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Please call Sue Colyer 703-390-2340, to inquire about becoming Catholic.

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

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

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

THIS WEEK AT SJN...

SUNDAY, 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

MONDAY, APRIL 4

FF Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

FF Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Knights of Columbus: 7:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Pastoral Council: 7:30pm; Conference Room

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

RCIA Mystagogy: 7:30pm; Youth Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

FF Classes

Newcomers Group: 9:30am; Conference Room

Church History with Father Bob: 10:00am; A1/A2

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

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

JustFaith: 7:00pm; A1/A2

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Spanish Young Adults: 7:00pm; B3

THURSDAY, APRIL 7

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

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B2

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Mothers' Group Bible Study: 10:00am; Conference Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

Car Raffle Ticket Sales After Mass

Dinner Dance Ticket Sales After Mass

Knights of Columbus Membership Blitz After Mass

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

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

FF Classes

Car Raffle Ticket Sales After Masses

Dinner Dance Ticket Sales After Masses

Knights of Columbus Membership Blitz After Masses

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

I write this week to once again offer the collective thanks of the entire parish to all involved in any way with the beautiful and solemn celebration of the Triduum liturgies and Easter Sunday as well. It is truly the liturgical highlight of the Church's year and the celebration was marked in a fitting manner.

The ministries that encompassed those directly involved in liturgical roles, as well as the many who functioned in supportive roles, each had an important part in making our community's celebration the experience it was meant to be. To all of you I offer my sincere thanks for your generous use of your time and talents. To all who support us with the gift of your treasure, you, too, enable this faith community to continue to be a witness in our local community.

I hope the spirit of joy that marks this season will be seen in the parish's celebrations of First Communion, Baptisms, weddings and Mother's Day and the many other joyful events that mark this time of the year, even the gift of nature's beauty as the buds prepare to blossom a beautiful array that marks the coming of Spring. Mother Nature echoes the joy of our Easter Season!

The spirit of joy will also be evident in the parish with the long-awaited arrival of Mickey Abatemarco this week to her new position as the Director of Faith Formation. Please welcome her when you see her!

God bless,

Father Tom

Prayer and Liturgy

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of April 9 – 10 are:

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

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE Join us next Saturday, April 9, from 4:00 - 4:45pm for our prayer vigil for peace, life, and justice. In honor of 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. We will pray the Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace, reflect on God's word in Scripture, and offer our intentions to our merciful Savior. Contact Ken Fredgren at fredgren.k@gmail.com or Bob More at more.paxchristi@gmail.com.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Acts 5:12-16;
Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
Revelation 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19;
John 20:19-31

In today's Gospel we see the steadfast love of God active in the risen Jesus as He appears to His disciples. St. Francis de Sales notes that the purpose of this appearance is to affirm their faith in the God of Jesus Christ:

When the disciples were assembled in the cenacle with the doors closed, our Savior stood in their midst and greeted them: *Peace be with you.* He showed them his hands and his side. Why does He do this? To bolster their faith that was shaken by the crucifixion of Jesus, to whom they were attached. Without the presence of Our Savior, they felt timid and lacked strength. Such is the case when one is without God. They were afraid. Like a ship tossed in a storm without a pilot, such was this poor boat. Our Lord appeared to his disciples to bring relief to their fear. His power gently gives us power.

In Jesus, death was swallowed up in victory. He takes our miseries and ennoble them. Do you have need of strength? Here are my hands. Do you have need of a heart? Here is mine. He shows us his wounds through love. Jesus came into this world to teach us what we need to do to preserve in ourselves the beauty and the divine resemblance that He has so completely repaired and embellished in us. When we recognize the likeness of the Creator in us, then we are able to see the image of God in others. Let us walk as Jesus who chose to give his life for those who would take it from Him.

What a joy it is to reflect on how the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts the first rays and perceptions of divine light and warmth. O good Jesus, may we be open to the peace that you offer us. May we be rooted in faith, joyful in hope and fervent in holy love, as we await your future coming!

(Adapted from Saint Francis de Sales, Oeuvres)

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Anne Abbott**, aunt of Stephen Knippler, and **Lisa Holmes**, mother of Cooper and sister of Monica Despins.



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.***

LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD!

As we rejoice in the glory of the Easter season we celebrate two very special liturgies this weekend. On Saturday at 11:00am, we initiated six children who have been preparing for the sacraments through the Children's Catechumenate. Hailey Bowen, Jade Bowen, Kathy Cortes, Plamedi Yambayamba, Jennifer Huezo, and Luis Huezo enter into the life of Christ through the waters of Baptism. They are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation and receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Their sponsors are Andrew D'Abbraccio, Bianca Fiore, Andrew Funaki, Collin Funaki and Ortila Rodriguez.



We welcome three RCIA candidates to the Eucharistic table Sunday at the 9:30am Mass. Debra Giuseppe and Rebecca Wellde are being received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Baptized in other faith traditions they will make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church and, together with Nadine Mpeno who was baptized in the Catholic Church, they will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. They have been accompanied in the RCIA by sponsors Antoinette Saiget, Leslie Miller, and Patty Holley.

Let us hold these children, adults, and their families in prayer as they continue their journeys of faith.



**LITURGICAL REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER HEET**

Father Heet continues his monthly series with discussion of the Prayer of the Faithful.

"let us pray to the Lord..."

Of the various adaptations to the liturgy introduced by the second Vatican Council, I suspect the Prayer of the Faithful is one of the most widely appreciated. The technical name of this part of the liturgy is "The Universal Prayer," reflecting the fact that in it the congregation prays for the needs of the Church, for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world, as well as for those burdened by any kind of difficulty (i.e. the sick, the poor, the unemployed, refugees, etc.) and those who have died. In other words, the congregation looks beyond its own boundaries and prays for the needs of the broader world as well as those of fellow parishioners and their families.

The *General Introduction to the Roman Missal* makes an interesting comment about this prayer, reflecting that the people, having listened to the Word of God, are "exercising the office of their baptismal Priesthood" in offering these prayers for the salvation of all. Often we think of priesthood only in terms of an ordained presider. This comment reminds us that the fundamental Christian priesthood, which Christ shares with all the baptized, is a vocation to pray to the Father on behalf of others, just as Jesus did in His ministry. In this light, the Prayer of the Faithful is an apt way to conclude the Liturgy of the Word and point us toward the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK**



SATURDAY 5:00pm	APRIL 2 Barbara LaVelle †
SUNDAY APRIL 3 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm	People of the Parish Daniel Charles Watt † Winifred Cioffi † Joseph Savarino † Luz Maria Enriquez † Sierra Lubreski, Special Intention
MONDAY 9:00am 12:10pm	APRIL 4 Elmer Renk † Anne Lowe †
TUESDAY 6:30am 9:00am	APRIL 5 Janice Euerle † John Gaffney †
WEDNESDAY 6:30am 9:00am 12:10pm	APRIL 6 James Roehm † Jeffrey Emery † Cecelia Bellen †
THURSDAY 6:30am 9:00am	APRIL 7 Tito Rodriguez, Jr. † Teresa Colucci †
FRIDAY 9:00am 12:10pm	APRIL 8 Magdalena Wagner † Adam Cheli†
SATURDAY 5:00pm	APRIL 9 Mary Cottrell †
SUNDAY APRIL 10 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm	Anne Perich † People of the Parish John Trimore † Mark Bowns Szymanski † James Burbach †

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

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 During these Easter Sundays we hear the Acts of the Apostles. This first book of the New Testament involves us in the inner life of the newly-evolving Church.

Psalms 30: I Will Praise You, Lord, for You Have Rescued Me The psalmist thanks God for having been restored to health and for having been delivered from death.

Revelation 5:11-14 This season's texts from Revelation invite us to contemplate the risen Christ whose life and glory fill the universe.

John 21:1-19 Jesus appears in Galilee in order to strengthen His disciples and send them forth to do His work. The marvelous catch of fish foreshadows their preaching of the gospel to all nations. Paralleling his triple denial at the time of the passion, Peter is invited to declare his unfailing love for Christ to whom he will be faithful until death. It is this love which is the foundation for his ministry: if you love me, feed my sheep!

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGICAL MINISTRY REMINDER: TODAY IS ALSO DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Our Holy Father Pope Francis has declared this year the Year of Mercy. We see it on the banner in our Narthex and on the prayer cards that were distributed. Why a Year of Mercy?

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy is a remarkable occasion during which the entire Catholic Church, under the humble leadership of Pope Francis, opens wide the doors to the saving mercy of Christ. The Year of Mercy is celebrated **from December 8th, 2015**—the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the 50th anniversary of the closing of Vatican II— to the Solemnity of Christ the King on **November 20, 2016**.

During this special period of time in the Church, Pope Francis calls all Catholics to be profound witnesses to mercy and to "find the joy rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy, with which we are all called to give comfort to every man and every woman of our time." To learn more, visit the Vatican's official Year of Mercy website at <http://www.im.va>, or read a summary of the Papal Bull in which the Holy Father announced the Extraordinary Jubilee Year.

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.



This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread. Through St. Faustina, the Merciful Savior has given the aching world new channels for the outpouring of His grace. These new channels include the *Image of The Divine Mercy*, the *Feast of Mercy* (Divine Mercy Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Easter), the *Chaplet*, the *Novena to The Divine Mercy*, and prayer at 3:00 in the afternoon, the *Hour of Great Mercy*.

Although these means of receiving God's mercy are new in form, they all proclaim the timeless message of God's merciful love. They also draw us back to the great Sacrament of Mercy, the Holy Eucharist, where the living Lord, who suffered and died on the Cross and whose Heart was pierced with a lance, pours forth His mercy on all mankind, and grants pardon to all who draw near and honor Him.

As Jesus told St. Faustina: "My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners...[I]t is for them that the Blood and Water flowed from My Heart as from a fount overflowing with mercy. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy." (*Diary*, 367)

The Marians of the Immaculate Conception played a key role in spreading The Divine Mercy message and devotion through the world. The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in the web site below and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

Spend time to learn more about the mercy of God, learn to trust in Jesus, and live your life as merciful to others, as Christ is merciful to you. Visit <http://www.thedivinemercy.org>.



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 4 Brother John M. Carroll, OSFS
- April 5 Brother Robert M. Carter, OSFS
- April 6 Reverend Michael T. Cavanaugh, OSFS
- April 7 Reverend Joseph F. Chorpensing, OSFS
- April 8 Reverend Paul H. Colloton, OSFS
- April 9 Reverend John P. Connery, OSFS
- April 10 Reverend Michael C. Connolly, OSFS

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES		
Saturday, April 9	5:00pm	First Eucharist
	9:30am	
Sunday, April 10	11:30am	First Eucharist
	1:30am	
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

THE CHURCH - 1500 TO PRESENT: PAPAL MONARCHY TO GLOBAL COMMUNITY Father Bob Mancini will reprise this very popular seven-week course on Church History Wednesday mornings at 10:00am and evenings at 7:30pm, meeting on April 6, 13, 20, and 27, as well as May 4, 11, and 18. This is the same course that Father Bob presented last fall, and we hope that many of you who were unable to attend that series will be able to make room in your calendars for the spring session.

Parish Information

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) under *Welcome*. A new small group for returning Catholics will meet for four Mondays beginning April 11.

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, who serve rolling 3-year terms. 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.

Here are 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 takes place the weekend of May 14 - 15. An absentee ballot process will allow voting before those dates. If you could serve on the Council, or know someone who would be a good candidate, tell us. Look in the pews and at parishioners with whom you share ministries. See someone who would be an asset to the Council? Plant a seed; encourage them to prayerfully consider this opportunity! **Submit your nomination with name of the nominee, phone number and email address to Father Tom at tmurphy@saintjn.org by Thursday, April 14 at 4:00pm.** We will contact you for more specifics we will need to publicize the candidates. For more information, contact Vickie Berry at vberry@gmail.com or 703-437-1812 or Bob Gallo at 703-629-7096.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECRUITMENT NEXT

WEEKEND! When you see the Knights of Columbus mentioned frequently in the bulletin, do you wonder what this organization is all about, and what the Knights really do? Do you sense that there is much more going on than providing our wonderful Pancake Breakfasts and Spaghetti Dinners, and directing traffic at Easter and Christmas? There is! During the calendar year of 2015, The Family of Man Council #7566, through the generosity of parishioners who support their events, was able to raise over \$25,000 for local charities and additionally donated more than 6,000 hours of volunteer service to the parish and local community.



The Council has been part of our St. John Neumann community since 1980, and continues to share with us their ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. If you are 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, the Knights will be happy to chat with you next weekend, April 9 - 10 after all the Masses. Stop by our recruitment table in the narthex and find out how you can get involved. If you would like more information before you talk with us, visit our web site at <http://www.kofc7566.us>.

Spring Fling — Annual Parish Dance

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 6:30PM TO 10:00PM
BROWN-MCCARTHY AUDITORIUM

COUPLES AND SINGLES,
ADULTS AT EVERY STAGE AND EVERY AGE
FOOD, WINE AND BEER WILL BE PROVIDED

TICKETS ARE \$25 PER PERSON, AND WILL BE SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES APRIL 9-10 AND APRIL 16-17. TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK.

THE VERANO OUTSIDE COULD BE YOURS!

The 5-Car Raffle continues. 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. Remember the funds received for our participation 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). Come pick up a chance to win – and help so many in need!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE

MONTH: BOB ANDRES Brother Bob's service to Family of Man Council #7566 and its various associated events has been extensive over the years. His recent efforts included the planning and cooking of several dishes for our High School Teens (Agape) group as part of the Knight's contribution to help raise funds for the Diocesan Work Camp program. Brother Bob is recognized by the Council as one of its premier organizers for food-related events and over the years he has mentored several Knights while working in the kitchen. Brother Bob has also participated in other Knight-related activities such as parking assistance for Christmas Eve and Easter Masses, and other charity-related functions. Bob's other activities for the parish include supporting Live Jesus, Hypothermia Prevention Shelter Week, Oktoberfest, Cornerstone Summer Barbecue and Christmas Dinner and the monthly Pancake Breakfasts. Congratulations, Bob, and thank you for so many jobs well done!

FAMILY NIGHT "Creation is a gift, it is a wonderful gift that God has given us, so that we care for it and we use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude."

Pope Francis, Papal Audience, May 14, 2015

A special event for families with children in Pre-K-5th Grade, "Caring for our Earth", will take place Friday, April 22 from 6:00 to 7:30pm.

Join us in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium for dinner at 6:00pm, followed by plant decorating for those in senior housing. Please register on our website, www.saintjn.org, by April 12, and include the number of adults and children attending. If you have older children who would like to help with set-up, craft, or clean-up, please contact Mickie Abatemarco at mabatemarco@saintjn.org.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

OUR MOST IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATE

A Fond Farewell Open House in honor of Father Tom will be held Friday evening, June 24, from 5:30 to 8:00pm. While more information will appear closer to the event, we plan to prepare a video that will be played throughout the evening. We need your help, and are inviting parishioners to provide memorable photographs in which Father Tom appears. If you have one or two please submit them electronically to Patty Kwapniewski at pkwapniewski@saintjn.org no later than April 17, to allow for production time.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH!

Why is this important? It's about nurturing and protecting children, building resilience, using words that build a sense of strength and security, and by taking actions that keep children safe and supported. To learn more about Child Abuse Prevention Month, click on this link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/news/child-abuse-prevention-month.htm>. To learn more about services and resources for families in Fairfax County, go to/click on this link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs>.

Fellowship

COMFORT ZONE CAMP: A SAFE AND FUN PLACE FOR GRIEVING CHILDREN TO HEAL AND GROW

Make a difference in the life of a grieving child – become a mentor or group facilitator! Comfort Zone Camp is a nonprofit organization that provides free therapeutic grief programs for young people ages 5 to 25 who have experienced the death of a parent, guardian, or sibling. The programs include confidence-building activities and age-based support groups that break the emotional isolation grief often brings. Ultimately, Comfort Zone Camp provides a safe and fun place for grieving children to heal and grow. **The next volunteer training session is on Saturday, April 9, from 9:00am – 3:00pm at St. Mark Church in Vienna.** For more details and to register as a volunteer for training, visit the website <http://www.comfortzonecamp.org/volunteers/application>.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED GROUP STARTING

APRIL 27 Are you divorced or separated? Please consider joining this parish ministry. 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?

Please come join us at our first get-together. We will gather on Wednesday, April 27 in the Conference Room at 7:30pm. Registration is required; please contact Jo-Ann Duggan at jduggan@saintjn.org or 703-860-6149.



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. Contact Janet Broderick broderickjmb@gmail.com or Kelly Gallo gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com.

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.
- **Life+Savers:** On the 3rd Saturday of every month, 7th and 8th 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.
- **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 Thursday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For morning sessions, email gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com, and for evening sessions email kmonroe58@gmail.com.
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at megan.murphy218@gmail.com.
- **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.

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.

- **Tuesday, April 12:** We will gather for lunch at Coastal Flats at Fairfax Corner at 11:00am. We have 40 seats set aside for our group. Please call Pat Bossie to reserve your space. The Coastal Flats site is at www.greatamericanrestaurants.com/coastalfats/fairfax.

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.

- 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. Supplies will be provided. With questions or to RSVP please contact Katie Harris, our social justice coordinator by April 5, at kathryn.c.harris@gmail.com.
- Join 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. See the weekly email for more information and sign up by April 11 at 5:00pm at <http://trinity.org/yac-retreat/>. If you have questions, contact Laura at lqodlewski@gmail.com and let her know if you are interested in carpooling from the Reston area.
- Making Cookies and Posters for the Kairos Prison Ministry: Saturday, April 16th, 2:00pm, Bethany's home. Join us in supporting the Kairos prison Ministry through cookie- and poster-making, and of course lots of prayer, in advance of the spring women's retreat. These acts of agape make a profound difference. RSVP to Bethany Farrell at bfarrell@mail.umw.edu by April 14.
- Spring Young Adult Brunch: Sunday, April 24th, 10:30am. Celebrate spring and the Easter season with a delicious brunch hosted by Melissa and Travis at their home in Herndon. RSVP by Sunday, April 17, to Melissa at melissahunt02@yahoo.com.
- Spring Fling: Annual Parish Dance: Saturday, April 30, 6:30-10:00pm. Join other young adults and members of the parish for a lively evening of dancing in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium! Food, wine and beer will be served. Tickets will be on sale April 9-10 and 16-17. Contact Kat at dmb411967@gmail.com if you are interested in helping out and attending with other young adults.

Faith Formation

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ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

- **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.
- **Road to Emmaus** This small discussion group meets Monday mornings at 10:00am to discuss the past Sunday's readings. Email 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, 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

SUNDAY NIGHT - HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT

Calling all teens! Join us for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun!! At this Sunday's session we help to connect our teens with the Paschal Mystery – the death and resurrection of Jesus. For some young people, a feeling of hopelessness is common when they experience difficult relationships or painful situations. At this session we will demonstrate that God is present and active in their lives even in times of painful and seemingly destructive experiences and relationships. By reflecting on the Emmaus story, our teens will come to realize that Jesus is always walking beside them on the journey of life. Come and learn more about our Catholic faith and traditions and how we can apply our Christian values to our daily lives and in our relationships with others. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith and values, share snacks, enjoy fellowship and make new friends! All high school teens are welcome – Bring a friend!

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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Around the Diocese

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT CONCERT: St. Timothy's Church in Chantilly is truly honored and excited to have John Michael Talbot performing at their parish on Thursday, April 14 and Friday, April 15 at 7:30pm. They invite everyone to join them with the theme of REVIVAL, HEALING and HOPE in Christ. Truly, All Things Are Possible With God! Tickets are not required. Each evening a Love Offering will be taken. If you have questions, please contact Terri Miller at tmiller@sttimothyparish.org.

JOHN HOREJSI TO SPEAK AT ST. MARK

John Horejsi will speak on "Lifting Every Voice: Being a Voice for the Voiceless" on Sunday, April 10, from 9:30-10:30am in the St. Mark School Gym, 9970 Vale Rd, Vienna. Advocacy is part of our job description as Catholics. We must keep social justice issues front and center at the Virginia Assembly, using the legislative process for the common good. We are called to speak for those who are the most vulnerable. John is well-known in Northern Virginia as the founder of SALT, a faith-based advocacy organization which provides "a voice for the voiceless." Please join us to hear him on this important topic. Feel free to join us for Mass at 8:15am or 11:45am. For more information, contact Jean Lupinacci at JLupinacci@STMARK.ORG

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.



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; or visit the Web site at www.stmarkesl.org.

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.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" JOHN 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP NOTE Because of the Easter holiday, this bulletin was submitted to our publisher prior to Easter Sunday. Stewardship information for the weekends of 3/27/16 and 4/3/16 will be published in the 4/10/16 bulletin.

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