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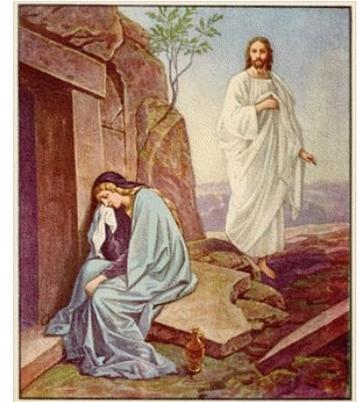
**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):**

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...**

**DAILY MASS THIS WEEK WILL BE CELEBRATED ONLY AT 9:00AM**

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

No 5:00pm Mass

Car Raffle Ticket Sales After Masses

**MONDAY, MARCH 28**

Parish Office Closed All Day

No Scheduled Events

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29**

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30**

Newcomers Group: 9:30am; Conference Room

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

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

Confirmation Commitment: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel

JustFaith: 7:00pm; A1/A2

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Spanish Young Adults: 7:00pm; B3

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31**

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

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

Praying College Moms - Rosary: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1**

Praying College Moms: 9:45am; B5

Mothers' Group First Friday: 10:00; Early RE Room

Movie Night for Adults: 6:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2**

Car Raffle Ticket Sales After Mass

Live+Savers: 3:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3**

FF Classes

Car Raffle Ticket Sales After Masses

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: 8:30am;

Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Confirmation Commitment: 1:00pm; de Sales Chapel

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

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



DEAR FELLOW BELIEVERS:

Today we gather to celebrate the core belief of our faith—that Jesus has conquered death and won for each of us the gift of salvation. The cost to achieve this tremendous gift was dear. Nevertheless, God sacrificed the life of His Son that we might join Him in eternal life. And so today we thank Him, for that gift and the many others we have received through His bounty, the generosity of others, and our own hard work.

The staff and I give thanks to God for placing each of you in our lives. We owe the myriad aspects of faith experienced in this parish to the tremendous support and nourishment provided by all of you. This is truly a wonderful place to be a minister, and I pray that as we celebrate this important feast you will be blessed by the Lord for your goodness to so many people in so many different ways.

To those visiting us this weekend, we hope your presence here has enhanced your celebration of Easter as much as it has ours. If you live in the vicinity, please come and worship with us again and see how the gospel of the Resurrection continues to enrich our lives throughout the year. If you are just passing through, know our prayers go with you and that we welcome your return at any time. Thank you all for being with us on this most blessed of all feasts.

Happy Easter to one and all,  
Father Tom

Prayer and Liturgy



**WE PRAY** for those who have died, especially **Ivone Weaver**, wife of David and mother of Sofia and Lucas.

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers: **Lee Bauer**, Rosemary Burns, Jason Meringolo, Cathy Mitchell and **Cathy Slavens**, 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.***



March 27, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Lord Jesus,

As we rejoice on this Easter Day and throughout the fifty days of the Easter season, do not the words of the psalmist echo over and over again: "Praise the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endures forever" (Ps 136:1)? God's mercy is revealed clearly and so intentionally in the Dying and Rising of His Only-begotten Son, sent to be our Savior and Redeemer precisely through His victory over evil, sin, suffering and eternal death.

Yes, "Jesus Christ is the Face of the Father's Mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 1). In His words and actions, we see revealed to us how loved we are by Our Father, how enveloped we are by His mercy. We encounter His mercy every time we receive the Sacrament of Penance, which the Risen Lord Jesus instituted and gave to His apostles and through them to His Church on that first Easter night. During the Last Supper, Jesus Christ instituted both the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders, these sacraments being confirmed, in a sense, by His Dying on the Cross and by His Rising on Easter. And in His new commandment to love, the Lord reveals the depths of His Father's mercy towards us and of the corresponding mission given us to be convincing heralds of this same divine mercy to everyone we encounter.

Yes, in the Dying and Rising of Jesus Christ, the mercy of Our God is so clearly revealed, so that, in turn, we become its heralds every day!

Assuring you of my prayers, especially on Easter and throughout the Easter Season, I remain

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

+ Paul S. Loverde

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde  
Bishop of Arlington



**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43;  
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Colossians 3:1-4;  
John 20: 1-9**

Happy Easter! Today we celebrate the most unique moment in the history of humankind: the Resurrection of Jesus who triumphs over death. We welcome our newly baptized whose new life in Christ prepares them for eternal glory. St. Francis de Sales speaks of our need to renew each year our desire to serve God in order to live Jesus.

Jesus, surviving death, lives on in His works. A day will come when we shall rise from the dead. Our mortal bodies, now subject to corruption, will be immortal. Jesus took on our likeness and gave us His so that we might have a new life in abundance. Our God has so lovingly inspired and urged you to conversion. In baptism you became a child of God, forming yourself according to the Law of the Gospel. Letting go of your old self, you rose anew in Christ.

Yet, as long as we live we shall need to renew ourselves and begin over. Like some clocks that need to be cleaned and repaired, so it is with our heart. We must straighten out bent parts and repair those parts worn out. Each year such an exercise will warm up your heart, bring new life to your good resolutions to serve God and make you flourish with fresh vigor.

In winter the earth relaxes, rests and does not produce. When spring comes it renews itself with flowers that bring us joy. Because our nature grows cold easily, we need to renew our promise to love God above all, and love all other things because they are *agreeable to God, profitable to God's honor, and destined for God's glory*. Before we enter eternal glory, the Gardener wishes to plant in our garden many flowers. Let us serve God as God wishes and we will see that one day God will do all we wish, and more than we know how to wish. When we are raised to a life of divine love, we live for our Savior who has risen. It is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice. Alleluia!

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

**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 28 Reverend Kevin J. Downey, O.F.M.
- March 29 Reverend Alexander R. Drummond
- March 30 Reverend Paul L. Dudzinski
- March 31 Reverend Michael R. Duesterhaus
- April 1 Reverend David A. Dufresne
- April 2 CH (LT) Luke R. Dundon
- April 3 Reverend Gerald M. Dunne, O.S.F.S.

**LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND**

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of April 2 - 3 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Jerry with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	7:30am	Father Bill
Sunday	9:30am	Father Tom with Deacon Dennis
Sunday	11:30am	Father Dave Kenehan, OSFS
Sunday	11:30am de Sales Chapel Family Mass	Father Jerry
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Francis Russo with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Bob with Deacon John

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

**Acts 5:12-16** Faith in the resurrection bears many fruits. One of the first, and most enduring, is our common life. This scene in Acts, although somewhat idealized, already shows three essential elements of Christian community: unity of heart, missionary witness, hospitality and healing.

**Psalm 118: Give Thanks To The Lord, For He Is Good, His Love Is Everlasting** In Psalm 118, which some believe was originally composed for liturgical purposes, the psalmist speaks in the name of the whole nation as he gives thanks to the Lord. This psalm is the traditional Easter psalm in the Catholic liturgy.

**Revelation 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19** One Sunday, the Lord's Day, an exile on Mt. Patmos had a great vision. He saw One like the Son of Man, the risen One, who opens the gates of life for all believers. John addresses his letter to the local churches he knew. But he names seven, the symbolic number for fullness, in order to signify the universal Church. The apostle reports all that he has seen so that we too might believe.

**John 20:19-31** Henceforth nothing can keep the risen One from his own. He comes to give them his Spirit and its gifts: peace, joy, and the power to forgive sins. Thomas, who demands to see and touch the Lord, strengthens Christians in every age by his profession of faith.

# EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



**SATURDAY MARCH 26**  
8:00pm People of the Parish

**SUNDAY MARCH 27**  
7:30am Ronald Raymond Rickwald †  
9:30am Gerald Moran †  
9:30am Robert Ranft †  
9:30am Joan Elizabeth Stebbins †  
9:30am Eugene Fitzgerald †  
1:30pm Mark Bowns Szymanski †  
5:00pm *No Mass*

**MONDAY MARCH 28**  
9:00am Marjorie Horan †

**TUESDAY MARCH 29**  
9:00am Noreen Slavin †

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 30**  
9:00am Benjamin Veltri, Sr. †

**THURSDAY MARCH 31**  
9:00am Joseph and Roseanna Gee,  
Special Intention

**FRIDAY APRIL 1**  
9:00am Teresa Colucci †

**SATURDAY APRIL 2**  
5:00pm Barbara LaVelle †

**SUNDAY APRIL 3**  
7:30am People of the Parish  
9:30am Daniel Charles Watt †  
11:30am Winifred Cioffi †  
11:30am Joseph Savarino †  
1:30pm Luz Maria Enriquez †  
5:00pm Sierra Lubreski, Special Intention

## PRAY A ROSARY WITH PRAYING COLLEGE MOMS

All parishioners are invited to join our Praying College Moms this 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.



**RCIA** We welcome Rosibel Alvarenga and Rudis Chavez, who at the celebration of the Easter Vigil, become fully initiated members of the faith community of St. John Neumann. They will now enter into Mystagogy—the period of breaking open the mysteries of the sacraments they receive at the Easter Vigil. This is a time for the community and the neophytes together to grow in deepening their grasp of the paschal mystery, and in making it part of their lives through meditation on the Gospel, sharing in Eucharist, and doing works of charity. As the community joyfully welcomes them, we, too, are renewed and inspired by their faith and enthusiasm.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Saturday, April 2	5:00pm	Baptism
Sunday, April 3	9:30am	RCIA Rite of Reception
Saturday, April 9	5:00pm	First Eucharist
	9:30am	
Sunday, April 10	11:30am	First Eucharist
	1:30pm	
Saturday, April 16	5:00pm	First Eucharist
	9:30am	First Eucharist
Sunday, April 17	11:30am	Baptism
	5:00pm	RCIA Rite of Acceptance
Sunday, April 24	9:30am	First Eucharist

## Parish Information

**NEED A NEW VEHICLE?** You could win one! That's right—car raffle tickets continue to be available and you could be a lucky winner. We'll be selling them after weekend Masses until April 17 so



don't forget to come by and pick up some more tickets! 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. This year 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). Keep bringing in your sold raffle tickets and don't hesitate to replenish your supply and sell some more – they truly sell themselves!

**MOVIE NIGHT FOR ADULTS** Join us this Friday, April 1 at 6:30pm for a little wine, cheese and fruit before we view "The Bridge of Spies", directed by Stephen Spielberg and starring Tom Hanks. In 1960, CIA pilot Gary Powers was shot down while flying an espionage mission over the Soviet Union. This film focuses on the intrigue of negotiating a spy swap involving Powers and Soviet spy "Rudolph Abel". The film is rated PG-13 and runs for about two hours and 20 minutes.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Next Sunday,



April 3, the Knights of Columbus will hold their wonderful Pancake Breakfast beginning at 8:30am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. The beneficiary this month is the Hunters for the Hungry. Their program provides a much-needed source of low-fat protein rich meat. Since they

began in 1991, they have provided 22.2 million quarter pound servings of quality, lean meat to the hungry of Virginia. Come hungry and enjoy a great meal with your fellow parishioners. For information visit <http://www.h4hungry.org>.

**MARY'S MISSION DONATIONS** A few weeks ago we asked for donations of religious statues, books and sacramentals for a special pick up for St. Mary's Mission. This mission provides to churches in need items that they would not be able to afford otherwise. They do this by repurposing donated items that are no longer being used.

Many of you responded generously and some have asked for the contact information should you find you have other usable religious items in the future. They do their pick-up only once a year but you are welcome to send them items of a religious nature for their mission. Items can be sent to:

Kimberly Walters, St. Mary Mission  
2505 Nolt Road  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17601  
717-381-5816  
[LancCatholicMsn@aol.com](mailto:LancCatholicMsn@aol.com)

**FROM THE PARISH NURSE** A very blessed and happy Easter to all newcomers and visitors to St. John Neumann Catholic Church. One of the unique ministries we offer here is that of a part-time Parish Nurse. The Parish Nurse is a member of the Pastoral Care Team supporting faith community members in mind, body and spirit, revitalizing our Church's healing role and allowing for an awakening to the presence of God's grace as we face health challenges. Parish Nursing is a specialty practice under the American Nurses Association and requires a formalized educational program to practice. The Parish Nurse helps support the faith community as educator, advocate, resource person and referral agent; all within our Catholic faith tradition. We respect autonomy and empower individuals to take an active role in their health, wellness and medical care. Parish nurses *do not* do clinical physician-directed "hands on" nursing care such as dressing changes, injections etc.. Occasions to contact the Parish Nurse might be: before, during and immediately after a hospitalization, if you need to go from the hospital to rehab, if you receive a new diagnosis and need information, if you have questions about medical treatments, if you are in or are considering enrolling in hospice, if you want to discuss end of life care issues, if you need grief support, if you are a senior living alone, if you are considering assisted living, if you have concerns about a loved ones mental or physical health, if you are dealing with dementia, if you have concerns about someone's safety, if you are a first time parent, if you are struggling with weight loss, if you need a referral to a doctor, facility, or an elder care resource, if you are a young person who wants confidential health information, or if you just want an independent resource for counsel on a particular issue. These are examples of ways our Parish Nurse Ministry has supported parishioners over the past 31/2 years. To reach the Parish Nurse, call the main office or email [sinfeld@saintjn.org](mailto:sinfeld@saintjn.org).



**NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL** Are you interested in increasing your involvement in our parish? Do you have ideas for improving our programs or for how we can grow as a community? If so, you are an ideal candidate for our Council. Our focus is on engaging parishioners in the life of the parish through worship, community activities, and volunteer service.

Parishioners elect members to the Council annually and they serve rolling 3-year terms, so there are always experienced members on the Council to orient new members. The Council meets monthly throughout the school year, so your annual commitment is very manageable.

Are we getting your attention? Here are some of the many benefits of being part of the Council:

- You will work with a great group of individuals to enrich parish life and parish community involvement.
- You will ensure that the voice of the parishioner is heard and considered when making decisions.
- Your life within the parish and your knowledge of the parish will be enhanced significantly.

The election will take place primarily on the weekend of May 14 - 15. We are developing an absentee ballot process to allow voting before those dates. The absentee process will be published in a future bulletin. If you have an interest in serving on the Council, or know someone who would be a good candidate, let us know. Please take a close look around the pews and at parishioners with whom you share ministries. Do you see someone who would be an asset to the Council? Plant a seed, and encourage them to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve! Submit your nomination with name of the nominee, phone number and email address to Father Tom at [tmurphy@saintjn.org](mailto:tmurphy@saintjn.org) by Thursday, April 14 at 4:00pm. You will be contacted about additional information we will need from you for publicizing the candidates. For more information, contact Vickie Berry at [veberry@gmail.com](mailto:veberry@gmail.com) or 703-437-1812 or Bob Gallo at 703-629-7096.



**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

**MINISTRY** St. John Neumann has an exciting new ministry, and we want *you* to be part of it! Inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*:

*On Care for Our Common Home*, we will engage in prayer, study and education as well as conservation and advocacy to live out the Pope's message of striving to live sustainably. Please join us on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00pm to learn more about the CCH Ministry and to share your ideas for how we can better care for this planet, our common home. For more information, contact Janet Broderick [broderickjmb@gmail.com](mailto:broderickjmb@gmail.com) or Kelly Gallo [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com).

**HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

The Empty Bowls Fundraiser to fight hunger in Northern Virginia is hosted by the *Giving Circle of HOPE* on Friday, April 8 from 5:30 to 8:00pm at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road Herndon, Virginia 20171. Local potters are donating 500 handmade bowls. Guests will enjoy a supper of soups supplied by local restaurants, breads and desserts. Tickets are \$25.00 in advance, \$30 at the door and \$15.00 for children under 12. Guests choose a bowl to take home as a reminder that there are always Empty Bowls in the world. *Food for Others*, the largest distributor of free food in Northern Virginia, receives all proceeds.

Tickets can be ordered on line at [www.givingcircleofHOPE.org](http://www.givingcircleofHOPE.org). Click on Empty Bowls Fundraiser.

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### 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 those wishing to be a part of our community, but it really is unrealistic to think they will be active members 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.

### SAVE THE DATE — YOU DEFINITELY WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS

Saturday, May 14, the third annual Argentine Grille Dinner will take place in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. This event has always been a huge hit, with proceeds going to help rebuild the Divine Love Chapel at Niño Jesús, our sister parish in Manta, Ecuador. Be aware that space is limited for this dinner, so you will want to purchase your tickets as soon as they go on sale April 30. Watch for more information in the bulletin soon, but get the date on your calendars now!

### LAST CALL FOR COOKIES AND POSTERS FOR KAIROS PRISON RETREATS!

Our men participating in the Sussex I State Prison retreat being held April 7-10 are in the final preparation stages and remind you that all cookies and posters being made for them to take to the retreat are due next Sunday, April 3. The cookies can be made any time, frozen and stored in the church freezer. Posters and cookies that our women participating in the April 28 - May 1 retreat at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women will take with them are due on Sunday, April 24. Both teams thank you very much for your generosity and remind you that these imprisoned men and women will know they are not forgotten and also appreciate your showing God's love to them.

## Fellowship

### ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30—11:30am.
- **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. Open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children, embership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For information please email [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. Email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com) for morning sessions, and [kmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:kmonroe58@gmail.com) for evening sessions.
- **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).

**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.

**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).

- See the weekly newsletter for more info about upcoming young adult events including supporting the Kairos prison Ministry through cookie-baking and poster-making and prayer, a spring Young Adult brunch, and the parish Spring Fling dinner/dance.
- Environmental Clean-up and Lunch; Saturday, April 9 at 9:00am (rain date: April 16). Meet in the church parking lot. SJN will be adopting a portion of Lawyers Road from Steeplechase Drive to Soapstone Drive. Volunteers are needed and free lunch will be provided. We are looking for 3-5 volunteers from the Young Adult group. Gloves will also be provided by SJN. Safety vests and bags will be provided by VDOT. With questions or to RSVP please contact Katie Harris, our social justice coordinator by April 5, at [kathryn.c.harris@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.c.harris@gmail.com).
- We're joining up with Holy Trinity's Young Adult Community for a weekend-long retreat at the Bellarmine Retreat Center in the Blue Ridge mountains, Friday, April 15 - Sunday, April 17. Retreatants have an opportunity to make new friends, attend Mass, and reflect individually and in small groups about their faith. Cost: \$125 (includes meals and lodging); sign up by April 11 at 5:00pm at <http://trinity.org/yac-retreat/>. If you have questions, contact Laura at [llgodlewski@gmail.com](mailto:llgodlewski@gmail.com) and let her know if you are interested in carpooling from the Reston area.



## 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.

- **Bible Study for Mothers With Young Children** We meet 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 past Sunday's readings. Email [saintjnrt@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnrt@gmail.com).
- **The Power of Story** This program, presented by William R. Stott, Jr. meets at 7:00pm in the deSales Chapel. All are welcome!
- **Independent Online Bible Study** This 8-session course, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" helps 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 27; NO High School Teen Night (Agape): Easter Sunday
- Sunday, April 3; High School Teen Night (Agape): 6:15pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- Sunday, April 10; High School Teen Night (Agape): 6:15pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**GOD BLESS** all our beloved teens and their families on this Easter Sunday as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ conquering sin and death and providing us the opportunity to experience eternal life! May you receive abundant blessings in thanksgiving for your contribution of your gifts and talents which have enriched our High School Teen Program (Agape)!

### LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

God Bless You and Thank You to our teens and young people who dedicated their time and talents to a beautiful and very moving presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday afternoon. Our community was blessed by the reading, musical and acting talents of Mark Braganza, Alec Brown, Maddie Cybulski, Madelyn Donnelly, Andrew Eberly, Ethan Hanover, Veronica Aiden Jackson, Aidan Kropp-Sullivan, Gabe O'Donnell, Delaney Patterson, Mark Stewart, Matt Stewart, John Swecker and Mika Vizcaino. Special thanks to our director, Alec Brown, for his leadership and patience in directing our presenters and for accepting the challenging role of Jesus, and to Paul Hanover for his musical direction and talents. We also acknowledge the loving support of the parents of our young people who have nurtured and encouraged their children to develop and share their talents.

## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

### Around the Diocese

**NEW PRO-LIFE POSITION** A Women's Choice is seeking an Associate Director in the Reston/Herndon area. Applicants should be dedicated to Pro-Life, have a background in counseling and/or the health profession and be fluent in English and Spanish. Associate Director will handle the day-to-day operations of the Center. Assist the Executive Director with fundraising and development. The primary role of the Associate Director is to support the AWC Mission "To Love Pregnant Women So Much That Abortion Becomes An Unthinkable Option". If interested, email Dolores Wisecarver at [www.awomanschoicecenter.com](http://www.awomanschoicecenter.com).

### 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).

### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."* (ACTS 10:38)

On this Easter Sunday, allow Jesus to fill your mind, body and soul. Pray for guidance on how to live your life, open your heart to those in need and give thanks to God for all that He has given you.

Note: Because of the Easter holiday, this weekend's bulletin was submitted to our publisher earlier than usual. At that time, the stewardship information was unavailable. Stewardship information for the weekend of March 20 will appear in a later edition of the bulletin.

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**AUSTRIA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER?** 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!



St. Mark's English as a Second Language (ESL) Program for adults will conduct registration for the spring term on Tuesday, April 5 and Thursday, April 7, at 7:00pm. There are seven proficiency levels, Beginner 1 to Advanced 2, which meet from 8:00 PM - 9:30pm. All students must be registered and tested. The cost is \$25 (cash only) for the 9-week term. Optional Citizenship instruction, English conversation and writing classes, and a Beginner Workshop are also available to eligible St. Mark ESL students for an additional \$10 (cash). Optional classes will meet from 7:00 - 7:45pm. All classes will take place on the second floor of the St. Mark Christian Formation Center, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna, VA 22181 and meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning Tuesday, April 12. For further information, interested students may contact (703) 626-3585 or (703) 620-0592 (English or Spanish); (571) 393-8544 or (703) 344-5394 (Korean); or (703) 678-7466 or (703) 879-7296 (Chinese); email [st.mark.esl@gmail.com](mailto:st.mark.esl@gmail.com); or visit the Web site at [www.stmarkesl.org](http://www.stmarkesl.org).



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