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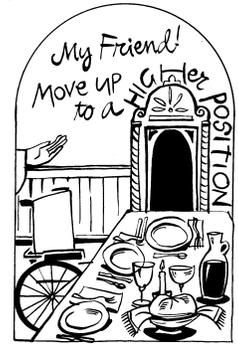
**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):**

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, AUGUST 28**

Brown Bag Sunday

Boy Scout Troop 124 Donut Sales

Sunday Morning Coffee: 8:30am;

Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Blood Pressure Screening: 2:30 - 3:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**MONDAY, AUGUST 29**

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

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**

Legión de Maria: 7:00pm; B4

Spanish Young Adults: 7:30pm; B3

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

World Day of Prayer Nature Walk: 10:00am; Narthex

World Day of Prayer Rosary: 3:00pm; Marian Chapel

World Day of Prayer Centering Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

No Scheduled Events

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

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.

### Prayer and Liturgy

#### CANONIZATION NEXT SUNDAY!

Blessed Teresa of Kolkata will be declared a saint by Pope Francis in Rome on September 4. As was the case for many other saints, Mother Teresa struggled deeply with her own faith. This article may whet your appetites to come to our Movie Night for Adults on September 9 to view a movie about her life. Information for that event can be found on page seven.

##### Mother Teresa: A "Saint of Darkness"



The world came to know Mother Teresa very well during her life. With the possible exception of St. John Paul II, she was likely the most recognizable Catholic on the face of the earth in the 20th century. Her faith and the work she and her Sisters did made her beloved and admired by many.

What no one knew (with the exception of a handful of people, mostly priests) until after her death, was the intense spiritual suffering Mother Teresa underwent for most of her life. Often referred to as "the dark night of the soul" (after a book by the same name written by St. John of the Cross), Mother Teresa had no feeling or consolation of the presence of God in her life.

Most of us have had a time in our life when we've cried out, "God, where are you??" It may be a time of illness or tragedy, or a time when our faith is tested by hardship. That feeling is but a tiny glimpse of the suffering of Mother Teresa.

She is not the first saint to endure this nor, undoubtedly, will she be the last. She spoke and wrote to perhaps one friend and also her spiritual advisers about this, but she was adamant that her Sisters and the world not know. She never wanted her experience to impact anyone else's faith, especially her own Sisters. Upon her death, her diary and letters were released, and the world came to know Mother Teresa in an entirely different manner.

In the book *Mother Teresa: Come Be My Light*, Father Brian Kolodiejchuk, Director of the Mother Teresa Center in California, presents and explores Mother Teresa's experience. For the most part, Fr. Kolodiejchuk allows Mother Teresa to speak for herself: The place of God in my soul is blank. There is no God in me. When the pain of longing is so great I just long & long for God and then it is that I feel He does not want me He is not there.

Fr. Kolodiejchuk goes on to say: The reality of her relationship with Jesus was truly a paradox. He was living in and through her without her being able to savor the sweetness of His presence ... *it was only when she was with the poor that she perceived His presence vividly. There she felt Him to be so alive and so real.* [emphasis added]

A Jesuit priest, Fr. Joseph Neuner, became a confidante and spiritual adviser to Mother Teresa in 1957, a relationship that lasted for decades. It was his guidance that allowed Mother Teresa to come to some peace with this spiritual condition, "a sharing in Christ's redemptive suffering." Fr. Neuner, years later, admitted that while this dark night of the soul was not unusual for the holiest of people, he had never found it so deeply in anyone as it existed for Mother Teresa.

Mother Teresa came to see her "darkness" as an identification with the poor she and her Sisters served: [S]he was drawn mystically into the deep pain they [the poor] experienced as a result of feeling unwanted and rejected and, above all, by living without faith in God.

Mother Teresa, in a letter to Fr. Neuner in 1962, said, "If I ever become a saint I will surely be one of 'darkness.' Her faith in Christ, and her absolute reliance on the Eucharist, allowed Mother Teresa to come to a point, spiritually, that she said, "I have come to love the darkness," not because she loved the feeling that God was absent, but that this suffering allowed her to give herself wholly to the men, women and children that she served every day.

It is unfathomable to most of us how a person whose public face was one of joy and peace, could endure such darkness and still have faith. It is that last part, the steadfastness of Mother Teresa's faith, under these incomprehensible spiritual conditions, that should and will be her most enduring legacy. As she said to Fr. Neuner in one letter, "You are sad for me but we really have no reason to be sad. He is the Master. He can dispose of me as it pleaseth Him alone."



**THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29;**  
**Psalms 68:4-5, 617, 10-11;**  
**Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24;**  
**Luke 14:1, 7-14**

Today's readings inform us that humility and generosity are eternal, life-giving values. Here are few of St. Francis de Sales thoughts that permeate his writings on these virtues:

Humility is totally generous and makes us undertake with invincible courage all our tasks that we are called to do. When we are humble we are exceedingly courageous because we place our total confidence in God, rather than ourselves. In turn, confidence in God gives birth to a generous spirit in us.

Our generous heart may be full of doubts about our own capacity to do anything. Yet, we must not dwell on our doubts, but go on doing what we know will be pleasing to God. When we carry out a task, our doubts arise because we value too highly our reputation. We wish to be masters who never make mistakes. Our dear imperfections that force us to acknowledge our deficiencies give us practice in humility, self-giving love, patience and watchfulness. In the end, our trials amidst pain enlarge our heart and increase courage. God always rejoices in raising us up in our weaknesses.

We should not be troubled at finding ourselves always novices in the exercise of virtue. The whole of our life is destined to be an apprenticeship of learning how to love divinely. The obligation of serving God and making progress in God's love always lasts until death. While God has ordered us to do all we can to acquire holy virtues, it is for us to cultivate our souls well. Therefore, we must faithfully attend to them. But as for plentiful crops and harvests, let us leave care of that to our Lord. The laborer will never be blamed for not having a fine harvest, unless he did not carefully till and sow his fields. Thus let us patiently wait for our advance, and instead of disturbing ourselves because we have made so little progress in the past, let us diligently strive to do better in the future.

*Adapted from the Writings of St. Francis de Sales*

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers: **Wayne Lott**, 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.***



<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm	<b>AUGUST 27</b> Jane Prusick †
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm	<b>AUGUST 28</b> Mary Riley Irvine† Mary Boyce † Edward Butler † People of the Parish Dara Vogel †
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>AUGUST 29</b> Edward Baker and victims of Katrina †
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>AUGUST 30</b> Mildred Middlemiss †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>AUGUST 31</b> Ilario Clandorf †
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>SEPTEMBER 1</b> Cynthia Kovacevic †
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am	<b>SEPTEMBER 2</b> Don Boyle †
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm	<b>SEPTEMBER 3</b> Benjamin Veltri †
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm	<b>SEPTEMBER 4</b> Russell Miller † Jacqueline Reiley † Karen Allen † Richard Rewkowski † People of the Parish

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

**Wisdom 9:13-18** True wisdom is to discover our limitations and the burden of our bodies.

**Psalms 90: In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.**

**Philemon 1:9-10, 12-17** The slave Onesimus, thief and fugitive, has been baptized by Paul and has thus entered that great family of the children of God, set free by Christ. The master, Philemon, a Christian himself, must now see Onesimus as a brother.

**Luke 14:25-33** Whoever has decided to follow Christ must be ready to renounce all goods, the dearest of bonds, life itself. That is true wisdom.



**WE WELCOME** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Gianna Kathlene Calvo**, daughter of Dante and Karissa; **Ethan Gabriel Delao Javier**, son of Eduardo and Maria; **Graham Stuart McDaniel**, son of Michael and Grace; and **Isaac Alexander Wilbur**, son of Michael and Raissa.

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### NOTE UPCOMING CHANGE IN MASS TIMES

Can it be? Next week, on Tuesday, September 6, 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 26, 2017, 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 holidays; those 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 3 - September 4 are:

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

*“There is nothing small in the service of God.”*

*St. Francis de Sales*

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

August 29	Reverend Martin McGuill
August 30	Reverend John H. Melmer
August 31	Reverend Francisco Mendez de Dios
September 1	Reverend David P. Meng
September 2	Reverend Charles W. Merkel, III
September 3	Reverend William J. Metzger
September 4	Reverend Richard A. Miserendino

### ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

New Altar Server training will be conducted for five Thursdays beginning September 22. The training is open to **all girls and boys of the parish who are currently in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 the Liturgical Ministries office at 703-860-6151 for details and to register.



## CHILDREN! YOU CAN MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD DURING MASS IN ONE OF OUR YOUTH CHOIRS!

Do you know that all children from PK4 - 12<sup>th</sup> 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!**

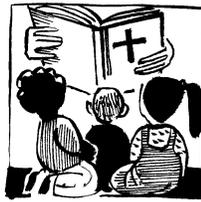
Choir	Age Group	Rehearsals	Mass Participation
Angel	Age 4 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Weekly; Wednesday 5:00 – 5:30pm	Occasionally during the year, with the Children's choir at the monthly Family Mass, Christmas and Easter
Children's	Grades 3 - 6	Weekly; Wednesday 5:30 – 6:30pm	Saturday 5:00pm Family Mass, 1 <sup>st</sup> week of the month; Saturday 5:00pm Mass, 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of the month; Christmas and Easter
Youth	Grades 6 - 12	Bi-weekly; Saturday 3:30 – 5:00pm; 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> weeks of the month	Saturday 5:00pm Family Mass, 1 <sup>st</sup> week of the month; Saturday 5:00pm Mass, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>; Youth Choir will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms are in the main hallway near the Welcome Desk and online.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES**

Sunday, September 4	9:30am	RCIA Rite of Acceptance
Sunday, September 4	11:30am	Baptism
Sunday, September 25	9:30am	Baptism

**THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME** to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) team! CLOW is celebrated during the Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 11:30am Mass when children in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 11, in parallel with the beginning of Faith Formation classes. 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](mailto:cdoverton@verizon.net).



**IT'S TIME, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP** In



the past, our monthly Family Mass has been very successful. We are preparing to resume it on October 1, but we cannot do it without you and your help!

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

We have found that the Family Mas really does help our younger members better understand the different parts of the liturgy 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 need to start training the youth who would like to be involved as ushers, servers and lectors soon, and need to know who will participate.** 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 opportunities for the youth to serve, please contact the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151.

**Parish Information**

**SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEKEND:**

- **Brown Bag Weekend** The Cornerstone Van will be in our parking lot all weekend. Please remember to stop by to drop off your non-perishable donations to help stock their pantry shelves.
- **Boy Scout Troop 124 Donut Sale** The Scouts will have tempting Krispy Kreme glazed donuts for you after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. Buy a dozen for \$10 or a single one for any size donation! Young men ages 10-16 are invited to stop by for a chat to see what the Troop has to offer you!
- **Health Ministry Blood Pressure Screening** Nurses will be in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium from 2:30 - 3:30pm to read your blood pressure. This is a very brief, free non-invasive test that could save your life. Counselors will be available to talk with those whose screening results show that you could be at risk for heart disease. Do yourself and your families a favor by taking a few moment to check for this silent killer. Translators will also be available.

*Golden Anniversary?*

*Silver Anniversary?*

*If you were married in 1966 or 1991 you are invited to join Bishop Loverde for the **2016 Marriage Jubilee Mass Sunday, October 16, at 2:30pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More.***

*To register, contact the parish office no later than September 15.*

*For more information, visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/MJM.aspx](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/MJM.aspx).*

**THE POWER OF STORY CONTINUES!** Parishioner, poet and teacher, William R. Stott, Jr., is offering the Biblical Theology portion of the Power of Story series with two courses. The twelve-session Fall Semester will focus on Patristics, a study of Early Church History, while in the new year the focus will shift to the History of Monasticism.

**Course Schedule**

Classes will be held from 7:00 - 8:15pm in de Sales Chapel.

9/19	Patristics	11/14	Sacraments
9/26	The World of the Fathers	11/21	Worship
10/3	God, Creation	11/28	Mary, Saints and the Miraculous
10/17	The Sources of Faith	12/5	Last Things
10/24	The Church, The Pope	12/12	Councils, Heresies
11/7	Morality	12/19	Creed

Visit [www.deogratias.co](http://www.deogratias.co) to read the story of "The Power of Story". Flyers/ registration forms are available in the main hallway. For more information call 703-860-2815.

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION - SEPTEMBER 1

Pope Francis has declared September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, as the Orthodox Church has done since 1989. He says, "The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."



Care for Our Common Home Ministry is coordinating numerous prayer opportunities throughout the day. Please join us for any or all of these services:

- 9:00 am: Mass; de Sales Chapel
- 10:00am: Nature Walk (rain or shine); Meet in the Narthex. Three stops for meditation/ reflection (45 Min).
- 3:00pm: Rosary: with Care for Creation meditations; Marian Chapel
- 7:00pm Centering Prayer: Church; will include spiritual readings on the Care of Creation and 20 minutes of silent Contemplative Prayer.

See our Link on the parish website for resources for praying at home on your own and activities for children to do to celebrate the Day of Prayer.

### CONSIDER JOINING A BIBLE STUDY

**GROUP THIS FALL** A ten-week Bible Study program covering First Corinthians will begin in mid-September. Join us as we explore God's word in small groups using study materials developed by Catholic scholars from Little Rock Scripture Study.



All are welcome and you may audit a meeting before committing. For your convenience, multiple small groups meet at various times throughout the week. See registration forms for details. They are available on the Parish website and at the Welcome Desk. Tuition of \$25 is due at time of registration. Scholarships are available. Registration is open until **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Janet Broderick at [broderickjmb@gmail.com](mailto:broderickjmb@gmail.com) or 703-860-5029.

*"Faith, hope, and love abide, But the greatest of these is love."  
First Corinthians 13:13*

**ESTATE PLANNING MADE SIMPLE** Do your loved ones know what your wishes are? Do you have a plan in place if something happens to you? Where do you start? Plain and simple, estate planning helps protect your family and loved ones by allowing them to know your wishes and make things easier on them. Although this may sound daunting and overwhelming, this informative lecture is designed to bring a sense of peace and relief by making estate planning easy to understand. We will discuss estate planning in small doses and alleviate your fears of wills, trusts, taxes, medical directives and probate. Bring a spouse or a friend, too. The presenter is parishioner Alison Mathey, Wills, Trusts and Estates Attorney. Join us on Thursday, September 8 at 9:45am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. Coffee and treats will be provided.

### MOVIE NIGHT FOR ADULTS - SEPTEMBER 9

To celebrate the canonization of Blessed Teresa of Kalkota on September 4, we will be showing "The Letters The Untold Story of Mother Teresa" on Friday, September 9. Join us in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium as we watch this movie about her life and wonderful work with the poorest of the poor on the streets of India. Wine, cheese, fruit and popcorn will be served starting at 6:30pm and the movie will begin at 7:00pm.

### BIRTHDAY CLUB TAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE

**SEPTEMBER 10 - 11** The Social Action Committee will place tags for the Birthday Club in the main hallway in two weeks. Please take a tag, purchase the wished-for gift and **return the wrapped and tagged gift by the weekend of September 24**



- 25. For most of these children the gifts we purchase will be the only gifts they receive on their special day. We hope you can help put smiles on their faces. Thank you for your continued support.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** We will be offering an eight-week bereavement support group for adults coping with the loss of a loved one beginning Saturday, September 24. The group will meet from 10:00 - 11:30am in the Conference Room, and will be facilitated by Kathleen Sebek. "The New Day Journal, a journey from grief to healing" will be provided. Registration is required. For additional information and to register, please contact Kathleen at [sebekkathleen@gmail.com](mailto:sebekkathleen@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org).

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**On-going Fellowship cont'd:**

- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For morning sessions, email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [ksmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:youngadults@saintjn.org).

**50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES:** For more information on any 50+ Club event, please email Pat Bossie at [grankidsx9@aol.com](mailto:grankidsx9@aol.com) or call 703-620-3747. Remember to call Pat to make reservations.

- **Thursday, September 15, 5:30: "Asian Occasion";** Our Fall dinner in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium will be catered by Hunan East at Fox Mill. Cost of \$12 per person is due September 1. Remember, dues must also be paid to attend.

**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](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com).

- **Friday, September 9, 7:00pm:** Cookout at the Rectory: Our annual cookout with your parish priests is back! Come to the rectory to enjoy some burgers, some sun, and some great fellowship with the priests. Please e-mail Thomas to RSVP by Friday, September 2, and plan to bring either a side dish or a beverage with you to help with the meal.
- **Sunday, September 18th, 9:15am:** Sunday Mass and Brunch: Meet us in the narthex at 9:15am and then attend 9:30am Sunday Mass and brunch together as a group! Brunch will be held at La Madeleine in Reston after Mass. Please e-mail Matt at [mjfaltynski@gmail.com](mailto:mjfaltynski@gmail.com) to RSVP.
- **Late September through October:** Fall Bible Study: We will be starting a Little Rock Scripture Study course, "Touching the Mysteries", based on the connection between Scripture and the Rosary on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. Email Matt at [mjfaltynski@gmail.com](mailto:mjfaltynski@gmail.com) if you'd like to join or have any questions.

**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.

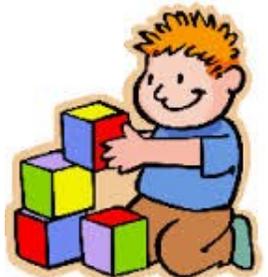
- **Becoming A Catholic** Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets year-round on Tuesday evenings. Email [rcia@saintjn.org](mailto:rcia@saintjn.org) for information.
- **Contemplative Prayer** There is quiet prayer together 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](mailto:christylc23@gmail.com).
- **Independent Online Bible Study** This 8-session course, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" will help uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, to get the "big picture" of the Bible. Details and registration link are available on our website under Faith Formation/Adults.

*"Keep the child in you alive and playing."*

*Anonymous*

**DO YOU HAVE TWO HOURS TO HELP  
OUR MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN?**

Looking for a volunteer opportunity at our parish? Love playing with children? We'd love to have you join us Friday mornings to help babysit the children of the Bible Study for Mothers With Young Children group from 10:00 to 11:30am. We have a wonderful group of volunteers and are looking to add a few more. If you're interested and would like more information, please contact Christy at [ChristyLC23@gmail.com](mailto:ChristyLC23@gmail.com) or 214-681-0785. Thank you for considering this opportunity - without which this Bible Study group would not be able to meet!



## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS

Angela Davis  
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### FAITH FORMATION CLASS

#### ASSIGNMENTS

Children's class assignments are now available for your viewing! To do so, follow the instructions on the Frequently Asked Questions page of our website at [www.saintjn.org/faq/](http://www.saintjn.org/faq/). Please note that the specific room assignment may change prior to the first day of class.



### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

Doug Johnson  
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[djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org)

Watch this space for news about upcoming events!

**HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY E-MAIL LIST:** Contact Doug Johnson at [djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org) if you wish to be placed on the SJN High School Teen Ministry email list. This is a great way to learn the latest information on events, programs and opportunities to serve in our high school teen program.

### Around the Diocese

### CATHOLICS AND POLITICS: FAITHFUL AND ENGAGED CITIZENS

Please join the Diocese of Arlington Peace and Justice Commission for its annual fall conference on Saturday, September 17, at Good Shepherd Parish in Alexandria. Speakers from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services will discuss politics from a Catholic viewpoint, in light of the upcoming elections. The half-day program will begin with Mass at 9:00am, followed by a keynote presentation, panel discussion, and question and answer session. The program is free, and no advance registration is required. For more information see [www.arlingtondiocese.org/peace](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/peace).

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### SANCTITY OF LIFE MINISTRIES NEEDS

**VOLUNTEERS** This organization, located in Alexandria and Fairfax, invites you to love and serve women facing unplanned pregnancies as a client advocate. The ministry exists to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and affirm life in the womb through support, education and ultrasound services. New Volunteer Orientation will be held Saturday, October 1 from 1:00 to 5:00pm at their Fairfax center, 10380 Democracy Lane. The next Client Advocate Training will begin Wednesday, October 5, 9:00am to 1:00pm, and will run for 10 weeks at the Fairfax center. Please contact Laurie Morris at 703-278-5433 to explore this opportunity.

### CHECK OUT FR. BJORN LUNDBERG ON 2MINUTES2VIRTUE:

### THE WEEKLY CHALLENGE!

Tune in to 2minutes2virtue and take the Weekly Challenge with Fr. Lundberg, Chaplain of Saint John Paul the Great Catholic High School in Dumfries. He hosts the September video series designed to help Catholics on the go get the most out of Sunday readings. To receive the weekly videos visit [arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue](http://arlingtondiocese.org/2minutes2virtue). Please contact the Office for Family Life at (703) 841-2550.

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.stanncatholicchurch.org).

### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."*  
LUKE 14:13 -14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.