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

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

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

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

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 55:10-11;

Psalms 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14;

Romans 8: 18-23;

Matthew 13:1-23

Sometimes, good things take much time...and require much patience. This is even true of the greatest of all good things, the seeds of God's love.

Each of us is the "good ground" on and in which God plants the seeds of divine life and love. We are made in the image and likeness of God, and our common vocation (lived in ways unique to God's plan for each of us) is to allow these seeds of divine life to take root in our minds and hearts and to produce an abundance of goodness within us that spills out into the lives of our brothers and sisters...all to give glory and honor to God.

As the parable from Matthew's Gospel clearly illustrates, however, not all of the seeds of God's love within us fair well. Some of these seeds are choked off by our fears and anxieties. Some of these seeds are overwhelmed by other concerns or attractions. Some of these seeds simply wither away for lack of care and attention. Still, notwithstanding these and other would-be obstacles, many of the seeds of God's love do, in fact, take root, grow and produce a harvest of love, justice, peace, truth, reconciliation and freedom.

But this growth takes time, as well as a mixture of trial and error. This is important for us to remember, lest we lose heart and just allow the seeds of God's love within us go to pot altogether. The practice of patience is not only important in promoting spiritual growth in ourselves but in encouraging it in the lives of others. In a letter to one Madame Brulart, Francis de Sales wrote: "As for your desire to see your dear ones make progress in the service of God and in their longing for Christian perfection, I praise this desire tremendously...But to tell you the truth, I am always afraid that in these desires there may be a trace of self-love and self-will; for example, we may indulge so much in these desires that we may not leave enough room in our hearts for the things that really matter: humility, resignation, gentleness of heart and the like. Or else the intensity of these desires may bring about anxiety or overeagerness, and in the end we do not submit ourselves to God's will as perfectly as we should." (*Letters of Spiritual Direction, page 110.*)

Clearly, while we must take responsibility for our growth in devotion—that is, nourish the seeds of God's love in us and

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encourage the same in others—we must do it patiently and with a mind to God's will for us, lest our efforts become an exercise in self-will, self-delusion or self-absorption. Francis de Sales offers this advice: "Pursue your aims gently and quietly...By what you say and do you must gently sow seeds that will encourage others...In this way, especially if you pray about it, too, you will do more good than you would in any other way..." (Ibid)

The seeds of God's love that fall on good ground—in us, in others—will, in the long run, yield a fruitful harvest. In the short run, however, we must nurture them slowly, patiently and carefully (especially in the face of failure and frustration) in ways that give glory to God in heaven...and produce a harvest of justice and peace here on earth.

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



BEST WISHES to **Rose Ann Celestino and Grant Snodgrass**; and **Leslie Dean and Kevin MacDowell** 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: **Jacob Alexander Biala**, son of Jeffrey and Michelle; **James Hudson** and **Kennedy Grace Buchanan**, son and daughter of James and Carly; **Emerson Jane Cottrell**, daughter of Jarid and Christy; **David James Faltynski**, son of Matthew and Laura ; **Ryan Ismael Saldoval Galán**, son of Patricio and Kenya; **Ernest, Joshua and Simon Kasali**, sons of Zihalirwa and Rukengeza; **Adelaida Susan Lee-Llacer**, daughter of Carl and Sarah; **Sydney Frances Schill**, daughter of David and Lacy; and **Madelyn Rae Weaver** daughter of Justin and Kristina.



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Marty Gannon**; **Joseph Nguyen Tat Tan**, uncle of Vinh Ngo; **Gertrude Ullrich**, mother of Christine Barcus and grandmother of Wyatt and Ryder; and **John Wagenhofer**, brother of Claire Gazlay.

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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Saturday, August 5	All Masses	Blessing of All Graduates
Sunday, August 6		
Saturday, August 12	5:00pm	Baptism
Sunday, August 20	9:30am	Baptism
Sunday, August 20	11:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm	Anointing of the Sick

PLEASE PRAY for Anita Cashman, **Doug Johnson, Dickie Smith**, Jon Zackman and all the sick.

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

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.***

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: Next weekend we celebrate **The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from God's Word:

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 The attitude of God throughout the history of Israel, and particularly his moderation toward his sinful people, reveals that he is impartial and patient toward the most rebellious. God offers his mercy to all sinners for he wants all his children to find the same hope for themselves and their fellow citizens.

Psalms 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 **Lord, You are Good and Forgiving.** This is a prayer expressing confidence and requesting help.

Romans 8:26-27 Prayer does not demand smooth words or broad vocabulary. It does require trust in the Spirit who raises our hearts to God.

Matthew 13:24-43 The parables of the mustard seed and the leaven underline the contrast between the humble beginnings of the kingdom and the great coming which is promised. The parable of the weeds is a lesson in patience for those who are astounded by the slowness of divine justice.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY JULY 15
5:00pm Ron Cinal †

SUNDAY JULY 16
7:30am Marie McCarthy †
9:30am Jamile Braidy †
11:30am Frank Dietz †
1:30pm People of the Parish
5:00pm Stella Docimo Mongrandi †

MONDAY JULY 17
9:00am Margaret Lee Schatz †

TUESDAY JULY 18
9:00am Marie Antoinette Mangano †

WEDNESDAY JULY 19
9:00am Ed Psemeneke †

THURSDAY JULY 20
9:00am Patrick Geoghegan †

FRIDAY JULY 21
9:00am Michael Smertycha †

SATURDAY JULY 22
5:00pm Helen Zorn †

SUNDAY JULY 23
7:30am Robert and Rose Walz †
9:30am John Dorach †
11:30am Bernadette Greedy, Special Intention
1:30pm Simon Ventura †
5:00pm People of the Parish

*“Anything done for another
is done for oneself.”*

Pope John Paul II

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER CHARLES!

Many of you know Father Charles Phukuta Konde, CICM, who has been supporting our parish Hispanic community and frequently presiding at our 1:30pm Sunday Mass.



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Father Charles, who has for the past six years been serving as the USA CICM Provincial Superior, was elected as the new CICM Superior General while in Rome in June. He is pictured with Pope Francis about to kiss a medal of the Missionhurst - CICM's founder, Theophile Verbist,

shortly after his election. His current responsibilities will be assumed by Father Celso Tabalanzna, CICM, who will relocate from San Antonio to Arlington and be installed as the new USA Provincial Superior in September. We will miss Father Charles but will celebrate with and wish him well before he leaves for Rome in September, so stay tuned for more information!

**PARISHIONER PARTICIPATING IN YOUTH
APOSTLES MASS OF CONSECRATION**

James Armstrong III has been approved to make a one-year consecrated commitment in Youth Apostles. This year will be a time of much prayer, discernment and working with the youth. He will be assigned to work at the Don Bosco Center, a ministry serving at-risk youth in the Georgetown South neighborhood of Manassas. James just completed his first year in Youth Apostles as a Youth Missionary, and is taking the next step in his vocational journey. Let us pray for a successful year and for his ongoing discernment. His family invites you to join them at The Mass of Consecration at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Vienna on August 12 at 1:30pm.



LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of July 22 - July 23 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Bill
Sunday	7:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	9:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	11:30am	Father Don
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Samuel Valasquez with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Don



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

July 17 Reverend Bryan Duggan
July 18 Chaplain (LT) Luke R. Dundon
July 19 Reverend Richard E. Dyer
July 20 Reverend Frederick F. Edlefsen
July 21 Reverend Francis Eldridge, S.A.
July 22 Reverend Ronald S. Escalante
July 23 Reverend Juan Espino, DCJM

NEWCOMERS' TOUR COMING SOON

Are you new to St. John Neumann, or perhaps unfamiliar with our facilities? Come join us for a tour of the de Sales Chapel, meeting rooms, classrooms and other areas of the building after the 9:30am Mass Sunday, July 30. We'll meet in the Narthex by the Welcome Desk about 10:30am. Maybe we can even grab a cup of coffee in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium after the tour. Contact Jo-Ann Duggan if you have questions at jduggan@saintjn.org

Parish Information

THE PARISH NURSE ON SUMMER ACTIVITY AND THE RISK OF DEHYDRATION (A RERUN) With all of the activities of summer and changes in normal routine, it's easy to forget how critical fluid balance is to our health. Recall that the adult human body is composed of approximately 60% water. In hot weather we can lose up to a quart of fluids per hour, due to perspiration and respiration. Summer heat, high humidity, and prolonged sun exposure put us at serious risk for dehydration. Those who are at even higher risk include the elderly, children and diabetics. Prevention and attention to early signs and symptoms of dehydration are key.

Adults active outdoors should drink 16 ounces of water two hours before exercise. The body needs this time to absorb fluid. Supplemental hydration during activity with sports drinks is an excellent choice because we lose electrolytes (most notably sodium) with perspiration. If we only drink water, we dilute an already depleted supply. As an ER nurse, in the heat of summer I would regularly observe athletes brought in by ambulance with dangerously low sodium levels. Symptoms of low sodium levels are swelling of the hands, weakness, dizziness, nausea and confusion.

They claimed they were hydrating consistently during activity. However they were only hydrating with water; not replenishing electrolytes (again, especially sodium). High sugar drinks like soda and fruit juice are not efficient hydrators because excess sugar makes absorption difficult. Other fluids are actually natural dehydrators: coffee, tea, caffeinated beverages and alcohol. It's important to hydrate more if you have been drinking them. The sports drink remains the best most balanced option for the active adult.

Dehydration effects blood pressure, circulation, digestion and kidney function, and even joints, and may cause headaches, fatigue, dry skin and constipation

Thirst is not always a good guide for dehydration. However the color of urine is. Light straw colored = hydrated. Deep yellow or darker = need to hydrate. Other symptoms of dehydration may include dry mouth, dry skin, sleepiness, decreased urine output, dizziness especially upon standing and increased heart rate.

Treatment includes rehydration in a cooler environment, and sips every few minutes with a goal of two quarts over two to four hours. Rest for a full 24 hours after an episode of dehydration and continue to drink fluids regularly the following 36 hours. Elderly may require IV hydration and should be monitored closely as to not overload the heart.

Please be vigilant about fluid replacement for all family members...including your pets. As you walk out the door checking for your keys, phone and wallet, add water bottles and sports drink to your list for each member of the family.

Above all, stay cool and healthy this summer!

“Whoever allows himself to be crushed by the criticism around him will be destroyed: nothing will remain of his work.”

Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS

FIRST YEAR! OUR PARISH "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" MENTORING PROJECT AT HUNTERS WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WAS A SUCCESS!

This past school year, nine parishioners volunteered to spend at least an hour once weekly to read with and/or mentor students at Hunters Woods Elementary School. Guided by staff, the mentors made students feel very special as they supported them in their education process.

Due to large classroom size and special needs, so many teachers need "more hands on deck" to accomplish student goals. Emily Cope, Hunters Woods principal, expressed her deep gratitude for our mentors and hopes we can provide even more support in the coming year.

If you are interested, contact parishioner, Kathy Fredgren, a retired teacher, at fredgren.kathy@gmail.com or by phone at 703-674-8160. All volunteers working in the school do have to be fingerprinted and educated on the mentoring process. Once the school year begins, a special session will be set up at Hunters Woods School to prepare all new volunteers.

"It Takes A Village" is an understatement in our schools today! We are optimistic that our parish has enough resources to not only provide help at Hunters Woods School but perhaps some support in the future to Dogwood Elementary School. Let Go! Let God!

HOLD ON ONE MORE WEEK...THE DONUTS ARE COMING

Our parish-based Boy Scout Troop 124 will be selling donuts on the morning of July 23, after the 7:30 and 9:30am Masses. The troop is also looking to grow and expand and would love to talk to any of the young men of our parish, ages 10-16, who might consider joining our boy-led organization where they can grow in leadership, learn outdoor skills and experience the great outdoors.



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 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.

50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES: For more information on the 50+ Club upcoming fall events, please email Pat Bossie at grankidsx9@aol.com or call 703-620-3747. The 2017-2018 schedule has been completed!

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.

- **Wednesdays, July through August, 7:00pm, Small Group Bible Study, SJN Youth Room:** Join us on Wednesdays this summer for community time and to reflect on the upcoming week's gospel together as a young adult community. E-mail Thomas at saintjnya@gmail.com to RSVP and feel free to invite friends!
- **Saturday, July 22, World Youth Day UNITE, Washington, DC:** Featuring Audrey Assad and Tony Melendez, the World Youth Day UNITE (www.wydunite.com) is a national young adult (18 to 39) and young family festival where hundreds will gather for amazing worship, inspiring talks, engaging break out groups, and incredible music! E-mail Brendan at b.gotta@arlingtondiocese.org for more information.

*“Spread love everywhere you go.
Let no one ever come to you
without leaving happier.”*

St Teresa of Calcutta

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.
- **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.

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

Doug Johnson
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IMMEDIATE NEED FOR COORDINATOR

FOR TRIP TO KINGS DOMINION! By now, all Middle School and High School Teens (7th to 12th Graders) and recent graduates, should be planning to join high school teens from all over the Arlington Diocese for an exciting and fun-filled Diocesan Kings Dominion Day on Friday, July 28.

We need help now to make this happen! Doug Johnson will be on medical leave getting used to his new knee, so he needs a parent volunteer to coordinate this effort! The lead parent volunteer would be responsible for soliciting six (6) or seven (7) passenger vans (or larger) and drivers to transport teens and interested family members to and from the park, and to pick up the requested number of tickets from the Diocese of Arlington Office of Youth Ministry in Arlington.

We also need adult volunteers to provide their van, help chaperone and join in the fun! We can accommodate as many teens as we have parent volunteers with vans. Any parent that volunteers their van, drives to and from Kings Dominion and helps to chaperone will receive reimbursement for gas and parking and a free ticket for Kings Dominion (\$35 value) for you and one of your teens that accompany you!

We plan to leave the parish parking lot at 10:00am and return at 10:00pm, which would allow you a full 8 hours of fun and frolic at the park! Friends are welcome to sign up and we encourage you to share the fun with all your friends. The ticket price is \$35. Scholarships are available on an as-needed basis; contact Betsy Puzanghero for information. Permission Slips are required. They are available to be picked up from the desk in front of the Faith Formation Office or, upon request, we will e-mail it to you to download. Space is limited and based on available vans – so sign up now! We will keep a list of teens on a first-come, first-served basis and available vans will be filled according to your place on the list. Once again, we will take as many teens as we have vans available to accommodate them.

The deadline for sign-ups is Monday, July 24! To reserve your space, we need to have your check for \$35 (per person) made out to Saint John Neumann Church and a fully completed, signed permission slip by that date. Call Betsy Puzanghero at 703-860-6155 or send an e-mail to her at bpuzanghero@saintjn.org to reserve a space, volunteer (parents) to coordinate, drive your van that seats 7 (including driver) and chaperone or if you have any questions or need further information. Don't miss a great day of fun and fellowship! And, you might even run into friends you made during work camp, if you were there!

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU,

DIOCESAN WORK CAMPERS! Saint Teresa of Avila proclaimed: "Christ has no body now but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which He blesses the world."

On June 24, 23 intrepid teens and 13 adults from our parish traveled to Fredericksburg, VA to participate in the week-long Arlington Diocesan Work Camp. This blessed opportunity to live and pray together while serving our brothers and sisters in need afforded us the opportunity to serve as the eyes and feet and hands of Christ spreading his love and good news to everyone we encountered. All of us experienced the excitement of new friendships, the joy of giving, witnessing the faith, hope and love of the residents we served and the ever-present love of Jesus Christ surrounding, supporting and sustaining us throughout the entire week! This experience has deepened our faith, expanded our prayer life and helped to develop in all of us an attitude of openness to give freely of our time and talents in the service of others.

We give thanks to all of our wonderful teens and adults who gave up a week of their summer toiling hard and not wilting in the heat to make life better for the residents we assisted. Through the combined efforts of over 800 teens and 400 adults participating in the Work Camp, 120 residences received much-needed repairs such as new roofs, windows, decks, wheelchair ramps, floors, lots of painting and sprucing up

Thank you and God Bless our parish contingent: Teens: Ben Carey, Tommy Craig, Alex Desrosiers, Andrew Eberly, Lydia Lodge, Sarah Mamros, Dayana Marmol, Stephen O'Donnell, Matt Stewart, John Swecker, Michael Tran, Vinnie Tran, Matt Wydra, Meredith Millard, Marie McPherson, Cathleen Papas, Lukas Gose, Bobby McCaleb, Michael Sebastian, Ankith Vadicherla, Audrey Craig, Emily Neihardt and Delaney Patterson; Adults - Crew Leaders: Nick Buck, Mike Dimaiuta, Doug Johnson, Amy Stewart and Deb Wydra; Contractors: Bill Behan, Mark Gosselin, Jim O'Donnell, Russ Rau, John White, Dave Bermingham and John Feroldi; Home Base Crew: Alec Brown and Sean McCartney. Thanks to Betsy Puzanghero for great support in preparing for Work Camp. We also thank the parents of these special teens that participated for all their help and support in accomplishing the multitude of tasks necessary to prepare for the work camp and for raising such fine young men and women. Finally, thank you from all of us who participated to our ever-supportive parish community for your prayers, financial and material support which allowed us to go forth to serve as your representatives. You truly lift us up!



ARE YOU CALLED TO A MINISTRY WITH HIGH SCHOOL TEENS?

The U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops has stated: "Youth Ministry is the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people, and the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community." Our High School Youth Ministry Program is seeking adults to participate in a variety of roles in supporting and mentoring our teens on their spiritual journey. Find out how you can contribute your gifts and talents in our high school program. It's a great opportunity to mentor our teens, deepen your own faith and have fun! For more information, contact Doug Johnson by e-mail at djohnson@saintjn.org or by phone at (703) 860-6141. You'll be glad you did!

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.

Additional Parish Information

JENNIFER MITCHELL MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

A joint effort of St. John Neumann and four other Reston-area religious congregations resulted in scholarship awards to ten high school seniors, five from South Lakes H.S. and five from Herndon H.S., at their honors assemblies in early June. This was the 28th year students have benefited from gifts from the Jennifer Mitchell Memorial Fund. This fund was established to recognize graduating seniors who have attained a solid record of achievement despite economic, family, linguistic, or other difficulties that would have impeded less dedicated and determined students.

The following seniors received scholarships (ranging from \$800 to \$1,300):

- At South Lakes High School in Reston: Hasmah Hussain, Asma Ibrahim, Amna Kayani, Carolyn Ryan (the third member of her family to receive a JMM Scholarship), and Razan Smith
- At Herndon High School: Nicolle Alvarez Salinas, Ahmad Amin, Charlyn Castillo, Robert Henry, and Aakriti Poudel

This year St. John Neumann, the four other congregations (Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, St. Thomas à Becket Catholic Church, and the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston), and individual donors contributed just under \$11,000 to the fund. The fund is named after Jennifer Mitchell (daughter of Linn and Terry Mitchell of the St. Thomas à Becket and Unitarian Universalist churches, respectively), a Herndon H.S. senior when she died in an automobile accident in 1990.

Around the Diocese

IMMIGRATION RESOURCES: The following is the seventh in an eight-part series of bulletin announcements provided by the Diocese to address immigration.

Week 7: The USCCB Supports Earned Legalization

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops supports an earned legalization program that would allow foreign nationals of good moral character who are living in the United States to apply to adjust their status to obtain lawful permanent residence. Such a program would create an eventual path to citizenship, requiring applicants to complete and pass background checks, pay a fine, and establish eligibility for resident status to participate in the program.

To learn more about Church teaching on immigration and find resources for immigration advocacy, visit arlingtondiocese.org/immigration.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE BLESSING



Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington, will bless the statue of Our Lady of Fatima at Fairfax Memorial Park's Rosary Garden, 9900 Braddock Road in Fairfax on Sunday, July 16, at 3:30pm. The event will take place rain or shine.

The blessing will be followed by the Rosary. Refreshments will be available immediately afterward. In addition, there will be a free raffle for burial space in the new "Rosary Garden" and an "Our Lady of Fatima" themed gift basket. The event will take place rain or shine.

ALTAR SERVER PICNIC AUGUST 8

Bishop Burbidge invites the altar servers to the annual Altar Server Picnic on Tuesday, August 8, from 10:00am – 2:00pm at Lake Fairfax Park. If you would like to attend, contact Patty Bartnick at 703-860-6151 or pbartnick@saintjn.org. All servers must be accompanied by an adult.



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SAINT LUKE SCHOOL A CATHOLIC TRADITION Educating the Whole Child...

Saint Luke School has limited openings in Grades Preschool through 8 for the 2017-2018 academic year. Spaces fill up quickly, so please call the school office, 703-356-1508, or email our Registrar, Connie Lagos, connielagos@stlukeschool.com, or Principal, Mr. Louis Silvano, lsilvano@stlukeschool.com, to schedule a private tour.

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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.

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A WOMAN'S CHOICE NEEDS EMPLOYEES

A Woman's Choice ProLife Crisis Pregnancy Center has immediate openings for two part-time assistants to the Associate and Executive Directors. One position is in the Falls Church location and another in our Herndon location. Hours would be Monday through Friday from 9:30am to 2:30pm. Candidates must be dedicated to the prolife movement, bilingual in English and Spanish and be willing to be trained in counseling pregnant women. For more information please contact Dolores Wisecarver at AWCLife@VACoxMail.com or call 703-538-4305.

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HOW DOES SPENDING EASTER WEEK IN FRANCE SOUND?

Paul VI Catholic High School invites you to enjoy France with the saints. We will travel through France with Father Stephen Schulz in the footsteps of St. Francis deSales, St. John Vianney, and St. Bernadette during Easter Week, April 1-9, 2018. The Pilgrimage starts in Lourdes on Easter Monday, and we will visit Lyon, Carcassonne, Avignon, Ars, and Annecy. France is leading the way in the New Evangelization; come with us to find out why.



For more information visit www.rtijourneys.com/itineraries/paulvicatholichighschoolpilgrimage or send email to jkrolicki@paulvi.net. Registration closes August 31, 2017, so don't delay!

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."* **MATTHEW 13:22**

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities that you have no time for God? Stewardship is a lifestyle to be lived every day. It effects all the decisions we make. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week.