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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, JULY 24

Sunday Morning Coffee: 8:30am;

Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am;

Conference Room



**St. Joachim and St. Anne
Feast Day July 26
Parents of the Blessed Mother**

MONDAY, JULY 25

No Scheduled Events

TUESDAY, JULY 26

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Pax Christi: 7:00pm; Conference Room

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Spanish Young Adults: 7:00pm; B3

Catching Fire, Becoming Flame: 7:30pm; A1

THURSDAY, JULY 28

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

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

Chapel

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

FRIDAY, JULY 29

No Scheduled Events

SATURDAY, JULY 30

Brown Bag Sunday

No Scheduled Events

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Brown Bag Sunday

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

Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

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.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS:

As we are nearing the end of July, I hope that these summer days are allowing people to hopefully take some vacation or at least slow down a bit. With the hot weather upon us, I want to encourage all of us to stay well hydrated.

On Tuesday, July 26, World Youth Day will be celebrated in Krakow, Poland. Let all of us pray that this will be a special time for the youth of our Church worldwide and for the Church itself. May World Youth Day inspire all of our young people to grow in their faith.

We are in some disturbing and challenging times for our country and for our world. Let us continue to pray for peace and civility, especially in those places that are experiencing violence, discrimination and hatred. May our prayers and advocacy for peace and justice help bring about much needed transformation.

Peace and in the Spirit of St. Francis de Sales,

Father Joe

Prayer and Liturgy



BEST WISHES to **Jayme Felner and John Sekel** 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: **Ashleigh Joy Adams**, daughter of Jimmie and Kristina.



PRAY FOR AN OBLATE DAILY

We continue our daily prayers for the priests and brothers in the Wilmington-Philadelphia province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales by praying this week for:

- July 25 Reverend John F. Kenny, OSFS
- July 26 Reverend Patrick J. Kifolo, OSFS
- July 27 Reverend Dennis W. Killion, OSFS
- July 28 Reverend Cornelius F. Kilty, OSFS
- July 29 Reverend John A. Kolodziej, OSFS
- July 30 Reverend Mathias I. Kumar, OSFS
- July 31 Reverend Anthony J. Larry, OSFS



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Genesis 18:20-32;
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8;
Colossians 2:12-14;
Luke 11:1-13

Today's readings entreat us to ask daily for our true needs from God who desires to fulfill them. Here are a few of the many thoughts of St. Francis de Sales on prayer:

Our good Master shows us very clearly in the Our Father that we must first ask that God be acknowledged and adored by all. Then we ask for what is most necessary for us, that God's Kingdom come. The Kingdom is the beginning and end for which we live. We desire to be inhabitants of heaven. Next we ask that God's will be done. After these requests, Our Lord makes it very clear that we must ask for our daily bread every day.

In prayer God comes into the garden of our soul and plants divine love. In time, as we cultivate in prayer what God has planted in our hearts, we gain confidence in our growing friendship with God. So close does our friendship flower that we even ask God to give us what we desire. So, as well as praising God in prayer, we also ask God for all that is good. We can ask God for anything with the condition that what we ask for is in accord with God's will and is for God's greater glory.

In prayer God gives us all the good thoughts we need to become whole. Prayer shows us how to perform all our actions well. Every action of those who reverence God is a continual prayer. Those who give alms, visit the sick, and practice other good works, are praying. They are voices praising God with their good actions.

The end of prayer is to desire only God. Our Savior desires to plant in us an abundance of graces and blessings and even His heart, completely enflamed and burning with an incomparable love toward us. Let us pour out in His presence all our desires so that He may transform us entirely into Himself. How can we not open our heart in prayer to allow the Holy Spirit to flood it with divine love?

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

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Larry Gallagher**, father of Chris and grandfather of Jack, Sarah and Katie.



UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

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| Saturday, July 23 | 5:00pm | Baptism |
| Sunday, August 14 | 11:30am | Baptism |
| Saturday, August 20 | 5:00pm | Baptism |
| Sunday, August 28 | 9:30am | Baptism |

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23 Quheleth, the author of Ecclesiastes, wrote in the third century B.C. A hard realist, he questions the pious platitudes of his time. Here he attacks the presumption that wealth is a sign of virtue.

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart.

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11 Faith in the resurrection of Christ and in the certainty of our own resurrection changes our entire perception of the goal of life.

Luke 12:13-21 Jesus refuses to get mixed up in a quarrel over an inheritance. He takes advantage of the opportunity to ask whether wealth is worth so many cares and worries. It is folly to forget that death will take it away from us. It is wisdom to grow rich in the sight of God by sharing.



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| SATURDAY | JULY 23 |
| 5:00pm | Stephen Morris † |
| SUNDAY | JULY 24 |
| 7:30am | Joseph Ngo Phung † |
| 9:30am | Stephen Morris † |
| 11:30am | Teresa Kwapniewski † |
| 1:30pm | Kevin Ward † |
| 5:00pm | People of the Parish |
| MONDAY | JULY 25 |
| 9:00am | Avo Miashiro † |
| TUESDAY | JULY 26 |
| 9:00am | Neil Ainslie † |
| WEDNESDAY | JULY 27 |
| 9:00am | Jove Trinidad † |
| THURSDAY | JULY 28 |
| 9:00am | Dennis Wargo † |
| FRIDAY | JULY 29 |
| 9:00am | Larry Kropp † |
| SATURDAY | JULY 30 |
| 5:00pm | People of the Parish |
| SUNDAY | JULY 31 |
| 7:30am | Frederick Maguire † |
| 9:30am | James Maguire † |
| 11:30am | Frank Clary † |
| 1:30pm | Ann O'Neill † |
| 5:00pm | Deacon Ray Levesque † |

PLEASE PRAY for those who have asked for our prayers: Ken Fredgren, Andy Schoka and Jane Tatge, 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 July 30 - July 31 are:

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| Saturday | 5:00pm | Father Bill |
| Sunday | 7:30am | Father Jerry |
| Sunday | 9:30am | Father Joe |
| Sunday | 11:30pm | Father Bob |
| Sunday | 1:30pm | Father Angel Luis |
| Sunday | 5:00pm | Father Joe |

HELP WANTED FOR FAMILY MASS!

Saturday, October 1, we will resume celebrating the Family Mass in de Sales Chapel the first Saturday of every month, in parallel with the 5:00pm Vigil Mass in the church. Obviously, Children's Liturgy of the Word will not take place on those Saturday evenings when we have Family Mass.



Our Family Mass is very successful, and really does help our younger members better understand the different parts of the Mass and encourages their participation. Thus far, our youth have been actively involved in roles such as Lector, Usher, Altar Server, Music Minister and Greeter. We hope to see those who were involved this past year continue their efforts, and that many other children will step up to participate.

We will need to train the ushers, servers and lectors who would like to get involved. Greeters are also needed, but no training is necessary. **Remember, our first Family Mass for this school year will take place on Saturday, October 1, at 5:00pm.** For more details about these opportunities, please contact the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

7 WAYS TO MAKE ORDINARY TIME LESS

ORDINARY We are in the midst of Ordinary Time. If you check the thesaurus, “ordinary” is equated with “humdrum,” “routine,” “run-of-the-mill.” Is this what the Church has in mind for this particular part of our liturgical calendar?

No. The highlights of the liturgical calendar are Easter and Christmas. Ordinary time is about the points in between, focusing on the life of Christ. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

For those of us who live in the northern hemisphere, we are enjoying longer and warmer days. People head off on summer vacations, make plans to be on the water for a quiet evening of fishing or a day of water-skiing adventures. We slow down. We sit by the bonfire and talk and sing. Our neighborhood walks are dotted with a few stops to catch up with the neighbors. Ordinary time is not “humdrum” or boring; it’s just a different rhythm.

How can we make Ordinary Time a more spiritual time? How can we, as the U.S. bishops say, grow and mature in our faith? Here are 7 ideas:

1. **Take your Bible to the bonfire.** There is something about a fire on a quiet summer night that is perfect for meditation. Choose one of the Gospels at random and spend a bit of time praying. Or look over the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel reading. Let the Holy Spirit, who first came to us in fire, lead you in prayer.
2. **Vacation to a different parish.** Even if you’re not traveling, ordinary time is a great time to go visit a parish near you that maybe you’ve never been to, or haven’t seen in a long time. You could visit your diocese’s cathedral, or a little country church. Either way, it’s a great reminder that we are the Universal Church and every Catholic church in the world is our home. If you’d like, pack a picnic lunch and make a day of it!
3. **Get into a rhythm of prayer.** Priests and religious are bound to pray the Divine Office every day, but it’s a fine prayer for the lay faithful as well. It can be a little tricky learning how to do this, but practice makes perfect, and that goes double for prayer. There are websites that offer assistance in this. Another fine option is Magnificat monthly magazine, which is a truncated version of the Office (and, they have a children’s version!)
4. **Have your home blessed.** The blessing of a home is a long-standing Catholic tradition. Why bless our house? Because we who live there are a domestic church; it is the nursery of faith and the place where our faith is lived out. Ask your pastor to bless your home, and ask if he’ll stay for dinner. What a wonderful way to spend a summer evening!
5. **Ditch the electronics for a day.** Yup, this is hard. We

will want to check our phones, catch a baseball game, beat our latest score on a video game. But just for a day, ditch the electronics. Head outside. Play tag. Decorate the sidewalks with encouraging messages. Have the neighbors over for ice cream after dinner. Give the dog a bath. Wander. Read. Take a nap. Enjoy the quiet, because this is where God speaks to us.

6. **Make the outside of your home look Catholic.** Plant a Marian garden. Find a statue you really like (Mary, St. Francis of Assisi perhaps) and give it a fitting place of prominence. Plan a day for the kids to make garden stepping stones that reflect their faith.

7. **Make Catholic attractions part of your summer vacation.** If you are on the road this summer, find a Catholic attraction or two to visit. Maybe it’s a shrine that features a huge cross, or a grotto dedicated to Mary, lovingly made by hand. This doesn’t mean you have to forgo a trip to the water park or skip mini-golf; just plan on one more stop that reminds us that the Catholic faith is big and bold and beautiful, and expressed in many loving ways. Ordinary time is not meant to be boring or mundane. Enjoy this time of year, and find ways to move closer to Christ, because in Him we live and move and have our being.

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*“The God who created the universe out of nothing
can also intervene in this world
and overcome every form of evil.
Injustice is not invincible.”*

Pope Francis 5/24/15, Laudato Si’

WHO SAYS ORDINARY TIME HAS TO BE ORDINARY?

Not our bulletin publisher, Diocesan Publications! They are doing something out of the ordinary and you are invited to participate.

Two weeks ago, we introduced you to their daily blog, “Living the Good News”, to which you can subscribe for free. Now through July 31, all **new** subscribers will be entered into their Ordinary Time, Extraordinary Giveaway! Each of 3 winners, chosen at random and notified by email August 1, will receive a Diocesan Publications Gift Bundle: one of their fun, fabulous t-shirts, a collection of their prayer cards, bookmarks and stickers plus a \$25 Visa gift card!

If you would like to enter, go to the “Living the Good News” blog at this location: <https://diocesan.com/shop/ordinary-time-extraordinary-giveaway/>. Scroll to the bottom of that or any of their blog posts and enter your email in the subscription box. You’ll not only be enrolled in this great contest, but you’ll receive fantastic Catholic writing every day! This contest is open to new blog subscribers only.

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IN SEARCH OF CHILDREN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE YOUTH USHER

MINISTRY: Youth ushers and adult supervisors are needed to welcome and seat congregation members at Masses, conduct the collection, help guide parishioners during the Communion procession, hand out bulletins at the end of Mass and ready the church for Mass. We are looking for interested children and their parents, excited about serving at the weekly 5:00pm Saturday Vigil or Sunday Masses, or the once-monthly 5:00pm Family Mass. Please contact the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151 for more information if you are interested in participating.

Parish Information

"BOTTLES OF THANKS" The recent Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Sanctity of Life Ministries was a **huge** success! Thanks to your generosity over \$8,700 was raised. Your support has a tremendous impact on preserving the sanctity of life in our surrounding area communities. Many thanks for your support and prayers.

HELP SERVE BREAKFAST AT THE LAMB

CENTER A group of parishioners takes breakfast to the Lamb Center on the fifth Saturday of the month (a few times a year). We need to take about 8 pans of prepared hot egg dishes which can be scrambled eggs with vegetables and/or meat, quiches or casseroles. In addition, hash browns and juices are appreciated. They do not have cooking facilities at the Center.

We arrive at 7:45am (to set up and pray before it opens at 8am) at the Lamb Center at its new location, 3160 Campbell Drive near Fairfax Circle. Jobs include:

- serving the breakfast, so bring an apron and baseball cap
- lunch set-up including salad preparation
- laundry duty (washing the guests' clothes, giving out toiletries)
- stocking shelves/organizing donations
- driving to pick up donations

Fellowship with the guests and participation in Bible study are encouraged. Our next visit is Saturday, July 30. Contact Kelly Gallo at gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE! ZOOTOPIA!

Our next Family Movie Night will take place on Friday, August 5, in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. Put on your PJs and bring your sleeping bags. And, yes, we will be serving ice cream sundaes.



NEXT WEEKEND IS BROWN BAG WEEKEND!

The Cornerstones van will be in our parking lot next weekend, July 30 and 31. Please remember our neighbors in need when you are shopping for food for yourself or your families. All non-perishable groceries can be dropped in the back of the van. Thank you for your generosity.

*"It is to those who have
the most need of us
that we ought to show our love
more especially."*

St. Francis de Sales

ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACK DRIVE

There are just over 50,000 students in Fairfax County who qualify for free and reduced lunch benefits. Their families can't provide the school supplies needed for each school year, and many have to make a choice between food and bills or school supplies.

Cornerstones and their partner, Kids R First, are preparing to help equip over 3,500 K-12 children in the Reston-Herndon area with brand new backpacks for the next academic year. These children are primarily Cornerstones' clients, as well as other local students in need.



Please keep in mind that Cornerstones cannot accept backpacks with wheels or with corporate logos. The specific sizes requested are:

- High School Size 20" H x 14" W x 7" D (the age where the need is greatest)
- Junior High Size 18" H x 13" W x 6" D
- Elementary Age Size 16" H x 12" W x 5" D

You can purchase backpacks online through Walmart or Amazon (free shipping to Cornerstones using Amazon Prime). You may want to time your backpack purchases with the Virginia tax-free school shopping period from August 5 - 7.

Please drop off your backpacks in the bins under the counter in the main hallway by Monday, August 8. If you have questions or concerns, contact Jo-Ann Duggan at jduggan@saintjn.org.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THANK YOU,
VERONICA PHILIPPS

for your hard work in creating a delightful mural of Noah's Ark in our parish nursery. Veronica, her family, friends and members of Girl Scout Troop 4572 all joined together to help paint the mural and the entire nursery. By completing this project Veronica has completed all requirements to attain her Gold Award, the highest award bestowed by the Girl Scouts of America. Please stop in the parish nursery to admire this beautiful mural of Noah's Ark.



One of the requirements that needed to be completed to attain this award was to gather a group of children to share the Biblical context. The children of the Thursday mornings Mothers Group were recipients of Veronica's introduction to the Bible story of Noah and the building of the ark. The introductory session was very well received by the children and their parents.

Veronica is a very talented young artist and we are so proud and grateful that she shared her unique talent and time with our parish community. She is also a 2016 graduate of Chantilly High School and one busy young woman. Congratulations on all your achievements! We wish you the best as you begin to further your studies at Rochester Institute of Technology in the fall and we hope to see you when you return home. The mural is a cheerful addition to the nursery and we will enjoy it for years to come.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE:

MY GARDEN/MYSELF

A garden is, unquestionably, a metaphor for life. Both our lives and a garden require solid bedrock, healthy soil, patience, a willingness to deal with things out of our control and tremendous perseverance. They also require regular maintenance such as weeding, trimming, and fertilizing or exercise, a healthy lifestyle and disease prevention. If maintenance is neglected, both become unhealthy, unruly and unproductive.

Think about how each teach us the value of digging deep. Resilience is built when we cultivate the ability to bend, especially when the storms of life come barreling through. Both are strengthened when they demonstrate flexibility and the ability to sometimes let things go.

Pruning is an important step for releasing bad habits as well as dead branches and encourages new growth. Seeds of change can be sown but in order to take, they must be fed and watered. Weeding must be done routinely or good fruits will be suffocated. Stress and worry become the intruders in our own lives and have to be managed or we risk being taken over by them.

It's critical to shield against the painful realities in life be it blistering heat or gun violence, and to offer support with a tomato cage or peaceful solutions. Our internal gardens can be organized and predictable or filled with random color. Achieving that healthy balance is a beautiful thing!

So my question is, what needs planting or fertilizing in your own life and what needs trimming away? Happy gardening!

They are like a well-watered plant in the sunshine, spreading its shoots over the garden. Job: 8:16 NIV

Fellowship

ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30—11:30am. All are welcome!
- **9:00am Daily Mass and Fellowship:** Following Mass in the Chapel, join us in the Bridal Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. Take that first step and contact us at info@kofc7566.us.
- **Life+Savers:** On the 3rd Saturday of every month, 7th and 8th graders gather for a special, fun time between 3:00 - 4:30pm. Each Sunday evening, we meet in the Youth Room for about one-half hour after Faith Formation classes. Contact Kevin McManus at lifesavers@saintjn.org.
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to momsgroup@saintjn.org.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1st Friday morning or the 2nd Thursday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For morning sessions, email gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com, and for evening sessions email ksmonroe58@gmail.com.
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at megan.murphy218@gmail.com.
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at youngadults@saintjn.org.

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 Thomas Patchan at saintjnya@gmail.com.

- **Saturday, July 30:** Washington, D.C.: Krakow in the Capital. Join thousands of other young adults for Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, Catechesis talks in both English and Spanish, Polish food, a massive concert, camping and more. Registration costs \$25 - visits <http://wyddc.org> for more info. We are looking to get a group to attend so please email Thomas if you are interested in attending as a group.

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YOUNG ADULTS (CONT'D)

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Friday, August 5 and Saturday, August 13: Summer Olympics Festivities: Celebrate this exciting occasion two different ways with other young adults! On Friday, August 5 at 8:00pm, we will have a watch party for the Opening Ceremony with international food. On Saturday, August 13, we will have a field day including friendly competition of ping pong, relay races, and other Olympic sports! Email Thomas if you'll attend either event or have any questions.
- Monday, August 22, 7:00 pm:** NEEDTOBREATHE Concert at Wolf Trap: Join us to watch an outstanding Christian rock band perform. We'll carpool from SJN and sit on the lawn (seats are \$27 each). Email Thomas if you are interested in attending as a group and contributing toward a potluck picnic dinner.

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.

- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Interested in being Catholic? Do you have questions? A group of inquirers meets on Tuesday evenings.
- Contemplative Prayer** There is quiet prayer together every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We also meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10:00am with Lectio Divinia.
- Bible Study for Mothers With Young Children** This group meets on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30am, with child care provided. Email Christy Cottrell for more information at christylc23@gmail.com.
- Road to Emmaus** This small discussion group will resume meeting Monday mornings at 10:00am to discuss the past Sunday's readings on September 12. Email saintjnrtc@gmail.com.
- The Power of Story "SPIRITUALITIES" IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HERES AND THE BEYONDS** This program, presented by William R. Stott, Jr. meets at 7:00pm in the deSales Chapel. Sessions 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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION To grow in our faith we are called to lifelong faith formation. We encourage children from PreK through high school to be active participants in our faith formation programs. If a child is preparing for **First Eucharist, First Reconciliation or Confirmation they must attend classes for two years prior to the sacrament.** We want them to know their faith so they can better live their faith.

CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Angela Davis
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WE NEED 65 CATECHISTS! WOULD YOU HELP US?

Our religious education program for preschool through eighth grade exists because of the many parishioners who are willing to step up and show up for nearly 1,200 students each year. We still need more catechists to begin teaching in the fall; classes run from September 11 to May 8. Adults and high school teens are welcome to participate. Most classes have two catechists; you may choose your co-catechist or ask to be placed with someone else. **You need no prior teaching experience**, just a desire to pass along your faith. All catechists are provided with a copy of the student text, along with a teacher's manual to assist with leading the class.

Childcare is available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, if needed, for catechists while teaching. **As a catechist you will get priority class scheduling for your children, and tuition is waived.** For more information contact Angela Davis at adavis@saintjn.org or 703-390-2345.

OPPORTUNITIES MAY STILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:

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| Sunday | 10:00 - 11:15am | K, 1, 2, 6 |
| Sunday | 12:45 - 2:00pm | PK3, K, 4, 5, 6, 8 |
| Sunday | 6:15 - 7:30pm | 7, 8 |
| Monday | 4:45 - 6:00pm | 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| Tuesday | 4:30 - 5:45pm | K, 1, 2, 4, 5 |
| Tuesday | 6:15 - 7:30pm | 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 |
| Wednesday | 5:30 - 6:45pm | K, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 |

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| Other Volunteer Positions | Session Coordinator | Sunday, 12:45pm Sunday 6:15pm Wednesday 5:30pm |
| | Nursery Monitor | Tuesday 4:30pm Possibly Mon/Tue/Wed |

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

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WE ARE GOING TO KINGS DOMINION! On Friday, August 5, all Middle School and High School Teens (rising 7th to 12th graders) and recent graduates should plan to join high school teens from all over the Arlington Diocese for an exciting and fun-filled Diocesan Kings Dominion Day. Bus costs are prohibitive so we can only make this trip happen if we have parents with six- or seven-passenger vans (or larger) volunteer to drive to and from the park and join in the fun! We can accommodate as many

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

teens as we have parent volunteers with vans.

Parents, here's an offer you can't refuse! If you drive to and from Kings Dominion, you will receive reimbursement for gas and parking and a free ticket for Kings Dominion (\$35 value) for you and any of your teens that accompany you!!!!

We plan to leave the Saint John Neumann parking lot at 10:00am and return at 10:00pm which would allow you a full eight 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. Cost of tickets: \$35 (scholarships are available on an as needed basis – contact Doug Johnson for further information). This is a very, very special pricing structure which is available only for Diocesan Kings Dominion Day on August 5. A Permission Slip is 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! I 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. As noted above we will take as many teens as we have vans available to accommodate them.

Deadline for sign-ups is on Tuesday, August 2. To reserve your space, I need to have your check for \$35 (per person) made out to Saint John Neumann Church and a fully completed and signed permission slip by that date. Call Doug Johnson at (703) 860-6141 or send email to Doug at djohnson@saintjn.org to reserve a space, volunteer (parents) to drive your van that seats seven (including driver) or if you have any questions or need further information. Don't miss out on a great day of fun and fellowship! Perhaps you will run across new friends you made while you were at Work Camp!

*“We must always go about
with gentleness and frankness together.
This spirit disarms our opponents because
they can find no place to attack.”*

Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS

OUR THANKS TO
MARY MANDRGOC, REALTOR
FOR SPONSORING AN AD
IN OUR WEEKLY BULLETIN

WELCOME HOME LT Joseph DeBuck, USN
recently returned home from working in Harm's Way.
Let us all join with his family and friends in prayers of
gratitude for his safe return.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”*
LUKE 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really need with what we simply want. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

Around the Diocese

A WOMAN'S CHOICE CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER OPENS NEW HERNDON LOCATION!

A Woman's Choice provides women in need with free pregnancy testing and counseling about abortion alternatives, among a vast array of pre-and-postnatal services.

Our new Herndon location at 102 Elden St., Suite 14, Herndon is now open! We are accepting donations of diapers, clothing (up to 2T), maternity clothing, high chairs, umbrella strollers, and car seats (up to 6 years old).

Please contact director, Tessa Trissell at [703-304-6522](tel:703-304-6522), if you'd like the opportunity to volunteer or have any questions. For more information visit <http://www.awomanschoicecenter.com>.

ST. MARK'S ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) MINISTRY is seeking new volunteers to serve with us for the upcoming Fall semester, from September 27 – December 1. You will help 125+ adult learners master the English language, prepare for American citizenship, learn to converse fluently in English, improve their writing skills, and integrate into the local community! Here's how you can help:

- Contribute two to three hours one evening each week as an ESL teacher or teacher's aide, citizenship instructor or tutor, conversation class facilitator, or occasional substitute teacher or aide;
- Serve as a Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Arabic, or Vietnamese translator for occasional support of student outreach;
- Help occasionally with program administration including hospitality, celebrations, photography, student registration, etc.

All classes take place at St. Mark Christian Formation Center, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna, VA 22181. For additional information or to volunteer, call 703-980-9380, email stmarksesl@gmail.com, or see the Web site at www.stmarkesl.org.