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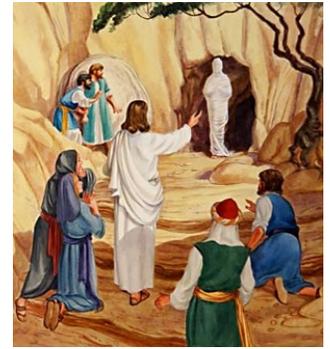
Please call Mickie Abatemarco at 703-390-2340, to inquire about becoming Catholic.

MARRIAGE: Begin preparation with one of our parish priests at least six months before the desired marriage date.

SICK: Please call the office if you know of someone who is hospitalized, seriously ill, or home-bound.

**Please Note: Material for the bulletin must be submitted no later than Thursday, ten days prior to the intended publication date.*

THIS WEEK AT SJN...



SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Faith Formation Classes

Car Raffle Ticket Sales

Lenten Cross Pin Distribution

Pictorial Directory Sign-Up

Knights of Columbus Charity Fundraising Breakfast: 8:30am;

Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Youth Pastoral Council: 3:30pm; Youth Room

RCIA Dismissal: 5:30pm; Conference Room

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

Lenten Parish Mission: 7:00pm; Church

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

Lenten Parish Mission: 7:00pm; Church

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Lenten Parish Mission: 7:00pm; Church

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Faith Formation Classes

The Papacy – From Italian Prince to Universal Pastor:

10:00am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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; A3

Catholic Social Teaching: 7:30pm; B1

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

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

Newcomers' Book Club: 10:00am; A1

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

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

Combined St. John Neumann and Our Lady of Good

Counsel Lenten Reconciliation Service; 7:30pm; OLCG

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

Praying College Moms: 9:45am; Conference Room

Mothers' Group First Friday Social: 10:00am; Early Religious Room

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

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

Prayer Vigil For Peace: 4:00pm; de Sales Chapel

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Tonight, April 2, we begin our Parish Lenten Mission, "With Burning Hearts: Discipleship and the Joy of the Eucharist in Lent and Always." The mission runs for three consecutive evenings. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to take time out of our busy schedules to nourish ourselves spiritually as we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and the great Solemnity of Easter. Let us welcome our presenters, Tom Kendzia, nationally known musician and Valimar Jansen, well known singer and storyteller and pray for them as they lead us in our annual Lenten Mission.

I encourage everyone to participate in our joint parish Lenten Reconciliation Service at Our Lady of Good Council Parish on Thursday, April 6 at 7:30pm. OLGCC is located at 8601 Wolftrap Rd., Vienna, VA 22182. As I mentioned back in Advent the two Oblate parishes in the diocese are making efforts to do more to bring the two parishes together. One way we are doing this is to have joint Reconciliation services at Advent and Lent.

Next weekend, we celebrate Palm Sunday which begins our annual Holy Week observance. Masses for Palm Sunday tend to be very full which is wonderful. In light of the Runner's Marathon of Reston which also will be taking place, and that Masses tend to run longer than usual, we ask that you give yourselves extra time to arrive and to take proper precautions in entering and exiting the parking lot.

Live Jesus,

Father Joe



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Ezekiel 37:12-14;
Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Romans 8:8-11;
John 11:1-45

Today Jesus, as He raises Lazarus from the dead, urges us to live and believe in Him. St. Francis de Sales expands on what it means to live in the Spirit of Jesus - Jesus desires to give life to those who are dead to attest to God's love for us. He speaks to those who are deadened by sin to affirm that all can hear the voice of God through the Spirit. The Spirit gently awakens us to a new human life. No matter how weakened our hearts may be by sin, the Spirit strengthens them with an invigorating and enlivening holy love. The Holy Spirit is like a fountain of living water that flows into every part of our hearts so as to spread its divine love there.

All our affections follow love. In love we desire, rejoice, hope and despair, fear, hate, avoid things, feel sad, grow angry, and exult. Love is the foundation of our life lived in the Spirit of Jesus. When divine love reigns in our hearts, it transforms all other affections we have chosen so that we may live, walk, and work in the Spirit of Jesus. The Spirit has no wish to enter our hearts without our permission. The Spirit will flood us with divine love only with our cooperation. So what must we do to nourish a spirit where the Spirit of Jesus can dwell? When reason guides our appetites, feelings and emotions, we are then living in the "spirit." We live in the "flesh" when our appetites, feelings and emotions determine our actions. Let us unambiguously choose a life in the spirit.

If a sick man takes only part of his required medicine, it partly heals him. So also with divine love, to the extent we consent to embrace it, the Spirit floods us with sacred love. Thus we must not only receive God's love at our heart's door, but also into our heart's consent. We must nurture this love guided by holy reason and wisdom. When steeped with the love of the Spirit, our hearts produce sacred actions that tend toward immortal glory. Let us consent to a new human life in the Spirit of Jesus who raises us to eternal glory.

(Adapted from the writings of Saint Francis de Sales)

PARISH LENTEN MISSION BEGINS

TONIGHT "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, tonight through Tuesday, April 4, at 7:00pm. Through Scripture, ritual, dramatic storytelling and music, we learn to embrace our baptismal promise of discipleship.



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Carl Azzara**, husband of Judith.

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.

Prayer and Liturgy



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Josephine Marie Cavucci**, daughter of Joseph and Christina; **Ciara Ryan Costa**, daughter of Chris and Meghan; **Alice Rose Henderson**, daughter of Brian and Perri; and **Siena Catherine St. Jacques**, daughter of Gregory and Emily.



SATURDAY APRIL 1

5:00pm (Chapel) Michael J. Blanzý †
5:00pm (Church) Chip Whalen †

SUNDAY APRIL 2

7:30am People of the Parish
9:30am Janet Lessard †
11:30am Anthony Ferlaino †
1:30pm Yensy Menjivar †
5:00pm Barbara Kurtz †

MONDAY APRIL 3

9:00am Daniel Charles Watt †
12:10pm Anne Lowe †

TUESDAY APRIL 4

6:30am Michael McCollum †
9:00am Rose Loeffler †

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5

9:00am Patrick Delaney †
12:10pm Rosemary Burns †

THURSDAY APRIL 6

6:30am Robert Herek †
9:00am Jeffrey Emery, Special Intention

FRIDAY APRIL 7

9:00am Dina Vasquez †
12:10pm Mel Gould †

SATURDAY APRIL 8

5:00pm Vinton and Ruth Brown ††

SUNDAY APRIL 9

7:30am Carol Miller †
9:30am People of the Parish
11:30am Richard Hodes †
1:30pm Jose Franco, Sr. †
5:00pm Joseph Cuccurullo †

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of April 8 - April 9 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Don
Sunday	7:30am	Father Joe with Deacon Dennis
Sunday	9:30am	Father Joe with Deacon Dennis
Sunday	11:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Rosario Anaya
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Bill

"The bed of the sick is an altar of sacrifice."

St. Francis de Sales

PLEASE PRAY for those who have asked for our prayers, **Katrina Krempasky**, Tim Lisko and Sandi McLean, 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.***

**SCHEDULE OF LENTEN
LITURGIES AND SERVICES**

Lenten Mission

Sunday, April 2 - Tuesday April 4; 7:00pm

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday, 9:00am
Tuesday and Thursday, 6:30am
Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:10pm

Confessions

Wednesdays - 6:30 - 8:00pm
April 5 and 12
Saturdays - 10:00 - 10:30am
(except Holy Saturday)

Joint Lenten Reconciliation Service

Thursday, April 6, 7:30pm
at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Vienna

Stations of the Cross

Stations in Spanish - Thursdays, April 6, 7:00pm
Friday, April 7, 6:30pm, followed by Soup Supper/ Speaker

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!

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY SOUP SUPPERS WITH SPEAKERS Join us while we pray as a community at our final event this Friday evening. Stations of the Cross will begin in the church at 6:30pm. Afterward there will be soup supper in the Brown-McCarthy hosted by the Health Ministry, Music and Liturgy and Shawl Ministry, with John Horejsi of Social Action Linking Together (SALT) speaking on advocacy for prisoners and families. On April 14, Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by High School Teens at 3:00pm in de Sales Chapel.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGIES

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

SATURDAY, APRIL 8 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 9

All Masses will begin in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium with blessing of the palms, followed by procession to the church.

MONDAY, APRIL 10

Mass 9:00am
Mass 12:10pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

Mass 6:30am
Mass 9:00am

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

Mass 9:00am
Mass 12:10pm
Taizé Prayer 7:00pm
Confessions 6:30-8:00pm

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

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

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
(Bilingual, English-Spanish)

Reposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
9:00pm—Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

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

Morning Prayer 9:00am
Living Stations of the Cross 3:00pm
(Presented by the youth of our parish)
The Passion of the Lord 7:30pm

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Note: There will be no confessions today.

Morning Prayer and Blessing of Food 9:00am
The Great Easter Vigil 8:00pm
(Bilingual, English-Spanish)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

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.

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:

At the Procession with Palms: **Matthew 21:1-11**

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 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 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.

Matthew 26:14-27:66 The Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

HOLY THURSDAY HAPPENINGS This year the second Thursday of April falls on Holy Thursday. Normally, on the second Thursday of the month we have Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the afternoon and evening hours. This will not take place on April 13th. You are invited to come to the Mass of the Lord's Supper for a bi-lingual celebration of this birthday of the priesthood and commemoration of our Lord's last supper with his apostles in the upper room. Mass will begin at 7:30pm in the church. At the end of Mass we will have our procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose which, this year, will be in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed until midnight for those who wish to come worship and pray.



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:

April 3	Reverend John A. Gilvey, OSFS
April 4	Reverend Albert J. Gondek, OSFS
April 5	Reverend William R. Gore, OSFS
April 6	Reverend James J. Greenfield, OSFS
April 7	Reverend Thomas J. Hagan, OSFS
April 8	Reverend John A. Hanley, OSFS
April 9	Reverend Francis J. Hanlon, OSFS

Parish Information

PARISH REMINDERS

- The Runner's Marathon of Reston takes place on Lawyers Road in front of church next 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.

RCIA: THE THIRD SCRUTINY This Sunday at the 5:00pm Mass we celebrate the Third Scrutiny with our Elect. The time for their initiation into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist grows closer. We pray that their spirit will be filled with Christ, the Life, who raised Lazarus from the tomb. We recognize the deep structural sin present in our world that fails to recognize the inherent dignity of all persons from conception to natural death; sin that is manifested in human trafficking, war, and violence against women. We pray that through this rite, we and the Elect will be strengthened in the resolve to hold fast to Christ who died so that all could have abundant life.

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION HELP WANTED! 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.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE Please join us next Saturday, April 8, for our monthly prayer vigil for peace, life, and justice. Looking ahead to Earth Day (April 22), we will pray that all people may care for God's gift of creation, cultivating and protecting it for future generations. The vigil is from 4:00 to 4:45pm in the de Sales Chapel. We pray the Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace, listen to God's Word in Scripture, and offer our intentions to our merciful Savior. For more information, contact Bob More at rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com or Ken Fredgren at fredgren.k@gmail.com.



FINAL LENTEN TAIZÉ Please come and wrap yourself in peace at our last Taizé prayer service before Easter in the de Sales Chapel at 7:00pm Wednesday April 12. 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. Enter the Triduum with serenity and hope.

CAN YOU HELP? We have a great need for Ushers throughout Triduum and the Easter Masses. Please consider helping as these Ministers of Hospitality are so important during these crowded services:



- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 13 at 7:30pm;
- Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 14 at 7:30pm;
- The Great Easter Vigil, April 15 at 8:00pm, and
- Easter Sunday Masses, April 16 at 9:30 and 11:30am

You definitely will need to arrive early. If you are willing to help, please call Patty Bartnick in the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151. We really do need your help!

WALK TO JERUSALEM: Bienvenue Republique de Guinee on the west coast of Africa! Our beloved Patron has entered this region of Africa where 85% of the citizens are Muslim. Guinea has had many struggles. In 2014, it was at the center of the Ebola outbreak. There were over 2500 deaths in 2015 alone. Human rights remain a central issue in Guinea, particularly for women. With tremendous political unrest in this region, St. John Neumann has been fervently praying for peace. As we move ever closer to Jerusalem let us be reminded of our commitment to Social Justice throughout the world and this week in particular, pray for citizens in this region. We are ahead of schedule on our trip to Jerusalem so will take some side trips along the way. Stop by our Health Ministry Bulletin Board to see the map and where St. John Neumann is praying today.



FROM THE PARISH NURSE: April is Child Abuse Prevention month. This week you will see our Pinwheel Garden as you enter the church. The Pinwheel is the national symbol for child abuse prevention and calls to mind the hopeful innocence of childhood. Our 36 pinwheels represent 2 times the Hebrew term "Chai" which means life. Child abuse and neglect affects over 1,000,000 children every year. According to Virginia.gov, a child *dies* from abuse every fourteen days in the Commonwealth. Abuse can occur in many forms: neglect (the most common form), physical abuse and sexual abuse immediately come to mind but psychological and emotional abuse is also all too common. The latter two don't show the typical outward scars, but are often comparably damaging. Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) increases the odds of developing later health problems, poor work performance, substance abuse, death by suicide, and the carrying on of a tradition of abuse to the next generation. Primary prevention includes raising awareness, providing education and offering programs that support parents and families. This month our Health Ministry will be focusing on these issues and offering resources and support to families. Please stop by the pamphlet rack anytime this month and the Health Ministry Bulletin Board after Easter for more information. Mark your calendar for May 1, 7:30pm for a "Positive Discipline Workshop" and learn more about how we can as a community together curb this devastating social issue.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

NEED A NEW VEHICLE? You could win one!

That's right...car raffle tickets are now available. Prizes include five 2017 vehicles (Honda Civic, Buick Verano, GMC Sierra Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility, and Honda Odyssey Van) and \$20,000 in cash prizes. Funds received for our participation in the 5-Car Raffle will be put towards a variety of worthy groups: our sister parish - Niño Jesús in Manta, Ecuador; Guest House, Kairos, and the St. Luke Foundation.



HOP ON OVER! Join us for an "egg-celent" way to kick off your celebration of Easter at our annual Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by the Mothers' Group and Hispanic Ministries. The party will begin at 10:00am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium on Saturday, April 8 and

includes food, musical entertainment by Peter McCorry, "The One Man Band," with the egg hunt beginning at about 11:15am. Registration is **required**, so please sign up each child on our online sign-up sheet: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080D4FA8AC28A0FB6-easter. (This link is also posted on www.saintjn.org.) Children must be accompanied by an adult and must be age ten or under to participate in the egg hunt. Older siblings are welcome to enjoy the rest of the party. The event will be limited to 200 children. If you have questions or want to volunteer to help out, please email Sarah Norman at sarahcnorman@gmail.com.

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.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Many hands make light the work...calling all Weeders! We need volunteers to help weed the many beautiful planting areas we have on the parish grounds. By forming a landscaping group, we hope to gather enough volunteers to spread the work out to two hours a month. Weeders will come at their convenience and consult a master plan to ensure that attention is provided to all areas. If you would like to add your name to the list or would like more information, email Bob Hutnick at BobHutnick@gmail.com or call 703-860-1929.



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 ksmonroe58@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.

- **Sunday, April 2, 3:00pm, Easter Egg Dying; Katie's House in Sterling:** We'll ring in the Easter season early by dying Easter eggs and participate in an egg pocking competition — tapping eggs until one breaks. We'll provide the eggs and dye, you provide a snack and some fun! RSVP to Katie at kathryn.c.harris@saic.com
- **Friday, April 7, 7:00pm, Fireside Prayer Service and S'mores; Thomas' House in Herndon:** Center yourself for the final stretch of Lent with an evening of reflection and fellowship. We'll pray, sing, and discuss our Lenten progress together by the fire pit, and will enjoy s'mores together afterwards. Please invite friends and let Thomas know if you can come at saintjnya@gmail.com.
- **Saturday, April 15, 8:00pm; Easter Vigil and RCIA Reception:** We will welcome new members into the Church at the Vigil, and afterward we will host the reception for the newly baptized and their guests. If you can help prepare, serve and clean up after the reception, let Thomas know.

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. See their website: <http://www.chadwicksrestaurants.com/> Chadwick's has given us 35 reservations, so if you want to attend, please email Pat Bossie or call 703-620-3747. Once we reach 35 reservations, we will start a waiting list.
- **Tuesday, May 23 - Thursday, May 25: Virginia Beach** We will stay at Comfort Inn and Suites Oceanfront on the boardwalk. Our rate is \$138.66/night, including taxes and fees. The recent 50+ club email contains more information.

Faith Formation

Mickie Abatemarco, Director
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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.

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, April 2** - High School Night: 6:15 – 8:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

TACOS AND PARISH MISSION Parents and teens are invited to attend High School Teen Night (Agape) at 6:15pm this Sunday night to have Tacos before attending the Parish Mission, which starts at 7:00pm. Enjoy some food, fun and fellowship and continue your Lenten season by attending the mission, "With Burning Hearts: Discipleship and the Joy of The Eucharist in Lent and Always". Through Scripture, ritual, dramatic storytelling and music, we learn to embrace our baptismal promise of discipleship. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to share food for the body and for the soul!

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS Join us at our practice this Wednesday, April 5, 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. 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 presented with the on Good Friday, April 14, at 3:00pm. Practices will take place on Tuesday or Wednesday 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. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Doug Johnson on 703-860-6141 or by email.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

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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 COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection, and for helping "Jesus in disguise." Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the How to Give link.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"*
JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

Credit cards and checking?? Parishioners are encouraged to consider participating in our convenient e-giving program, where recurring Sunday donations and all Special collections can easily be made from your checking or credit card accounts. See the Stewardship section of our website, <http://www.saintjn.org/stewardship/> for more details regarding this option.

Around the Diocese

PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL would like to invite 7th graders with a deep interest in science to our **Middle School Science Day** on Wednesday, April 12. Please email ehanley@paulvi.net for more information. Space is extremely limited.

CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES WANTED FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE DAYS.

Catholic Charities has many wonderful opportunities available for groups, corporations or businesses that would like to volunteer. We are happy to work with your group to personalize the event and ensure that your group has a great experience. Please contact sodwyer@ccda.net.

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/.

JUDGES STILL NEEDED FOR OUR 2017 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.

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