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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...**



**SUNDAY, MAY 8 MOTHER'S DAY**

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

**MONDAY, MAY 9**

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 10**

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Care For Our Common Home: 7:00pm; B6/B7

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1/A2

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

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

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

JustFaith: 7:00pm; A1/A2

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

RCIA Team: 7:00pm; FF Workroom

Social Justice: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

Spanish Young Adults: 7:00pm; B3

Divorced and Separated: 7:30pm; Conference Room

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 12**

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

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

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

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Emergency Preparedness: 7:00pm; B11/B12

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

Praying College Moms: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

Pro Life 7:00pm; B2

**FRIDAY, MAY 13**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 14**

Prayer Vigil For Peace: 4:00pm; de Sales Chapel

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

Argentine Dinner: 6:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Diane Lott Senior Recital: 7:30pm; Church

**SUNDAY, MAY 15**

FF Classes

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

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

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

As we conclude another year of Religious Education for our young people, I would be remiss if I did not express my gratitude to the volunteer catechists. Many of you have been doing this for years and others are new to the process. It involves a tremendous effort and commitment of time to be a part of this ministry and we, as a parish, and I, as the pastor, need to recognize these wonderful people. One of the primary purposes of the parish and its life is to share the faith with others. The Faith Formation Program and its staff and volunteer teachers are directly involved in this important ministry.

As a former teacher, I say to you, do not expect to see the tremendous impact that you can have on the life of a child. I have heard from former students, years after they have passed through my life, and they have shared where their life is now and how faith influences that. Your sharing of your faith will definitely influence the children whose lives you have touched and so, with simple words but sincere sentiments, I say on behalf of the parish a big thank you.

This is not the only catechetical ministry that is on-going in the parish's life, but I select this time of the year to single out these individuals because their commitment for this school year will come to an end next weekend.

God bless you all,

Father Tom

### Prayer and Liturgy

**BEST WISHES** to **Cristina Ortega and David Dar**; **Caitlin Hand and Matthew Schiavone**; and **Lara Russo and Patrick Young** 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: **John Stephan Lumsden**, son of John and Julia; **Adaline Baxter Mazur**, daughter of William and Erin, and **Isabela Lucia Shields**, daughter of Brian and Liliana.

**WE PRAY** for those who have died, especially **Mary Burgess**, sister of Tom Broderick and **Joe Cuccurullo**, father of Lou Ann Behan.



**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**ACTS 1:1-11;**  
**PSALM 47:2-2, 6-7, 8-9;**  
**EPHESIANS 1:17-23;**  
**LUKE 24:46-53**

In speaking on the mystery of the Ascension of Our Lord, Francis de Sales wrote: "We forsake our merely human life in order to live a loftier life above ourselves. We hide all this new life in God with Jesus Christ who alone sees it, knows it and gives it. Our new life is heavenly love, which vivifies and animates our soul, and this love is wholly hidden in God and the things of God with Jesus Christ. As the sacred words of the Gospel say, after Jesus had shown himself for a little while to his disciples, He ascended up to heaven, and at length a cloud surrounded him, took him and hid him from their eyes. Jesus Christ, then, is hidden in heaven in God. Jesus Christ is our love, and our love is the life of our soul. Therefore our life is hidden in God with Jesus Christ, and when Jesus who is our love and therefore our spiritual life shall appear on the Day of Judgment, we shall also appear with him in glory. That is, Jesus Christ, will glorify us by communicating his own joy and splendor." (Treatise on the Love of God, Book VII, Chapter 6)

Our life is indeed hidden in God. The deepest reality of who we are is known only to God. Still, for Francis de Sales, living a life hidden in God is not the same as keeping that life a secret: it is about giving witness to the deepest truth of who we are – and who God is – by the quality of our relationships with one another. Appropriate, then, that Francis de Sales calls us to practice the hidden virtues, "those little, humble virtues which grow like flowers at the foot of the cross: helping the poor, visiting the sick and taking care of your family, with all the tasks that go with such things and with all that useful diligence that will not allow you to stand idle." (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 35)

Through the Ascension, Jesus has been removed from our sight: at least, from the grasp of our physical sight. Nevertheless, the same authority that Jesus claimed from his Father is given to us by virtue of our creation and confirmed in our baptism. We are called to continue the work that Jesus began, that is, to make disciples – followers, believers – of all nations. We are called to be convincing signs of the ongoing redemptive and challenging activity of the triune God, but in the simple, ordinary and everyday tasks of everyday life.

Paradoxically, to the extent that we are faithful to practicing the little, the hidden virtues that grow "at the foot of the cross" Jesus is no longer hidden: he becomes visible in our love, our concern, our pursuit of justice, our promotion of peace, our willingness to forgive, our attempts at healing.

What could be a more powerful – and convincing – way of making disciples of all nations? Or, at least the people with whom we interact every day.

Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 7</b>
5:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 8</b>
7:30am	Ofelia Liston †
9:30am	Gracy Breidy †
11:30am	Peg Clarke †
1:30pm	Ann Giglio †
5:00pm	Paul Migliara, Special Intention
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>MAY 9</b>
9:00am	Barbara Steele †
12:10pm	Cecilia Bellen †
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 10</b>
6:30am	James McHugh †
9:00am	Teresa Carlucci †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 11</b>
6:30am	Judy Frances †
9:00am	Mildred Middlemiss †
12:10pm	Violet Falcone †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>MAY 12</b>
6:30am	Paul Cha †
9:00am	Frank Cassidy †
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 13</b>
9:00am	Violet Schepis †
12:10pm	Justin Ashby †
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 14</b>
5:00pm	John Dennis †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 15</b>
7:30am	Harry Psemeneke †
9:30am	George and Jeanette Breidy ††
11:30am	Peg Clarke †
1:30pm	People of the Parish
5:00pm	Daniel Miller, Special Intention †

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers: Andrea Chomistek, Marylynn Chomistek, **Peggie Dunn, Elaine Gilbertson, Jim Gilbertson**, Charlie Ibarra, Maureen McInerney, 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. **Names added this week appear in boldface type.***

## LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of May 15 - May 16 are:

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

**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](mailto:jduggan@saintjn.org) or 703-860-6149.

## UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

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

**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:** Next weekend we celebrate **Pentecost Sunday**. There are optional readings for Pentecost. The readings you hear at Mass may differ from those offered below for your reflection on god's Word:

**Acts 2:1-11** In the first reading the Holy Spirit fills the apostles. Their preaching reaches out to all the nations.

**Psalm 104: 1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34** **Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.** The psalmist, exhibiting gratitude to God, praises divine wisdom and extols certain wonderful features of creation. We have been anointed with the power of the life-giving Spirit and are called to "renew the face of the earth." God's Spirit works through us; God's work is our work.

**Romans 8:8-17** Paul tells us in the second reading that the Spirit of God dwells within us. The spirit helps us overcome sin and makes us children of God.

**John 20: 19-23** Jesus appears to His disciples after His resurrection. He stands in their midst and grants them His peace, and commissions them through the gift of the Holy Spirit to continue His work in the world.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



### ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*"This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends, the Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist."*  
Blessed John Paul II

Come adore the Lord in the Eucharist this Thursday, May 12, in the de Sales Chapel anytime from 3:00 to 8:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.

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

- May 9 Reverend Joseph Giordano, C.I.C.M
- May 10 Reverend Randy V. Gonzales, C.I.C.M
- May 11 Reverend James R. Gould
- May 12 Reverend Paul M. Grankauskas
- May 13 Reverend Paul G. Grant
- May 14 Reverend Donald C. Greenhalgh
- May 15 Reverend Horace H. Grinnell

**PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE** Please join us next Saturday, May 14, for our monthly prayer vigil, as we pray for the Holy Spirit to empower all those working for peace in Syria, Iraq, and other war-torn countries. The vigil is from 4:00 to 4:45pm in de Sales Chapel. We will pray the Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace, listen to God's Word, and offer our intentions to our merciful Savior. For more information, please contact Bob More at [rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com](mailto:rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com) or Ken Fredgren at [fredgren.k@gmail.com](mailto:fredgren.k@gmail.com).

### Parish Information

### CONGRATULATIONS TO LUKE AMARAL

Luke was awarded the Eagle Scout rank on Monday, April 25. Luke is the first member of our parish Boy Scout Troop 124 to achieve this honor. We are proud of him and we are grateful for the adult support the troop has received from many volunteers. We encourage all young men in the parish of the appropriate age to consider being part of the Scouting program. We are also sponsoring Cub Scout Pack 1971 that has been operating for several years out of Hunters Woods Elementary School, but is now officially sponsored by the parish, even though they continue to meet at the school.



### MORE FROM FR TOM:

I want to share with you what it means to get involved. Several women, new to our area, have formed a newcomers group that meets periodically. They have thrust themselves into the life of the community. One of the projects they took charge of was the parish dance, which unfortunately had to be cancelled because of a lack of ticket sales. They joined with other longer-termed parishioners in making this effort and I commend all of them for it. I point this out to demonstrate how individuals or groups can get actively involved in the parish's life and really can make a difference. I encourage all, no matter how long you have been a member of the parish, to find that niche where your time and talents can be used and, in return, you will feel more a part of who we are.

Marianna Tafur was recently awarded the Diocesan Master Catechist Certificate for having completed a program run by the diocese to increase the knowledge of dedicated people wanting to share their faith with others. I thank Marianna for her efforts to evangelize in the Hispanic community. Many are learning and experiencing the faith because of her efforts.

### ADAPTED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (ARE)

The Adapted Religious Education Ministry thanks those who assisted with and made a contribution to this year's ARE Youth Program, specifically Brenda Cross, Erika Olimpiew, Mary O'Neil, Christy Nolta, Gail Schlett, John Ennis, Lisa Notaro, Sophie Cross, and Ignas Diu, as well as those who contribute to the ARE Adult Program, namely Chris Brasco, Mark Emery, and Nicole Barbier. Some of you may have been with us a short time and others for the duration, but know that whether it was for an hour, a month, or a year, you have left your mark upon God's Innocents.

*Now to those who are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to them be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. (Ephesians 3: 20-21)*

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** will be held next weekend, 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.

### LAST CHANCE For Argentine Grill Dinner

Tickets will be available after all the Masses May 7 - 8 and **in the parish office only through Tuesday, May 10.** 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.

### RSVP THIS WEEKEND TO A FOND

**FAREWELL** for Father Tom taking place in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium Friday, June 24, from 5:30 - 8:00pm. We need a preliminary figure on attendance for planning purposes. Response cards are in the pews at all Masses this weekend, May 7-8. Please fill out the card and drop it in the marked basket found at each exit door. If you were unable to attend Mass here this weekend, please RSVP as soon as possible, only if you plan to attend the event, to Wanda Cooke at [wanda.cooke@cox.net](mailto:wanda.cooke@cox.net).



### PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES HONORS

The following parishioners were recently recognized for achieving honor status at Paul VI:

#### Principal's Honor Roll:

Grant Hastings	Brendan Henry
Kate Klimkiewicz	Kevin O'Callaghan
Jennifer Preston	Sophia Redmond
Courtney Tacogue	Haley Tacogue

#### Honor Roll:

Sydney Henry	Catherine Mandable
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Congratulations to all! We are very proud of you!

**PAX CHRISTI** invites you to join us for a discussion of *Consistently Pro-Life* by Rob Arner (2010). We'll meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month for 4 months, beginning May 24 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room, when we'll discuss the foreword, preface, and Chapters One through Three. Please obtain your own copy of the book. For more information about this discussion group, please contact Bob More at [rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com](mailto:rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com).

### ANOTHER LAST CHANCE! THE DEADLINE IS HERE FOR NOMINATIONS OF NEW MEMBERS FOR YOUTH PASTORAL COUNCIL (YPC)

- Who:** Rising 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 through tomorrow, Monday, May 9**
- Why:** SJN community wants to hear from you!
- Details:** Forms and details are on the parish website, [saintjn.org](http://saintjn.org), the Youth bulletin board and the Welcome Desk

Questions? [SJNYPCsocial@gmail.com](mailto:SJNYPCsocial@gmail.com)

### "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. A light reception will follow.

### 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](mailto:info@kofc7566.us).
- **Life+Savers:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lifesavers@saintjn.org).

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- **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 [moms-group@saintjn.org](mailto:moms-group@saintjn.org).
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For morning sessions, email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [ksmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 Marie Ruff at [youngadults@saintjn.org](mailto:youngadults@saintjn.org).

**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 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.

**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](mailto: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 [lgodlewski@gmail.com](mailto:lgodlewski@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](mailto: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. The ladies will enjoy dinner and games at Stephanie's home and the guys will get together for good food, drinks and good company. See the weekly email for more information. Ladies, RSVP to Stephanie at [stephanie.skinner11@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.skinner11@gmail.com) and the gentlemen should RSVP to Matt at [mjfaltynski@gmail.com](mailto:mjfaltynski@gmail.com) by **Wednesday, May 18!**

### Faith Formation

Mickie Abatemarco, Director  
703-390-2340  
[mabatemarco@saintjn.org](mailto:mabatemarco@saintjn.org)

### ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any program, contact Sue Colyer.

- **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Interested in being Catholic? Do you have questions? A group of inquirers meets on Tuesday evenings.
- **Contemplative Prayer** There is quiet prayer together every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We also meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10:00am with Lectio Divinia.
- **Bible Study for Mothers With Young Children** This group meets on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30am, with child care provided. Email Christy Cottrell for more information at [christylc23@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)**

Doug Johnson  
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**UPCOMING AGAPE EVENTS:** Mark your calendars for the following exciting, fun-filled upcoming Agape or Agape related events and make plans to attend:

- Sunday, May 8; No High School Teen Night - Happy Mother’s Day
- Sunday, May 15; High School Teen Night (Agape) – Kick Out: 6:00—9:00pm

**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 15, 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** – Thanks and God Bless you to our hardy crew of teens and adults that participated in the Mini Work Camp on April 16. This dynamic and talented group provided some great landscaping by clearing away 62 bags of leaves and spreading 120 bags of mulch in a large wooded yard for one of our parishioners. Great effort and work was provided by Teens: Justin Vosburgh, Jennifer Garrett, Brendan Henry, Sydney Henry, Mireya Lopez, Silvia Romero, David Romero, Jordan and Ben Carey and Adults: Pat Schambach, John Feroldi and Bill Behan. Your unselfish donation of your time and talents has provided much needed support, help and benefit to those in need in our community. Special thanks to Phyllis Rienzo for her sterling efforts in coordinating the mini-work camp program. The efforts of this dedicated and hardworking troupe has Truly Made a Difference in the Lives of Others!

**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**

### **FAIRFAX MEMORIAL PARK ANNOUNCES**

**MEMORIAL DAY MASS** On Monday, May 30, Reverend John M. O’Donohue will preside at Mass at 11:00am. Mass will be held outside at the cemetery at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road, Fairfax, 22030. If the outdoor services at the cemetery are cancelled, the Mass will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 88800 Braddock Road, Annandale, 22003.

*“Do all by love  
and nothing by force.”*  
*St. Francis de Sales*

### **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.

### **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.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### WALK ACROSS AMERICA THIS SUMMER

**WITH CROSSROADS** Are you pro-life, between the ages of 18-30 and looking for an amazing experience this summer? Crossroads, a pro-life organization that sponsors walks across America each summer to help build a culture of life, is looking for young people to walk this summer on any of their three pro-life walks. Walk leader positions are also available. For more information or to apply, please visit [www.crossroadswalk.org](http://www.crossroadswalk.org) or contact (800) 353-8817.

### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."* REVELATIONS 22:13

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle, it's how I make all my decisions.

### Special Collection Stewardship

### CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

This week, our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

### DIOCESAN RETIRED PRIESTS

Next week, our Special collection will be for retired priests of the Arlington Diocese. This collection funds the health care and living expenses of retired priests, brothers and sisters. There are 14 retired priests living in the Diocese of Arlington.

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CAROLE AND CHERYL BURNETT  
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FOR SPONSORING AN AD  
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### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*"The Christian who does not feel  
that the Virgin Mary is his or her mother  
is an orphan."*

*Pope Francis*

### NEED TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL AND GET OUT OF TOWN FOR A DAY OR A WEEKEND

**WITH GOD?** There are many options for personal, group retreats or days of reflection in our area. For a definite change of pace you might look into two that are barely over an hour's drive from here, with peaceful and beautiful surroundings guaranteed to make you forget about the hustle, traffic and distractions you deal with daily.

Loyola on the Potomac is a Jesuit Retreat House in Faulkner, MD, situated on a bluff that overlooks the Potomac River. It was founded in 1958 and has 70 air-conditioned guest rooms, each with half bath. Loyola offers directed, private and group retreats, days of reflection and Ignatian Weekend retreats. There are hiking trails and outdoor Stations of the Cross available, as well as a fitness room and bookstore. The outdoor areas near the main house offer views of the river for quiet meditation. For more information about the Loyola facility and a calendar of retreat offerings, visit <http://www.loyolaonthepotomac.com>.

By contrast, Bon Secours Retreat Center, a ministry of the Sisters of Bon Secours, is located on an over-300-acre plot in Marriottsville, MD. There is a variety of retreat offerings at Bon Secours, from days of reflection to weekend events. In a wooded area adjacent to Patapsco State Park the facility offers many outdoor features that induce quiet reflection — a peace garden, outdoor labyrinth, a meditation reflecting pond with bridge and pathways through the woods with outdoor Stations of the Cross. Throughout the outdoor property, there are benches where one can sit and quietly enjoy the wonders of nature (including occasional grazing deer) in prayer. There are 70 modern and well-appointed guest rooms with full private baths, with six of the rooms being handicapped-equipped. There is elevator access. Bon Secours also has a bookstore and library, a fitness center and an outdoor pool. Visit <http://rccbbonsecours.com> for more information.

It goes without saying that each facility affords you access to chapels, with lots of both inside and outside spots for quiet reflection. Visit the websites, and look closely at their material. Staff at each facility will be happy to answer any questions you may have about their events and availability. The important thing to remember is that God is present wherever we are, but occasionally we need to remove ourselves from our daily routine and spend some special, private time with the best companion we will ever have, Our Lord and Savior.