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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

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

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

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

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

THIS WEEK AT SJN...

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

FF Classes

Car Raffle Ticket Sales After Masses

Parish 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

MONDAY, APRIL 11

FF Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

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

Welcome Home: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

FF Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Care of Our Common Home: 7:00pm; B6

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

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

RCIA Team: 7:00pm; FF Workroom

Social Justice: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

Spanish Young Adults: 7:00pm; B3

Church History with Father Bob: 7:30pm; B9/B10

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

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

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

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3:00pm;

de Sales Chapel

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Emergency Preparedness: 7:00pm; B11/B12

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

Praying College Moms: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

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

VOCE Concert: 7:30pm; de Sales Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Car Raffle Ticket Sales After Mass

Parish Dance Ticket Sales After Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

FF Classes

Car Raffle Ticket Sales After Masses

Parish Dance Ticket Sales After Masses

Mothers' Group Bake Sale: 8:00am; Narthex

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

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

RCIA Dismissal: 5:30pm; Conference Room

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

I wish to express our gratitude to Sue Colyer who is retiring from Saint John Neumann this week for a second time. With Mary Lyons moving out of the area and Mickie Abatemarco not able to assume that position until this past week, Sue volunteered to oversee the department in the interim and she has done a fine job. It really would have been problematic for us to have that position open for such an extended period of time. Sue continued to work this past week with Mickie to help the transition but now she can once again resume retired life. Many thanks Sue for being a blessing to the entire community.

In last week's bulletin, I thanked the many people who helped with the beautiful liturgies of the Triduum. But, where would we be if our faithful Knights of Columbus didn't assist with the parking situation for the main Easter Sunday liturgies? Thank you to them for spending the morning outside on a nice but brisk day and for helping prevent total chaos in the parking lot.

As of March 31, 25% of our families had made contributions to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. I am grateful to all of you who have participated and pledged \$259,000 towards this important annual collection. I know all parishioners who have not made a pledge received a second letter from the diocese, and I ask only that you do what you can to help us reach our goal of \$300,000.

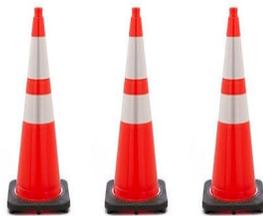
God bless,

Father Tom

FATHER TOM ADDRESSES TRAFFIC CONTROL

We are obligated by an agreement made at the time of the church's construction to have a police officer available for traffic control for the Sunday morning Masses.

The police will not assume responsibility for a situation they cannot control. Having people exit the parking lot from both exits does impact their ability to safely control the traffic patterns. The placement of cones to close off the exit at the far side of the lot is done so the police can safely control exiting, entering and traffic passing by the church property at only one location. Cones were removed recently with no one asking permission to do so. Do not remove the traffic cones to open the far exit. For the safety of all, this cannot be done. Taking five or ten minutes extra to exit the parking lot should not mean that much of a sacrifice for anyone. Pray for patience or consider staying behind for a moment and actually talking with church friends.



Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41;
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12;
Revelation 5:11-14;
John 21:1-19

Today's Gospel tells the story of how Peter, in affirming his commitment of love to Jesus, is called to nurture Jesus' flock. St. Francis de Sales urges us to be disciples like the apostles and bring God's Word to others:

Three times Jesus asked Peter if he loved Him. Peter's heart was completely filled with love for His Master. Peter was lifted up again by God's providence. Love is the universal means of our salvation. God's love must always hold first place in our hearts. Let us waste no time and place ourselves entirely in the arms of Divine Providence. So loving is God's hand as it handles our hearts!

What does God expect from you if not what was asked of the Apostles? It was nothing else than what Our Lord Himself came to do in this world: to give life to all so that they may live a more abundant life. He did it by giving them His grace. Grace has the power, not to overpower, but to entice our hearts to consent to the movements of God's love in us.

As much as possible, we must touch the hearts of others like the angels, delicately and without coercion. While we ought to help and express our love to all equally, we must do it more so to those who have a greater need of us. Lead them to a more perfect life. They will find fullness of life by believing in Jesus' word that you will explain to them. They will live a more abundant life through the example you are.

Go confidently and courageously, doing what you are entrusted to do. Do not say: "I am not up to the task." Go ahead without worrying and turning back, for God will give you what you have to say and to do at the proper time. Have only one concern: to grow in your love and fidelity to God's divine goodness and everything will turn out well for you.

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

BEST WISHES to **Nicole Carreras** and **Thomas Butler** who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they grow together in Christ's love.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Farah Georgina Ahmadi**, daughter of Ajmal and Marisa; **Dean Clayton Bowker**, son of Kyle and Olivia; **Abby Grace Clarke**, daughter of Christopher and Amy; and **Caroline Anne Swartzbaugh**, daughter of David and Ruth.

PLEASE PRAY for those who have asked for our prayers: Lee Bauer, Jason Meringolo, 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.***

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



SATURDAY	APRIL 9
5:00pm	Mary Cottrell †
SUNDAY	APRIL 10
7:30am	Anne Perich †
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:30am	John Trimore †
1:30pm	Mark Bowns Szymanski †
5:00pm	James Burbach †
MONDAY	APRIL 11
9:00am	Pam Mosko †
12:10pm	LaMar Dotter †
TUESDAY	APRIL 12
6:30am	Alexander Thomas Zane †
9:00am	Teresa Colucci †
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 13
6:30am	Marie Neylan †
9:00am	Aurora Wagner †
12:10pm	Dave Buikema †
THURSDAY	APRIL 14
6:30am	Gertrude Ann Deeds †
9:00am	Regina Cofield †
FRIDAY	APRIL 15
9:00am	John Persil, Special Intention
12:10pm	Margaret Sharpe †
SATURDAY	APRIL 16
5:00pm	Ted Simpson †
SUNDAY	APRIL 17
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Thomas Devasia †
11:30am	Mildred Rusin Ruth †
1:30pm	Peter Graves †
5:00pm	Margaret M. and John I. Burns ††



ADORATION AND EXPOSITION "It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exultation. It is the living center of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life. Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love ... The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates creation." *Pope Francis Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home, 236*

Come adore the Lord in the Eucharist this Thursday, April 14, in the de Sales Chapel anytime from 3:00 – 8:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.

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

Acts 13:14, 43-52 The Church proclaims to all nations the good news of Christ dead and risen. Paul and Barnabas had begun by preaching in synagogues, judging that it was there first of all that the gospel must be proclaimed. In the face of rejection and even of abuse they decide to turn resolutely to the Gentiles.

Psalm 100: We Are God's People This very short psalm, which may have been sung at the people's solemn entry into the temple, summons the people to give praise.

Revelation 7:9, 14-17 Jesus promised eternal life. Revelation describes it in two images: to stand before God's throne and serve Him day and night, to be free from hunger, thirst, oppression, and tears. Jesus is both Shepherd and Lamb. He leads His own to waters of life.

John 10:27-30 At the end of a long discourse on His role as Good Shepherd, Jesus shows His followers the attitude which they must adopt toward Him. They must believe in the one who is their life. They must trust the one who guards them. Thus they will be one with Christ and the Father.



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Deacon Tom Bello**, of the Arlington Diocese; **Frederick Cashman**, husband of Anita; **Eleonora Larrazabal**, mother of Carlos Larrazabal, **LCpl Giancarlo Goyone, USMC**, brother of Cathy Linsangan.

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

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

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LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of April 16 - 17 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Bob
Sunday	7:30am	Father Don
Sunday	9:30am	Father Jerry
Sunday	11:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Don with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Don

LAST CALL FOR PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

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, and you will:

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

Election occurs May 14 - 15, with absentee voting allowed prior to the weekend. If you could serve on the Council, or know someone who would be a good candidate, tell us. Submit your nomination with name of the nominee, phone number and email address to Father Tom at tmurphy@saintjn.org by this Thursday, April 14 at 4:00pm. Contact Vickie Berry at veberry@gmail.com or 703-437-1812 or Bob Gallo at 703-629-7096.

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

April 11	Reverend Richard E. Dyer
April 12	Reverend Frederick H. Edlefsen
April 13	Reverend Ronald S. Escalante
April 14	Reverend Juan Espino, dcjm
April 15	Reverend Wilhelm J. Ettner
April 16	Reverend Paul M. Eversole
April 17	Reverend Joseph W. Farrell

Parish Information

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR 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.

CHECK OUT THE NEW CRV PARKED OUTSIDE!



You might be one of this year's lucky winners! Raffle tickets are selling quickly and they will be available until next weekend so don't miss your chance. 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 this year the funds received for our participation will be put towards three worthy groups: our sister parish - Nino Jesus in Manta, Ecuador; the Health Wagon, and Family Preservation and Strengthening Services (Family Pass).

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
HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES, 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 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE WEEK.

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.

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS LAST WEEK

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 Sunday, April 17, to allow for production time.

**COULD YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH
WITH OUR CHILDREN?**

We are quite blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers involved in our children's lives by being catechists. We are looking for even more volunteers to sign up as catechists for our PK4-8th grade program. We have almost 1,200 children who enroll in our Faith Formation program each year and need about 200 volunteers to share their faith and help give these children a growing understanding of and relationship with Christ. We would love for you to join this worthy ministry!

Classes run from September 11 until May 8, totaling 24 class sessions. Most classes have two catechists; you may choose your co-catechist or let us assign one. **You do not need prior experience or training**, you just need to be a practicing Catholic, have a desire to pass along your faith and love children. There are many options for class times Sundays through Wednesdays. Materials and training are provided. Tuition is waived and priority registration is offered to parents of enrolled children. Sign up during the month of April for a wider selection of session choices! For more information or to volunteer to be a catechist, contact Angela Davis, Faith Formation Coordinator, at adavis@saintjn.org or 703-390-2345.

HERE COMES THE MOTHERS' GROUP BAKE

SALE! Next Sunday, April 17, 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 they are known to be very good bakers! Your support is appreciated!

HEALTH FAIR ON SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Stop by the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium for our 2nd Annual Health Fair from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Have your blood pressure checked, participate in a Yoga demonstration, get a neck massage and visit the many health professionals who will be in attendance.

SAVE THE DATE — MAY 14, 7:30PM

"Journeys of Love", the Senior Recital Concert originally scheduled for last October by Diane Lott, parishioner and cantor, was cancelled due to a medical emergency and lengthy illness. As you certainly heard well if you were at any of our Triduum services, Diane has completely recovered, and the concert has been rescheduled. Watch future bulletins, but mark this on your calendar now!

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME MINISTRY All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, April 12, at 7:00pm to learn more about the new CCH Ministry. We will engage in prayer, study and education sustainably. See details on our parish website under Outreach.

**FROM THE PARISH NURSE: DRUG
EPIDEMIC IN VIRGINIA**

According to the Governor and Attorney General of the State of Virginia, prescription drug (opioids) and heroin addiction have reached epidemic proportions in the Commonwealth. Our children are dying. Overdoses kill at least two Virginians every day and are overtaking homicides in Virginia by nearly 3 to 1. We are experiencing a public health crisis and yes, it's "right here in River City". There is no stereotypical abuser. Addiction crosses all race, gender, socio-economic, religious, and educational backgrounds. The victims are our families and our neighbors. Please join us next Sunday, April 17, at 6:15pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium as we welcome Don Flattery, member of the Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse. Don, a member of Good Shepherd Parish, shares his story of struggle, loss, conviction and hope as to what we can do to help support the efforts to combat this crisis. Please mark your calendars and bring your "tweens" and teens to this Sunday evening event.

VOCE CONCERT HERE NEXT WEEKEND

On Friday, April 15, at 8:00pm the VOCE Chamber Singers will close out their 25th season with American Choral Classics. As many of you are aware, three parishioners are part of this celebrated group - in the role of soprano, Joan Skerritt, alto, Nikki Rosengren, and accompanist, CJ Capen. The program will feature the world premier of a new VOCE commission by a leading American composer, along with other VOCE commissions and selections from Bernstein, Barber, Karen Tarlow and Rodney Lister. Visit the VOCE website at www.voce.org for more information.

BACCALAUREATE MASS FOR GRADUATING

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS Our parish will host a Baccalaureate Mass for all area High School Graduates Sunday, June 5 at 7:00pm. We are looking for Seniors from area high schools who would like to assist in the planning of the Mass and to serve as lectors, servers, musicians, etc. We would also welcome a few underclassmen to serve at a reception to follow. If you are interested, please email either Nicole Craig, Jo Brown or Julia Funaki at SJNBaccMass@gmail.com.

YOUTH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

The parish community wants to hear from our teens. The YPC advises the Pastoral Council and parish on Youth/Teen matters and activities and we need your help! If you (or perhaps a friend) are a rising 7th to 12th grader from any area high school or middle school and can attend a monthly Sunday afternoon meeting, let us know. Nominations will be accepted through Monday, May 9 and you can find forms and more details on the YPC bulletin board, at the Welcome desk or the parish website at www.saintjn.org. If you have questions, send them to SJNYPC@gmail.com.

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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

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.

- **Thursday, April 21:** We will travel to Winchester to visit the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley. With its eclectic collection, this museum truly has something of interest for everyone. We plan to be at the museum by 11:00am. You might be interested in stopping at the Museum Store, which is known for its selection of products made in Virginia or created by Virginia artisans. There is an admission charge of \$10 for adults with a reduction to \$8 for seniors. At the end of our visit, we will go to lunch at the Union Jack Pub, with an extensive menu which you can view at www.theunionjackpub.com.

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.

- 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! Heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer will be served. Tickets will be on sale April 9-10 and 16-17. We are in charge of kicking off the party with a photo booth wall. If you are interested in helping out and attending with other young adults, contact Kat at dmb411967@gmail.com.

Faith Formation

Mickie Abatemarco, Director
703-390-2340 mabatemarco@saintjn.org

THE CHURCH - 1500 TO PRESENT: PAPAL MONARCHY TO GLOBAL COMMUNITY Father Bob Mancini's course on Church History continues on Wednesday mornings at 10:00am and evenings at 7:30pm, on April 13, 20, and 27, as well as May 4, 11, and 18. This is the same course that Father Bob presented last fall, and many of you asked it be repeated.

ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any program, contact Sue Colyer.

- **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** This group meets 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 "SPIRITUALITIES" IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HERES AND THE BEYONDS** 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" 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.

FAITH FORMATION PRE-K—8TH GRADE

Angela Davis
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CATECHISTS FOR 2016—2017 We are currently recruiting additional catechists for the coming year. Please see the article on Page 6, and prayerfully consider whether you can help share your faith.

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 10; High School Teen Night (Agape): 6:15pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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.

Late Arrival!

PRAY A ROSARY WITH PRAYING COLLEGE

MOMS All parishioners are invited to join our Praying College Moms Thursday, May 5, at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel to pray the Rosary together. Age is no barrier; you might even bring your children so they can pray for the children of others! All are welcome.

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NEED A LITTLE DRAMA IN YOUR LIFE?

Bishop O'Connell High School is proud to present the musical comedy, Thoroughly Modern Millie. Show times are Friday and Saturday, April 22-23 at 7:00pm and Sunday April 24 at 2:00pm. General admission is \$10, students and senior citizens are \$5. For more information or to buy tickets, visit www.bishopoconnell.org/ocplayers or call 703-237-1448. Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

GREAT GATSBY 20's DANCE featuring the

Charleston, Lindy Hop, Foxtrot, and Collegiate Shag! Put on your best 20's outfit, and join us on Saturday, April 23 from 7:30—11:30pm in the St. Veronica Church Parish Hall. We will show how these 1920's dances evolved into Swing. They will be taught in group-style, so no skill or formal dates necessary. We will serve classy light hors d'oeuvres and drinks to match our elegant Roaring Twenties decor. All young adults in their 20's and 30's are welcome! The event is sponsored by St. Veronica Young Adults, and admission is \$10. For more info, email stveronicaya@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/groups/stveronicaya.

*"The God who created the universe out of nothing
can also intervene in this world
and overcome every form of evil.
Injustice is not invincible."*

Pope Francis, "Laudato Si", no 2 12"

CHRISTENDOM COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Current high school students and their families are invited to Christendom College in Front Royal, VA, one of the leading Catholic colleges in the nation, for Open House on Monday, April 25. The day begins at 9:00am and will go until about 2:30pm, and includes meeting the college president, classroom visits, presentations, Mass and more! Register online at christendom.edu. Contact Zac Inman with any questions at zinman@christendom.edu or 540-551-9232.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME HOME CPT Brian C. Hahn, USA

recently returned home from working in Harm's Way. Let us all join with his family and friends in prayers of gratitude for his safe return.

Around the Diocese

CATHOLIC CAMPS IN THEATRE AND ART

- JULY 2016 Expert Instructors in Drama, Music, Dance, and Art are providing one-week camps this July for kids Pre-K through High School. Learn from some of the area's top Catholic teachers within the creative arts through camps like Camp Broadway, Art Explorer, Drama Bootcamp, Creative Kindergarten and Art Fun Camp. Early bird registration is \$20 off per camp through April 15 and \$10 off per camp through May 31. Families registering three or more kids receive an additional 10% off. For information and to register, visit www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com.

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.

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.

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LIVING WELL, AGING WELL SUMMIT Join us for the 2016 Living Well, Aging Well Summit on Saturday, April 16. This event, taking place from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Fairfax County Government Center is free, and features health, wellness, and community resources, with keynote presentations, seminars, exhibitors, and more. Visit www.livingwellfairfax.org for more information.

HOW DOES AUSTRIA IN EARLY SEPTEMBER SOUND?

St. Thomas à Becket has planned a trip to the **Austrian Alps, Salzburg, and Vienna from September 7-15, 2016**, at a cost of approximately \$2,800, double occupancy, including roundtrip airfare from Dulles. The trip includes a cruise on the Danube River and "The Sound of Music" sights in Salzburg. The trip of a lifetime to some of the most beautiful sights in the world! A deposit of \$300 per person is due by April 29. Please contact Betsy Coffey at b.coffey@stbchurch.com for more information or view trip brochures at www.stbchurch.com. All are welcome!

'ADOPT' A PROJECT RACHEL MONTHLY HOLY HOUR DURING THE YEAR OF MERCY

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, The Office for Family Life is looking for parish groups willing to "adopt" and make a pilgrimage to attend ONE Intercessory Prayer Holy Hour in 2016 to pray for the healing of our culture and for those who still live in darkness and don't know the healing power of God and His infinite mercy. The Holy Hours are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30pm at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church in Fairfax Station. For more information or to sign up your group, please call Project Rachel at 703-841-2504 or email info@helpafterabortion.org. You can also visit our website: www.helpafterabortion.org.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" JOHN 21:17*

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by "feeding His sheep." Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church.