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INFANT BAPTISM: Please call to register for the Baptism Class, offered monthly. English 703-860-8510; Spanish 703-860-8510, x353.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

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 23

Faith Formation Classes

Mothers' Group Bake Sale After Masses

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

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

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

MONDAY, APRIL 24

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

Boy Scout Troop 124: 7:00pm; A2/A3

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A3

Divorced and Separated: 7:00pm; Conference Room

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Social Room

RCIA Mystagogy: 7:30pm; Youth Room

Prayer Vigil for Execution: 8:30pm; de Sales Chapel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

Faith Formation Classes

The Papacy – From Italian Prince to Universal Pastor:
10:00am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

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

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

The Papacy – From Italian Prince to Universal Pastor:
7:00pm; A3

Welcome Home: 7:00pm; Social Room

Catholic Social Teaching: 7:30pm; B1

Finance Council: 7:30pm; Conference Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

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

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

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Social Room

Health Ministry: 7:00pm; Conference Room

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Brown Bag Weekend

Bereavement Group: 10:00am; Social Room

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

Faith Formation Classes

Boy Scout Troop 124 Donut Sale After Morning Masses

Brown Bag Weekend

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Acts 2:42-47;
Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Peter 1:3-9;
John 20:19-31

Today as Jesus appears to His Disciples after his resurrection, we experience him in his glorious immortal body. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Alas how the faith of Jesus' Apostles is shaken after his crucifixion! Assembled in a room with closed doors, they are filled with fear. Then Jesus enters, stands in their midst, and greets them: Peace be with you. Showing them the signs and marks of the reconciliation of humanity with God, He says, see my hands and my side. Why does he do this? To bolster their vacillating faith. Without the presence of our Savior, they felt timid and lacked strength. Such is the case when one is without God. They were afraid. Like a ship tossed in a storm without a pilot, such was this poor boat. Our Lord appears to his disciples to bring relief to their fear.

What joy and celebration the Apostles experience when they see their Master in their midst. Jesus affirms their vacillating faith, assures their daunting hope and illumines their sacred love of God. Faith, hope, and holy love are necessary while we remain on earth. In heaven only holy love lives on. Especially with his Disciples during these days after his resurrection, and particularly in the apparition recounted today, Our Savior only does one thing: teach us that it is necessary to believe, to hope and to love.

He comes to bring safety in this place besieged of fear. He takes our miseries and ennobles them. Do you have need of strength? Here are my hands. Do you have need of a heart? Here is mine. His power gently gives us power. A living faith knows its power. Vivified by holy love, a living faith serves God as a faithful servant. May we be rooted in faith, joyful hope and fervent in holy love, in which we will rejoice for all eternity.

(Adapted from Saint Francis de Sales Oeuvres: Sermons)

"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.***

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Saturday, April 29	5:00pm	First Eucharist
Sunday, April 30	9:30am	First Eucharist
Sunday, April 30	1:30pm	First Eucharist
Sunday, May 7	11:30am	First Eucharist
Saturday, May 20	5:00pm	First Eucharist
Sunday, May 21	9:30am	First Eucharist
Sunday, May 21	5:00pm	First Eucharist



SATURDAY

5:00pm

APRIL 22

Richard Provencer †

SUNDAY

7:30am

APRIL 23

Carol Miller †

9:30am

Martha and Paul Kopson ††

11:30am

Cyril Antony, Special Intention

1:30pm

People of the Parish

5:00pm

Margaret M. and John I. Burns ††

MONDAY

9:00am

APRIL 24

Anthony R. Buscemi †

12:10pm

Maria Antonette Roaquin Munar †

TUESDAY

6:30am

APRIL 25

Matilde Cruz †

9:00am

Sandra McCarthy †

WEDNESDAY

9:00am

APRIL 26

Joseph Valentino †

12:10pm

Thomas Harms †

THURSDAY

6:30am

APRIL 27

Doris L. Tansey †

9:00am

Amelia Valentino †

FRIDAY

9:00am

APRIL 28

Elizabeth Zumbuhl †

12:10pm

Bob Dowds †

SATURDAY

5:00pm

APRIL 29

Louis St. Pierre †

SUNDAY

7:30am

APRIL 30

Kim Zieschang, Special Intention

9:30am

Leonard Mandrgoc †

11:30am

Mary and Leo Dudek ††

1:30pm

Sandra McCarthy †

5:00pm

People of the Parish

BEST WISHES to **Molly Pruski and Andrew Eck** who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they grow together in Christ's love.





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

- April 24 Reverend Paul A. Berghout
- April 25 Reverend Joseph D. Bergida
- April 26 Reverend Dort A. Bigg
- April 27 Reverend Vincent P. Bork
- April 28 Reverend Thomas G. Bourque, TOR
- April 29 Reverend Joseph T. Brennan, OSFS
- April 30 Reverend Edward J. Bresnahan

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

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Psalm 16, our response to this reading declares that the just will be spared corruption. Convinced of Christ's resurrection, Peter uses this psalm to help his Jewish audience find the fulfillment of scripture in Christ.

Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 10, 11 Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1 Peter 1:17-21 Why should we hope and believe in God? It is because God revealed Himself as the God of the living in the resurrection of His Son. Silver and gold are diminishable securities. Christ has saved us by His priceless blood.

Luke 24:13-35 Luke articulates Easter faith for every generation that has not seen but wishes to believe. We must persevere on the road of faith until the cross of defeat is truly seen to be the source of salvation. This vision comes slowly. It is in the constant return to the bread of word and sacrament that we most clearly recognize Christ present in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of April 29-30 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Don
Sunday	7:30am	Father Bill
Sunday	9:30am	Father Don
Sunday	11:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Charles Phukuta, CICM with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Joe with Deacon Joe



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Judith Azzara**, mother of Mike Ryan; and **Arthur Murphy**, father of Megan Murphy and grandfather of Audrey.



RCIA RITE OF RECEPTION As we rejoice in the glory of the Easter season we celebrate a special liturgy this weekend. With great joy we welcome three RCIA candidates to the Eucharistic table Sunday at the 5:00pm Mass. Andrew Phebus is being received into Full Communion of the Catholic Church. Baptized in another faith tradition he will make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church and, together with Christine Kennefick and Laila Sultan who were baptized in the Catholic Church, receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. They have been accompanied in the RCIA by sponsors Brian Torro, Deacon Joe Chandler, and Carol Naber. Let us hold new Catholics and their families in prayer as they continue their journeys of faith.

INVITATION: At the Easter Vigil we initiated brothers and sisters who have discovered faith in Jesus in our Catholic tradition. Our joy in witnessing this growth of faith helps us realize the power we all have to bring this joy to the lives of others. Everyone who decides to become part of the Catholic faith community does so because of his or her contact with Catholics whose lives have born witness to their faith. If you know anyone who has expressed interest in the Catholic community of faith, please have this person contact Mickie Abatemarco and please offer to bring him or her to church. If *you* have been thinking about joining our community of faith, we encourage you to talk to one of our priests or call Mickie Abatemarco at 703-390-2340.

EXECUTION PRAYER VIGIL Tuesday, April 25, the Commonwealth of Virginia is scheduled to execute Ivan Teleguz for the 2001 murder-for-hire of Stephanie Sipe. Mr. Teleguz insists he is innocent. Join Pax Christi at 8:30pm in de Sales Chapel to pray for Mr. Teleguz, for Ms. Sipe and her family, and for an end to the death penalty as urged by Pope Francis. Please let Bob More (rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com) know if you're planning to come, so he can notify you if there is any last-minute stay of the execution.

ARE YOU CATHOLIC AND WANT TO RETURN TO THE CHURCH?

Join us this Wednesday, April 26, at 7:00pm in the Social Room. We at Saint John Neumann welcome your return.

Whatever your situation, we welcome you and will listen attentively and respectfully to your concerns and feelings with acceptance and without judgment. There will be no pressure nor anticipated commitments of any type. There is a group of Catholics who have struggled with faith, and, in some cases, have been away from the Church for an extended period of time.

For some, after time away, their understanding of the Catholic faith may be incomplete or may include "misinformation." Or, perhaps you may have specific questions regarding Church teachings. We want to provide a forum where issues of faith and doubt can be honestly and openly addressed. We can also provide excellent catechetical resources if you would like them.

Please contact Director of Faith Formation, Mickie Abatemarco 703-390-2340 or mabatemarco@saintjn.org.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 these diocesan workshops:

- 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, let us know!

“Above everything else, we must pray.”

Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATIVE CENTERING PRAYER

Fr. William Meninger, OSCO, a Trappist monk living at St. Benedict Abbey in Snowmass, CO, will return to our parish on May 4 for a presentation on meditative and centering prayer. Some of you are already familiar with contemplative prayer, as we have weekly morning and evening gatherings most Thursdays.

Fr. Meninger's presentation will be based on teachings from two 14th century texts, "The Cloud of Unknowing" and "The Book of Privy Counseling". Combined, these texts present contemplative meditation as a teachable, spiritual process enabling the ordinary person to enter and receive a direct experience of union with God. This form of meditation, recently known as Centering Prayer can be traced from and through the earliest centuries of Christianity. The Centering Prayer centers one on God.

If you have heard Fr. Meninger before, you know that we are in for a wonderful treat. Join us Thursday, May 4, for his presentation at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel.

Parish Information

BROWN BAG WEEKEND The Cornerstones van will be here after all the Masses next weekend, April 29-30. Please remember to bring your donations for those in need in our community. This month they especially need dried beans (any type), canned fruit, vinegar, and baking soda.



KRISPY CREMES REMINDER! Don't forget that Boy Scout Troop 124 will be selling donuts next Sunday, after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. The troop is also looking to grow and expand and would love to talk to any of the young men of our parish, ages 10-16, who might consider joining our boy-led organization where they can grow in leadership, learn outdoor skills and experience the great outdoors. The funds they raise will continue to support their goal of supplying campout needs and partially fund their week at summer camp.



MEALS MINISTRY If anyone in our parish is in need of meals during an illness, surgery, or other emergency, we have a group that is willing to provide meals during this time for you and/or your family. Contact Diane Trentacoste at 703-868-1380 or Jo-Ann Duggan at 703-860-6149.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT RETURNS ON FRIDAY, MAY 12

Put on your pj's and bring your favorite blanket or sleeping bag! We will be showing the movie "TROLLS" and providing Ice Cream Sundaes for everyone. Ice Cream will be served at 6:30pm and the movie will start at 7:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium.

SMART MARKETS IS COMING HERE!

Did you notice the "food trend" in the last four articles? Here comes some more, with Smart Markets moving their Wednesday Reston farmers' market, most recently located at the Wiehle Avenue Metro station, **to our parking lot!** As you may have heard, these wonderful merchants will be here every Wednesday from 3:00 - 7:00pm beginning May 3, and they all could become your new best friends! (Would your editor, who has been patronizing this market for over five years, give you a bum steer?) If you are not familiar with Smart Markets, you can check them out at <http://smartmarkets.org/markets/reston/> and see the vendor list for our site. You are definitely going to enjoy the wide variety of their very fresh offerings.

ANXIOUSLY WAITING TO SEE IF YOU WIN?

All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas is holding their annual Spring Festival next weekend, April 29-30 and as part of the Saturday events, they will be drawing the winning tickets for all the cash prizes and automobiles. If you are curious about whether or not you are a winner, you can check throughout the day and evening as winners' names will be posted in real time on <http://www.allsaintsvachurch.org/news-and-events/parish-festivalraffle/car-raffle/raffle-schedule-and-winners>. The 20 cash prizes will be drawn every half hour from 1:00-5:30pm; the five vehicle drawings follow from 7:00-9:00pm. Good luck to everyone!





PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONOR ROLL!

The third quarter honor rolls at Paul VI High School were just announced and we congratulate twelve of our parishioners for their achievements. **Grant Hastings, Kate Klimkiewicz, Sydney Mandrgoc, Courtney Tacogue, and Haley Tacogue** were named to the Principal's Honor Roll. Among those named to the Honor Roll are **Carleigh Boland, Sydney Henry, Tyler Levine, Catherine Mandable, Sophia Redmond, Vanessa Van Horn and Alessandra Wade**. We are very proud of each of you!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the parish life at St. John Neumann? Do you have ideas for improving our programs or for how we can grow as a community? If so, you are an ideal candidate for our Pastoral Council. The Council's focus is on engaging parishioners in the life of the parish through worship, community activities and volunteer service.

Parishioners elect members to the Council annually and they serve three-year rolling terms. The Council meets monthly from September through June, making the annual commitment very manageable.

Some of the benefits of being part of the Council include:

- Working with a great group of people to enrich parish life and enhance parish community involvement
- Ensuring that the voices of parishioners are heard and considered when making decisions
- Enhancing your knowledge of the parish and your parish life experience

The Parish Council election will take place the weekend of June 3-4. An absentee ballot process will allow voting before those dates. The absentee process will be published in a future bulletin. If you have an interest in serving on the Council, or know someone who would be a good candidate, let us know. Please take a look around the pews and at those with whom you share ministries. Encourage them to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve! **Please submit your nomination with the nominee's name, phone number and email address to Father Joe at jbrennan@saintjn.org by Thursday, May 4 at 4:00pm.** At that point, nominees will be contacted for additional information. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Stephanie Sturgell at 703-349-5966 or stephiemaurin@yahoo.com or Bob Gallo at 703-629-7096 or rg041344@gmail.com.

FROM THE HEALTH MINISTRY In honor of "Child Abuse Prevention Month", please join us at 7:30pm May 1, for a presentation from Fairfax County Office of Family Services on "Positive Discipline". We will take time to define what abuse is, review vignettes that focus on both positive and negative discipline and review positive tools that we can implement to enhance better communication with children. There will be time for questions with the social

worker as well. Many of us only carry our own experiences into parenting, grandparenting or childcare. We are never too old to learn healthy new ways of interaction. Please join us for this important presentation in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium and take a few minutes to review the Health Ministry pamphlet rack and bulletin board for more resources. For further information, please contact our Susan Infeld SJN Parish Nurse at sinfeld@saintjn.org.

WALK TO JERUSALEM: "THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME"

At press time, we still don't have the final miles count but safe it to say that St. John Neumann had enough support to get to Jerusalem and back home to Reston! What a great time we had prompting him these weeks of Lent! 85 teams registered, with "Facebook Friends Walkers" leading the pack with miles reported. We had many family teams (which just thrilled us), along with RCIA, RE Classes, Agape, SJN Ministries and some of our more creative groups such as "Five O'clock Shadow", "Los Gauchos", "Friends of Francis", "Crazy Counters", "More Cow Bell", and "Tom's Travelers" to name a few. Like the movie "The Wizard of Oz", we had a "woman behind the curtain" who served as cheerleader, collector of the miles, coach and co-captain of this effort in so many ways. My deepest thanks go to Health Ministry's Terry Barlow, whose boundless energy kept us all inspired! Congratulations parishioners...we *made* it! Look for upcoming walking opportunities as we move to collaborate efforts with the Care For The Common Home Ministry to increase our awareness, sensitivity and health consciousness this summer!

JUSTFAITH Longing for a safe place to talk about social issues through the lens of your Catholic faith? JustFaith is an inspiring and energizing program that engages participants in Jesus's life and witness and His call to love and serve others. You'll share with others a spiritual journey of faith and compassion that is life-giving. JustFaith graduates will be available after all Masses the weekend of May 6-7. For more information about JustFaith or the JustFaith weekend, please contact either Jessica Dennis at saintjn.justfaith@gmail.com or Tom or Michele Costello at 703-860-0022.

WHAT COLLEGE STUDENT COULDN'T USE

\$1,000? The Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council #7566 of St. John Neumann is once again offering scholarships for graduating high school seniors or students already in college to help defray the high costs of higher education. **This year the Knights will grant three (3) one thousand dollar (\$1,000) scholarships!**



More information about applying will be provided in the Sunday, May 7 bulletin, with applications due **no later than** close of business Tuesday, May 30.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.
- **Legion of Mary** Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home for two weeks? If interested, the Legion of Mary will deliver and retrieve the Holy Virgin at your convenience. For information email pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com or call 703-968-3337.
- **Life+Savers:** 7th and 8th grade teens gather on the 1st Saturday of each month, (except December) for fun activities, guest speakers and refreshments from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Drop into the Youth Room to relax or play after Sunday Faith Formation class while waiting for parent pickup or siblings attending Agape. Contact Kevin McManus at lifesavers@saintjn.org.
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to momsgroup@saintjn.org.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1st Friday morning or the 2nd Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email kmonroe58@gmail.com, and for evening sessions email gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com.
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at megan.murphy218@gmail.com.
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at youngadults@saintjn.org.

YOUNG ADULTS: Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any event, to RSVP, or to be added to the YA email distribution list, email Thomas Patchan at saintjnya@gmail.com.

- **Friday, April 28, 6:30pm, Young Adult Happy Hour, P.J. Mulligan's Herndon:** Celebrate the Easter season and the weekend with a happy hour with the young adult community! Food and drink deals will last until 7:00pm, live music will be played, and it will be a great chance to meet the community. Please RSVP.
- **Sunday, May 7, 9:20am, Monthly Mass and Brunch, Church:** We'll be starting a new tradition of gathering one Sunday each month to attend Mass together and enjoy brunch afterwards! We'll meet at the Welcome Desk before 9:30am Mass to sit together and will reconvene after to go to brunch. Please RSVP.

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 27; 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 Bavarian Inn.
- **Thursday, May 11;** Lunch at the Ice House Café in Herndon. See their menu at 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 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. Continued next page

Ongoing Faith Formation continued

- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.
- **Mothers' Group Bible Study** This group meets from 10 to 11:30am most Fridays from September through May, and covers the upcoming Sunday scripture. Childcare is available. RSVP is required to attend. Email Christy Cottrell for more information at christylc23@gmail.com.
- **Independent Online Bible Study** This 8-session course, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" will help uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, to get the "big picture" of the Bible. Details and registration link are available on our website under Faith Formation/Adults.
- **Power of Story** This program, presented by William R. Stott, Jr. meets Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel. Class schedule and registration forms are in brochures available at the Welcome Desk.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

Doug Johnson
703-860-6141
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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 23** - High School Night: 6:15pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, April 30** - High School Night: 6:15pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Saturday, May 6** - Mini work Camp: 9:00am-3:00pm; Parking Lot
- **Sunday, May 7** - Agape Kick-Out: 6:00 - 9:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

*"We must not throw away the gifts of God.
We must use them to produce good fruit."*

Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT (AGAPE)

Calling all teens! Join us tonight, April 23, for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun. At this Sunday's session, we will be discussing the message of Divine Mercy and the role that Pope John Paul II played in bringing this devotion to us. Come and learn more about our Catholic faith and traditions and how we can apply our Christian values to our daily lives and in our relationships with others. This will also be a great opportunity to share snacks, enjoy fellowship and make new friends! All high school teens are invited and welcome, so bring a friend.

MARCH MINI WORK CAMP Thank you, and God bless you to our hardy crew of teens and adults that participated in the March 11 Mini Work Camp. This dynamic and talented group did an outstanding job at a townhouse owned by Cornerstones and rented to low income families. Great effort and work was provided by Teens: Matthew Musio, Dayana Nicoll Marmol Garcia, Sam Barbaro Stephen Lucas, along with Adults: John Feroldi, Steve Lucas, Thomas Patchan and Tom Barbaro. Your unselfish donation of your time and talents has provided much needed support, help and benefit to those in need in our community. Special thanks to Phyllis Rienzo-Parr for her sterling efforts in coordinating the Mini Work Camp program. The efforts of this dedicated and hardworking troupe have truly made a difference in the lives of others!

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Thank you also to our teens and young people who dedicated their time and talents to a beautiful and very moving presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday afternoon. Our community was blessed by the reading, musical and acting talents of Cathleen Papas, Brigid Morrow, Delaney Patterson, Henry Delao, Sarah Mamros, Alexandra Toner, Gabriel Patterson, Leo Weeks, Collin Funaki, Lydia Lodge, Andrew Funaki, Ethan Hanover, Paul Hanover and Doug Johnson. Special thanks to Andrew Funaki for accepting the challenging role of Jesus and to Paul Hanover for his musical direction and talents. We also acknowledge the loving support of the parents of our young people who have nurtured and encouraged their children to develop and share their talents.

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, May 6 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 for a permission slip and to let her know you will participate in the mini work camp.



HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY E-MAIL LIST: Contact Doug Johnson at djohnson@saintjn.org if you wish to be placed on the SJN High School Teen Ministry email list. This is a great way to learn the latest information on events, programs and opportunities to serve in our high school teen program.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Around the Diocese

HELP FIGHT HUNGER IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

The 10th annual **Empty Bowls Fundraiser** to benefit hunger relief in Northern Virginia will be hosted by the **Giving Circle of HOPE** on Friday, April 28 from 5:30 to 8:00pm at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Local potter artisans donate over 500 bowls that are individually designed and created just for the *Empty Bowls* fundraisers. All proceeds will be donated to *Food for Others*, the largest distributor of free food in Northern Virginia. All are welcome to come together around a meal of soup, bread and dessert. For a donation of \$25.00 for adults (\$30 at the door) and \$15.00 for children under 12, each guest selects a bowl to take with them as a reminder that there are always Empty Bowls in the world. To order tickets online, visit www.givingcircleofHOPE.org, a charity near and dear to the hearts of many parishioners.



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. Bishop O'Connell is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

Special Collection Stewardship

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL COLLECTION

Next week, we have a special collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

OUR THANKS TO
MAYFLOWERS AT RESTON TOWN CENTER
FOR SPONSORING AN AD
IN OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN

HISPANIC VOCATIONS MASS

WITH BISHOP BURBIDGE

Join Bishop Burbidge to pray for more vocations especially from our Hispanic communities. This annual Mass will be celebrated in Spanish on Sunday, April 30 at St. Anthony Church in Falls Church at 3:30pm.

CATHOLIC ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVE

Do you have a Catholic Advance Medical Directive (AMD)? The Diocese of Arlington has a simple 2-part document which allows you legally to declare your medical healthcare advocate or agent and includes an optional organ donation authorization, which can be used by all adults. Avoid being caught unprepared for you and your loved ones to make those tough medical decisions. To obtain a copy of the Catholic Advance Medical Directive in English or Spanish, contact your parish office, or contact the Arlington Respect Life Office at respectlife@arlingtondiocese.org or (703) 841-3817. Copies may also be filled out on-line and downloaded from this site: www.arlingtondiocese.org/Family-Life/End-of-Life-Medical-Directives.

CORPORATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COORDINATOR 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. 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 or call (703) 841-3838



LAPTOPS NEEDED! Catholic Charities is seeking working laptops. If you have one collecting dust, please consider donating it and allowing your laptop to serve a useful purpose! Contact sodwyer@ccda.net.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"*
JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbor, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.