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Please call Mickie Abatemarco at 703-390-2340, to inquire about becoming Catholic.

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

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

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

**THIS WEEK AT SJN...**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 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

**MONDAY, MAY 1**

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

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

Positive Discipline Workshop: 7:30pm; Brown-McCarthy

Auditorium

**TUESDAY, MAY 2**

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A3

Divorced and Separated: 7:00pm; Main Office Work Room

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

Pastoral Council: 7:30pm; Conference Room

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Social Room

RCIA Mystagogy: 7:30pm; Youth Room

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**

Faith Formation Classes

The Papacy – From Italian Prince to Universal Pastor:

10:00am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Smart Markets Farmers' Market: 3:00pm; Lower Parking Lot

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 4**

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

Christian Meditation and Contemplative Centering Prayer -

Fr. William Meninger, OCSO: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**

Praying College Moms: 9:45; Conference Room

Mothers' Group First Friday Social: 10:00am; Early Religious Room

Voce Concert and Reception: "The Gentle Place of the Ancient Heart"; 8:00pm; de Sales Chapel

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

Life+Savers: 3:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium, B6/B7

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

Faith Formation Classes

Knights of Columbus Charity Fundraising Breakfast: 8:30am;

Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Youth Pastoral Council: 3:30pm; Youth Room

Blood Pressure Screening: 2:30pm; Brown-McCarthy

Auditorium

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



St. Joseph The Worker-Feast Day May 1

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Due to early bulletin deadlines, this is the first opportunity that I have to express on behalf of the parish, a big Thank You to everyone who gave of their time and talent to the Triduum and Easter celebrations. These liturgical celebrations were truly a holy expression of our faith. The church, chapel, auditorium and narthex were beautifully decorated by our creative and hard working environment committee. Our choirs once again enhanced our prayer at all of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies. Thanks once again to all of our liturgical ministers, altar servers, ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, mass coordinators and certainly our faithful sacristan. Without your commitment and patience we would not be able to celebrate these liturgies with the dignity that we do.

Deep gratitude is extended to our Knights of Columbus who did a great job in managing the traffic and parking lot. Your patience and kindness helped all of us to have a good experience both inside and outside of church.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to all of our parishioners and visitors whose participation in the Triduum and Easter liturgies is what it is all about. Together we give thanks and praise to our God whose son, Jesus Christ, died and rose so that we may have eternal life!

Starting this weekend and for the next several weekends, we will be celebrating the reception of First Eucharist with our young people. Let us keep them and their families in our prayers and may these young people be a reminder to all of us of the joy and importance the Eucharist has in our lives.

May this Easter Season, all 50 days, continue to offer each of us joy and peace!

Live Jesus,

Father Joe

**BEST WISHES** to **Nancy Richardson and Ron Obermeyer** 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: **Theodore Nicola Bergstresser**, son of Keith and Michelle; **Natalie Aleksandra Cerniglia** daughter of Mark and Aleksandra; **Chase Nolan Graskell**, son of Javier and Marie Claire; **Jeremy William Rogers**, son of Gregory and Megan; and **Rodney Del Ross, Jr.**, son of Rodney and Jean.

### Prayer and Liturgy



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**Acts 2:14, 22-33;**  
**Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 10, 11;**  
**1 Peter 1:17-21;**  
**Luke 24:13-35**

*"Two disciples were making their way to a village named Emmaus. In the midst of their lively exchange, Jesus approached and began to walk along with them."*

We know that during most of this seven-mile walk with Jesus, the two disciples failed to recognize the true identity of their travel companion. It was not until they were seated at table with him—and Jesus broke and shared bread with them—that their eyes were finally opened.

What was it about such a simple act that enabled them to recognize Jesus? Undoubtedly, it reminded them of that powerful moment that directly preceded Christ's betrayal, passion and death: the Last Supper. In addition, it may have reminded them of countless experiences of table fellowship with Jesus and the other disciples—simple, personal and intimate opportunities to understand more about Jesus' identity. The ordinary but profound act of breaking and sharing bread had become for them a gateway to experiencing the divine precisely in the midst of everyday, human events.

The connection with this story to the Church's eventual understanding of communion was not lost on St. Francis de Sales. In his book entitled On the Preacher and Preaching, he wrote: *"It is certain that since our Lord is really within us, he gives us brightness, for he is the light. After the disciples at Emmaus had communicated, 'their eyes were opened.'"* In our celebration and reception of communion, gathered around the table of the Lord, we are challenged to see both how Christ is present in the Eucharist, and also how Christ is present in us.

Still, we need to expand our notion of communion in order to more deeply understand the meaning of this scene in the Gospel. Jesus is especially present whenever there is table fellowship; Jesus is embodied whenever people allow themselves to be broken and shared with, and for, others.

When we break bread with others, the ongoing power and promise of the risen Christ is made manifest to us. When we choose to break ourselves open to nourish and feed others, we embody in our own day and age something of the same Jesus who companioned these two disciples so long ago.

*Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS  
Executive Director of the De Sales Spirituality Services*



**SATURDAY APRIL 29**  
 5:00pm Louis St. Pierre †

**SUNDAY APRIL 30**  
 7:30am Kim Zieschang, Special Intention  
 9:30am Leonard Mandrogoc †  
 11:30am Mary and Leo Dudek ††  
 1:30pm Sandra McCarthy †  
 5:00pm People of the Parish

**MONDAY MAY 1**  
 9:00am William Zumbuhl †  
 12:10pm Patrick Lee †

**TUESDAY MAY 2**  
 6:30am Josephine Papandrea †  
 9:00am Dr. Thomas O'Neill †

**WEDNESDAY MAY 3**  
 9:00am Cecelia and Steve Bellen ††  
 12:10pm Daniel Schlett †

**THURSDAY MAY 4**  
 6:30am Joseph Cuccurullo †  
 9:00am Janet Lessard †

**FRIDAY MAY 5**  
 9:00am Pratap Chirayath †  
 12:10pm Robert Fulton Hanlon †

**SATURDAY MAY 6**  
 5:00pm (Chapel) Kathleen K. Pelletier †  
 5:00pm Church) People of the Parish

**SUNDAY MAY 7**  
 7:30am Florence Kaider †  
 9:30am Gregory Schutta †  
 11:30am Paul McGuinness †  
 1:30pm Richard McNally †  
 5:00pm James Burbach†

**LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND**

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of May 6 - May 7 are:

Saturday	5:00pm (Chapel)	Father Joe
Saturday	5:00pm (Church)	Father Bob
Sunday	7:30am	Father Bill
Sunday	9:30am	Father Bob with Deacon Dennis
Sunday	11:30am	Father Joe with Deacon Dennis
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Charles Phukuta, CICM
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Don

**UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES**

Saturday, May 6	5:00pm	Baptism
Sunday, May 7	11:30am	First Eucharist
Saturday, May 20	5:00pm	First Eucharist
Sunday, May 21	9:30am	First Eucharist
Sunday, May 21	11:30pm	Baptism
Sunday, May 21	5:00pm	First Eucharist

*“You have made known to me  
 the paths of life;  
 you will fill me with joy in your presence.”*

*Acts 2:28*



**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 30	Reverend Joseph P. Jocco, OSFS
May 1	Reverend William J. Keech, OSFS
May 2	Reverend Eugene L. Kelly, OSFS
May 3	Reverend John J. Kelly, OSFS
May 4	Reverend John F. Kenny, OSFS
May 5	Reverend Patrick J. Kifolo, OSFS
May 6	Reverend Dennis W. Killion, OSFS

**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 2:14, 36-41** Luke describes the paradigm for Christian conversion. The good news of the risen Christ is proclaimed by a witness; the hearer is moved to conversion, is baptized and receives the Spirit, thus becoming a member of the community of believers.

**Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6** Shepherd me, O God.

**1 Peter 2:20b-25** The attitude of Jesus throughout his passion is a convincing statement of non-violence and its effects. Confident in the integrity of his act, he endures persecution. Stripped of all power, he finds his strength in God alone. Delivered to the One who judges justly, he has become the guardian of the powerless.

**John 10:1-10** The language of the gospel is purposely ambiguous. The evangelist can compare Jesus to a shepherd and to the gate of the sheepfold. Christ, the shepherd, personally knows his sheep. The gate gives access to the pasture. Jesus is the mediator of salvation between God and humanity.

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"The bed of the sick is an altar of sacrifice." St. Francis de Sales*

**PLEASE PRAY** for Jeannette Teems 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.***



**AN 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.

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION AND CONTEMPLATIVE CENTERING PRAYER

Fr. William Meninger, OCSO, 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

***"If you want to find God, seek him in humility,  
seek him in poverty, seek him where he is hidden:  
in the neediest, in the sick, in the hungry,  
in the imprisoned."***

*Pope Francis*

## Parish Information

### LAST CALL FOR PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Please consider becoming a candidate for the Pastoral Council. The Council's focus is on engaging parishioners in the life of the parish through worship, community activities and volunteer service. Recent activities include approving the pursuit of establishing a pre-school at St. John Neumann; initiating the formation of the Youth Pastoral Council in response to the 2012 CARA Study, so that youth/teen issues are made known; and - currently ongoing - involvement in the preparation of the parish's Three-Year Pastoral Plan.

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 and Pastor meet monthly throughout the school year, so your annual commitment is very manageable, and you will:

- work with our pastor and a great group of individuals to enrich parish life and enhance parish community involvement.
- ensure that the voices of the parishioners are heard and considered when making decisions.
- enhance your knowledge of the parish.

Election occurs June 3 - 4, 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 Joe at [jbrennan@saintjn.org](mailto:jbrennan@saintjn.org) by this Thursday, May 4 at 4:00pm. If you have questions or would like more information, contact Stephanie Sturgell at [stephiemaurin@yahoo.com](mailto:stephiemaurin@yahoo.com) or 703-349-5966 or Bob Gallo at [rg041344@gmail.com](mailto:rg041344@gmail.com) or 703-629-7096.

### FROM THE HEALTH MINISTRY

In honor of "Child Abuse Prevention Month", please join us tomorrow, May 1 at 7:30pm, 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](mailto:sinfeld@saintjn.org).

**MOVIE NIGHT FOR FAMILIES** Remember your sleeping bag, pillow and blanket when you join us on Friday, May 12 at 6:30pm for ice cream sundaes and 7:00pm for the movie, "TROLLS", in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium.

### **SMART MARKETS APPEARS WEDNESDAY!**

No doubt you have seen the sign at our parking lot entrance and the article last weekend about Smart Markets moving their Wednesday Reston farmers' market from the Wiehle Avenue Metro station *to our parking lot!* The market will be here every Wednesday from 3:00 - 7:00pm beginning this week and many parishioners are really looking forward to this. 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. At this point, the vendor list for us shows 17 vendors! When you come the first time, be sure to sign up for the weekly emails Smart Markets will send alerting you to some of the specials or specific items the vendors will be offering at this location. Bon appétit!



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ANOTHER HEARTY BREAKFAST!**

The Knights of Columbus will host their monthly Charity Fundraising Breakfast next Sunday, May 7, from 8:30 to 11:00am. The beneficiary is NPH USA, formerly Friends of the Orphans, transforming the lives of abandoned and disadvantaged children in Latin America and the Caribbean by supporting the homes, healthcare and educational programs of Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"). The children (called "pequeños") receive holistic care, going beyond their basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, health care and an education. Their programs provide a spiritual foundation with the goal of raising good Christians and productive members of their respective societies. The children receive spiritual guidance from dedicated staff and volunteers who are motivated by a calling to live a life of service to others. Join us for breakfast, and take some time to chat with a representative from NPH USA about their work and ways in which you can help their support their efforts.

**MORE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS** The Graziano family has been selected as the Council's Family of the Month for April 2017. The Grazianos have been active members of the St. John Neumann community for over 20 years. Tom joined the Knights of Columbus in 1990 and has been an active member of Family of Man Council 7566 since coming to SJN. He has enjoyed volunteering for multiple council activities and, as a fledgling dobro and banjo player, he has provided live music for the summer picnic and membership social. Currently, Tom and his fellow Knights excel in developing imaginative menu items for the monthly Charity Fundraising Breakfasts. Kathy has volunteered as a catechist for many years with our Faith Formation program (kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade). She has participated in the Live Jesus events, as well as providing food donations for Thanksgiving and Hypothermia Shelter week. Their sons Matt and Mark, while in their youth, assisted their dad at Knights' functions and served as co-catechists with their mom. Additionally, Mark was an altar server when our own Pastor, Father Joe, was a Parochial Vicar at SJN. Congratulations to the Grazianos!

### **PRO-LIFE MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!**

We would appreciate your help Friday, May 12, beginning at 10:00am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. You will learn how to create beautiful carnation corsages that will be sold on Mother's Day weekend, May 13 and 14 after most Masses. The past three years' sales have raised over \$3,700 that was donated to Pro-Life Organizations. This year's proceeds will be donated to the Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax. For more information contact Bill Eager at [artbyEAGer@gmail.com](mailto:artbyEAGer@gmail.com) or 703-899-4304. We thank you for your continued support.



**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 next weekend, May 6-7. For more information about JustFaith or the JustFaith weekend, please contact either Jessica Dennis at [saintjn.justfaith@gmail.com](mailto:saintjn.justfaith@gmail.com) or Tom or Michele Costello at 703-860-0022.

***"Keep doing some kind of work,  
that the devil may always  
find you employed."***

*St. Jerome*

**VOCE CHAMBER SINGERS** presents **The Gentle Place of the Ancient Heart** Friday, May 5, at 8:00pm in the de Sales Chapel. Two parishioners with years of involvement with both Voce and our parish are Nikki Rosengren (SJN cantor, accompanist and Director of the Womens' Ensemble) and CJ Capen (SJN Director of Music). Words and music by St. Hildegard von Bingen are the inspiration for Voce's final concerts of the season. The astonishing music of the 12-century visionary will be paired with recent treatments of her texts by composers Frank Ferko and Andrew Jonathan Welch. **Welch will join Voce's keyboard artist CJ Capen in performing the four-hand piano part for the Virginia premiere of his "Visions of Hildegard"**. Contemporary setting of texts by poets and mystics from across the centuries that reflect the imagery and spirit of Hildegard's visions will also be featured. Among these are Arvo Pärt's "Magnificat" and Scottish composer James MacMillan's "Invocation" which is set to a text by John Paul II. If you are unable to attend Friday, Voce will repeat this performance Sunday, May 7 at 4:00pm at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna.

## THE THIRD 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](mailto:info@kofc7566.us).
- **Legion of Mary** Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home for two weeks? If interested, the Legion of Mary will deliver and retrieve the Holy Virgin at your convenience. For information email [pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com) or call 703-968-3337.
- **Life+Savers:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, (except December) for fun activities, guest speakers and refreshments from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Drop into the Youth Room to relax or play after Sunday Faith Formation class while waiting for parent pickup or siblings attending Agape. Contact Kevin McManus at [lifesavers@saintjn.org](mailto:lifesavers@saintjn.org).
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to [momsgroup@saintjn.org](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org).
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email [ksmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:ksmonroe58@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com).
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at [megan.murphy218@gmail.com](mailto:megan.murphy218@gmail.com).
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at [youngadults@saintjn.org](mailto:youngadults@saintjn.org).

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

- **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.
- **Saturday, May 13, 10:00am - 6:00pm, Rosary at church followed by a trip to National Zoo:** We'll explore the D.C. area together by enjoying a day at the National Zoo! Meet at church at 10:00am to pray the rosary together before we carpool. Please RSVP.



*"If you can't feed a hundred people,  
then feed just one."*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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

- **Thursday, May 11;** Lunch at the Ice House Café in Herndon. See their menu at [www.icehousecafe.com](http://www.icehousecafe.com) and contact Pat for reservations after Easter.
- **Tuesday, May 23 - Thursday, May 25: Virginia Beach** We will stay at Comfort Inn and Suites Oceanfront on the boardwalk. Our rate is \$138.66/night, including taxes and fees. The recent 50+ Club email contains more information.

### Faith Formation

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#### ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

- **Becoming A Catholic** Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets year-round on Tuesday evenings. Email [rcia@saintjn.org](mailto:rcia@saintjn.org) for information.
- **Contemplative Prayer** There is quiet prayer together every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We also meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10:00am with Lectio Divinia. 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](mailto:christylc23@gmail.com).
- **Independent Online Bible Study** This 8-session course, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" will help uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, to get the "big picture" of the Bible. Details and registration link are available on our website under Faith Formation/Adults.
- **Power of Story** This program, presented by William R. Stott, Jr. meets Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel. Class schedule and registration forms are in brochures available at the Welcome Desk.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)**

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**UPCOMING AGAPE EVENTS:**

Mark your calendars for the following exciting, fun-filled upcoming Agape or Agape related events and make plans to attend:

- **Sunday, April 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

**HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT (AGAPE)**

Calling all teens! Join us tonight, April 30, for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun. At this Sunday's session, we will be discussing Intentional Discipleship, We will examine our calling and responsibility as Christians to share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ with all those whom we encounter. 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.

**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](mailto:prienzo@verizon.net) for a permission slip and to let her know you will participate in the mini work camp.

**AGAPE KICK OUT** Attention all High School teens, including rising Ninth Graders! You are invited to end the school year with a bang at our Agape Kick Out on Sunday, May 7, from 6:00 until 9:00pm in and around the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium.



Come join us for food and games, ride the mechanical bull, race on three-lane bungee run, enjoy pizza, cotton candy, sno-cones and get lots of information on what's happening in our High School Youth Group over the summer! Take this opportunity to bid farewell to our seniors, welcome incoming freshman, meet new friends and begin the process of looking forward to summer fun. Come and bring your friends! They don't have to be members of our parish or Catholic - all are welcome!

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

**Around the Diocese**

**GREAT GATSBY 20's DANCE**

Featuring the Charleston, Lindy Hop, Foxtrot, & Balboa!  
Saturday, May 13; 7:30 pm - 11:30 pm  
St. Veronica Church Parish Hall, Chantilly, VA  
**Admission:** \$10 **Optional:** Put on your best 20's outfit!

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! Email [stveronicaya@gmail.com](mailto:stveronicaya@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/groups/stveronicaya](http://www.facebook.com/groups/stveronicaya).



**ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES**

**23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS**

*honoring the men and women of the Armed Forces*  
**Sunday, May 21, 4:30pm Mass**

Mass at 4:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 4<sup>th</sup> Street & Michigan Avenue, NE Washington, D.C. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist is The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop.  
<https://www.milarch.org/memorial-mass/laity-registration/>

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Harm's Way Prayer List

**PLEASE PRAY ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK FOR**  
**LT Alejandro Trujillo, USN**; and remember in prayer the other men and women serving in our armed forces and those civilians whose work puts them in harm's way, including ENS William Baker, USN; LtCol Capt Paul A. Keller, USMC; Capt Brian Larson, USAF; LtCol Eric W. Meiers, USAF; **LtCol Vincent J. O'Connor, USAF**; LTC Jeffrey P. O'Donnell, USA; PFC Andrew Rohde, USA; 1stLt Joe Skopowski, USMC; and Katie Stana, FSO, DOS.

*Each week, we rotate the name of one of these individuals to the head of the list, in red boldface, asking you hold this person in your prayers each day throughout the week.*

*Names in black boldface are new this week. If you wish to include the name of an individual stationed in harm's way, please call the church office (703-860-8510) or email [Bulletin@saintjn.org](mailto:Bulletin@saintjn.org). Please let us know when they return so we can welcome them home.*

### Special Collection Stewardship

#### **CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL COLLECTION**

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build stronger faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

#### **TRINITY DOME COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Have you visited the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the largest Roman Catholic Church in the United States, lately (or never)? If not, you need to take your family and see the mosaics with over 14,000,000 pieces of venetian glass being applied to the central and largest dome of the basilica. It depicts The Most Holy Trinity, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a procession of saints, all of whom have an association with the United States and the National Shrine. Included among them are two men near and dear to our parishioners – our patron, St. John Neumann and Blessed Paul VI. Installation began early this year and the dedication of the Trinity Dome is scheduled for December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Visit <https://www.trinitydome.org/> for more information. Please support this important collection to complete the "Crown Jewel" of America's Catholic Church.

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### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?"* LUKE 24:32

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE:

#### Regular Collections (Weekly, Christmas, and Easter)

Budgeted <b>Easter</b> collection 4/16/2017	<b>\$ 102,000</b>
Basket Collection (1114 Checks)	\$ 93,636*
E-Gifts( 161 Gifts)	10,268
Credit Card (23 Gifts)	<u>1,573</u>
Actual Easter Collection 4/16/2017	<b>\$ 105,477</b>
Over (Under) Budgeted Income	<b>\$ 3,477</b>

Budgeted <b>Regular</b> collection 4/23/2017	<b>\$ 46,000</b>
Basket Collection (651 Checks)	\$ 32,260
E-Gifts( 187 Gifts)	11,990
Credit Card (33 Gifts)	<u>2,331</u>
Actual Regular Collection 4/23/2017	<b>\$ 46,581</b>
Over (Under) Budgeted Income	<b>\$ 581</b>

**Special Good Friday Collection**  
**For the Holy Land Shrines** **\$ 4,280**

\*includes Easter donations received prior to the Easter collection.

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date Collection (7/1/16—Present )

Budgeted Operating Income YTD	<b>\$ 2,151,000</b>
Actual Regular Collection YTD	<b>\$ 2,220,659</b>
Over (Under) Budgeted Income	<b>\$ 69,659</b>

**Credit cards and checking??** Parishioners are encouraged to consider participating in our convenient e-giving program, where recurring Sunday donations and all Special collections can easily be made from your checking or credit card accounts. See the Stewardship section of our website, <http://www.saintjn.org/stewardship/> for more details regarding this option.

***"Have patience to walk with short steps  
 until you have wings to fly."***

*St. Francis de Sales*