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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...

**OUR
 LADY
 OF
 FATIMA**



SUNDAY, MAY 7

Faith Formation Classes

Knights of Columbus Charity Fundraising Breakfast: 8:30am;
 Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

Youth Pastoral Council: 3:30pm; Youth Room

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

MONDAY, MAY 8

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

Praying College Moms: 7:30pm; Social Room

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

TUESDAY, MAY 9

French Conversation: 9:30am; A3

Care For Our Common Home: 7:00pm; B3

Divorced and Separated: 7:00pm; Conference Room

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Social Room

RCIA Mystagogy: 7:30pm; Youth Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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

Social Justice: 7:00pm; Conference Room

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; Sacristy

THURSDAY, MAY 11

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

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

Newcomers Book Group: 10:00am; B4

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

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Social Room

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

FRIDAY, MAY 12

Pro Life Corsage Preparation: 9:00am; Brown-McCarthy
 Auditorium

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

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

SATURDAY, MAY 13

Pro Life Mothers' Day Corsage Sale After Mass

Prayer Vigil For Peace: 4:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

SUNDAY, MAY 14

Pro Life Mothers' Day Corsage Sale After Most Masses

Care For Our Common Home Presentation with Bishop D'Silva:
 10:30am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41;
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
1 Peter 2:20b-25;
John 10:1-10

Today we experience Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He invites us to hear His voice so that we "might have life and have it in abundance." St. Francis de Sales notes:

Our Good Shepherd gathers us all around Himself to keep us always under His protection. He tenderly nourishes us with His love. So loving is God's hand as it handles our heart, bringing it strength without depriving us of freedom. Those who hear well His voice never lack holy inspirations in order to live life in abundance and to fulfill in a holy way their responsibilities.

To hear well we must listen. To hear the word of God, we must first be attentive to it by having an open heart. To listen to God's word we must learn it well and carry out what we are taught. When manna fell from Heaven, the Hebrews rose each morning to collect it before sunrise. They ate and swallowed it so as to be nourished and strengthened. We too must digest well God's word to make it part of our own being.

Thus, each day nourish yourself with a little spiritual reading that affirms God's word and sends you on your way to your everlasting welfare. Let the word of God that you hear, speak to you throughout the day. Put that into practice and leave the rest to Our Savior, who nurtures your true needs. If we are to have life in abundance eternally, we must hear the voice of Our Shepherd, who guides us if we let Him.

Since we easily mismanage ourselves, Our Shepherd wants to teach us how to have life in abundance through loving His voice rather than the voice of strangers, who easily lead us astray. True love is when we live in light of Our Savior's love, rather than the selfish loves that the culture stresses. How happy we will be if we remain in the Shepherd's presence, faithfully listening to and living His voice!

*(Adapted from The Sermons of St. Francis de Sales,
Rev. Lewis S. Fiorelli, OSFS Ed.)*

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 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**. Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from God's Word:

Acts 6:1-7 The arrival of Gentile converts posed a new problem for the young Christian community. There was need to institute new ministries. The Holy Spirit inspires the Church in every era to adapt in order to serve better.

Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in You.

1 Peter 2:4-9 All prayer and all activity is pleasing to God only through Jesus Christ. He is our unique high priest. The whole people of God are raised up as priests, called to proclaim the gospel to the whole world.

John 14:1-12 Christ is the only road to the Father because he is also the complete revelation of the Father and thus equally the source of the dynamism which leads us to fulfill the will of the Father. When we make Philip's request our own, "Show us the Father", we must remember Jesus' response, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

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

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Bob Biegalski**, husband of Sharron, father of Patti McCaleb and grandfather of Bobby, Ryan and Tara McCaleb.



LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of May 13 - May 14 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Don
Sunday	7:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	9:30am	Father Joe
Sunday	11:30am	Father Richard DeLillio, OSFS
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Jean Marie Mvumbi, CICM
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Bill

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



LITURGICAL REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER HEET

Father Heet continues his monthly series with discussion of:
The Concluding Rites

In March I wrote about the Communion Rite. It ends with the Prayer after Communion in which the community prays that the Eucharist we have received will change us as it is designed to do.

Then, there is time for brief announcements before what are aptly called “The Concluding Rites”, which consist of the final blessing and the dismissal. The dismissal is a brief part of the Mass, but incredibly important. A number of years ago, I heard a powerful talk entitled, “If We Get the Dismissal Right, Perhaps We Will Get the Liturgy Right.” The speaker, a Catholic layman, reminded us that as the name Mass (from the Latin *missa* – think “missile”) suggests, we gather at Mass to be sent back into the world to proclaim the Kingdom of God by our words and actions. That is why it is simply wrong to regularly leave Mass early. Not only is it rude, but it reflects a serious misunderstanding of what the liturgy and, for that matter, what our Christian life is all about. If we leave Mass before we are sent, it suggests that we come to Mass *a)* only because we have to (and we want to get it over as soon as possible!) or *b)* we are focused simply on what we get out of Mass. Neither reflects why Jesus gave us this sacrament. The Mass exists to empower us to leave church as the renewed body of Christ. We are fed with the word of God and the Eucharist to have the strength to be Christ’s body, and we are sent out into the world to make a difference. That’s why we need to wait to be sent, and then we can go out singing a powerful recessional hymn.

NOTE: Everyone seems to have enjoyed and looked forward to Fr. Heet’s monthly column. As he wraps up this series, if we all say a prayer of thanksgiving for him, perhaps the Holy Spirit will move him to continue to educate us on a variety of liturgical or spiritual topics. Who knows?

“The bed of the sick is an altar of sacrifice.” St. Francis de Sales

PLEASE PRAY for **Carmen** and **Catalino Ibanez**; 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.***

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



May 8	Reverend James C. Bruse
May 9	Reverend Alberto F. Bueno, T.O.R.
May 10	Reverend Tarsicio Buitrago
May 11	Chaplin (LTJG) Jason C. Burchell
May 12	Reverend Richard Carr
May 13	Reverend Mark F. Carrier
May 14	Reverend Thomas B. Cavanaugh



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Kane Maxwell Vyas**, son of Neerav and Desireé.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



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 †
MONDAY	MAY 8
9:00am	Victor Emanuel Ildefonso †
12:10pm	Alvin and Mary Brown, Special Intention
TUESDAY	MAY 9
6:30am	Patrick Lee †
9:00am	Robert Hanlon †
WEDNESDAY	MAY 10
9:00am	Tomas Agtarap †
12:10pm	Richard Anthony Martin †
THURSDAY	MAY 11
6:30am	Paul Cha †
9:00am	Opal Jones †
FRIDAY	MAY 12
9:00am	Philomena Repoley †
12:10pm	Edward Bowling †
SATURDAY	MAY 13
5:00pm	Martha St. Pierre †
SUNDAY	MAY 14
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Jasin José, Special Intention
11:30am	Anne Perich †
1:30pm	Alice Marie Arvonio †
5:00pm	Ivone Weaver †



BEST WISHES to Maria del Espitia and Samuel Adams who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they grow together in Christ's love.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE Please join us next Saturday, May 13, for our monthly prayer vigil for peace, life, and justice, as we invoke our risen Lord's protection for persecuted Christians. As the terrible Palm Sunday attacks in Egypt reminded us, many of our brothers and sisters in Christ face threats and hostility simply because of their faith. The vigil is from 4:00 - 4:45pm in de Sales Chapel. We pray the Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace, listen to God's Word in Scripture, and offer our intentions to our merciful Savior. For more information, contact Ken Fredgren at fredgren.k@gmail.com or Bob More at mre.paxchristi@gmail.com.

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"It is in the Eucharist that all has been created finds its greatest exultation [I]t is the living center of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life. Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself and act of cosmic love ... The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates creation." Pope Francis *Laudato Si: On Care For Our Common Home* 236
Come adore the Lord in the Eucharist this Thursday, May 11 in the de Sales Chapel anytime from 3:00 – 8:00pm. A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Desk today.



HAVE RELIGIOUS ITEMS YOU DON'T USE OR NEED?

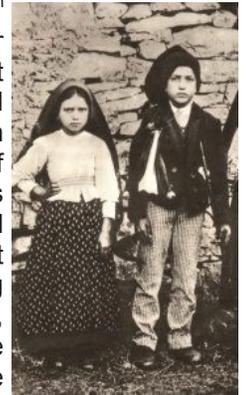
St. Mary Mission in Lancaster, Pennsylvania is a non-profit organization that repurposes old or unused church and religious items. Over the last several years the mission's work has successfully expanded, and they have recycled items by donating them to those in need. The mission was made possible with the help of the founder's Great-Grandmother, Mary, after whom the mission is named. Any items taken in are repaired (if needed) and placed into other churches, convents and monasteries in need, as well as hospice and nursing homes. This started with Hurricane Katrina relief effort in New Orleans and surrounding areas. They sent thousands of items to those churches and parishioners who lost most everything.

They can take in just about anything of religious nature, such as crucifixes, statues, rosaries, prayer books and missals, chalices, altar ware, tabernacles, linens, etc. If you have items that need a new home, St. Mary Mission will be doing a pick-up in this area in late May.

Bring your religious articles and place them in the marked bins by the counter in the hallway on May 14 or 21 when you come to Mass. We thank you for thinking of this mission as you find items that are no longer needed in your home!

POPE FRANCIS TO CANONIZE TWO OF THE SHEPHERD CHILDREN IN FATIMA

The year 2017 marks the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, where the Blessed Mother appeared once each month from May 13 until Oct. 13, 1917. Two of the three shepherd children, siblings Blessed Francisco Marto and Blessed Jacinta Marto were beatified by Saint John Paul II on May 13, 2000. Following the death of the third, Lucia dos Santos, in 2005, Pope Benedict XVI waived the normal five-year waiting period before the start of a canonization cause.



Pope Francis will canonize both of the Marto children at Mass during his visit to Fatima Saturday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima's feast day, making them the youngest non-martyrs to ever be declared saints.

The message of Fatima highlights many central truths and devotions of the Catholic faith: the Trinity, the Eucharist, penance, the Rosary and sacrifices for the conversion of sinners. There is special emphasis on the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which is a refuge of maternal love for us all and a sure path that leads us to God. In the end, Mary's Immaculate Heart will triumph because Mary is full of God's grace and is all pure. She has the heart of a mother who cares for her children and wishes them to be saved by her divine Son, Jesus.

Fatima is one of the most significant of all Marian apparitions. Along with Guadalupe (Dec. 12) and Lourdes (Feb. 11), it is one of three Marian apparitions honored with a feast day. In 2002, Pope St. John Paul II added the May 13 feast of Our Lady of Fatima to the general Roman calendar. May 13 was the day of the first Fatima apparition of 1917, and May 13, 1981, was the day when St. John Paul II survived an attempt on his life in St. Peter's Square. John Paul II credited his survival to the intervention of Our Lady of Fatima. The assassin's bullet that narrowly missed killing the pope now is inserted in a crown of Our Lady housed at the Fatima shrine. Fatima is also linked with the collapse of Russian communism more than 25 years ago. It is estimated that some 4-5 million people visit Fatima each year, and more are expected for the centennial year, including a visit by Pope Francis, who plans to travel to Portugal to celebrate the 100-year anniversary.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

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Parish Information

CASH FOR COLLEGE COULD BE YOURS!

The Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council #7566 of St John Neumann is offering scholarships for graduating high school seniors and students already in college to help defray the high costs of higher education. This year the Knights are offering three \$1,000 scholarships.



To apply, go to the Knights of Columbus web page at www.kofc7566.us for further information. Return your application to Knights of Columbus Family of Man #7566, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston, VA 20191, **no later than 4:00pm Tuesday, May 30. Late submissions will not be considered.** By submitting your application you give permission to the Knights of Columbus to verify that you and/or your family are members of St. John Neumann parish, and permission to use your name and photograph in any announcement regarding the award in the parish bulletin, local newspaper, web page or other media.

Decisions made by the Scholarship Committee are final and notification of the scholarships granted will begin around June 15. If you have any questions, please email MichaelSwiger@outlook.com or call him at 703-860-4718.

LOVE YOUR MOTHER!

Please join the Care for Our Common Home Ministry on Mother's Day, May 14, for "LIVING LAUDATO SI'," a presentation on caring for Mother Earth and vulnerable populations who depend on her. We are honored to have as our speaker the Most Reverend Allwyn D'Silva, Auxiliary Bishop of Mumbai, India, who serves as Secretary of the Climate Change Desk at the Asian Bishops' Conferences. Bishop D'Silva has witnessed the harmful effects of climate change in India and elsewhere, and has been inspired by Pope Francis's call to care for creation and the poor. We will meet after the 9:30am Mass in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium for refreshments and the presentation. For more information, contact saintjn.cch@gmail.com.



"Those who live to be feared fear to be loved."

St. Francis de Sales

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY Family portraits will begin being taken this Thursday, May 11. A variety of days and times are still available for signup at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointmentplus.com/9qge1xsm/> or from our website, www.saintjn.org. We also need help to greet families as they arrive for their session. Teens, here is your chance for service hours!! To volunteer, go to *Saint John Neumann Photo Session Volunteers* at www.signupgenius.com to volunteer.

HAVE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENED!

Are you aware that high blood pressure (HBP) is a serious condition leading to coronary heart disease, heart failure, stroke, kidney failure, and other major health problems? About 1 in 3 adults in the United States has HBP. The condition usually has no signs or symptoms; you can have it for years without knowing it. During this time, HBP can damage your heart, blood vessels, kidneys, and other parts of your body.



Knowing your blood pressure numbers is important, even when you're feeling fine. If your blood pressure is normal, you can work with your health care team to keep it that way. If your blood pressure is too high, treatment may help prevent damage to your body's organs.

Do yourself and your family a favor; have your blood pressure screened by parish nurses this Sunday, May 7 between 2:30 - 3:30pm. For those whose pressure readings are high, counselors will be available to offer guidance on changes in diet and behavior that can help you to better control your blood pressure, or to help you assess whether or not you need medical treatment. Lots of documentation on how to reduce and control your blood pressure will be available at the screening.

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.

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 or 703-899-4304. We thank you for your continued support.



SEEKING NEW NIÑO JESÚS SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

The children in our sister parish Niño Jesús in Manta, Ecuador, start their new school year in a few months. SJN parishioners and friends currently provide scholarships for 193 children in Niño Jesús. In anticipation of the need to replace sponsors who leave the area or the program, we are seeking other parishioners, family, or friends who could support a child's education. Sponsors provide an annual contribution of \$190 that helps cover the cost of a needy student's supplies, uniform, and shoes as well as a Christmas gift and family party. If you would like to become a sponsor or have any questions about the program, please email ninojesus@saintjn.org. The scholarship children and their families deeply appreciate the support they receive from us.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM THE PARISH NURSE: The disease of addiction touches many families. Gaining perspective, peace and hope is a constant challenge for those who love the addict. Join me for a 6-week discussion group of Franciscan priest and author Richard Rohr's bestselling book "Breathing Under Water; Spirituality and the Twelve Steps". Our first session begins Wednesday May 24, from 7:00—8:30pm in the Youth Room. Please purchase the book on your own and read the first two chapters before the first session. Our faith community is the natural place where we can come together to support one another as God's family, and look to the one who walks with us through our joy and our tears. For further information, email Susan Infeld at sinfeld@saintjn.org



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.

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.
- **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.

- **Sunday, May 11, 7:00pm, SJN Men's Group Bowling, Bowl America, Sterling:** The men of the young adult small groups will be meeting monthly for fellowship and conversation and all men are welcome to join! This month, we'll be meeting to bowl at Bowl America (46940 Woodson Dr, Sterling, VA 20164). RSVP to Thomas at saintjnya@gmail.com
- **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 e-mail Thomas at saintjnya@gmail.com if you'll join or meet us at the zoo.



*"Do not lose courage
In considering your own imperfections."*

St. Francis de Sales

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 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.

*“Do not lose your inner peace
for anything whatsoever,
even if your whole world seems upset.”*

St. Francis de Sales

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.
- **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)

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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, May 7** - Agape Kick-Out: 6:00 - 9:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, May 14** - No meeting - Happy Mother's Day
- **Saturday, May 20** - Mini Work Camp: 9:00am - 3:00pm; Parking Lot

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!

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? We will be taking on a large project involving a fence, so we will need more than the usual number of helpers. Sign up and join us for the next Mini Work Camp on **Saturday, May 20 (NOTE THE SECOND CHANGE IN DATE!)** 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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Prayer that does not include the problems of daily life is imperfect; it does not achieve the full impact that it should have.”

Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...”* ACTS 2:38

The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Permanent change comes from within; we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

TRINITY DOME COLLECTION THIS 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.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the “How to Give” link on the left.

Around the Diocese

INTERDENOMINATIONAL INFANT MEMORIAL SERVICE

A service will be held at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church on Saturday, May 13 at 7:00pm for anyone who mourns a child lost through miscarriage, premature birth, stillbirth, abortion, or infant death. Join Divine Mercy Care and the Kristen Anderson Perinatal Hospice Program of Tepeyac OB/GYN for this event to honor the value of every little life. RSVP at divinemercycare.org to have the child’s name listed in the program.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT EVENING:

7 WAYS FORGIVENESS ENHANCES YOUR MARRIAGE

Please join us on Friday, May 19, at St. Ambrose Parish Hall, Annandale, from 7:00-9:00pm. The program features Beverly Tauke, a counselor, author and speaker. Register online at www.arlingtondiocese.org/forgivenessinmarriage. All married and engaged couples welcome! Contact Nancy McKeague at n.mckeague@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2550.

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 at this site: www.arlingtondiocese.org/Family-Life/End-of-Life-Medical-Directives/.

MULTICULTURAL CHORAL CONCERT Listen and deepen your faith through the cultural sounds of Catholic music at our free Multicultural Choral Concert at Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria on Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m. The Multicultural Choral Concert is presented by Bishop Ireton High School in collaboration with the Office of Multicultural Ministries of the Diocese of Arlington. For more information, please email mcm@bishopireton.org or call 703-841-3881.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOVES VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to answer God’s call to serve? Please visit www.cca.net/volunteer.php to find more than 120 different volunteer opportunities available. Each year more than 1,700 people volunteer with Catholic Charities. There is something for everyone. Catholic Charities relies on its volunteers to reach those in need throughout the Diocese. We are also seeking corporations who want to come and volunteer as a group! Come and share your talents and skills with us. To learn more, please contact the Director of Volunteers, Sally O’Dwyer at sodwyer@ccda.net or 703-841-3838.

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