need many helping hands to make this a truly gala celebration. Consider donating your talents in decorating, baking, setting-up or cleaning up. Please stop by the shelf in the hallway between the narthex and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium to sign up to help.

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. Please contact Jo-Ann Duggan at jduggan@saintjn.org or 703-860-6149.

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. Don't miss out on a free 8"x10" photo and a copy of the Parish's Pictorial Directory.

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.

WALK TO JERUSALEM Hola! Bienvenido a Puerto Rico! Our beloved St. John Neumann has arrived at his first destination just ahead of the rainy season (which runs April to November). With over 1500 miles behind him, he wandered down the Calle de Cristo to attend 7:00pm Mass at The Cathedral de San Juan Baptiste, the oldest church on US soil. Ponce de Leon, famous seeker of the Fountain of Youth, is buried here proving once again, there is no quick easy fix to staying healthy! Bypassing "Ben and Jerry's Old San Juan" St John elected to have a healthy light supper at the lovely "Patio del Nispero" where he enjoyed sea bass in a mussel broth, followed by peaceful sleep. After a morning intention "On that day O God you will call me, and I will answer You, You will stretch forth your right arm to the work of Your hands; You have counted all my steps.", he puts his "Fit Bit" back on and waves "Hasta Luego Old San Juan" and is off to Brazil! Check your Guidebooks and remember the Parish Walk takes place after the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, March 26. Walkers will gather outside the front of the church.



LIFE+SAVERS (AND FRIENDS!) 7th and 8th graders, prepare for a special "Out of This World" treat at our next Saturday Social taking place on April 1.

Joining us as our guest speaker will be fellow parishioner, catechist, pilot, author, and veteran NASA astronaut, Tom Jones, PhD. In more than eleven years with NASA he flew on four space shuttle missions and led three spacewalks. Make room in your schedule to hear his adventures in flight and space.

Because we know you would want to share this experience, we're inviting your parents and our High School teens to join us.

Tom will bring copies of his books, "Sky Walking: An Astronaut's Memoir," and "Ask the Astronaut: A Galaxy of Astonishing Answers to Your Questions on Spaceflight" for sale and signing.

Remember, we meet on the first Saturday of each month in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium from 3:00 - 4:30pm.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM THE KNIGHTS: THANK
YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING



GENEROSITY! Sunday, March 5, the

Family of Man Council of the Knights of Columbus hosted its monthly Charity Breakfast for the Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR) organization, headquartered in Washington. SOAR raises funds and provides grants to help Catholic religious congregations in the United States care for their elderly and infirm members. These grants address practical immediate needs such as renovations for accessibility, automatic doors, hospital beds and assistive devices. We were honored to have hosted the President of SOAR, Sister Kathleen Lundsmann, IHM along with six of her staff members and a member of SOAR's Board of Directors during the charity breakfast.

This month's charity breakfast drew record attendance from our parish, where the Knights of Columbus served over 425 guests, received record donations from which the Council will be able to donate \$2,900.00 to the SOAR organization and surpassed its annual revenue amount three months ahead of schedule. Thank you so much for your continued loyalty and attendance at so many of our functions!



DID YOU SEE THE NEW HONDA CIVIC PARKED OUTSIDE?

It could be yours if you buy the winning ticket as we continue our After Mass ticket sales for the All

Saints Church 5-Car Raffle! Prizes include five 2017 vehicles and \$20,000 in cash prizes. Tickets remain \$5 each and will be on sale after weekend Masses until Easter weekend. As in past years, all the earnings go directly to worthy causes. A portion of the money will again be used to help the parishioners of Niño Jesús (our sister parish). This year we also will contribute to three additional worthy organizations: Guest House, Kairos and the St Luke Foundation.

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 this 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.
- **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.
- **Life+Savers:** 7th and 8th grade teens gather on the 1st 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.
- **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.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1st Friday morning or the 2nd Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email kmonroe58@gmail.com, and for evening sessions email 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.
- **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: 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.

- **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 for the men's group (Thursdays at 6:30pm) and Cara at caraferraro703@gmail.com for the women's group (Wednesdays at 7:15) if you are interested in joining.
- **Monday March 20, 6:00pm, Carpool to Fairfax TOT; The Auld Shabeen, Fairfax:** We'll be meeting in front of church to head to Fairfax's monthly Theology on Tap, with drink and meal specials during Part 1 of TOT's Vocations Series focused on marriage. Please e-mail Thomas at saintjnya@gmail.com if you plan to carpool from the parish or meet us in Fairfax.
- **Sunday, March 26, 9:30am, Mass, Breakfast, and Service:** Faith, community, and service will come together after we attend 9:30am Mass together. We'll meet in the narthex at 9:25am to sit together. Afterwards, we'll grab breakfast and prepare snack bags to donate to Cornerstones Shelter for youth in-need. If you can join us for Mass, service, or both, e-mail Thomas at saintjnya@gmail.com.

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

- **Wednesday, April 5: 11:30am** We will enjoy lunch at Chadwick's, 203 Strand Street in Old Town, Alexandria. We have visited Chadwick's several times in the past and it has always been a lovely time. See their website: <http://www.chadwicksrestaurants.com/> Chadwick's has given us 35 reservations, so if you want to attend, please call Pat Bossie at 703-620-3747 or email me. Once we reach 35 reservations, we will start a waiting list.

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 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.
- **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.

*"It only takes a little courage
to become a great saint."*

Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS

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 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 19, for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun. 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.

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 this 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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS We need you; for our practice this Tuesday, March 21, 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 7th through 12th 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 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.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY E-MAIL LIST: Contact Doug Johnson at 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.

Special Collection Stewardship

BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL - DONATING IS ONLY A CLICK AWAY! After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that funds many programs, offices and ministries that serve people in need and further Jesus' Mission in our diocese. Make donating easy for yourself - go to our website (saintjn.org), click anywhere on the picture of the bishops, and you will be taken to the Arlington Diocese BLA donation site! What could be easier? Need your BLA ID Number and can't find your letter? Call the office at 703-860-6147 for help.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES 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 Christ's love and respect 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.

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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 or contact us at 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 Hilary Mildrew at 703-841-2519.

DISCOUNT COURSES AVAILABLE THROUGH CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY

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

CATHOLIC ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE

Do you have a Catholic Advance Medical Directive (AMD)? The Diocese of Arlington has a simple 2-part document which allows you legally to declare your medical healthcare advocate or agent and includes an optional organ donation authorization, which can be used by all adults. Avoid being caught unprepared for you and your loved ones to make those tough medical decisions. To obtain a copy of the Catholic Advance Medical Directive in English or Spanish, contact your parish office, or contact the Arlington Respect Life Office at respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-3817. You also may fill the forms out on-line and they can be downloaded at www.arlingtondiocese.org/Family-Life/End-of-Life-Medical-Directives/.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again."
JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".