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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 21

Sunday Coffee: 8:30am;

Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm;

Conference Room



MONDAY, MAY 22

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 23

French Conversation: 9:30am; A3

Divorced and Separated: 7:00pm; Conference Room

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Social Room

RCIA Mystagogy: 7:30pm; Youth Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

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

"Breathing Underwater: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps" 7:00pm; Youth Room

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

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

Catholic Social Teaching: 7:30pm; B1

THURSDAY, MAY 25

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

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

Newcomers Book Group: 10:00am; B4

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Social Room

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

FRIDAY, MAY 26

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

SATURDAY, MAY 27

Brown Bag Sunday

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

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Brown Bag Sunday

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Prayer and Liturgy

HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY, FATHER BOB!

Today, is a very special day for Father Bob Mancini, OSFS, as he celebrates the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. We are blessed to have you among us, and thank you for your years of ministry. You are admired by all of us, and your attentiveness to the needs of the young and the old are deeply appreciated.

But, wait, there's more! Sharing this ordination date with Father Bob is Father Jerry Dunne, OSFS! In the relatively short time Father Jerry was with us, he made many friends and inspired all of us to know, love and serve God. For those who would like to send a note of congratulations to Father Jerry, you can reach him at this address:

Rev. Jerry Dunne, OSFS
Immaculate Conception Church
455 Bow Street
Elkton MD 21921

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES Our last 6:30am Mass prior to summer will take place Thursday, May 25. It will resume Tuesday, September 5. Our last 12:10pm Mass will take place Friday, May 26 and will resume Wednesday, September 6. Daily Mass will continue to be offered at 9:00am, Monday through Friday, throughout the summer.

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Brother John J. Dochkus, OSFS, and Lorraine Senior**, wife of Bill.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Gabriel Nicholas Dulo**, son of Donald and Lindsey.



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.



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17;
Psalm 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20;
1 Peter 3:15-18;
John 14:15-21

In today's Gospel, Jesus promises to ask the Father to send an Advocate (sometimes translated as Paraclete) to accompany his disciples.

The American Heritage Dictionary of the English language defines advocate as: (1) One who argues for a cause: a supporter or defender; (2) One that pleads in another's behalf: an intercessor; (3) a lawyer.

Important derivatives include vocal, voice, vowel, equivocal, vocation, vouch, advocate, avocation, evoke, invoke, provoke, revoke and epic.

The one that catches my eye is vouch. In this context, this Advocate, this Paraclete, this Holy Spirit will vouch for those who follow Jesus. Put another way, this Advocate is someone who stands up for us.

But hold on, there's even more! How many of us fail to notice that Jesus promises his disciples "another" Advocate? Unless I'm missing something here, "another" presumes that this is not the first Advocate; rather, this is a subsequent Advocate which, of course, begs the question: Well, who was the previous Advocate?

Jesus himself. Jesus stood up for us by becoming one of us; by becoming one with us; by becoming one for us. Jesus stood up for us by living with us, laboring for us, loving us and dying for us that we might one day stand up forever through the power and promise of the resurrection.

But wait. Seems we have still one more Advocate to acknowledge: God, Yahweh, the Father.

God stood up for us for creating something out of nothing. God stood up for us by bringing form out of chaos. God stood up for us through Creation by giving us a share in God's own divine image and likeness. God stood up for us through the Incarnation by taking on our human image and likeness.

In a word, it seems that God, our Eternal Advocate, is, among other things, a "stand up guy."

As children of God, as brothers and sisters of Jesus, as temples of the Holy Spirit we, too, are called to be Advocates. We are called to stand up for what is just; we are called to stand up for what is right; we are called to stand up for what is peaceable; we are called to stand up for what is fair. Especially as members of the Salesian tradition, we are called to stand up for all that is of God in ways that are both courteous and considerate.

God stands up for us by creating us, redeeming us and inspiring us. What better way to express our gratitude than through our willingness to stand up for one another?

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

***"The next best thing to being wise oneself
is to live in a circle of those who are."***

Anonymous

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 1:1-11 The Ascension is the hinge between the ministry of Jesus and the mission of the Church as described 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 (1 Kgs 2) and the exodus of the Lord's glory from the Temple (Ezek. 10).

Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

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.

Matthew 23: 16-20 The gospel of Matthew, which begins with the promise of "God-with-us" (1:23), concludes with this assurance given by Christ: "I am with you always, until the end of the world."

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, May 28	9:30am	RCIA Rite of Acceptance
Sunday, June 4	7:00pm	Graduation Mass for High School Seniors
Saturday June 10	5:00pm	Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
Sunday, June 11	11:30am	
Sunday, June 11	1:30pm	

*"What you are is God's gift to you,
what you become is your gift to God."*

*Reverend Hans Urs Von Balthasar
Swiss Theologian*

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of May 27 - May 28 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Bill
Sunday	7:30am	Father Joe with Deacon John
Sunday	9:30am	Father Joe with Deacon John
Sunday	11:30am	Father Dave Kennahan, OSFS
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Charles Phukuta, CICM
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Bill

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

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



SATURDAY	MAY 20
5:00pm	Ron Chambers †
SUNDAY	MAY 21
7:30am	Florence Kaider †
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:30am	Paulose Ponnattam †
1:30pm	Harry Psemeneke †
5:00pm	Charlotte Thompson †
MONDAY	MAY 22
9:00am	Susan Mallare-Laron †
12:10pm	Flora Hanuschak †
TUESDAY	MAY 23
6:30am	John Chomistek, Special Intention
9:00am	Wesley Ruth †
WEDNESDAY	MAY 24
9:00am	William J. Megonegal †
12:10pm	Malcolm Gray †
THURSDAY	MAY 25
6:30am	Ryan Clark †
9:00am	Matthew Callaghan †
FRIDAY	MAY 26
9:00am	Robert Saldanha †
12:10pm	Clifford Buck †
SATURDAY	MAY 27
5:00pm	George Magnani †
SUNDAY	MAY 28
7:30am	Vipin Antony, Special Intention
9:30am	Curtis Sylvester †
11:30am	People of the Parish
1:30pm	Rosa Digna Espinal †
5:00pm	Nelly Concepcion †

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



May 22 Reverend Christopher B. Christensen
May 23 Reverend Robert C. Cilinski
May 24 Reverend Joseph J. Clark
May 25 Monsignor R. Roy Cosby
May 26 Reverend Phillip M. Cozzi
May 27 Reverend Gerard Creedon
May 28 Reverend John C. Cregan

JUNE 4 GRADUATION MASS FOR AREA HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Based on the great success last year of our inaugural Graduation Mass for all area high school graduates, we are reprising it this year on Sunday, June 4 at 7:00pm. This moving service began with banners for each individual high school being carried in during the processional by students leading their fellow classmates into church.



We are looking for Seniors from area high schools who would like to assist in planning of the Mass, and to serve as lectors, servers, musicians, etc. A joyful reception for graduates, families and friends will follow, and we also welcome a few underclassmen or adults to help serve at the reception. If interested, please email Nicole Craig or Julia Funaki at SJNBaccMass@gmail.com.

Parish Information

CAN WE REACH YOU IF WE NEED TO? If you are not hearing from us at all and suspect you should be, it may be that some (or all!) of your contact information has changed and you forgot to inform us of any changes. You don't want to miss out on an invitation when something spectacular might happen, do you? If you are not sure we have accurate data on file, please email any changes to your contact information to info@saintjn.org so that we can update our records.

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. Our 6-week discussion group of Franciscan priest and author Richard Rohr's bestselling book "Breathing Under Water; Spirituality and the Twelve Steps" begins this 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

GIFT CARD COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES

Our Welcome the Stranger ministry invites all parishioners to welcome and support refugees and asylees who are being resettled in our diocese by Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services. Please consider participating in a gift card collection after all Masses next weekend. Tags specifying the type (Metro SmartTrip cards, Target, Walmart, Dollar Tree, Giant, Safeway, Food Lion, and Aldi) and value of gift cards needed are on a bulletin board in the main hallway. Stop by to pick one up and drop the gift cards off in the Narthex at the Welcome the Stranger table that will be staffed by members of the committee on **Saturday and Sunday, June 3 - 4** only. Catholic Charities will distribute the cards to families and individuals as needed, so they can purchase small household items and groceries or be used to commute to job searches, medical appointments, etc. This is another opportunity for our parish to live our faith.

"Feed my sheep."

John 21:17

BROWN BAG WEEKEND The Cornerstones van will be here after all the Masses next weekend, May 27-28. Please remember to bring your donations for those in need in our community. This month they especially need chicken soup, oatmeal, canned meats, canned fruits, and everyone's favorite, peanut butter and jelly!



STOP PROCRASTINATING—ONLY NINE DAYS LEFT!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GREG KLEIN

FAMILY! The Klein Family has been selected as the Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council's Family of the Month for May. The Kleins have been members of our parish for twenty-nine years. Greg joined the Knights in 1993 and has served in various Council leadership positions to include Grand Knight. He has always been a regular in the kitchen helping prepare charity fundraising breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, fish fries and other meals. Greg and Lisa have been in the Sunday 5:00pm Mass Contemporary Choir since its inception, and for five years headed up our annual Oktoberfest celebration. Daughter Mary was a co-catechist with her father in Faith Formation, and served on the Parish Council. Son Matthew was also a member of Family of Man Council. Greg was a Boy Scouts of America Life to Eagle advisor, and helped 32 young men, including Matthew, obtain Eagle Scout Rank. Thank you, Klein Family, for your many contributions to our parish community.



SAVE THE DATE – Movie Night for Adults will be Friday, June 9, with wine and cheese at 6:30pm and the movie will start at 7:00pm. We will view “Hidden Figures”.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Spaces are still available for this summer's VBS for both campers (rising kindergarten through rising 8th grade) and volunteers (rising 9th grade through adult)! This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory and the dates are July 10-14. Please see the parish website for more information. We hope to see you there!



SALESIAN MINISTRY “RESETTING OUR GPS”

Join us for a two-part summer program centered around St. Francis De Sales' writings and Salesian Spirituality. Each session will take place on three consecutive Thursday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30pm in Room B3 and will be facilitated by Carol Swiger



The June session begins June 15 and will offer a reflection on the Beatitudes using the text *“Living the Beatitudes with St. Francis De Sales”* by Sr. John Marie Schauber, OSFS. The text is available from the Salesian Ministry - Embraced By God.

The July session, beginning July 13 will offer a discussion of the text *“When God Is Silent”* - finding spiritual peace amid the storms of life, by Luis M Martinez. The text is also available from Embraced By God.

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.
- **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 ksmonroe58@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.

*“Wherever God has put you, that is your vocation.
It is not what we do
but how much love we put into it.”*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 28, 10:00am; Nationals Game and Mass, Southeast D.C.:** We will meet at Fox Mill Shopping Center at 10:00am to carpool to the 1:30pm Nationals game after attending "Nats Mass " at noon in DC! Tickets will be \$25 or less per person and will be coordinated by Erin. Please RSVP to Erin at erin.barsanti@gmail.com if you'd like to join us.
- **Tuesdays starting May 30, 7:15pm; Book Study (40 Catholic Customs) at church (Room TBD):** We'll be starting a Tuesday book study reading "Signs of Life", a book by Scott Hahn exploring the biblical and spiritual meaning behind 40 powerful Catholic traditions. Please RSVP to Claire at claireanet@gmail.com by **Tuesday, May 23** so we can order enough books. We will ask for a \$5 contribution from each participant to help with the cost of books.
- **Saturday, June 24, 8:00am-Sunday, June 25, 5:00pm, Trip to Hershey Park and Mt. St. Mary's Grotto:** Join us for a weekend trip to Hershey Park and the shrine and grotto at Mt. St. Mary's! Cost will be approximately \$100 each for park admission and a Saturday night hotel room. If you're interested in learning more about this fun trip, please e-mail Erin at erin.barsanti@brivo.com. RSVP's will be accepted until May 30th.



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.

- **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.
- **Thursday, June 15: Beach Barbeque, 5:30—8:30pm. Brown-McCarthy Auditorium** Join us for our end of the season dinner. Famous Dave's will cater a delicious BBQ dinner, and we will have adult beverages, punch, dessert and coffee/tea. All this for only \$10 a person! You must pre-pay for your dinner if you plan to come. This is a "members only" event as we are subsidizing the cost. Please send your payment of \$10.00 per person to our treasurer Bob Joy; please call him at 703-476-0509 for mailing address.
- **Friday, June 16—September 7**

Have A Great Summer!

Faith Formation

Mickie Abatemarco, Director
703-390-2340
mabatemarco@saintjn.org

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.

NEW FAITH FORMATION OPTION FOR FAMILIES:

Family Program: PreK-5th Grade

Goal: To offer families an option to build a small faith community and for parents to have an opportunity for adult faith formation.

Family Program will meet once a month, from September through April, on Saturday from 9:00-10:30am. Families will meet for social time and prayer followed by class sessions for the children and an adult session for the parents. Parents will sign up to teach a class during the year. All classes will meet by grade level. Families will be given a schedule of lessons to be completed at home and turned in at the monthly sessions. The November session will be a Faith in Action session. For further information contact Mickie Abatemarco at mabatemarco@saintjn.org or 703-390-2340.

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Angela Davis
703-390-2345
adavis@saintjn.org

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION is now open. For on-line directions and registration, please go to www.saintjn.org.

*"Be who God meant you to be
and you will set the world on fire.*

St. Catherine of Sienna

VOLUNTEERS/CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR THE 2017/2018 YEAR

Have you considered sharing your faith with the youth of our parish? We need volunteer Catechists for both the PK-5th Grade program and the 6th - 8th Grade program. Here is what is needed:

- Co-Catechists for PK-5th Grade during the following times:
Sundays 8:45am-10:00am
Sundays 10:45am-12:00pm
Tuesdays 4:30pm-5:45pm
Tuesdays 6:15pm-7:30pm
Wednesdays 5:30pm-6:45pm
- Small Group Facilitators and Station Leaders for 6th-8th Grade during the following times: (Note—these groups only meet once or twice per month)
Sundays 2:30pm-5:00pm
Sundays 6:00pm-8:30pm
Mondays 5:00pm-7:30pm
- Faith in Action Facilitators who will help create and facilitate projects that can be done during class sessions, focusing on service and social justice

Do you still have questions? If so, please attend one of our Interest Sessions:

Volunteers interested in helping with PK-5th Grade –
Sunday, June 11 at 4:00pm in room A3

Volunteers interested in helping with 6th-8th Grade –
Sunday, June 11 at 6:00pm in room A3

Please contact Angela Davis (adavis@saintjn.org or 703-390-2345) with any questions or to commit to a role. Thank you; I look forward to talking with you about our exciting new programs.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

Doug Johnson
703-860-6141
djohnson@saintjn.org

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

- Saturday, June 24 through Friday, June 30; Diocesan Work Camp. Our teens and adults will participate at various locations in the Fredericksburg area. Stay tuned for more information.
- SAVE THE DATE NOW!! Friday, July 28; King's Dominion. Spend the day with teens from our own parish and parishes across the Arlington Diocese. More information is coming soon, so watch this space!



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 2017

Come join us at the Paul VI Boys Soccer Camp this summer from July 31 to August 4!

PVI has a proven history of both team and individual successes. We 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 July 31 through August 4 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. There are a limited number of spots which means 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.pvisports.net/main/campsclinics. If you have any questions, please contact Coach Chuck LaPorte at claporte@paulvi.net or call 703-408-4782.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLUMBIA LIGHTHOUSE FOR THE BLIND

(CLB) is in need of more volunteers in CLB's Readers and Friendly Visitors program. In this program, adult volunteers are matched with adults who are blind or visually impaired. Volunteers assist with activities such as reading mail or the newspaper, going to the local library and shopping for groceries. Volunteer readers and visitors typically visit with their clients for 3-4 hours per month. Interested individuals will need to attend one orientation and they will be approved upon application review and background research. CLB needs more volunteers to match them with clients in a timely manner. Contact Elizabeth Knipp at ekniopp@clb.org or 202-454-6421 for information.

Special Collection Stewardship

COLLECTION FOR DIOCESAN RETIRED

PRIESTS This weekend, May 20 - 21 there will be a collection for the retired diocesan priests. This collection goes to fund their health care and living expenses. Currently there are 21 retired priests, with an additional 20 diocesan priests who will retire in the next ten years. Please consider donating to this collection. Thank you for your support.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

(CCC) Next weekend we will support this campaign, a simple, yet powerful way to help aid the Church and the Diocese of Arlington in spreading the powerful message of the Gospel and enriching the faith of thousands through beautiful and engaging media.

Half of your donation will go towards furthering national and international media evangelization efforts, like supporting communications projects in developing nations in Africa, Latin America and other areas of the world, bringing them the tools necessary to spread the Gospel message in the 21st century.

The second half of the proceeds will go towards supporting the local communications efforts of the Diocese of Arlington, helping us reach out to parishioners like you and those in our local communities with the joy of the Gospel through various initiatives like Catholic radio and television, daily Scripture meditations and the "For Your Marriage" campaign.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOVES VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to answer God's call to serve? Please visit www.ccca.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@ccca.net or 703-841-3838.

CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES WANTED FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE DAYS.

Catholic Charities has many wonderful opportunities available for groups, corporations or businesses that would like to volunteer. We are happy to work with your group to personalize the event and ensure that your group has a great experience. Please contact sodwyer@ccca.net.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."*

1 PETER 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, and we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

At the time the bulletin was submitted to our publisher, complete financial information for the weekend of May 13-14 was unavailable. Stewardship for that weekend and for May 21-22 will appear in next weekend's bulletin.