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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 9**

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am;  
 Conference Room

**MONDAY, APRIL 10**

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room  
 Boy Scout Troop 124: 7:00pm; A2/A3  
 Power of Story: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel  
 Praying College Moms: 7:00pm; Social Room  
 Lectio for Lectors and Anyone Else: 7:30pm; Youth Room

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11**

French Conversation: 9:30am; A3  
 Care For Our Common Home: 7:00pm; Conference Room

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

The Papacy – From Italian Prince to Universal Pastor:  
 10:00am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium  
 The Light Is On For You: 6:30pm; Church  
 Social Justice: 7:00pm; Conference Room  
 Taizé Prayer Service: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel  
 Catholic Social Teaching: 7:30pm; B1

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

Contemplative Prayer and Lection Divina: 10:00am;  
 Marian Chapel  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration:  
 7:30pm; Church and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

*No Masses*  
*Parish Offices Close At Noon*  
 Good Friday Morning Prayer: 9:00am; Church  
 Mom's Group Bible Study: 10:00am; Conference Room  
 Living Stations of the Cross: 3:00pm; Church  
 The Lord's Passion: 7:30pm; Church

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

*No Confessions*  
*No 5:00pm Mass*  
 Holy Saturday Morning Prayer: 9:00am; Church  
 Blessing of Easter Food: 9:30am; Church  
 The Great Easter Vigil: 8:00pm; Church

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

*No 5:00pm Mass*  
 Car Raffle Ticket Sales After All Masses  
 Easter Masses at 7:30; 9:30 and 11:30am, with Spanish  
 Mass at 1:30pm

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

As we come to the close of another Season of Lent and begin the observance of Holy Week, I encourage all of us to find quiet time during the week for prayer and reflection as well as time to join the parish community in the different prayer and liturgical services occurring throughout Holy Week. I hope as many of you as possible will participate in the Triduum. This is one event occurring over three days. It begins on Holy Thursday at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, continues on Good Friday with the Celebration of The Lord's Passion and reaches its high point on Holy Saturday night with the Easter Vigil. The purpose of these celebrations is to make the Church present to the great mysteries of salvation found in the saving work of Jesus Christ.

One question that you may want to ask yourself this week: Are you in a different place today spiritually than you were when Lent began on Ash Wednesday, over five weeks ago?

I would invite the entire parish community to keep in prayer this week the elect, Amanda, Ashlee, Claudio, Enedina, Kathy, Hever, George and Alex who will be baptized and complete the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

May this Holy Week be a time of growth and prayer in the life of our parish community.

Live Jesus,

Father Joe

### BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL UPDATE FROM FATHER

**JOE:** Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. As of March 31, \$264,238.00 has been pledged toward our Parish goal of \$305,000.00. Although we have met 87% of our goal, only 21% of our households have participated.

I encourage all families to participate in any way possible as that signifies that St. John Neumann is part of the larger entity. As previously mentioned, this annual appeal supports vital programs and ministries that directly help our brothers and sisters in the diocese and all of us benefit in some way.

If you have not yet contributed, I ask that you prayerfully consider giving to this year's appeal and remember no gift is too small. What's important is that we participate as a parish.

Blessings,

Father Joe

Prayer and Liturgy



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 50:4-7

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

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Today we walk with Jesus to Mount Calvary. We experience His self-giving love for us as He dies on the Cross. We too are called to imitate Him. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Contrary to the wisdom of the culture, true Christians who are seeking holiness place all their perfection in the folly of the Cross. All the saints became wise in their folly to follow Jesus. They suffered contempt and humiliations that came from the culturally wise. Yet, they washed their feet and their hands in the sacred waters of forgiveness. We too must cleanse our works and affections so as to give glory to God.

Like the saints, we too must go to Mount Calvary with Our Lord and endure labors and persecutions. When exterior or interior troubles overtake you, take your good resolutions, and like a mother who rescues her child from danger, put them in our Lord's wounds, asking Him to protect both you and them. Wait there in the sacred shelter until the storm has passed. With God's help you will make great progress. As Jesus shows us, to be able to sin is not power, but powerlessness. Even the persecutions of Jesus' enemies were not powerful enough to destroy Our Savior's incomparable solid and constant love for all. Such ought to be our love for one another: firm, ardent, solid and persevering.

When we consent to love divinely by letting go of our own willfulness, we are like migrating birds. We migrate from a winter world where one meets cold and icy hearts, to springtime where God's love is the sun that gives warmth to the human heart. This Sacred Fire fills us with a self-giving love that is infinite. This love never says: "Enough is sufficient." Our Savior loved us with a love so ardent and persevering, that death could not cool His love. Divine love is stronger than death. May we remain at the foot of Our Savior's Cross so as to be nourished by His self-giving love that we are called to imitate.

### PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION:

Our Lord, who was humble and came to destroy pride, chose not to use a horse to carry Him. He chose the most simple and the most humble of all animals because He so loved lowliness and humility that only a humble mount could serve Him. God dwells and abides only in the simple and humble of heart.

*(St. Francis de Sales- Sermons for Lent)*

**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\***

*(Bilingual, English-Spanish)*

**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**

*Note: There will be no 5:00pm Mass today.*

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

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

1:30pm *(Spanish)*

**\* On Holy Thursday and Good Friday, liturgies  
begin at 7:30pm, earlier than in previous years.**

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU** We are   
entering Holy Week. God loves you and is holding His arms out to you. Why not accept His healing? Visit us this Wednesday, from 6:30 - 8:00pm and begin again with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be no confessions heard on Holy Saturday morning, so this is your last opportunity prior to Easter.

**RCIA** This coming Saturday evening we gather for the Great Easter Vigil. At the very core of the celebration is the baptism of the Elect. We rejoice with Hever Fernando Melgar Arriaga, Enedina Trejo Cortes, Kathy Dominguez, Michael Claudio Hart, George Matovu, Ashlee Murray, Amanda Roth, and Alexander Shipp, as they receive new life in Christ in the waters of the baptismal font. They will be clothed with white robes signifying their new dignity, numbered in the company of the People of God. They will receive a lighted candle showing that they are called to walk as children of the light. Henceforth they will be known as Neophytes. They will then share in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Finally, in the celebration of the Eucharist the newly baptized will reach the culminating point in their Christian initiation. After months of preparation they will come forward to share in the Table of the Lord. With the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ they will be strengthened in the gifts they have received. They will be immersed in the life of our community.

Let us continue to pray that during these final days of preparation that their desire for Christ and his Church will fill their hearts and they will know the love of God and the support of all of us.

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

**Acts 10:34, 37-43** The faith of the Church rests on the apostles' testimony concerning Jesus' resurrection. Through them the good news spread to the whole world.

**Psalms: 118; 1-2, 16-17, 22-23** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**Colossians 3:1-4** Christians, baptized into Christ's death, live as pilgrims on the way to a distant goal, the fullness of life in Him.

OR

**1 Corinthians 5:6-8** Paul compares Christ to the lamb whose blood delivers us from death, and Christian life to the new dough of sincerity and truth.

**John 20:1-9** In the gospel of John there are three who come to the tomb on Easter morning: Mary Magdalene who carries the news, Peter who observes the details of the situation, and the Beloved Disciple who sees and believes.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

*"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, 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 new this week are in boldface type.***



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

April 10	Reverend James S. Barkett
April 11	Reverend Kevin Barnekow
April 12	Reverend Nicholas R. Barnes
April 13	Reverend Brendan W. Bartlett
April 14	Reverend Brian G. Bashista
April 15	Reverend Michael J. Bazan
April 16	Reverend Kevin J. Beres

**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!

**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 13. You are invited to come to the Mass of the Lord's Supper for a bi-lingual celebration 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.



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 8</b>
5:00pm	Vinton and Ruth Brown ††
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 9</b>
7:30am	Carol Miller †
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:30am	Richard Hodes †
1:30pm	Jose Franco, Sr. †
5:00pm	Joseph Cuccurullo †
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 10</b>
9:00am	Rev. Alphonse G. Rose †
12:10pm	Michael McCollum †
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 11</b>
6:30am	Mary Rosenast †
9:00am	Mary Geogheghan Curry †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 12</b>
9:00am	Jean Carpenter †
12:10pm	Pauline and Ed Baker ††
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 13</b>
7:30pm	RCIA Candidates and Catechumens
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 14</b>
No Mass	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 15</b>
8:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 16</b>
7:30am	Ted Simpson †
9:15am Chapel	Annemarie Dunn †
9:30am Church	Dolores Gabayan †
9:30am Aud	Elizabeth Fulton †
11:15am Chapel	People of the Parish
11:30am Church	Mildred Ruth †
1:30pm	Louis Link, Special Intention

**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!



LITURGICAL REFLECTIONS  
FROM FATHER HEET

Father Heet continues his monthly series with discussion of the Sequence.

WHAT'S A "SEQUENCE" ANYWAY?

Twice a year – on Easter and Pentecost – we experience an additional element to the liturgy called the "sequence". For some people it seems designed to throw the congregation into confusion. Although we are accustomed to stand for the Alleluia verse immediately after the second reading, when there is a sequence, we may find ourselves standing (which we don't need to do) and singing or at least listening to a long song or poem until we finally move to the Alleluia. So what is a sequence anyway?

The sequence is a long liturgical poem set to music that is included on several significant feasts in the liturgical year. Its history goes back to the early middle ages when poetry was sung within the context of the Alleluia verse. Initially the sequence followed the alleluia (hence the name, which means "that which follows") and before the Gospel. At one point there were thousands of different sequences; each diocese or monastery would develop their own for specific feasts. The Council of Trent suppressed most of them and authorized only five that would be used throughout the Latin Church. They are the sequences for Easter, Pentecost, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), the Seven Sorrows of Mary (now Our Lady of Sorrows) and for funeral masses. With the Vatican II reform of the liturgy only the Easter and Pentecost sequences are required; the sequences for Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Sorrows are optional, and the sequence for funeral Masses (the famous/infamous *Dies Irae*) has been moved to the Office of the Dead in the Liturgy of Hours.

As is obvious from their history, sequences are meant to be sung. Although the missal does provide prose translations, reciting them is like eliminating the music, rhythm and rhyme from your favorite song and reading it just for the meaning. A significant part of the meaning of the sequence flows from the experience of sung poetry. Most of us are actually familiar with a sung version of at least one sequence: the sequence for Pentecost begins "*Veni Creator Spiritus*" which can be translated, "Come Holy Ghost, Creator blessed."

The fact that the church prescribes a sequence for both Easter and Pentecost confirms the importance of these two feasts in the liturgical year. So sit (remember you don't have to stand!) and listen (and maybe sing) as the words celebrate in poetry the great events these feasts celebrate.

**DIVINE MERCY** This year, for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23, we would like to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 7:30 and 9:30am Masses. We need a leader for this prayer devotion for these two times on this 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter. Please call the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151 if you can help.

**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 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.



Parish Information



**WALK TO JERUSALEM** Our beloved St. John Neumann, (thanks to the incredible dedication of our WTJ participants), has safely arrived in Jerusalem for Palm Sunday! Just seven short weeks ago we set our hearts, minds and Fit Bits to reach the nearly unattainable goal of 10,869 miles (Reston to Jerusalem). We not only made it, but St. John got a chance to rest for a few days in Morocco! In the words of a venerable rock band, "What a long strange trip it's been"! We are so grateful for the abundant blessings we've received along the way; blessings of leadership by Father Joe for our parish walk, blessings of health, spiritual connection and cultural awareness, blessings of friends, family, and the "Joie de Vive". This year thanks to our participation in this virtual Walk to Jerusalem, Holy Week takes on even deeper meaning for us as we experience it in "Jerusalem". As we contemplate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, may we be ever more mindful of our deep connection to one another, and to our brothers and sisters around the world.

**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 main hallway to sign up to help.

**VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH**  **FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS**

Our parish has been blessed to have two wonderful women, Mary Zane and Diana Glod, organizing our Movie Nights for both families or adults for the past five years. They are looking for a couple of people who are willing to take over the Movie Nights for Families, starting with the one scheduled for May 5. Since these are held every other month and we usually skip December, January, March and April, you would have to do this four times a year on a Friday evening. Please contact Jo-Ann Duggan at [jduggan@saintjn.org](mailto:jduggan@saintjn.org) if you are interested in helping out with this wonderful ministry.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS/SOUP SUPPER

Many thanks to the various groups (Social Justice, Pro Life, Hispanic Community, Care for Our Common Home, Just Faith, Pax Christi, Young Adults, Pastoral Council, Knights of Columbus, Mothers' Group, Boy Scouts, Music and Liturgy, Shawl and Health Ministries) who made our Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers so special by either reading, providing lovely music, or of course making the delicious soups. Also, thanks to those of you who chose to spend your Friday evenings during Lent with us; we hope you found them meaningful.

### HERE COMES THE ANNUAL MOTHERS' GROUP BAKE SALE

On Sunday, April 23, delicious homemade baked goods will be available from 8:00am – 2:30pm in the Narthex. The Mothers' Group always has a wonderful spread to offer, and "the word in the pews" is that they are VE-E-E-E-ERY good bakers! Your support will be appreciated!



### DON'T BE LOOKING FOR CAR RAFFLE TICKETS THIS WEEKEND!

While we are not selling tickets this weekend you still have time to hand in those tickets that are sitting at home. **Next weekend will be our last weekend** to turn in or buy tickets after Mass! Don't miss your chance to win a car or cash prizes! All Tickets must be returned to the parish office by Tuesday April 18.

The 2018 Mass Intentions Book will open on Monday, April 24 for intentions from January 1 through June 30.

### 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 Social 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).

- **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](mailto:pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com) or call 703-968-3337.
- **Life+Savers:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:lifesavers@saintjn.org).
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to [momsgroup@saintjn.org](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org).
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email [ksmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:ksmonroe58@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 Thomas Patchan at [youngadults@saintjn.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- **Tuesday, April 18, 7:00pm;** Pizza and Discussion with RCIA, Classroom A2/A3: Many of our newest Catholics are in our age group, so we'll be meeting with them for pizza, community, and discussion about our faith lives on Easter Tuesday! This is a great chance to both highlight our ministry and learn more about powerful faith journeys! Please RSVP through Thomas at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com).

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

- **Wednesday, April 26; Harpers Ferry and Shepherdstown, WV** Harpers Ferry has something for everyone. Visit quaint shops and historic attractions. We will travel a little north to Shepherdstown where we will have lunch at the well-known and loved Bavarian Inn.
- **Wednesday, May 10;** Lunch at the Ice House Café in Herndon. See their menu at [www.icehousecafe.com](http://www.icehousecafe.com) and contact Pat for reservations after Easter.
- **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

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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 9** - No High School Night - Easter Break
- **Friday, April 14** - Good Friday—Living Stations of the Cross: 3:00pm; Church
- **Sunday, April 16** - No High School Night - Happy and Blessed Easter!
- **Saturday, April 22** - Mini Work Camp: 9:00am - 3:00pm; Parking Lot

### THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

All parishioners, families and friends are invited to join us for the *The Living Stations of the Cross* on Good Friday afternoon, April 14, at 3:00pm in the Church. This is a powerful prayer presentation in which teen participants 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. Please plan to join us for this moving and powerful presentation as it will be your last opportunity to follow Jesus' journey to Calvary before His triumphant victory over sin and death.



*"There is nothing on this earth  
more to be prized than true friendship."*

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

**MINI WORK CAMP** Calling all teens and adults! Make a difference in someone's life. Would you like to help those in need, learn some new skills, do hands-on basic home repairs and have fun? Sign up and join us for the next Mini Work Camp on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00am - 3:00pm! No experience is necessary; help bring hope by sharing your Christian love with those in need in our community. Permission Slips are required! Contact Phyllis Rienzo by phone at 703-795-0339 or e-mail at [prienzo@verizon.net](mailto:prienzo@verizon.net) for a permission slip and to let her know you will be participating in the work camp.



### HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY E-MAIL LIST:

Contact Doug Johnson at [djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org) if you wish to be placed on the SJN High School Teen Ministry email list. This is a great way to learn the latest information on events, programs and opportunities to serve in our high school teen program.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

**EDITORIAL NOTE:** Because of the impact of accelerated Lenten and Easter bulletin production schedules, information regarding weekly stewardship may be delayed for several weeks, as will sacramental announcements.

### Around the Diocese



### 5K AND KIDS FUN RUN

Bring your running shoes, your family and your friends and join the Bishop O'Connell High School community for a morning 5K Race and Kids Fun Run on Saturday, April 29. There will be prizes across the age groups and special recognition for the parish school with the most registrants. Multiple runners in your group? Receive a discount when you register them all at once. Want to make it a family affair? Get a four pack of registrations at a special price. To view the course and to register, visit [www.bishopoconnell.org/5k](http://www.bishopoconnell.org/5k). Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

### DONATE YOUR USED CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND HELP A FAMILY BECOME SELF-RELIANT!

If you are thinking of replacing your old car with something new, please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities. We take used vehicles and give them directly to families in desperate need of transportation. We accept nonworking cars to fund our volunteer programs. We handle all the paperwork. You receive an IRS donation receipt. To donate, email [Cars@ccda.net](mailto:Cars@ccda.net) or call (703) 841-3898.

### Special Collection Stewardship

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** The collection taken on Good Friday provides support for the sacred places and the educational and charitable institutions in the Holy Land. The collection also assists in providing educational funding for young men for the Missions of the Custody of the Holy Land in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Cyprus, Rhodes, Israel, and Egypt.

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### CORPORATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**COORDINATOR** Would you like to work with corporations to develop and manage volunteer events and opportunities at Catholic Charities? Conduct outreach to corporations to market program, and work closely with Catholic Charities staff? This is a wonderful opportunity to help increase engagement with the community and to bring to light the problem of poverty to those who are able to make a difference. You will need to be available to work with staff in Arlington for a four-hour period during the work week. For more information, contact Sally O'Dwyer at [sodwyer@ccda.net](mailto:sodwyer@ccda.net) or call 703- 841-3838.

*"We can do no great things,  
only small things with great love."*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross."* MATTHEW 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.