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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, 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

Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse Presentation and High

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

MONDAY, APRIL 18

FF Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

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

Welcome Home: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

FF Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

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; Youth Room

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Spanish Young Adults: 7:00pm; B3

Church History with Father Bob: 7:30pm; B5

Finance Council: 7:30pm; Conference Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

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

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

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

Family Night "Caring For Our Earth": 6:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Brown Bag Weekend

Care For Our Common Home Information After Mass

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

FF Classes

Brown Bag Weekend

Care For Our Common Home Information After Masses

Health Fair: Brown-McCarthy Auditorium; 10:00am

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Pope Francis' recent encyclical entitled *Laudato Si'* placed a great deal of emphasis on our care for creation as a gift from God. The Pope identified specific ways in which we are abusing the wonder of these created gifts. In response to this papal challenge, a group of parishioners have organized a *new ministry* entitled Care for Our Common Home (CCH). They have organized so that they can put faith into action as a hopeful response to this challenge. The group intends to incorporate the moral, ethical, and spiritual aspects of our energy use and consumption practices in future projects. Their aim is to bring the interconnectedness of all of creation that the encyclical describes in detail.

Over the last few years, under the leadership of our Facilities Manager, we have made changes to the parish facility to reduce energy consumption and its associated costs. CCH has analyzed and documented the effect of these changes and will publish those results in the near future in a bulletin article. Hopefully all of us have been inspired to walk a little more lightly on this planet – our common home.

For more information on CCH, including their mission statement, meeting schedule, contact information and a link to their Facebook page, visit the site on the parish website under Outreach Ministries. Perhaps you have some time and talent to share with this new ministry.

God bless,

Fr. Tom

P.S. Next week I will offer some reflections of the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation concerning the two recent Synods on Marriage.

Prayer and Liturgy

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.

A BIT MORE FROM FATHER TOM:

Pictorial Directory Many people have suggested that it is time for a new parish pictorial directory. This was last done in 2011 and with the growth of the parish, relocations, etc. the directory is outdated. We are looking for one or more people to coordinate this effort by contacting a particular company to identify the specifics so that we can determine what would be involved. If there is any interest on your part in helping with this project, please contact Father Tom at Tmurphy@saintjn.org.

Faith Formation We recently presented a revised schedule for our Faith Formation programs, and there was some discussion concerning the changes that impacted the Sunday schedule. The primary consideration in all of this, specifically on a weekend, is the safety factor, considering traffic with Mass times and new class times. There were some issues in regard to the overlapping of the beginnings and endings of Masses and classes, and the resultant traffic jams. In one instance, traffic interfered with an emergency vehicle responding to a situation on the property. We always need to ensure that emergency personnel have clear access to the building and the issue to which they are responding. Additional Information about the 2016-2017 Faith Formation schedule will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Pre-School Finally, I am grateful to Kathy D'Allessandro and Anne Hanover for their heroic effort in trying to discern our ability, interest and practicality of opening a Pre-School program at the parish. As I have reminded them from the beginning, this is ultimately the decision of my successor and they are doing the leg work with the state and county in determining what needs to be done to make this a reality. Your responses to the survey indicate an interest, but that is not the only consideration; the other identified aspects will need to be clarified as well. Please understand that this is not a done deal; we are in the preliminary stage of a feasibility study. One condition that would limit our ability to implement this is the fact that we could only dedicate two classrooms for this purpose because of the furniture needed for the little people. Additional needs for older children and adults prevent us from permanently replacing furniture in the other classrooms. We also need to look at restrictions the county may have placed upon this type of enterprise, along with reactions of neighbors and specific building modifications that would have to be pursued. So, we are not in a position to develop a waiting list. I personally think it would be a good response to specific needs of families in the parish but there are many hurdles that lie before us in determining whether or not it is feasible or allowable.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Joseph Ryan Sultan and Sara Lilly Sultan**, son and daughter of Alex and Laila.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**Acts 13:14, 43-52;
Psalm 100: 1-2, 3, 5;
Revelation 7:9, 14-17;
John 10:27-30**

In today's Gospel we experience Jesus as the Good Shepherd who cares for His flock. St. Francis de Sales reminds us that we too must be good shepherds who tend our flock:

Some say that shepherds represent all those who wish to become holy. But if each of us is a shepherd, who are our sheep? They are our desires, feelings and emotions. We must keep watch over this spiritual flock. Jesus teaches us how to govern and rule over our desires, feelings and emotions, our flock that we must shepherd.

Like a shepherd who cares for his flock, our Good Shepherd gathers us all around Himself in order to make us His own. He wants us to manage our lives in light of the Will of God, rather than our own willful desires. In Jesus, we learn how to govern our flock and direct our desires, feelings and emotions in a way that leads to spiritual health.

What can be more pleasing to Our Divine Shepherd than to bring to Him the lamb of our love? Love is the first desire of the human spirit. True love is accomplished when we live according to the inspirations and promptings that God places in us.

Our God is the God of the human heart. Our hearts thirst for God. We have a natural inclination to know and love God. No other love can satisfy us as the infinite goodness of God, from whom we gain infinite nourishment.

St. Augustine said: "Love God, then do what you will." When all of our loves flow out of God's love, then we can say that we truly love God. How happy we will be if we remain in the presence of Our Good Shepherd and faithfully imitate Him by following His example! We will then serve God as God wills and be a good shepherd to ourselves as well as others.

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

PLEASE PRAY for those who have asked for our prayers: **Charlie Ibarra, Katie Brown, David Byrnes, Lila Day, Jason Meringolo, Amanda Morris**; 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.***

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, April 24	9:30am	First Eucharist
Saturday, April 31 and Sunday, May 1	All Masses	Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
Sunday, May 8	9:30am	Baptism
Saturday, May 21	5:00pm	Baptism
Sunday, May 29	11:30am	Baptism



SATURDAY 5:00pm	APRIL 16 Ted Simpson †
SUNDAY 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm	APRIL 17 People of the Parish Thomas Devasia † Mildred Rusin Ruth † Peter Graves † Margaret M. and John I. Burns ††
MONDAY 9:00am 12:10pm	APRIL 18 Helen Rauber † Andrew Eliopoulos †
TUESDAY 6:30am 9:00am	APRIL 19 Ernest Stacey † Blanca Montero †
WEDNESDAY 6:30am 9:00am 12:10pm	APRIL 20 Dr. Thomas John Ferrara † Pauline Baker † Dorothy Muench †
THURSDAY 6:30am 9:00am	APRIL 21 Katherine Mysiak † Irene Dubois †
FRIDAY 9:00am 12:10pm	APRIL 22 Andrew Sharpe † Richard Provencher †
SATURDAY 5:00pm	APRIL 23 Walter Henry Rupell †
SUNDAY 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm	APRIL 24 Matilde Cruz † Leonard Mandrgoc † Jamilé Breidy † People of the Parish Ian McKinley, Special Intention



ADORATION AND EXPOSITION

Because of a scheduling conflict last week, our monthly Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was postponed to ensure a solemn environment. Please come adore the Lord in the Eucharist this Thursday, April 21 in the de Sales Chapel anytime from 3:00 – 8:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk; please join us in this quiet time with Christ.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of April 23 - 24 are:

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



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially Irene Esposito, mother of Michelle Robinson.

RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE This weekend at the Sunday 5:00pm Mass, we celebrate a Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens for Ashlee Thompson, Alexander Shipp, and Claudio Hart. They began their RCIA faith journey as inquirers in the Pre-catechumenate or Inquiry period of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Now as catechumens, Ashlee, Alex, and Claudio will study the teachings of the Catholic Church, seek to deepen their relationship with God through prayer, join in service to our community and learn what it means to be disciples of Jesus Christ. You are also important to each of our catechumens and candidates as they become acquainted with our parish. By your presence in our community you witness to the importance of faith in your life. Please welcome and pray for them as they continue their journey of faith.

Parish Information

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

Acts 14: 21-27 At the end of their missionary journey, Paul and Barnabas exhort the communities they have founded to persevere in their Christian life despite persecution. Before their departure, they establish leaders.

Psalms 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 It is God the King, the almighty and provident God, whom the psalmist praises in this psalm, many of whose phrases we can find elsewhere in the Bible.

Revelation 21:1-5 The final vision of Revelation is the vision of the new world where God's love for His people flowers into an intimate and endless presence.

John 13:31-33, 34-35 Christ, elevated on the cross, is now exalted in glory. Nevertheless, a difficult period opens for the Church. In faith, it experiences a presence in absence. The mutual love of Christians assures and manifests the permanent presence of the Risen One in our world until He comes again.

BROWN BAG WEEKEND! The Cornerstones van will be in our parking lot next weekend, April 23 - 24. If we each bring just a few non-perishable food items we will help stock the Cornerstones pantry for the weeks ahead. Thank you for your continued generosity.



NEWS ABOUT PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND HEROIN EPIDEMIC PRESENTATION!

This Sunday night's very important presentation is being combined with the High School Teens (AGAPE) session. Don Flattery, surviving parent and member of the Virginia Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse and Jesse Ellis, Prevention Manager for Fairfax County Government will present information and resources on this critical and epidemic public health issue. All teens, tweens and adults are strongly encouraged to attend! Please refer to the High School Youth Ministry article on Page 8 for additional important information.

HEALTH FAIR REMINDER! Our 2nd Annual Health Fair take place next Sunday, April 24, from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Among many other attractions, it will include

- Screenings: Blood pressure, BMI, Dermatology, Cancer, Mental Health
- Demonstrations: Tai Chi, Yoga, Balance
- Representatives from: Public Health, Emergency Preparedness, Advanced Directives and much more.



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 18 Reverend John W. Crossin, OSFS
- April 19 Reverend Thomas F. Dailey, OSFS
- April 20 Reverend James E. Dalton, OSFS
- April 21 Reverend Francis W. Danella, OSFS
- April 22 Reverend William E. Davis, OSFS
- April 23 Reverend William F. Davis, OSFS
- April 24 Reverend Paul G. Dechant, OSFS

THE MOTHERS' GROUP BAKE SALE IS

HERE! This Sunday, April 17, members of the Mothers Group will be selling delicious homemade baked goods from 8:00am – 2:30pm in the Narthex. Don't forget to stock up on their wonderful homemade goodies. The Mothers' Group always has a interesting spread to offer, and they are known to be very good bakers! Your support is appreciated!

LAST CHANCE FOR CAR RAFFLE TICKETS!

Do you like the GMC Sierra Truck outside? This is the last weekend to purchase raffle tickets and we have some remaining at \$5 each. Tickets at home can still be handed in at the parish office until Monday April 18th. 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 in the 5-Car Raffle 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). Grab one more ticket this weekend! Good Luck!



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 16-17. TICKETS ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE DURING THE
WEEK.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR FAMILY NIGHT

We are extending the registration period to Tuesday, April 19 for families with children in Pre-K to 5th Grade to register for Friday night, April 22, when a special program on "Caring for our Earth" will take place. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by plant decorating. These plants will be given to Seniors in neighborhood low-income housing. Register on our website: www.saintjn.org or contact Mickie Abatemarco at mabartemarco@saintjn.org.

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>.

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.

IN SEARCH OF NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUTH PASTORAL COUNCIL (YPC)

Who: Rising 7th-12th graders from all area High Schools and Middle Schools who can attend monthly Sunday afternoon meetings

What: YPC advises the Pastoral Council and parish on Youth/Teen matters and activities

When: NOW! Nominations will be accepted **until Monday, May 9**

Why: SJN community wants to hear from you!

Details: Forms and details are on the parish website, saintjn.org, the Youth bulletin board and the Welcome Desk

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.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED



Volunteer drivers are needed to pick up bakery products from a local store and deliver them to a local homeless shelter one night per week, or one night every *other* week. The total time required per night is under two hours. Please call Judy or Dan Young (703-620-0948) if you are interested in volunteering with this on-going project.

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MOVIE NIGHT THANK-YOU Many thanks to Mary Zane and Diana Glod for their work to make our last movie night for adults ("Bridge of Spies") such a nice experience. Thanks also to Pat Reilly for his presentation on issues related to the movie. Good food, conversation, and entertainment was enjoyed by all who attended.

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 ksmonroe58@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.
- **Thursday, May 12:** Lunch at 11:30am at Madigan's Waterfront Restaurant in Occoquan. Enjoy lunch and then explore the shops on Mill Street or just enjoy the dock behind the restaurant.
- **Tuesday, May 24 - Thursday, May 26:** Come along on our Rehoboth Beach Trip and stay at the Atlantic Sands hotel on the boardwalk. Our cost for reserved rooms is \$131.10 per night, including tax. We have planned a number of activities, but we like to point out that this is your beach time. If you prefer to just stay on the boardwalk or sit on the balcony and read a book, feel free to do so. The deadline for reservations is this Friday, April 22. For more information call Pat.

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.

- 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.

"The business of finding fault is very easy and that of doing better very difficult."

St. Francis de Sales

Faith Formation

Mickie Abatemarco, Director
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mabatemarco@saintjn.org

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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adavis@saintjn.org

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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

Doug Johnson
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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 17; Presentation on Prescription Drug (Opioid) & Heroin Addiction Epidemic: 6:15pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- Sunday, April 24; -High School Teen Night (Agape) – 6:15pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

CALLING ALL PARENTS AND TEENS in our parish community and the local community! Please join us Sunday night for a Special Presentation on the Prescription Drug (Opioid) and Heroin Addiction Epidemic at 6:15pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. This presentation is open to all parishioners, friends and the local community. According to the Governor and Attorney General of Virginia, prescription drug (opioid) and heroin addiction have reached epidemic proportions in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Overdoses kill at least two Virginians every day and are overtaking homicides in Virginia by nearly three to one. We are experiencing a public health crisis – our kids are dying! There is no stereotypical abuser – addiction crosses all race, gender, socio-economic, religious and educational backgrounds. The victims are our families and our neighbors. We have two very special presenters: Don Flattery is a member of the Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse and Jesse Ellis is the Prevention Manager for Fairfax County Government. Don lost his 26-year-old son to an opiate overdose and will share his story of struggle, loss, conviction and hope and what we can do to help support efforts to combat this crisis. Jesse will provide information on resources available regarding this critical and epidemic public health issue.

PLEASE NOTE – this presentation will take place during the time usually reserved for the High School Teens (Agape). Parents of high school teens are invited and highly encouraged to attend this presentation with their teens. High School teens may attend with or without a parent and parents may attend without their teen. Middle School (7th and 8th grade) students are invited to attend but must be accompanied by a parent. If attendance at this presentation causes them to miss their regularly schedule RE class on Sunday evening it will be an excused absence. Middle School parents may attend without their child. Please join us for this very special presentation which is open to the entire SJN Parish and to the local community! If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the SJN Parish Nurse, Susan Infeld at sinfeld@saintjn.org or Doug Johnson, Coordinator of Youth Ministry either by phone at (703) 860-6141 or by e-mail at djohnson@saintjn.org.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

Around the Diocese

SOAR! (Support Our Aging Religious) invites you to a retreat day on Monday, May 2, at the Washington Retreat House. "Let Your Mercy Rain on Us" will be presented by Father Richard DeLillio, OSFS. Space is limited. The fee of \$50 per person includes coffee and lunch. Check-in begins at 9:00am. The program begins at 9:45am and continues through 1:00pm. For information, visit www.soar-usa.org or call Sister Kate Clancy at (202) 529-7627. We look forward to the parishioners of St. John Neumann joining us for a special retreat day!

WELCOME HOME **Capt Paul A. Keller, USMC**, 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.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."* ACTS 13:52

Because the disciples heard Our Lord's call, they were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to open our hearts, listen to God, ask for His direction and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.

Special Collection Stewardship

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL will take place next week. One way that this appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a generous gift to next week's appeal.

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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!

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**. Plus, families registering 3 or more kids can take an additional 10% off. All of the details can be found at 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.