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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 22:15,19-23

Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8;

Romans 11:33-36;

Matthew 16:13-20

In today's Gospel we experience Peter firmly identifying Jesus as the "Christ, the Son of the living God." St. Francis de Sales has much to say about St. Peter:

God does not always choose the holiest to govern and to serve in His Church. Our Lord chose Peter as Chief of the Apostles even though he was subject to many imperfections. Peter, filled with much zeal, was apt to be impetuous. While he followed our Savior with his whole heart, he stumbled many times after his initial calling.

He boasted that he would never abandon Our Lord. Yet, he found himself cursing Him and saying that he never knew Him. That pierced our Lord's heart!

Yet, Our Lord did not reject Peter, since He was sure that St. Peter had a strong and constant determination to correct himself. Peter ought to have relied on Our Lord's power than to trust in the fervor that he felt. Peter's natural disposition to cater to his feelings and desires was in part the cause of his lapses. When we experience certain lapses in our on-going conversion, we must not abandon our quest for holiness. Like Peter, let us have a strong and constant determination to take the measures needed to correct ourselves. Then we too will receive special favors and blessings on earth and in heaven.

What a great reason to anchor our hope and confidence completely in Our Lord! For even after spending one's life in horrible crimes and iniquities, one can find forgiveness when one returns to the Source of our Redemption, Christ. We must not listen to the voice that tells us that our faults are unpardonable. We must say boldly that our God died for all. No matter how ungodly one is, he or she will find redemption in our Savior. Let us consider with what patience our divine Savior awaits those who reject Him. Then like Peter, we may say, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," our Redeemer.

Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales

WONDERFUL NEWS FROM NIÑO JESÚS

Erik Edgardo Jorge Ake, OSFS, the seminarian who came to visit us in May with Fr. Luis and administers the scholarship program in Niño Jesús, was recently ordained as a transitional deacon. He will be ordained to the priesthood in Mexico later this year. Please pray for him as he continues his formation.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, September 17	9:30am	Baptism
Sunday, September 24	11:30am	Baptism



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **George Dean Chartrand**, son of Drew and Anne Marie; **Kyle James Hamilton**, son of Jeffrey and Laura; **Margaret Elizabeth Tucker**, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth; **Briana Michele Wheeler**, daughter of Stephen and Dana; and **Daisy Evelyn Zoller**, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy.

NOTE UPCOMING CHANGE IN MASS TIMES

On Tuesday, September 5, we will say goodbye to our summer daily Mass schedule. We will reinstate the Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12:10pm Masses and the Tuesday and Thursday 6:30am Masses through May 28, 2018, in addition to continuing the 9:00am Mass. Please remember that our normal daily and weekend Mass schedule is always subject to change slightly around major government holidays and Holy Days. Those schedule changes will appear ahead of time in the appropriate bulletins.

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of September 2 - September 3 are:

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



SATURDAY	AUGUST 26
5:00pm	Rita Schertz †
SUNDAY	AUGUST 27
7:30am	Mary Sierlecki †
9:30am	Pansy Dante Filipponi †
11:30am	Helen Seyler †
1:30pm	People of the Parish
5:00pm	Gloria Finney †
MONDAY	AUGUST 28
9:00am	Martha and Ed Dillon ††
TUESDAY	AUGUST 29
9:00am	Edward Baker and Victims of Katrina ††
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST 30
9:00am	Brian Dolan †
THURSDAY	AUGUST 31
9:00am	Ilario Clandorf †
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 1
9:00am	Larry Benes †
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 2
5:00pm	Don Boyle †
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 3
7:30am	Tom Duggan †
9:30am	John O'Hara †
11:30am	Ed and Jean Sumpter ††
1:30pm	Jack Ribelin †
5:00pm	People of the Parish



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

August 28	Reverend Lee W. Gross
August 29	Reverend Richard M. Guest
August 30	Reverend Andrew W. Haissig
August 31	Reverend Daniel F. Hanley
September 1	Reverend Edward C. Hathaway
September 2	Reverend Christopher H. Hayes
September 3	Reverend Donald J. Heet, OSFS

PLEASE PRAY for Carrie Gillotte, Helen Gogulska, Richard Sammon, 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.***

CHILDREN! MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD IN ONE OF OUR YOUTH CHOIRS!

Do you know that all children from PK4 - 12th grade may participate in our weekend liturgies by joining one of our choirs? What a wonderful way for them to learn about Mass, to share their time and talent, make new friends, and have lots of fun! **We have a place for every child to praise God in song!**



Choir	Age Group	Rehearsals	Mass Participation
Angel	Age 4 - 2 nd Grade	Weekly; Wednesday 5:00 – 5:30pm	Occasionally during the year, with the Children's choir at the monthly Family Mass, Christmas and Easter
Children's	Grades 3 - 6	Weekly; Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30pm	Saturday 5:00pm Family Mass, 1 st week of the month; Saturday 5:00pm Mass, 3 rd week of the month; Christmas and Easter
Youth	Grades 6 - 12	Bi-weekly; Saturday 4:00 – 5:00pm; 1 st and 3 rd weeks of the month	Saturday 5:00pm Family Mass, 1 st week of the month; Saturday 5:00pm Mass, 3 rd week of the month; Christmas and Easter
Advanced Choirs	Grades 9 - 12	Varied, depending on individual choir participation	Eligible to participate in Women's Ensemble (Saturday 5:00pm); Sunday 9:30am Mass Choir; Contemporary Ensemble (Sunday 5:00pm)

Auditions are not required and there is no fee. Angel and Children's Choirs begin rehearsing on September 20; Youth Choir will begin on October 7. Registration forms are in the main hallway near the Welcome Desk and online.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING New Altar Server training will be conducted for five Thursdays beginning September 21 through October 26 (with the exception of October 5). The training is open to **all girls and boys of the parish who are currently in the 4th grade or older**, and feel they are being called to serve God and the people of God at the Lord's Table. Altar Servers have a very important role in our liturgies, **may serve at any of our Masses**, and we need you! Please call Patty Bartnick in the Liturgical Ministries office at 703-860-6151 or pbartnick@saintjn.org for details and to register.



THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) team! CLOW is celebrated during Sunday 11:30am Mass when children in kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to gather to hear God's message and grow in their faith in an interactive, lively, and youthful environment. The CLOW team is seeking more adults and teens to volunteer as prayer leaders, homilists, and cue ministers. We will begin holding CLOW again on September 17. This is a great time to join the team so you can "shadow" a veteran volunteer. You'll discover a whole new way to grow in your faith! Want to know more? Contact Mr. Chris Overton at (703) 885-1517 or cdoverton@verizon.net.



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

Jeremiah 20:7-9 It is impossible for Jeremiah to escape because God is stronger than he. The word of God is aflame in the depths of his heart as a devouring fire.

Psalms 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 **My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord, my God.** This psalm portrays the psalmist as homesick for the Lord's sanctuary, confident that enemies will be destroyed, and certain that the King and the King's followers will triumph.

Romans 12:1-2 Christian conversion makes every moment of life an act of worship to God, a living liturgical act on the model of Christ offering himself to the Father.

Matthew 16:21-27 Peter is once again at the center of the narrative. He has just recognized Jesus as Messiah and now refuses to accept that He must suffer His passion and death. In reflecting Peter's comment as a temptation, Jesus addresses His disciples of every age. His disciples will never taste true life unless they follow their master on the way of the cross.



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Bishop Francis Xavier DeLorenzo**, bishop of Richmond, **Doris Marr**, sister of Richard Giangerelli; **Shawn Mullaney**, daughter of Barbara and David and mother of Ashley and David Turner; and **Irene West**, mother of Kelly Gallo.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

On August 14, several villages in Sierra Leone were hit by a devastating mudslide caused by the impact of torrential rain on deforested Mount Sugar Loaf, in an area near Freetown. As of August 20, the death toll was at 500, (150 of whom were children) with far more expected. Over 20,000 have been displaced; 5,000 of those are children. Catholic Relief Services and Caritas are working to offer survivors food and water, along with shelter and clothes. Bishop Burbidge has asked us to pray for victims and those who are leading rescue efforts. In addition, he is reaching out to all Arlington Diocese parishes to conduct a special collection for Catholic Relief Services. Ours is this weekend, August 26 - 27. Please help support this humanitarian effort.

COULD JUST A FEW FAMILIES HELP OUR 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 young people (3rd grade and older) and their parents, excited about serving at the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil, or the 5:00pm Sunday or the once-monthly 5:00pm Vigil Family Masses. Contact Patty Bartnick in the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151 or pbartnick@saintjn.org for more information if you are interested in participating. **Remember, the family that prays together stays together! We really need your help, and you don't have to serve every weekend.**

Parish Information

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY There will be a 9:00am Mass on Labor Day, Monday, September 4. However, the parish offices will be closed and will reopen at 9:00am Tuesday, September 5.

HEADS UP FOR RESTON TRIATHLON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

The annual Reston Triathlon will begin at 7:00am September 10. The second leg of this event will bring bike riders to Lawyers Road. Triathletes will be heading west on Lawyers Road and North on Colts Neck Road. Parishioners should expect to see riders on Lawyers Road in front of our church from about 7:45 - 11:30 am. **You will have to use extreme caution entering or leaving the church parking lot. Some of you might want to consider attending the Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass or the Sunday 5:00pm Mass.**

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Parenting (and Grand Parenting): It's Not For Sissies! Part Two

Healthy communication is not always the first thing on the tip of our tongue when conflict is in the air. This is the continuation of an article in last week's bulletin on talking to our kids during tough parent/child moments. The resource is Amanda Morgan, author of a blog entitled "Not Just Cute; Intentional Whole Child Development".

Effective Phrases:

7. "How can I help"... There is a big difference between helping and rescuing. The important focus is helping your kids stay accountable, and letting them know you are available as a resource. The science project is theirs; resist the temptation to "buff it up" to your standards.

8. "What I know is"... It's always tricky handling the obvious lie. Calling kids straight out often is a direct invitation into defensiveness, "you don't trust me", accusations, etc. Simply state what you know and let the conversation flow from there. "What I know is, the ice cream did not disappear on its own." Or "What I know is, no parent was home when I was told there was one".

9. "Help me understand"... This statement invites input vs. being confrontational. "Help me understand how you spent all of your allowance so quickly." vs. "What have you done with all your money?" Push for a rational explanation of events that led to the situation. There is helpful learning re: money management with this strategy. However, let the lesson be the lesson; don't cave and become the enabler of bad money management by advancing their allowance.

10. "I'm sorry"... We all make mistakes. We, the grown ups, have to model to our children apologies and request forgiveness when we err ourselves. "I'm sorry, please forgive me." vs. shame and blame is a healthy conflict resolution strategy that we can teach our children. The ability to admit fault, apologize and ask for forgiveness allows all to move on in a healthy way.

11. "Thank you"... Showing our appreciation for our children's efforts is as important as expecting their gratitude for ours! Encourage what you want. "Thank you for emptying the dishwasher. That was such a help to me". Acknowledging their behavior maturity is a wonderful gesture: "Thank you for not giving me push back over mowing the lawn".

12. "I love you".... As the author states, "Before, during and after our most challenging situations with our kids, we should convey to them that they are always safe and loved, no matter what. Actions can be unacceptable. But parental love is unconditional. How many times has our Heavenly Father forgiven us and welcomed us back home?"

I hope that you find these thoughtful suggestions helpful!

Source: "12 Powerful Parenting Phrases that Make Talking to Kids Easier (Even When the Situation is Anything but Easy...)" by Amanda Morgan, www.notjustcute.com

IT'S OKTOBERFEST TIME! Our 2017

Oktoberfest takes place Saturday, September 16 in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. The first seating is from 1:00 to 4:00pm; there is a second seating from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Tickets will be sold after all Masses September 2-3 and 9-10, and in the Parish Office during the week.

This year, come and enjoy the food and music as a family at the 1:00pm seating, where children under age 17 will be admitted for free!

First Seating	Second Seating
Adults 17-79: \$20.00	Adults 17-79: \$20.00
Children under 17: Free (must have ticket and be accompanied by parent)	Children 11-16: \$10.00 Children 5-10: \$5.00

Under 5, Over 79, and Active Duty Military: FREE

Adult volunteers are definitely needed! While we are hearing from some of you, many more are needed. This annual fun-filled function brings friends together and gives parishioners a chance to meet new people and work together for the benefit of our parish community. We need volunteers for weekend ticket sales, and day-of-the-event volunteers to staff the welcome table, assist with set-up, serve food, etc. If you would like to be part of the 2017 Oktoberfest crew, and would like more information please contact Patty Kwapniewski at pkwapniewski@saintjn.org or 703-860-6147.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY The Cornerstones' Van will be in our parking lot this weekend, please drop off your non-perishable items in the back of the van.

HELP NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY AFTER SUNDAY 7:30 AND 9:30AM MASSES

Do you already attend the 7:30am Mass on Sunday and don't mind coming 30 minutes early? We are looking for one or more couples who can arrive at 7:00am, start the coffee and set out the refreshments and paper supplies. Couples will support a month at a time and volunteer one to three months a year.

Have you been wondering how you might volunteer as a family at St. John Neumann? Have we got a deal for you! We are looking for volunteers to help with Hospitality after the 9:30am Mass. The usual routine involves arriving at 9:00am, replenishing what is left from the 7:30am Mass, starting more coffee and then off to Mass you go. Around 11:00am the paper supplies are put back in the pantry, coffee pots and juice pitchers are washed and anything remaining is put in the refrigerator. The scheduling for the 9:30am Mass hospitality will be worked out once families who can volunteer have been identified.

If you are interested in helping with this wonderful ministry or would like more information, please contact Patty Kwapniewski at pkwapniewski@saintjn.org or 703-860-6147.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST

The Geraerds Family has been selected as the Knights of Columbus, Council 7566, Family of the Month. John and his wife, Jean, moved to Reston in 1996 and joined our parish shortly thereafter.



John has been a faithful Knight since 1997. He has enjoyed the camaraderie of the Knights, particularly his work with the "Kitchen Crew," throughout the years. Recently, he took the lead in all aspects of the Knights Appreciation Dinner that celebrated the Council's achievements for the 2016-2017 Fraternal

Year. He planned the event, purchased the food, organized and led the cooking, and ensured the event was a success. With more than 60 guests in attendance, including spouses and state and regional Knights officials, the Council enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable evening that highlighted their support of many charitable activities throughout the year. Thanks for your leadership, John!

THE NEED FOR BLOOD DONATIONS DOES NOT STOP DURING THE SUMMER

In fact, most blood banks find their available levels drop dramatically during vacation periods. Can you help replenish critical supplies by ending your summer with a donation of the gift of life? The Knights



of Columbus are sponsoring their quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive Saturday, September 9, from 8:00am to 1:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. You can register online at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code STJOHNNEUMANNVA. You may call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to register or get answers to eligibility questions. Or, call John Moran, of the Knights at 202-586-8803 if you need help. To accelerate your check-in on September 9, go online before you come, and use the RapidPass function to do your pre-readings and questionnaire.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

From September 1 to October 4, Catholics around the world are praying and caring for creation. Pope Francis has declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Please join us in kicking off the Season of Creation on Friday Sept. 1 by participating in the 9:00am daily Mass, followed by an outdoor prayer walk where we will honor God's presence in His gift of creation. Many Christian churches have started celebrating the "Season of Creation" between that date and October 4, which is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Movie Night for Adults - "Gifted"
6:30 Wine, Cheese, Fruit and Cookies served
7:00 Movie begins

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

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 Social 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.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1st Friday morning or the 2nd Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email ksmonroe58@gmail.com, and for evening sessions email gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com.

- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at megan.murphy218@gmail.com.
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at youngadults@saintjn.org.

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.

- **Saturday, August 26, 7:00pm, Young Adult Board Game Night, Regina's House, Reston:** Bring your favorite card or board game and join us for a night of fellowship and board games as a community! Please email Regina at regina.lavalley@gmail.com for her address and to RSVP if you'll join!
- **Sunday, September 10, 9:20am, Monthly Mass and Brunch, St. John Neumann:** We'll continue our monthly tradition and meet to celebrate Mass and brunch as a community! We'll meet at the Welcome Desk to sit together, and will afterwards head to a nearby restaurant for brunch! Please e-mail Thomas at saintjnya@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.
- **Friday, September 15, 6:30pm, Cookout with the Priests, Rectory:** It's time for our annual cook-out with the priests and young adult community of SJN! This is a great opportunity to connect with other young adults and your priests. Please RSVP by September 8, and sign up to bring a side or drink to this feast by e-mailing Thomas at saintjnya@gmail.com.

50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES: For more information on the 50+ Club and upcoming fall events, please email Pat Bossie at grankidsx9@aol.com or call 703-620-3747.

- **Thursday, September 7; "Visit to Italy Dinner", 5:30—8:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium** Join us for a fun evening with delicious Italian food, catered by Lucia's. The menu includes lasagna, chicken parmesan, penne pasta with marinara meat sauce, garlic bread and salad. We will also have dessert, including Italian cookies, adult beverages, punch and coffee. Our dinners are always a lot of fun and we look forward to seeing everyone. The cost is \$10.00 per person and payment must be sent to our treasurer, Bob Joy, 3005 Flat Meadow Court, Oak Hill, VA 20171-2248, before August 28. Checks should be made payable to **SJN 50+ Club**. Our annual dues of \$7.00 per person are also payable in September, so please include your dues with your payment for the 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.

- **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.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Faith Formation classes will close at midnight tonight, August 27. If you have not registered your child or if you need to change classes please do so before registration closes. If you have any questions please send an email to reregistration@saintjn.org.

“It is a fact that people are always well aware of what is due them. Unfortunately, they remain oblivious of what they owe to others.”

St. Francis de Sales



ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS FALL

An eleven-week course on “Jeremiah” will begin in early October, take a break during Advent, and then pick up again after the holidays. Plan to join other parishioners as we open up God’s word to get a fuller understanding of how the prophet Jeremiah announced a new covenant to be written on the hearts of God’s people. Details and registration forms will be available on the parish website next week.

Around the Diocese

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

COME JOIN OUR COMMUNITY OF CULTURES!

The ESL Ministry at St. Mark Church in Vienna is seeking new students and volunteers to participate in our upcoming Fall Term, starting September 26. Come help 150+ 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! All classes take place at St. Mark Christian Formation Center, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna, VA 22181. Registration for Fall Term is Tuesday, Sept 19 and Thursday, Sept 21 from 7:00-8:00pm. For additional registration information or to volunteer, please contact Monica at 703-980-9380, email stmarksesl@gmail.com, or or see the Web site at www.stmarkesl.org.



“Learn to see God in the details of your life, for He is everywhere.”

St. Francis de Sales

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SUSCO 8K!

The 10th Annual Susco 8K, in memory of Timothy Susco, will be held on Saturday, September 16. The event will include an 8K Run and a 2K Fun Run/Walk. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Brain Aneurysm Foundation and the Washington Regional Transplant Community. The event starts at 8:30am, rain or shine, at South Lakes High School in Reston. There are lots of cash and gift certificate awards, along with lots of love and laughter at this event attended by so many Susco fans. Children are welcome to participate, and always do. To register for the race, donate, or volunteer go to www.Susco8K.com or call Tom and Nancy Susco at 703-742-0582. Or, you might just run into them as they can sometimes be seen at a 5:00pm Saturday Mass at SJN!

SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR TO PERFORM AT

BASILICA! Sponsored by the Catholic Arts Council, the group will be performing in the U.S. for the first time in more than three decades on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30pm. This group of 30 boys and 22 men is considered the most prominent Catholic ensemble and oldest choir in the world. Affectionately known as the "Pope's Choir" you will hear them sing a repertoire of classical sacred music in the magnificent Great Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This is free concert, open to the public. Visit <https://www.catholic.edu/index.html> and search on Sistine Choir for more information.

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

THE RETREAT FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL

The Retreat for People Facing Serious Illness offers a unique opportunity for persons who face serious physical illness to go away for a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. Celebrate life and the love of the Lord Jesus in a beautiful and comfortable place among caring and generous people.

Please visit the retreat web site at www.cdda.net very soon for detailed information about this event. The retreat will take place from Friday, September 22 to Sunday, September 24 at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia. You will see details about medical support, as well as spiritual support.

All of your needs are taken care of and **the retreat is free of any costs (thanks to our generous donors!) and is open to men and women.** Experienced physicians and nurses, priests, helpers and volunteers are present to see that you are comfortable and are provided for.

Register by Friday, September 1. Learn more on the website. Inquire for information to retreat@cdda.net or (703) 841-3830.

An aside.....several of the members of our Health Ministry Committee will be supporting this diocesan event by serving as caregivers. If you know any of them, ask about their experiences at this retreat. Also, your editor has personal experience as a retreat participant in 2010 and will be happy to share her experience and encouragement with you. Just ask.

KIDS OFF TO COLLEGE? Don't go it alone. Come to the Praying College Moms Annual Workshop and Turn Active Parenting into Active Praying. This workshop is intended for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of college-age young adults. It will be held on Sunday, October 1 from 2:00 - 4:00pm at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Chantilly. The workshop is free but seats are limited so please reserve your seat. For more information or to RSVP go to: www.prayingcollegemoms.org/fall-seminar.



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14TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN BLUE MASS The 14th Annual Diocesan Blue Mass will be held at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More on Saturday, September 16th, at 5:30pm. This Mass is to pray for the safety of all Police Officers, Fire Fighters and Emergency Personnel serving within the Diocese of Arlington and to pray for those who have died in the line of duty. Bishop Burbidge will be the principal celebrant and homilist. All are welcome. Following the Mass there will be a reception in Burke Hall for all first responders and their families. Please contact the Cathedral of St. Thomas More for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE 2017

Join Bishop Burbidge for the 2017 Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, on Saturday, October 14. Would you like to carpool? If so, contact Patty Kwapniewski at pkwapniewski@saintjn.org or 703-860-6147.

Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesanpilgrimage to view a schedule of events during the pilgrimage.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"* ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

At the time the bulletin was submitted to our publisher, complete financial information for the weekend of August 19- 20 was unavailable. Stewardship for that weekend will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

Special Collection Stewardship

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

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Next weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Your support will enable Catholic University to expand its impact in preparing the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. We appreciate your generosity. You can learn more at: collection.cua.edu.