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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 31

Brown Bag Sunday

Sunday Morning Coffee: 8:30am;

Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am;

Conference Room



**St. Peter Julian Eymard
Feast Day August 3**

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

No Scheduled Events

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Knights of Columbus Business Meeting: 7:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Spanish Young Adults: 7:00pm; B3

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

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

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

Mothers' Group First Friday: 10:00am; Early Religious

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

Young Adults Olympics Opening Ceremony Watch Party: 7:00pm; Youth Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23;
Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13; 14, 17
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11;
Luke 12:13-21

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of how unhealthy it is to make our material successes and pleasures the first priority in our life. St. Francis de Sales tells us how to redirect these loves in a way that makes us "rich in what matters to God":

We never seem to have enough to satiate our desires. Yet we know that the riches and goods of the world are powerful allurements that can dissipate our heart if we have an inordinate attachment to them. Moreover, the care needed to preserve and increase our material possessions can deplete our energy. Yet, I would like to instill in your heart both wealth and poverty together. Take care to increase your wealth and resources, but in a manner that is just, proper and charitable. You ought to have greater and finer care than worldly people do to make your property profitable and fruitful.

Nothing makes us so prosperous in this world as giving alms to the poor. God will repay us, not only in the next world, but even in this one. Our possessions are not our own. They are a gift from God, who desires that we cultivate and make them fruitful and profitable for the reign of God among us.

When we labor for a worldly good out of God's peaceful love, the care in our labor is calm, amiable, and agreeable. This easy and gentle way leads us to divine love. Divine love never says enough is sufficient. Holy love desires to have the courage always to progress on the way of true happiness. You can possess material riches without being poisoned by them if you merely keep them in your home and purse, and not in your heart. In this way we live a poverty of spirit in the midst of riches. So rather than be captive to earthly goods, let your human spirit that is bound for heaven migrate to the goodness of God, who enlightens and makes whole the human heart that is open to divine love.

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

BEST WISHES to **Jenifer Ledesma** and **Mike Trottier** who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they grow together in Christ's love.



SAVE THE DATE - INSTALLATION MASS!

On Sunday, August 14, at 9:30am, a Mass of Installation for our new pastor, Father Joe Brennan, OSFS, will be celebrated. Bishop Paul S. Loverde will preside. A light reception will follow in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. Please plan to join us for this special liturgy.

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Jack Beirne, George H. Bidinger**, brother-in-law of Cis and Phil Merkel; and **Charles Floyd**, uncle of Barbara and Mark Emery and great-uncle of Jeffrey; **Edith Rosina Guerrero**, wife of Bernardo and sister-in-law of Juan and Isabel Guerrero.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **James Timothy Reichel**, son of Timothy and Rebecca; and **Piper and Reagan Solomita**, daughters of Anthony and Briana.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY	JULY 30
5:00pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	JULY 31
7:30am	Frederick Maguire †
9:30am	James McGuire †
11:30am	Frank Clary †
1:30pm	Ann O'Neill †
5:00pm	Deacon Ray Levesque †
MONDAY	AUGUST 1
9:00am	Zachary M. Ruth †
TUESDAY	AUGUST 2
9:00am	Ed Dillon †
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 3
9:00am	Augustinian Padre L. Lochner †
THURSDAY	AUGUST 4
9:00am	Jove Trinidad †
FRIDAY	AUGUST 5
9:00am	Rosie Betts †
SATURDAY	AUGUST 6
5:00pm	Ted Simpson †
SUNDAY	AUGUST 7
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Frances Sorrentino †
11:30am	Martha Dillon †
1:30pm	Ann O'Mara, Special Intention
5:00pm	Patricia Feeley †

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS Next weekend

we celebrate the **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from God's Word:

Wisdom 18:6-9 It was during the night that the central event of the history of God's people, the exodus from Egypt, took place.

Psalms 33: 1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Here is a hymn to faith conceived not as intellectual assent or search for security but as a history. We hear of women and men called, uprooted, trusting. They travel tirelessly, often through the night of doubt to seek another homeland.

Luke 12:32-48 The kingdom is already given. So we must detach ourselves from earthly riches and seek an imperishable treasure. The kingdom is still to come. We must be ready to welcome the Master when He returns, even in the dead of night.

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

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

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of August 6—August 7 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Heet and Father Bashista
Sunday	7:30am	Father Bill and Father Bashista
Sunday	9:30am	Father Bashista with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	11:30pm	Father Bob and Father Bashista
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Ronald
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Jerry and Father Bashista

Note: As indicated, Father Brian Bashista of the Arlington Diocese will preside at the 9:30am Sunday Mass, and will concelebrate at others.

ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD - AUGUST 3

Born in La Mure d'Isère in southeastern France, Peter Julian's faith journey drew him from being a priest in the Diocese of Grenoble (1834) to joining the Marists (1839) to founding the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (1856). In addition to those changes, Peter Julian coped with poverty, his father's initial opposition to Peter's vocation, serious illness, a Jansenistic overemphasis on sin and the difficulties of getting diocesan and later papal approval for his new religious community.

His years as a Marist, including service as a provincial leader, saw the deepening of his Eucharistic devotion, especially through his preaching of Forty Hours in many parishes. Inspired at first by the idea of reparation for indifference to the Eucharist, Peter Julian was eventually attracted to a more positive spirituality of Christ-centered love. Members of the men's community, which Peter founded, alternated between an active apostolic life and contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist. He and Marguerite Guillot founded the women's Congregation of the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. Peter Julian Eymard was beatified in 1925 and canonized in 1962, one day after Vatican II's first session ended.

Comment:

In every century, sin has been painfully real in the life of the Church. It is easy to give in to despair, to speak so strongly of human failings that people may forget the immense and self-sacrificing love of Jesus, as his death on the cross and his gift of the Eucharist make evident. Peter Julian knew that the Eucharist was key to helping Catholics live out their Baptism and preach by word and example the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Quote:

"The Eucharist is the life of the people. The Eucharist gives them a center of life. All can come together without the barriers of race or language in order to celebrate the feast days of the Church. It gives them a law of life, that of charity, of which it is the source; thus it forges between them a common bond, a Christian kinship" (Peter Julian Eymard).

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PLEASE PRAY for those who have asked for our prayers: **Bob Biegalski, Sharron Biegalski**, Ken Fredgren, **Michael McCollum** 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.***

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

August 1	Reverend Hung Q. Le, O. P.
August 2	Reverend Thomas J. Lehning
August 3	Reverend Richard J. Ley
August 4	Reverend Bjorn C. Lundberg
August 5	Reverend Jerome A. Magat
August 6	Reverend Frank E. Mahler
August 7	Reverend Philip S. Majka

Parish Information

WHY I'M THE WORST CATECHIST AT MY PARISH, AND STILL SIGNING UP

*In a less-than-perfect world,
God can do a lot with the imperfect-but-willing*

This August, I'll begin my sixth year as a religious education teacher. Ora pro me.

So far, I've taught second, third, fourth and sixth grades at two different parishes. I spend my summers reading articles about trends in religious education and asking other catechists for advice. Then, the school year begins, and I spend my Wednesday nights never doing quite as well as I'd hoped I would.

I can safely say that I am the worst catechist at my parish. This isn't false modesty. It's just that the other catechists are great catechists. They've been at it for a long time, they know how to teach and reach kids, and they know their curricula inside and out.

Meanwhile, I'm still struggling to balance book time and talk time, to keep order when the kids are hungry and hyper after a long school day, and to get the most important parts of the faith across without neglecting the nitty gritty, or the Bible. I noticed that many of the lapsed Catholics of my acquaintance accuse us of never reading the Bible in religion classes, so each year we work through a New Testament book, one chapter a week. I alternate Luke and Acts, because a lack of teachers means I often have the same kids two years running.

Often, as a teacher, I am a mess. The kids are too, because with little reinforcement at home they have, over summer, all but forgotten everything beyond Jesus having died and risen, and I don't know where to start.

So, why am I in the classroom, trying to teach Catechism at

a table surrounded by squirmy, exhausted kids who don't want to be there? Why did God call me to teach religion when there are better teachers out there, people who could really set the kids on fire with love for Jesus and mankind? "Shouldn't someone else be leading this class," I think, "and leave me to safer, less important tasks like photocopying activity sheets or making sure that no one floods the bathroom?"

But I tend to wonder the same thing about a lot of other places God calls me. Why am I homeschooling seven kids, running clubs and keeping house when I'm mediocre at much of it? Why am I my husband's wife, when he surely deserved better? Why did God put me at this soccer game trying to comfort this traumatized woman as she cries on my shoulder about a recent miscarriage, when I stink at social skills and freak out at tears? It seems like God keeps calling me to things I'm barely capable of, and often not comfortable with. Couldn't he find someone better?

Actually, I think the answer to that last question might be, "No, he couldn't." Not because I'm super-wonderful and practically perfect in every way, but because I'm available and willing. Maybe someone better for the job left the Church when she was 12 and never looked back. Or maybe she keeps saying "no" because "yes" can feel so scary. Maybe God takes who is available and willing. Moses was a murderer with a stutter; Saint Bernadette was the merest creature on earth. Saint Peter wasn't exactly a calm, cool management type, or a smooth operator, and look where he ended up. On paper, Judas might have had a better CV for the papacy, but he was unwilling to be led away from where he thought he should go.

So, here is what God and the Church are left with: the unworthy yet willing. A lot of us who are called to things we're not especially good at, but we're game to give it a try, all for Jesus. Fortunately, where our own talents, skills, and energies fail us, grace can fill the gaps, if we let it.

I know there are people in my parish, and in every parish, who would be better catechists than I am. When the DRE gets up front to make her annual plea, they're too afraid to answer God's call, because they know they're not the perfect person for the job. But here's the thing: The perfect person isn't here. The perfect person will probably never show up. But you are here, and you're the one God's calling right now, in all your imperfection. It's OK to hold your breath, close your eyes, make the leap and offer to help. His grace will make up for your faults.

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NOTE: Please see the Catechist Recruitment article on page six for more information. Angela Davis is available in the narthex this weekend after all Masses except the Spanish Mass.

"There is nothing small in the service of God."

St. Francis de Sales

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT This Friday night, put on your PJ's and bring your sleeping bags! We will be showing Zootopia. From the largest elephant to the smallest shrew, the city of Zootopia is a mammal metropolis where various animals live and thrive. When Lt. Judy Hopps (Ginnifer Goodwin) becomes the first rabbit to join the police force, she quickly learns how tough it is to enforce the law. Come at 6:30pm for ice cream sundaes. The movie will begin at 7:00pm. What a nice way to stay cool and spend a summer evening with the family!



CORNERSTONES REMINDERS

- **Brown Bag Weekend:** The van will be in our parking lot all weekend. Please remember contributions must be non-perishable items.
- **Back to School Backpack Drive:** The Virginia tax-free school shopping period is next Friday, August 5 through Sunday, August 7. Please put backpacks in the bins in the main hallway by Monday, August 8.

ANOTHER CORNERSTONES DRIVE: Our Social Action ministry is asking for donations the weekend of August 13 - 14 of bed and bath items to meet a current critical need at Reston's Embry Rucker Homeless Shelter, operated by Cornerstones. Both towels and sheets are needed, either new or gently used and clean. Bath towels, hand towels, and wash cloths are needed, as well as blankets, sheets, and pillow cases. Twin size linens are preferred, but at this time, any size will be accepted. New bed pillows are also needed. Due to both health concerns and washer capacity, no comforters or stuffed quilts can be accepted. This is a great chance to clean out your linen closet while helping a great cause. If you have questions, contact Dan Ambrose at ambrosedh@yahoo.com. Donations should be placed in the bins in the main hallway.

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:** During the summer months, watch for Life+Savers emails for summer gatherings and volunteer opportunities. 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 kmonroe58@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.

- **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 at Thomas' house! Email Thomas if you'll attend either event or have any questions.
- **Saturday, August 6, 6:00pm - Midnight:** St. Veronica's Young Adult Crabfest and BBQ Extravaganza in Chantilly, \$20 Admission. An outdoor Catholic young adult summer BBQ featuring an ice cream truck, corn hole and other games, live 80's and 90's music and salsa dancing! Please email Thomas if you'd like to carpool with other young adults from SJN.
- **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.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Faith Formation

Mickie Abatemarco, Director
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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 saintjnrte@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.

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 703-390-2345
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ADULT AND TEEN VOLUNTEER CATECHISTS NEEDED

We still have many classes (preschool through 8th grade) in need of catechists for the 2016/2017 Faith Formation school year. **We need about 60 more volunteers.** Please prayerfully consider signing up as a catechist!

Classes run from September 11 until May 8. Each class is

taught by two catechists (you may choose your co-catechist or we can place you with a partner). **You do not need any experience;** you just need to be a practicing Catholic and have the desire to help children grow in faith. All materials and training will be provided. Childcare is available for younger children of catechists during the weekday classes. As a catechist, you receive priority registration and waived tuition when registering your children for classes.

Please contact Angela Davis at adavis@saintjn.org or 703-390-2345 for more information or to sign up!

Here are our current needs:

Catechist Needs

Sundays 10:00 -11:15am – K, 1st, 2nd, 6th
Sundays 12:45 - 2:00pm – PK3, K, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th
Sundays 6:15 - 7:30pm – 7th, 8th
Mondays 4:45 - 6:00pm – 3rd, 5th, 6th
Tuesdays 4:30 - 5:45pm – K, 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th
Tuesdays 6:15 - 7:30pm – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th
Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:45pm – K, 1st, 4th, 6th, 7th

Other Volunteer Needs

Session Coordinators – Sundays 12:45pm and 6:15pm,
Wednesdays 5:30pm
Nursery Monitors – Tuesdays 4:30pm (possibly Mondays
4:45pm, Tuesdays 6:15pm and Wednesdays 5:30pm)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

Doug Johnson
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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 25, 31 intrepid teens and 15 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.

Our parish contingent included these teens: David Birmingham, Mark Braganza, Alec Brown, Ben Carey, Sarah Craig, Tommy Craig, Sarah Delcoco, Kaitlin DeMarco, Alex Desrosiers, Andrew Eberly, Kevin Euerle, Collin Funaki, Lydia Lodge, Jake Mamros, Sarah Mamros, Dayana Marmol, Katie Marshall, Vela McBride, Matt McPherson, Stephen O'Donnell, Erin Reardon, Siobhan Reardon, Dania Rivas, Mark Stewart, Matt Stewart, John Swecker, Zach Thurneysen, Michael Tran, Vinnie Tran, Emily Wydra and Matt Wydra. We were fortunate to be accompanied by the following adults - Crew Leaders: Dave Birmingham, Nick Buck, Julia Funaki, Doug Johnson, Mike McPherson, Amy Stewart and Deb Wydra; Contractors: Bill Behan, Mark Gosselin, Phil Merkel, Jim O'Donnell, Russ Rau, Pat Reilly and John White; and Home Base Crew: Sean McCartney. We also thank the parents of the 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, thanks to our ever supportive Saint John Neumann Community for your prayers, financial and material support which allowed us to go forth to serve as your representatives. You truly lift us up!

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 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 Christian 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! Doug Johnson 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. We will take as many teens as we have vans available to accommodate them.

The deadline for sign-ups is this Tuesday, August 2! To reserve your space, you need to submit your check for \$35 (per person) made out to Saint John Neumann Church and a fully completed signed permission slip by that date. Call Doug at (703) 860-6141 or send an e-mail 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!

Around the Diocese

DISCOUNT COURSES AVAILABLE THROUGH CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY

Join the inspiring instructors at Catholic Distance University for a faith-filled journey of discovery. Enroll in an online independent study course of your choice and study anytime, anywhere! Courses include: CHIST N086 Pius XII: In Defense of Truth, CHIST N025 The True Story of the Crusades, SPIR N064 Vatican II: Lay Spirituality, SPIR N156 Classics in Prayer and the Spiritual Life, RELED N066 The Catholic School: Identity and Leadership, RELED N004 NDC: Vitalizing the Catechetical Ministry. For a full list of courses, browse our catalog at www.cdu.catalog.instructure.com/. Use Promo Code CDU15ARLINGTON when registering to get the \$30 rate.

MORNINGS OF MERCY FOR DIVORCED CATHOLICS

Join us for a series of morning retreats on the topics of grief, parenting, suffering, and hope. The next retreat will be Saturday, August 27 at St. Veronica Church in Chantilly, beginning at 8:30am and ending before noon. The morning will include Mass, a talk by Fr. Tom Ferguson, Vicar General, holy hour and confessions. Continental breakfast provided. To learn more, or to register, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/divorced.

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME HOME LTC **Guillermo Joel Carbon, USA** and CPL **James A. Kenneke, USA** recently returned home from working in Harm's Way. Let us all join with their family and friends in prayers of gratitude for their safe return.

LOOKING FOR A GOOD TRIP NEXT YEAR?

Join Father Steve Shott, OSFS for an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, from Monday, November 6 to Thursday, November 16, 2017. Fr. Steve, who many of you know from his having served at Our Lady of Good Counsel, is currently pastor of St. Ann Catholic Church in Fayetteville, NC. The cost for the trip is \$4,129 per person (double occupancy), and includes air fare, hotels, and some meals. You may contact Fr. Steve for more information at 910-483-3216 or by email at pastor@stanncatholicchurch.org. If you would like to see all of the details and the itinerary for the trip, visit the St. Ann parish website at www.stanncatholicchurch.org.

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 100 different volunteer opportunities available. There is something for everyone. Catholic Charities relies on its volunteers to reach those in need throughout the Diocese. We are also seeking corporations who want to come and volunteer as a group! Come and share your talents and skills with us. To learn more, please contact the Director of Volunteers, Sally O'Dwyer at sodwyer@ccda.net or (703) 841-3838.

PROJECT RACHEL MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

All are invited to attend an intercessory prayer holy hour to pray for the healing of our culture and for our brothers and sisters affected by abortion. The holy hours are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30pm at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church in Fairfax Station. All are welcome. For more information, please contact (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org. Visit our website: helpafterabortion.org.

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IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC)

provides men and women (age 50 and better) the opportunity to serve the needs of people who are poor, to work for a more just society, and to grow more deeply in Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition. Founded in 1995 by two Jesuit priests, IVC is a national service organization that works in partnership with other nonprofit organizations to serve the materially poor. IVC volunteers in Northern Virginia work one to two days with partner agencies such as Catholic Charities programs, The Lamb Center, L'Arche, ALIVE!, the Culmore Clinic, United Community Ministries, Arlington-Alexandria Coalition for the Homeless, OAR/Fairfax, OAR Arlington, Rising Hope, Fairfax Co. Adult Day Health Care, and Northern Virginia Family Services (Serve, Inc.), and more.

Are you 50+, wanting to serve in your community, and would like to join a dynamic group of peers? Consider the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. We are a national movement of active retirees who volunteer in our local community one or two days a week. We share our talents and life experiences with organizations that directly assist those suffering from poverty and we work to alleviate structural injustice. We grow in our faith together as we go! Please join us for one of our information sessions on Thursday August 11, or Wednesday August 31, from 10:00 - 11:15am at our Northern Virginia Fairfax Offices. Contact our Regional Director, Joanie Coolidge at 703-352-4140, jcoolidge@ivcusa.org and see www.ivcusa.org for more information.

Special Collection Stewardship

Next weekend, August 6-7, Reverend Brian Bashista will be speaking at all Masses about the wonderful work being done in our Diocesan Mission of Bánica, Dominican Republic. A second collection will be taken up August 13 and 14 to support the continuation of this work. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, please be generous.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."* LUKE 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.