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Please call Mickie Abatemarco 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, MAY 1

FF Classes

Argentine Dinner Ticket Sales

After Masses

Knights of Columbus Pancake

Breakfast: 8:30am; Brown-

McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am;

Conference Room

High School Teens (Agape):

6:15pm; Brown-McCarthy

Auditorium



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 8

MONDAY, MAY 2

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 3

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

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

Pastoral Council: 7:30pm; Conference Room

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Church History with Father Bob: 10:00am; A1/A2

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

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

JustFaith: 7:00pm; A1/A2

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Spanish Young Adults: 7:00pm; B3

Divorced and Separated: 7:30pm; Conference Room

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

THURSDAY, MAY 5

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

Little Rock Potluck Dinner: 6:00pm; Brown-McCarthy

Auditorium

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Emergency Preparedness: 7:00pm; B11/B12

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

Praying College Moms - Rosary: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Praying College Moms : 9:45am; B5

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

Family Movie Night: 6:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Argentine Dinner Ticket Sales After Mass

Pro Life Carnation Sales After Mass

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

SUNDAY, MAY 8

Argentine Dinner Ticket Sales After Masses

Pro Life Carnation Sales After Morning Masses

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

Sunday RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Some of you already know where my future lies so I thought I would bring you all up to date as to where things stand, since my appointment has already been announced in the new parish. I am assigned as of July 1 to be pastor of Saint Mary of Good Counsel Parish in Adrian, Michigan. Adrian is northwest of Toledo, Ohio, slightly less than an hour's drive away. In my parish bulletin letter announcing my departure from St John Neumann, I stated that I wanted to be relieved of the parish administration and become an associate pastor. But you know how that goes... you plan and God laughs. The Oblates have been in this Michigan parish for a long time and wanted to assure a continued Oblate presence there. The parish is located in the Toledo/Detroit province of the Oblates, but I am on loan to them and remain a member of the Wilmington/Philadelphia province.



Adrian is a small town of about 20,000, so I presume the administrative demands will be somewhat curtailed in volume and the quiet pace of a placement outside of the hectic pace of the DC environment certainly appeals to me at this time in my life. I understand the Irish Hills are beautiful and perhaps I will get to see some of you during the summer months. I do not expect to see any of you during the winter ones. I do have winter clothing that I rarely wore here but I am sure it will be put to good use in Michigan.

This is not my goodbye letter; I am merely catching you all up on what is happening in my life. I have been asked about the naming of a new pastor here. The Diocese of Arlington announces all changes on the weekend of priestly ordinations in June so we will not know that until the official appointment comes from the Bishop.

God bless,

Father Tom

Prayer and Liturgy



BEST WISHES to Shannon Kathleen Bartnick and John William Herrmann who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they grow together in Christ's love.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29;
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

Today's readings remind us that to love Jesus is to keep His word. St. Francis de Sales stresses that we learn to keep His word and live Jesus through a life of prayer and virtue.

Prayer places our mind in the brilliance of God's light and exposes our will to the warmth of God's love. Prayer is a stream of holy water that makes the plants of our good desires grow green and flourish. Each day set aside some time to meditate. If possible meditate early in the morning, when your mind is less distracted and fresher after a night's rest. To live Jesus, ask God's help to pray from your heart.

When you meditate on Jesus' life, you will learn his ways and form your actions after the pattern of his life. Gradually accustom yourself to pass with ease and tranquility from prayer to your various duties even though your duties appear far different from the affections you received in prayer. The lawyer must be able to pass from prayer to pleading cases, the merchant to commerce, and the parent to the care of children. Out of our meditation experience must flow our daily actions, which involve a life of virtue.

Each person must practice in a special manner the virtues needed for the kind of life he or she is called to. In practicing the virtues we should prefer the one most conformable to our duties rather than the one most agreeable to our taste. As a rule comets seem bigger than stars because comets are closer to us. Hence, comets seem bigger to us. Similarly, we esteem certain virtues merely because they appear greater to us. Yet, we must choose the virtues needed to counteract our habitual failings and weaknesses so as to advance in holy love. For instance, if assaulted by anger practice gentleness, no matter how small this virtuous act may seem. True virtue has no limits. If we act out of reverence for God and in good faith, God will raise us up to heights that are truly great so that we may live Jesus.

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

IMPORTANT HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

NOTE The Ascension of the Lord is celebrated forty days after Easter, which this year is Thursday, May 5, or on the following Sunday, depending on where in the United States you live. In the Province of Baltimore, which includes the Diocese of Arlington, the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday, May 8, in place of the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Therefore, your Holy Day obligation will be fulfilled by your usual attendance at weekend Mass.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Ayden Arora Bicocchi**, son of Mark and Seema; **Callum Raymond Blanchard**, son of David and Lindsay; and **Katherine Paige Van Buren**, daughter of Stuart and Susan.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY APRIL 30
5:00pm Paul Wagner †

SUNDAY MAY 1
7:30am Anthony Ferlaino †
9:30am Chafica Maalouf †
11:30am(Church) Peg Clarke †
11:30am(Chapel) William W. Byrne †
1:30pm People of the Parish
5:00pm Helen Hook Clarke †

MONDAY MAY 2
9:00am Catalino Rodriguez
12:10pm Josephine Papandrea †

TUESDAY MAY 3
6:30am Jay Nichols †
9:00am Teresa Colucci †

WEDNESDAY MAY 4
6:30am William Smith †
9:00am Pauline Baker †
12:10pm Al and Mary Brown, Special Intention

THURSDAY MAY 5
6:30am John Hornak †
9:00am Leonard Mandrgoc †

FRIDAY MAY 6
9:00am Irene Dubois †
12:10pm Soledad Enriquez †

SATURDAY MAY 7
5:00pm People of the Parish

SUNDAY MAY 8
7:30am Ofelia Liston †
9:30am Gracy Breidy †
11:30am Peg Clarke †
1:30pm Ann Giglio †
5:00pm Paul Migliara, Special Intention

PLEASE PRAY for those who have asked for our prayers: **Andrea Chomistek**, **Marylynn Chomistek**, Charlie Ibarra, Katie Brown, Lila Day, Maureen McInerney, Amanda Morris and **Dick Quinn**, 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.

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.

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

Acts 1:1-1 The Ascension is the hinge between the ministry of Jesus recounted in Luke's gospel and the mission of the Church, described by that same author in the Acts of the Apostles. The vocabulary from other departure episodes in scripture has been used to describe this Ascension, e.g. the ascension of Elijah (2 Kgs 2) and the exodus of the Lord's glory from the Temple (Ezek. 10).

Psalm 47: God Mounts His Throne God mounts His throne to shouts of joy!

Ephesians 1:17-23 The Ascension is completed when Christ is enthroned at the right hand of the Father. Because Christ transcends all ages and all places, He is united to all humanity. Thus He draws all to the Father.

Luke 24:46-53 Luke speaks more explicitly about the Ascension at the beginning of his second book, the Acts of the Apostles. At the end of his gospel he makes reference to unspecified post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. His followers' first movements had been made in disbelief. They were quickly followed by the full blessing of faith. The evangelist thus paints an icon of Christ blessing His Church which awaits His return in joy and thanksgiving.

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, May 8	9:30am	Baptism
Saturday, May 21	5:00pm	Baptism
Sunday, May 29	11:30am	Baptism

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGICAL REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER HEET



Father Heet continues his monthly series with discussion of The Preparation of the Gifts.

The part of the Mass we now call "The Preparation of the Gifts" used to be known as "The Offertory". The change in name reflects the fact that the action of offering takes place later in the liturgy, at the end of the Eucharistic prayer, when the gifts we offer our heavenly Father are not bread and wine but rather the consecrated Body and Blood of our Lord. That being said, the preparation of those gifts to be transformed is a significant part of our liturgical action for several reasons. In the prayer of preparation, the presider refers to both the bread and wine as "work of human hands". As I am fond of pointing out, we don't prepare wheat and grapes to be consecrated, but bread and wine, realities that are "manufactured"; as such, they represent what we as members of the congregation have done when we were not at Mass during the week: the actions we have taken, the decisions we have made, the work we have accomplished. In that sense, not only will the bread become the bread of life and the wine become our spiritual drink, but our work, our efforts, our lives will be consecrated as well.

This reality is also symbolized by the collection. We know in earlier days of the church, members of the congregation would bring fruits, vegetables and grain to be offered; that is the origin of the priest washing his hands at the end of this part of the Mass. In our world, money is a powerful symbol of what we have accomplished and so we offer it both for the upkeep of the church and the needs of the poor and again, it represents what we have been doing during the week.

As the preparation of the gifts concludes, the priest invites the congregation to join him in prayer that our very human offerings will be accepted and transformed by God; the final prayer expresses that hope in words that reflect the current liturgical season.



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:

- May 2 Reverend Richard R. DeLillio, OSFS
- May 3 Reverend John J. Dennis, OSFS
- May 4 Reverend James T. Dever, OSFS
- May 5 Reverend David J. Devlin, OSFS
- May 6 Reverend Joseph A. DiMauro, OSFS
- May 7 Reverend John H. Dochkus, OSFS
- May 8 Reverend John J. Dolan, OSFS

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of May 7 - May 8 are:

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

Parish Information

EARTHQUAKE IN ECUADOR: SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

By now everyone knows how devastating the earthquake was and will be for some time for the people of Ecuador. Our sister parish in Manta did not suffer significant damage, but the people they serve have experienced tremendous loss. Other facilities of the Oblate Priests and Sisters were completely destroyed.

This weekend, April 30 - May 1, because of our long-standing relationship with Manta, we will hold a special collection for the victims of this event. Please be as generous as you are able, as the need for every possible type of support is overwhelming. Let us thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us, and give what we can to help our friends with so little, or nothing.

Donations collected at St. John Neumann will be forwarded directly to Niño Jesús for the Oblates there to distribute locally as they see the best fit.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS will be held May 14-15 at all Masses. We will elect three new members and a fourth will be appointed by the pastor. Our candidates are Christopher Booker, Jessica Dennis, Diana Glod, Laurie Hertneky, Travis Hunt, and Peter Uncles. Their photos and nomination forms are posted in the narthex, outside the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium and on the parish website.

For those unable to vote in person on May 14-15, absentee votes may be cast electronically from May 7-13 on our website. Paper ballots will be available at weekend Masses May 7-8 at the Welcome Desk and during the week at the parish office secretary's desk.

Names of our new council members will be announced in a future bulletin.

PRO LIFE MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP

We would appreciate your help this Friday, May 6, beginning at 10:00am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. You will learn how to, and then make, beautiful carnation corsages that will be sold on Saturday, May 7 after the 5:00pm Mass and Mother's Day, May 8, after the morning Masses. The past two years' sales have raised almost \$2,500.00 that was donated to Pro Life Organizations. This year's proceeds will be donated to the Tepeyac Family Center in Fairfax. We thank you for your continued support. Please contact Bill Eager if you have questions at artbyEAGer@gmail.com.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF MAN COUNCIL #7566 HONORS BROTHER

CHRIS GALLAGHER Brother Chris has been selected as the Family of the Month for April. As an active member in the Council, he has contributed significantly to a number of Council activities and events since joining the Knights last year. These include community outreach projects such as Special Olympics and other Knight-sponsored programs and projects. Chris and his wife, Susan, joined our parish in 2005 and have both taught Religious Education for their children Jack, Sarah and Katie. Beginning in January 2014, Chris participated in and subsequently co-facilitated multiple iterations of a Bereavement Group program sponsored by the parish Health Ministry. The program is designed to help adults to develop strategies to cope with grieving and the loss of a loved one. Congratulations to Chris for his efforts!

LOOK OUT! THE CHIPMUNKS ARE COMING, THE CHIPMUNKS ARE COMING!

This Friday, May 6, we will be showing "Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip". Have dinner before you arrive but skip dessert because we will serve ice cream sundaes at 6:30pm, with the movie beginning at 7:00pm. Feel free to bring your friends and get ready for some hearty laughter!



Argentine Grill Dinner Tickets will be available after all the Masses April 30 - May 1 and May 7- 8 and in the parish office during the week. Please help us rebuild the Divine Love Chapel at Niño Jesús. The dinner is **Saturday, May 14** at 6:30pm, and tickets are \$50 per person. This includes authentic Argentine grill favorites, side dishes, dessert, and a glass of wine or beer. Additional wine and beer tickets can be purchased at the dinner for \$4 each.

A FOND FAREWELL for Father Tom will take place in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium Friday, June 24, from 5:30 - 8:00pm. We need a preliminary figure on attendance for planning purposes. A response card will be in the pews at all Masses next weekend, May 7-8. Please fill out the card and drop it in the marked basket at each exit door.

YOU GO, GIRLS! Pop quiz - Question #1: Who are the four female Doctors of the Church? Books on their lives are in our library in the "Saints And Holy People" section. Their writings are found in the "Prayer" and "Inspiration" sections, shelved by their first names.

Question #2: Do you all know where the library is??? Walk through the narthex to the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium, turn right, turn left at the Faith Formation office and head all the way down the hall to the last door on the right. You will find some wonderful goodies in there, so you can plan your summer reading early!

Oh, yes! The four female saints are named on page eight.

"JOURNEYS OF LOVE", A RECITAL CONCERT

On Saturday evening, May 14, at 7:30pm in the church, Diane Phillips Lott will present a Recital Concert. Diane has been a cantor at our parish for 24 years, usually ministering at Sunday morning Masses. This concert was originally scheduled for last October, but was canceled due to a medical emergency and lengthy illness. Now that Diane has recovered, she is anxious to share this concert with us. She will be accompanied by pianist Dr. Lisa Bloy.

Her selections will help us recognize and connect with the many ways our personal experiences of love change as we journey through various stages of our lives. Composers featured include Samuel Barber, Johannes Brahms, Wolfgang A. Mozart, Claude Debussy, Rolf Lovland, Roger Quilter and Diane herself. A light reception will follow.

TIME'S RUNNING OUT FOR NOMINATIONS 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

Questions? SJNYPCsocial@gmail.com

THE SIXTH 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 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,

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.

- **Sunday, May 15:** Enjoy faith and fellowship as we attend the 9:30am Mass as a group, followed by brunch at La Madeleine at Reston Town Center. E-mail Laura at llgodlewski@gmail.com by Friday, May 13, to let us know to expect you.
- **Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.** for five weeks starting May 18: Join us for a study of the wisdom and comfort of the Psalms. Connect with the doubts, dreams and trials of the Psalmists through a month's worth of morning and evening readings. Contact Thomas at thomasp4@vt.edu by Sunday, May 15, if you are interested in participating.
- **Friday, May 20, 7:00pm;** Men's/Women's Night: Kick off the weekend with a night out with other young adults. See the weekly email for more information. Email Stephanie at stephanie.skinner11@gmail.com or Matt at mjfaltynski@gmail.com to RSVP or to ask any questions you may have.

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, 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:** Off we go for some fun in the sun at Rehoboth. We will stay at the Atlantic Sands Hotel, sitting right on the beach and boardwalk. To get in the mood, you might want to visit their website <http://www.atlanticsandshotel.com/> where you can click on their webcam and spend a few minutes just watching the waves roll in and see what's happening on the boardwalk! If you decide at the last minute that you want to go along, call Pat for details.
- **Thursday, June 16:** Brown-McCarthy Auditorium; Wild West Round-Up; Join us for a really good time at our annual end-of-season "pot luck" dinner, beginning at 5:30pm and catered by Famous Dave's restaurant. Enjoy traditional chicken and pork barbeque with all the trimmings, dessert, adult beverages and other goodies. The cost will be \$10 per person, and you must be a "dues paying" member of the 50+ Club, since the club is subsidizing the cost of the dinner. The deadline for reservations and payment is Wednesday, June 8. Call Pat for more information. Then, get out your cowboy boots and hats; the horses you ride in on will need to be hitched up outside, of course.



Faith Formation

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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 saintjnrtc@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.

*"It is not by the multiplicity of things we do
that we will attain perfection,
but by the purity of intention
with which we do them."*

St. Francis de Sales

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

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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

PAUL VI BOYS SOCCER CAMP Come join us at the Paul VI Boys Soccer Camp July 25-29! PVI has a proven history of both team and individual successes. We just won the VA Independent Boys State Championship in Fall 2015 and had previously won it in Fall 2010. In addition to numerous All WCAC, All Met, and All State honors, we had NSCAA All Americans in both 2014 and 2015.

The camp runs from 9:00am to 3:00pm each day. There are a limited number of spots, which creates a very good camper-to-instructor ratio. It's a fun and instructive camp for boys of all levels, and if your son is interested in playing at PVI, the exposure to the coaches is invaluable.

Please visit us at www.paulvi.net/camps2016. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck LaPorte at claporte@paulvi.net or call 703-408-4782.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - HOGAR

IMMIGRANT SERVICES offers English classes Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8:00-9:30pm. Classes are held at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, 46833 Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling, VA 22164. You can register for classes on May 10 and 12, from 8:00-9:00pm. Various class levels are available. The cost is \$45 for seven weeks of classes and includes the textbook. For more information call Hogar Immigrant Services at 571-208-1572.

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY

SERVICES ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

Honor the men and women who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces at the 22nd Annual Memorial Mass on Sunday, May 15, at 12:00pm at Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The principal celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio. Military personnel are encouraged to wear service dress uniform; civilians are asked to wear business attire.

WALK ACROSS AMERICA THIS SUMMER

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