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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.*

SOLICITATION OF FUNDS

Over the past several weeks, individuals have, without permission, been soliciting funds from parishioners as they leave Mass. It would be helpful to notify any of the priests of their presence on the property. Please do not give them anything. You can suggest that they come to the parish office Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm and then we will determine what assistance the parish is able to offer them.

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

Today's Gospel challenges us to love one another in light of "fraternal correction," a concept lost in our culture. St. Francis de Sales speaks of it in light of true friendship:

It often happens that when we have high regard for friends, we can absorb their imperfections. Certainly we must love our friends in spite of their faults. Yet, true friendship requires us to share the true good, not evil. Thus, just as gold diggers leave the sand on the bank and take the gold they find, so also those who share in a true friendship ought to remove the sand of its imperfections, and not let this sand get into their souls.

True friendship can live only on true virtue. It comes from God, leads to God and its bond endures eternally in God. It is a weak friendship that passively watches our friends take the wrong path: to let them perish rather than to courageously help them with the lance of correction. Genuine, living friendships cannot continue in the midst of vice. If it is only a passing vice, a true friendship will put it to flight by correction.

When correction is done with compassion rather than anger, repentance will sink far deeper and penetrate more effectively. Nothing so quickly calms down an angry elephant as the sight of a little lamb. When reason brings along rage, it is feared rather than loved. But reason without anger peaceably chastises, corrects, and warns, even though it might be severe and exact. A father's gentle, loving rebuke has far greater power to correct a child than rage and passion.

Blessed are they who speak only to give "fraternal correction" in a spirit of sacred love and profound humility! More blessed are those who are ready to receive it with a gentle, peaceful and tranquil heart! In being humble, faithful and courageous, they have already made great progress, and will arrive at the highest degree of Christian holiness.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially, "Introduction to the Devout Life")

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PLEASE PRAY for Raymond Dunn, **Beatrice Gyra**, **Alysia Boswinkle-Magrum**, **Irene Steiner**, **Joe Toussaint** **Michael Yost** 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.**

ADORATION AND EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

"It is in the Eucharist that all that has been created finds its greatest exaltation. [I]t is the living center of the universe, the overflowing core of love and of inexhaustible life. Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation." Pope Francis, Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home 236.



Come this Thursday, September 14, to see what it is all about! Exposition and Adoration of the Eucharist will take place from 3:00pm – 8:00pm. A sign-up sheet is in the hall behind Welcome Desk today.



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!**

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BURBIDGE

At this time in which the people of Texas are struggling amid the destruction caused by Hurricane Harvey, I ask all in the Diocese of Arlington to join together in prayer and generosity to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please consider how you might be able to help provide relief to those in need. May God bring peace to those who have lost so much.

Sincerely in Christ,

Michael F. Burbidge

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
 Bishop of Arlington

Your financial gift will be forwarded to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Charities USA to be used as part of the Catholic Church's relief effort following the devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey. In case you missed the opportunity to donate at Mass this weekend, and would like to donate, you may do so online at <https://secure3.arlingtondiocese.org/donate/hgf/hgf>. Our parish will receive recognition for your donation.

TAIZÉ This September, as we are coming off of summer vacation and as our lives are getting busy once again with our routines, we invite you to come for a meditative Taizé service so as to re-center ourselves. Prayer in the spirit of the Taizé community is a meditative form of common prayer, expressing a basic reality of faith through songs in repetition to reinforce the meditative quality of prayer. Join us Wednesday, September 20 from 7:30-8:15pm.

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.

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 9
5:00pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
7:30am	Joseph Paul Romeo †
9:30am	Tom Markusson †
11:30am	Tim Manoogian †
1:30pm	J. Robert Ouimet, Special Intention
5:00pm	Harold Van Tassel Family, Special Intention
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
9:00am	Maria Elena Cabbaraci †
12:10pm	John Guilfoyle †
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
6:30am	Mary Fogarty †
9:00am	Matthew Kinsella †
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
9:00am	Mary Dudek †
12:10pm	Gil Christiane †
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 14
6:30am	Angela Sylvester †
9:00am	Teresa Kwapniewski †
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
9:00am	Marthe St. Pierre †
12:10pm	Andy Kay †
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
5:00pm	Joseph and Mary Laurich ††
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Jerry Schroeder †
11:30am	Betty Jane Oliveto †
1:30pm	J. Robert Ouimet, Special Intention
5:00pm	James Ranker †

WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Vian Gundimeda**, son of Naveen and Sowgandhi; **Emmett David Joyal**, son of Jason and Jennifer; **Gabriel Anthony Kabo**, son of Erik and Teresa; and **Declan Campbell Wade**, son of George and Emily.



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR LITURGIES!

- **ALTAR SERVERS** 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.
- **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.
- **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.

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

Sirach 27:30-28:7 Judgment belongs to God. We cannot assume this right. The history of the covenant is one of patient forgiveness. This is the aspect of God which we must imitate.

Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 The Lord is kind and merciful. The forgiveness of enemies is a frequent melody in both the Old and New Testaments. The psalmist reminds us that it is the Lord who is "kind and merciful."

Romans 14:7-9 Paul who wrote: "For me, to live is Christ" (Phil 1:21) here reiterates his faith. Living in the risen Christ transforms life and death.

Matthew 18:21-35 Before God, each of us is an insolvent debtor. In God's goodness our accounts are reconciled. This royal pardon inspires our sincere and total forgiveness of one another.

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Elizabeth Robertson Tchabo**, wife of Jean-Gilles.



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

September 11	Reverend Andrew J. Heintz
September 12	Reverend John F. Heisler
September 13	Reverend Timothy J. Hickey, C.S.Sp.
September 14	Reverend Matthew J. Hillyard, O.S.F.S.
September 15	Reverend James C. Hinkle
September 16	Reverend John Son Hoang, O.P.
September 17	Reverend Stephen Holmes

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PRAYING COLLEGE MOMS EVENTS



- **Come see who we are!** We will have an information table in the Narthex at all Masses the weekend of September 23-24. We are a group of women who draw peace and consolation from one another and God as our young adults to off into the world. We feast on prayer and fast from worry. If you have a child who recently left for college or elsewhere, we might be just what you need! Learn about the work, support and praying we do for our college-age children and each other, and, learn about the books used in our small group meetings. WE offer meetings both in the morning and evening.
- We also invite you to attend **“Turn Active Parenting Into Active Praying”**, a workshop facilitated by Maribeth Harper, author of the “And So We Pray” books and Melissa Overmyer, the founder of Something Greater Ministries. This workshop is intended for parents, grandparents, relatives and friends of college-age young adults. The workshop will be held at St. Timothy’s Catholic Church in Chantilly on Sunday, October 1, from 2:00 - 4:00pm, followed by 5:00pm Mass. There is no charge for the workshop but RSVPs are encouraged since space is limited. For more information visit <http://www.prayingcollegemoms.org/fall-seminar>.

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of September 16 - September 17 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Bill
Sunday	7:30am	Father Joe with Deacon John
Sunday	9:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	11:30am	Father Dave Kenehan, OSFS
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Russo with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Joe with Deacon John

Parish Information

OUR HEALTH MINISTRY WANTS YOU! Our group is composed of health care professionals and those just interested in health and wellness who wish to help educate and encourage positive health behaviors here in our Faith Community. Our next meeting is September 21 at 7:00pm in the Social Room. For information please email Terry Barlow terry@terrybarlow.com or Mary Kay Crain crain3106@outlook.com.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHRONICLES Do you have an interest in helping to capture the history of St. John Neumann parish? If so, please consider joining a new group that is planning to do just that. We will honor the past by cataloging existing artifacts and collecting oral histories from long-term parishioners, while at the same time exploring ways to most effectively document the richness of our parish life today and in the years ahead. All are welcome to join this group, but skills or interest in interviewing, photography, videography, information management, web design, and related fields would be especially valuable to the team. Please email Catherine Crawford at catherine.l.crawford@gmail.com to volunteer.

IT'S OKTOBERFEST TIME! Oktoberfest takes place next 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 this weekend, 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! See the cover for ticket pricing.

We still need volunteers for both seatings. Day-of-the-event volunteers are needed to staff the welcome table, assist with set-up and clean-up, serve food, etc. If you can join the crew and help, visit <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4caba72ba31-sjnoktoberfest> to sign up. For more information please contact Patty Kwapniewski at pkwapniewski@saintjn.org or 703-860-6147 as soon as possible.

BACKPACK DRIVE WAS A BIG SUCCESS



Despite the late notice, you, our very generous parishioners, came through and donated 250 beautiful, new backpacks that we delivered to Cornerstones on August 14. You helped make many students happy as they returned to school the last week of August.

MOVIE NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Join us for wine, cheese, and other goodies Friday, September 29, at 6:30pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium before the showing of the movie, “Gifted”, at 7:00pm. Frank Adler (Chris Evans) is a single man raising a child prodigy, his spirited 7-year-old niece Mary (Mckenna Grace), in a coastal town in Florida. Frank’s plans for a normal school life for Mary are foiled when the her mathematical abilities come to the attention of Frank’s formidable mother, Evelyn (Lindsay Duncan), whose plans for her granddaughter threaten to separate Frank and Mary.



MOTHERS' GROUP KICK-OFF WEEKEND

Please join us as we kick off our 2017-2018 Mothers' Group year with a weekend of fun! Whether it's your first year with us or your 20th, come chat with your fellow moms and hear about the many events and opportunities we're planning for this year. First, you can join us for our Kick-Off in Room A2/A3 on Friday, September 15, from 10:00am-12:00pm. Children are welcome, and snacks will be provided. That evening, unwind with us over dinner at Lakeside Asia Cafe for Mom's Night Out, 8:00-10:30pm. Finally, bring the whole family out to Marker-Miller Orchards in Winchester on Saturday, September 16, 10:00am-1:00pm, for apple picking and more fall fun. Interested in more activities like these? Be sure to register online: <https://goo.gl/forms/erAmuJXDH7jQXfH52>. You can also email momsgroup@saintjn.org with any questions about our events or for the link to register. We hope to see you soon!

JUSTFAITH "Pope Francis said, 'The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need.' I learned a lot about the Pope's perspective as well as Catholic social teaching through the *JustFaith* program. *JustFaith* is a great way to spread the word that everyone - liberals and conservatives of all faith communities - can take action to help the vulnerable in our society."

Ed Sabo, SJN parishioner and 2014-2015 *JustFaith* participant

JustFaith...maybe it's just the thing for you! To learn more about the *JustFaith* program and plans for the 2017-18 session, contact Tom or Michele Costello at 757-646-5937 or tmcostello_20171@yahoo.com.



IT'S DONUT DAY! Our SJN-based Boy Scout Troop 124 is back for their final Krispy Kreme donut sale of 2017. The boys will be selling donuts next Sunday, September 17 after the 7:30 and 9:30am Masses, while supplies last. The troop would love to talk to any of the young men of our parish, ages 10-16, who might consider joining our boy-led organization

where they can grown in leadership, learn outdoor skills and support service projects at SJN and the greater community. The funds they raise will continue to support their goal of supplying troop needs. A portion of proceeds will be used by the troop to support SJN outreach initiatives. For more information on the troop, please visit <http://restonscouts.org/>.

FALL BRINGS US BACK TOGETHER AGAIN Now that summer is behind us, many groups are beginning to resume meetings. Maybe you would be interested in one of these:

- **WOMEN'S / NEWCOMERS' BOOK GROUP** This is a casual and friendly group of women reading and discussing books to help strengthen our faith, prayer life and daily relationship with God. We meet Thursday mornings and newcomers to our parish are warmly welcomed! For more information, email Megan Murphy at megan.murphy218@gmail.com.
- **DIVORCED AND SEPARATED** – If you are interested in joining our on-going Divorced and Separated group that meets here on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm bi-weekly, please contact: Jo-Ann Duggan at jduggan@saintjn.org.

CALL FOR PHOTOS FROM MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS As the parish celebrates the Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4) we welcome photos of nature from our

middle and high school parishioners. The categories are Sky, Water, Plants and Animals. Use your imagination and creativity to capture scenes from the Reston area. Please submit your original photos to the Care for our Common Home Ministry's email at saintjn.cch@gmail.com. We will print the top winners each week and display them in the narthex. Submit as many photos as you wish until October 4. The overall winners in each category will receive prizes in mid-October.

ALL ARE WELCOME CORNER This part of the parish bulletin will provide information on our Church's teachings regarding living a just life and working for a just society. The first article will summarize the *seven themes of Catholic social teaching*. These themes are drawn from a number of church documents, many of which are linked on the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website where you can find more complete texts in order to gain a fuller understanding of Catholic Social Teaching: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/foundational-documents.cfm>.

The seven themes are:

1. *Life and Dignity of the Human Person*. Human life is sacred and the dignity of the human person is the foundation for social morality. This theme is the starting point for the rest of our church's social teaching.
2. *Call to Family, Community and Participation*. Persons are sacred and also social. The organization of our society, economy, and government affects our ability to live our Catholic faith, which emphasizes that marriage and the family are the central institutions of society.
3. *Rights and Responsibilities*. The dignity of the person can be protected only if human rights are protected and we carry out our responsibilities to each other, our families, and society.
4. *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*. A basic test of social justice is whether our society is trying to address the needs of the most poor and vulnerable persons.
5. *The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers*. The economy should meet the needs of people, and work is a way of participating in God's creation. Basic rights of workers—to earn a fair wage, join unions, own property, and make economic choices—must be protected.
6. *Solidarity*. There is one human family that extends beyond national, racial, and economic divisions, and each of us is called to love our neighbor.
7. *Care for God's Creation*. Each of us is also called to protect God's creation.

Over the next seven weeks, the "All Are Welcome Corner" will briefly address each of these themes.

EXPLORE THE ROOTS OF SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

Join us for a six-week journey as we explore the foundation of Salesian Spirituality. Carol Swiger will facilitate this introduction to Salesian spirituality using the book *Authentic Devotion* by Bernard Bangle. You may register for either morning or evening sessions. The sessions will meet on Tuesdays at 10:00am beginning October 3 or Thursdays at 7:00pm beginning October 5. All sessions will be held in the conference room. You can register through the website beginning September 5. Books can be purchased at the first session.



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

LAST CALL FOR REGISTRATION FOR THE RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING A SERIOUS ILLNESS

"Come to me and I will give you rest"

This retreat will be held at the San Damiano Spiritual Life Center in White Post, Virginia September 22-24. The retreat begins Friday at 1:30pm and ends on Sunday at 2:30 pm. Fr. Bob Cilinski and Fr. Jack O'Hara will serve as Spiritual Directors along with a retreat team of doctors, nurses and helpers. The retreat has been held in the Diocese of Arlington for the past 40 years and now is a ministry of Catholic Charities. The cost of the retreat is free for all retreatants. To register for the retreat and for more information, call Catholic Charities at 703 841-3830 or email retreat@ccda.net.

A SEASON OF CREATION SUGGESTION: *As a spiritual work of mercy, care for our common home calls for a "grateful contemplation of God's world" (Laudato Si', 214) which "allows us to discover in each thing a teaching which God wishes to hand on to us" (85).*

Take one hour away from electronics, and towards creation. Spending so much time in front of a screen weakens our bond with the earth. Today, disconnect from all electronics for 1 hour, and go outdoors. Spend at least 15 minutes in a safe space, and in silence. Observe what you see, hear, feel, and smell. Give thanks to God for the wonders of creation.

SEASON OF CREATION - CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME MINISTRY: EAGLE SCOUT POLLINATOR GARDEN PROJECT

Derek White, a high school parishioner, has been working on an Eagle Scout project with Mark Gosselin, our building facilitator, to build a pollinator garden near the storm water pond. Derek is planning on having his team of volunteers construct the garden on Saturday, Sept. 16. The new prayer garden will serve as a meditative space for parishioners to connect with nature and honor God's presence in His gift of creation. A blessing ceremony will take place later in the month

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. For more information please send email to momsgroup@saintjn.org.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 2nd Monday evening or the 2nd Tuesday morning for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email Kim at ksmonroe58@gmail.com, or for morning sessions email Mary at madcass5@att.net or Joellan at joellanf@aol.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.

"Observe God's ways and not your own."

St. Francis de Sales

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.

- **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 RSVP.
- **Thursday, September 14, 7:00pm, Men's Group Adoration and Happy Hour, SJN de Sales Chapel:** We'll meet as a community of Catholic men to pray at SJN's monthly Adoration from 7:00 - 8:00pm, followed by happy hour at a local bar! This is a great opportunity to both spend time with the Blessed Sacrament and to strengthen our friendships as young Catholic men. Please 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.

Faith Formation

Mickie Abatamarco, Director
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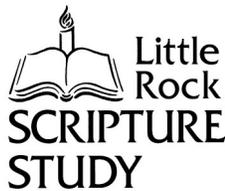
ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any program, contact Mickie Abatamarco.

- **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.
- **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.
- **Life After Sunday** A small group meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm for faith-sharing based on spiritual friendships and the Gospel message.
- **Mothers' Group Bible Study** This group meets from 10 to 11:30am most Fridays from September through May, and covers the upcoming Sunday scripture. Childcare is available. RSVP is required to attend. Email Caroline Obeng for more information at c.obeng@outlook.com.

JOIN US FOR A BIBLE STUDY

When external threats, internal divisions, and discord seem to be everywhere it can be hard to see God at work in the world. And so it was for Jerusalem in the 6th century B.C. poised on the brink of destruction and exile. The reluctant prophet Jeremiah brought God's words of challenge and unwavering love for his errant people: "I know well the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope." If you're looking for that future join us for an eleven-week Bible Study covering the Old Testament book **Jeremiah** beginning in early October. The course will break for Advent and resume after the holidays. Using study materials from the pre-eminent Catholic Bible study program, Little Rock Scripture Study (now in its 18th year at our parish), we will meet in small groups to read Jeremiah and explore its meaning for our lives today.



All are welcome and you may audit a meeting before committing. Small groups meet at various times throughout the week so you can find a day and time that work for you. Registration forms 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 **Monday, September 25**. Contact Mickey Edwards at 202-363-5993 or edwards.mickey@gmail.com for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

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CHECK OUT THE UPDATED YOUTH MINISTRY BULLETIN BOARD

If you haven't already seen it, be sure to stop by the Youth Ministry bulletin board and take a look at the wonderful pictures that were just posted by Anne Ferraro and Doug Johnson. Guess which one did the layout work? You will see many, many smiling faces and some with a firm look of determination as they were toiling away at this year's Work Camp. It is always rewarding to hear our teens talk about how they grew at Work Camp, whether this was their first experience, or for some, their bittersweet last trip. Congratulations to all the teens who participated and a huge thank you to the adults who went as contractors, crew leaders, base camp staff, and performed other jobs while on-site. Many of the adults have been participating in Work Camp for years, and their continued support over these years has had a very positive impact on the teens

So, be sure to stop by the bulletin board; it just might provide some incentive for you to consider participating at Work Camp next year. If you recognize some of the teens and adults, when you see them ask about their experience. Most are more than willing to tell you how this Work Camp has changed them.

Around the Diocese

FRANCE IN APRIL???? Paul VI Catholic High School Campus Ministry invites you to join Father Schultz and students from the Diocese on April 1-9, 2018 as we go on a pilgrimage throughout the south of France. Contact Joyce Krolicki at jkrolicki@pvipanther.net for information. **Remember the deadline to register for the trip has been extended to September 15th.**

*"Fight back with affection
and not with reason."*

St. Francis de Sales

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE The Care for Our Common Home team at St. Mark Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna, extends an invitation to an ecumenical prayer service commemorating the Season of Creation in the chapel at St. Mark on September 14 at 7:30 pm. The Season of Creation is a powerful tie to bring together Christians in our common concern for creation.

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN ON EARTH Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your own faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? We invite you to become a docent (tour guide) or tour desk receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. We also offer community service hours to high school juniors and seniors who participate in this program. We will have information sessions at the Shrine Visitors Center on October 2 from 10:00am - Noon and again from 7:00-9:00pm. We also need volunteer nurses and doctors to assist in first aid at large events at the Shrine. Anyone interested may contact Dee Steel via at (202)526-8300 ext. 111, or visitorservices@bnsic.org.

HUGE CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE

Consign and shop for baby and children's clothing, accessories, toys, books, videos, games, baby gear, furniture, maternity and much more at Little Flower Consignments. The sale is Saturday, September 23 starting at 8:00am at St. Theresa's Catholic School in Ashburn. All proceeds are donated to Divine Mercy Outreach. For more information, visit www.LittleFlowerConsignments.org or www.facebook.com/LittleFlowerConsignments.

Special Collection Stewardship

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Thank you for your generous contributions to last week's special second collection for The Catholic University of America! Your support enables Catholic University to provide an education based in the Catholic intellectual tradition to the next generation of leadership for our Church and nation. You can learn more about your impact, and the University, at collection.cua.edu.

NEXT WEEKEND parishes throughout the Arlington Diocese will hold a special collection for Religious Education expenses within their parish. These funds will go towards youth and adult religious education, including children's liturgies and RCIA. Contributions to this collection will remain at St. John Neumann.

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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.

AN ENTERING CANAAN DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, September 30. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For further information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

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.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel."* EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Because of the Labor Day holiday, at the time the bulletin was submitted to our publisher, complete financial information for the weekend of September 2 - 3 was unavailable. Stewardship for that weekend will appear in next weekend's bulletin.