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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.*

**THIS WEEK AT
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Faith Formation Classes

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

High School Teens: 6:15pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Faith Formation Classes

Boy Scout Troop 124:7:00pm; A1/A2

Praying College Moms: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Care For Our Common Home: 7:00pm; Conference Room

Pastoral Council: 7:30pm; Sacristy

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Faith Formation Classes

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Social Justice: 7:00pm; Conference Room

Finance Council: 7:30pm; A1

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

50+ Club Kickoff Dinner: 5:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Pro Life 7:00pm; Conference Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Mothers' Group Kick-off For New Members: 10:00am; Early Religious Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Non-Partisan Voter Registration After Mass

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Non-Partisan Voter Registration After Masses

Faith Formation Classes

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

High School Teens: 6:15pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

HSC: 6:15pm; A1

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14;
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13; 17, 19;
1 Timothy:12-17;
Luke 15:1-32

Today's readings remind us of God's loving desire to seek us out when we go astray. Here are some of St. Francis de Sales' thoughts on God's loving mercy:

Wine that delights and strengthens the heart represents earthly joys and satisfactions. Yet more than all earthly pleasures, God's love has an incomparable strength and power to restore and refresh the human heart. Only divine love is capable of giving the human heart perfect satisfaction and joy. Our Divine Lover is not content with proclaiming publicly an extreme desire to be loved. Our Savior goes from door to door, knocking and rapping, and crying: Return to me and live! I have loved you with an everlasting love.

When we stray far from the path of God's love, our Savior never forgets to show that his mercy is above all his works. When our Lord sees a soul plunged into evil, He speeds to its aid. As we consent to God's love that comes to rescue us from our misery, we are like old plants, once deadened by the winter but now growing green and vigorous. We again take on strength and life in the "wine" of heavenly love that cheers the human heart. God's infinite mercy desires that all have life eternal and that none perish.

Yet, all of us have some false loves. These loves lead us away from our natural inclination to love God. If we follow this inclination faithfully, God's divine mercy helps us to progress in holy love. So let us pour out in God's presence all our disordered loves, and allow God to transform us entirely. Try to keep your will very firm in wanting to seek the good that God shows you, and our merciful Lord will help you progress in loving divinely. God always makes the cure far exceed the disease. Divine Providence often produces beautiful works of art from twisted pieces of wood.

Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales

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

BEST WISHES to Hobin Chi and Tommy Noh; and Caitlin O'Brien and Shaun Murphy who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they grow together in Christ's love.



UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, September 25	9:30am	Baptism
Saturday, October 1	5:00pm	Baptism
Saturday, October 1	5:00pm	Family Mass in de Sales Chapel

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

Amos 8:4-7 Money is such a tyrant and the use we make of it is such a touchstone for sincerity of heart that the prophets have always seen it as one of the principal domains where religion is at stake. Amos denounces the exploitation of people for the sake of money, rather than the exploitation of money for the sake of people.

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1 Timothy 2:1-8 Politics, like money, is a religious concern. We owe prayer for those in authority.

Luke 16:1-13 When salvation is offered, we must do everything to seize it with as much intelligence and cleverness as the manager. We must know how to choose our master, to serve God and not to enslave ourselves to money.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Abigail Jane Dunaway**, daughter of Sean and Leanne; and **Tyler James Henn**, son of Steven and Susan.

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of September 17 - September 18 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Don
Sunday	7:30am	Father Bill
Sunday	9:30am	Father Dick DeLillio, OSFS
Sunday	11:30pm	Father Jerry
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Fernando
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Don with Deacon John

MASS INTENTIONS BOOK On October 3, the 2017 Mass Intentions Book will open for Masses from July 1 through December 31.



SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 10
5:00pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 11
7:30am	John Canedo †
9:30am	Nora Koch †
11:30am	Patrick Fedor †
1:30pm	Carlos Hillman, Jr. †
5:00pm	Dorothy White †
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 12
9:00am	Jove Trinidad †
12:10pm	Jack McPhee Smithers †
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 13
6:30am	Kay Thompson †
9:00am	Caroline Pierog †
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 14
9:00am	Teresa Kwapniewski †
12:10pm	Margie Diamond †
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 15
6:30am	John Yevchak †
9:00am	Marthe St. Pierre †
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 16
9:00am	Barbara Barker †
12:10pm	Marge Cuddihy †
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 17
5:00pm	Charles A. Alston †
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 18
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Owen M. Jones †
11:30am	Neil Ainslie †
1:30pm	Rosemary Delisi Knish †
5:00pm	H. Ronald Hilton †

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Thomas Markusson**, husband of Patty; and **Charles Popovich**, father of Judy Perich.



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

September 12	CH (CDR) Daniel L. Mode
September 13	Reverend Mark E. Moretti
September 14	Reverend Noah C. Morey
September 15	Reverend John P. Mosimann, V.F.
September 16	Reverend Christopher J. Mould
September 17	Reverend Mark Mullaney
September 18	Reverend Richard A. Mullins

**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 this Thursday, September 15.**

For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/familylife/MJM.aspx.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEKEND

As we resume our Faith Formation classes, the presiders at all the Masses will ask our catechists to stand for a special blessing. The following may help us understand and remember why this is important.

What *do* we celebrate on Catechetical Sunday?

In 1935, the Vatican published "On the Better Care and Promotion of Catechetical Education", a document that asks every country to acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and to honor those who serve the Christian community as catechists. The word catechist means to "echo our faith", therefore, all of us are called to be catechist. In Pope Francis' address to catechists at the 2013 International Congress on Catechesis he offers us insight into the heart of a catechist: *The heart of a catechist always beats with this systolic and diastolic movement: union with Christ – encounter with others. Both of these: I am one with Jesus and I go forth to encounter others. If one of these movements is missing, the heart no longer beats, it can no longer live. The heart of the catechist receives the gift of the kerygma, and in turn offers it to others as a gift. What a little word: "gift"! The catechist is conscious of having received a gift, the gift of faith, and he or she then gives that gift in turn to others. This is something beautiful. We don't keep a percentage for ourselves! Whatever we receive, we give! This is not commerce! It is not a business! It is pure gift: a gift received and a gift given. And the catechist is right there, at the center of this exchange of gifts. That is the nature itself of the kerygma: it is a gift that generates mission, that compels us to go beyond ourselves. Saint Paul says that "the love of Christ compels us", but this "compels us" can also be translated as "possesses us". And so it is: love attracts us and sends us; it draws us in and gives us to others. This tension marks the beating of the heart of the Christian, especially the heart of the catechist.*

Next weekend we specifically bless those who will be sharing their faith and ask for God's continued guidance throughout this year.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

CHILDREN NEEDED FOR OUR 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 3:30 – 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 21st; Youth Choir will begin on October 1st. Registration forms are in the main hallway near the Welcome Desk and online.

ADDITIONAL HELP WANTED — CHILDREN AND ADULTS



CLOW IS STARTING! Could you join our 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 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 needs **more adults and teens** to volunteer as prayer leaders, homilists, and cue ministers. We are starting 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.

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 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 the Liturgical Ministries office at 703-860-6151 for details and to register.



DO YOU KNOW A THIRD-GRADER OR OLDER WHO COULD HELP US AT 5:00PM MASSES?:



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 boys and girls (3rd grade and older) and their parents, excited about serving at the 5:00pm Saturday Vigil or 5:00pm Sunday Masses, or the once-monthly 5:00pm Family Mass. Those interested should contact Patty Bartnick in the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151 or pbartnick@saintjn.org for more information if you are interested in participating.

WE WANT AND NEED YOU! We are reinstating our first-Saturday-of-the-month **Family Mass on October 1 at 5:00pm** in the de Sales Chapel in parallel with the Vigil Mass in the church.

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. For more details about opportunities for the youth to serve, please contact the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151.

**MERCY WITH TWO MEN NAMED FRANCIS:
Pope Francis and Saint Francis de Sales**

"We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of Mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace." Pope Francis

"His [God's] mercy, which is over all his works, exceeds his justice, and the greater our sins, the greater its power." St. Francis de Sales

As we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy, you are invited to participate in a series of reflections, emphasizing Salesian Spirituality using the writings of Pope Francis and Saint Francis de Sales. In the context of a prayer, each reflection will be offered monthly at both 9:00am and 7:30pm in Sacred Heart Chapel at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Vienna. The first in this series, "Making Peace with Imperfection" will be led by Rev. Matthew Hillyard, O.S.F.S., on Wednesday September 21. Future dates are Wednesday, October 19, Wednesday November 16, and December 14. For more information, please contact Gerard Hall at liturgy@olgcva.org or by phone 703-896-7411.

Parish Information



BIRTHDAY CLUB TAGS ARE AVAILABLE

Tags are now available for the Birthday Club in the main hallway in next week. 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.

NON-PARTISAN VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

A non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-advocacy Voter Registration Drive will take place after all Masses next Saturday and Sunday, September 17 - 18 and again on Saturday and Sunday, October 15 - 16. We urge you to register and vote in the upcoming election. There will be tables in the Narthex with Voter Registration Application forms and Absentee Ballot Application forms. Applications will be handled privately and in confidence. **While no identification will be required to register, you will need to provide your social security number on the registration form.** If you are not currently registered or have moved recently, you must register in order to vote in November. Questions may be directed to parishioner Tom O'Connor by phone at 703-281-2048 or email toctcret@aol.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO:

- **THE KNIGHTS ON AUGUST 27** The American Red Cross blood drive was a huge success. The 36 units of blood was the highest amount ever received at a Knight-hosted blood drive at our parish! The high level of participation resulted in all donor spots being used and a few potential donors were turned away. Mark your calendars for the next blood drive, occurring on Saturday, December 10.
- **BOY SCOUT TROOP 124 ON AUGUST 28** You just couldn't resist those Krispy Kremes! The troop sold out quickly, and even after replenishing their stock several times, sold out again! Your contributions made it possible to purchase some scouting equipment to be used in their campouts. Several young men stopped by to get information about the scouts and joining the troop. If you are also interested contact Mike Amaral at mamaral05@gmail.com.

IT'S OKTOBERFEST TIME! Our 2016 Oktoberfest takes place Saturday, October 8 in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. The first seating from 1:00 to 4:00pm includes a Kids' Zone; there is a second seating from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Tickets will be sold after all Masses September 24-25 and October 1-2, and in the Parish Office during the week.

Oktoberfest is very popular and usually sells out, so you should get your tickets as soon as possible. Please plan ahead carefully, as there will be a set number of tickets available for each seating and you will buy tickets for one of the two specific seatings. Patrons will be admitted to the seating for which they have a ticket, and cannot use that ticket at the other seating. We will not be able to exchange tickets for a different seating if that seating is sold out. **Please remember we do not have "will call" to reserve blocks of tickets and there are no reserved tables.**

The Kids' Zone, only provided during the first seating, is for potty-trained children, providing a safe and secure environment for parents to drop off their kids. Each child and parent are given a matching bracelet; children will be checked in and out accordingly. There will be crafts, movies and other fun things to do. **In order to host this we need adult and teen volunteers.** If you could work a shift in the Kids' Zone and want more information please contact Julia Funaki at funakij@aacrao.org or 703-742-3763. All are welcome.

Adult volunteers are definitely needed! Following last year's event many parishioners expressed an interest in being part of the preparation and delivery team for this year's festivities. 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. If you are interested in being part of the 2016 Oktoberfest crew, please contact Julia Funaki at the email or phone provided above.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE As the school year begins, Hunters Woods Elementary School, a close neighbor to our parish, is in need of adult volunteers who could assist with reading groups, and help mentor, or have lunch with students on a weekly basis. Availability is important because the focus of this project is based on relationship, consistency and continuity. Parishioner Kathy Fredgren, who will coordinate this project, plans to have an early October meeting of interested parties, with the project beginning in mid-October. For more information please contact her at 703-674-8160 or email fredgren.kathy@gmail.com. English and Spanish speaking volunteers are needed.

INTERESTED IN EXPANDING WILDLIFE HABITAT

IN YOUR BACK YARD? A trained naturalist, Barbara Tuset from the Audubon at Home program, will speak to us about nurturing sustainable natural habitats in our backyards and on our parish grounds. The value of native plants will also be discussed. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00pm. Maybe your yard can become a Certified Wildlife Sanctuary. This event is sponsored by the Care for Our Common Home ministry.



BEREAVEMENT GROUP An eight-week bereavement support group for adults coping with the loss of a loved one will begin Saturday, September 24. The group, facilitated by Kathleen Sebek will meet from 10:00 - 11:30am in the Conference Room. "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.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



A SALESIAN OPPORTUNITY Interested in sharing today's joys, work, hopes, and prayers within a spiritual gathering of women? Looking for an opportunity to grow in Salesian spirituality? Join the Daughters of St. Francis de Sales, a part of the St. Francis de Sales Association, for an Open House and Information Session on Sunday, September 25 from 2:30 – 4:00pm in the Conference Room.

CALLING ALL NEW MOTHERS, VETERAN MOTHERS, EXPECTANT MOTHERS AND CAREGIVERS OF CHILDREN! The Mothers' Group cordially invites you to their 2016/2017 season kick-off and new member play date on Friday September 16 at 10:00am in the Early RE Room! We will be providing information about who we are, our upcoming events and sharing much needed mother-to-mother conversation. Children of all ages are welcome and light refreshments will be served. For more information about this event, as well as upcoming events this season, please email momsgroup@saintjn.org

Fellowship

ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30—11:30am. All are welcome!
- **9:00am Daily Mass and Fellowship:** Following Mass in the Chapel, join us in the Bridal Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. Take that first step and contact us at info@kofc7566.us.
- **Life+Savers:** On the 1st Saturday of every month, 7th and 8th graders gather for a special, fun time between 3:00 - 4:30pm. Drop into the Youth Room to relax or play while waiting for parent pickup of siblings attending Agape. Contact Kevin McManus at lifesavers@saintjn.org.
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to momsgroup@saintjn.org.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1st Friday morning or the 2nd Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. Email gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com for morning sessions, and ksmonroe58@gmail.com for evening sessions.
- **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.

50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES: For more information on any 50+ Club event, please email Pat Bossie at 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.

- **Saturday, September 17: Dulles Plane Pull Fundraiser:** The Knights of Columbus are joining up with us to form a team for the Dulles Plane Pull to raise money for the Special Olympics. If you're interested in joining the plane pull team or donating to the team please contact Jim Hanley at jim1274@yahoo.com
- **Sunday, September 18, 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 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 if you'd like to join or have any questions.

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.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group will begin on Monday, September 12 at 10:00am in the Conference Room.
- **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.

LAST CALL FOR LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

REGISTRATION 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 tomorrow, September 12.** Contact Janet Broderick at broderickjmb@gmail.com or 703-860-5029.

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

*"We may not throw the gifts of God away.
We must use them to produce good fruit."
Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS*

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 and begins next Monday, September 19. 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 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YOUTH RCIA Children who are in grades 7-12 who are unbaptized or have only received the Sacrament of Baptism will enter the Youth RCIA. Following two years of study they will complete the Sacraments of Initiation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Classes meet on Sunday mornings beginning with the 9:30am Mass followed by class from 10:45am - Noon.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION This group for high school students meets on Sunday evenings, 6:15 - 7:30pm. It is for teens who want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and did not attend faith formation classes while in 7th grade and/or 8th grade.

If you are interested and would like further information please contact Mickie Abatemarco at mabatemarco@saintjn.org.

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FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK

Thank you to everyone! Registrations are being accepted for late class placement until September 23. Registration may be done online at www.saintjn.org; change requests should be sent to reregistration@saintjn.org. All will be processed in the order in which they are received. Only registrations for those moving into the area will be accepted after September 23.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

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UPCOMING AGAPE EVENTS: Mark your calendars for the following Agape or Agape-related events and make plans to attend:

- **Sunday, September 11** - High School Teens Kick-Off: 6:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, September 18** - High School Teen (Agape) Parent/Teen Information Session - 6:15 - 8:00pm, Parish Hall
- **Saturday, October 1** - Mini Work Camp - 9:00 am - 3:00pm; Parking Lot
- **Sunday, October 23** - Diocesan Youth Rally at Bishop O'Connell High School

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS KICK-OFF!

Attention all rising 9th - 12th graders! You are invited to begin the school year with a bang at our Agape Kick-Off this Sunday, September 11th from 6:00 until 9:00pm in and around the Auditorium. Come join us for food and games, ride the mechanical bull, race on the three lane bungee run, enjoy pizza, cotton candy and sno-cones and find out what's planned for another exciting year for our High School Youth Group (Agape) this coming school year. Festivities will begin at 6:00 pm. Come and bring your friends - they don't have to be members of Saint John Neumann Parish or Catholic - All are welcome!

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

PARENT/TEEN INFORMATION SESSION All High School teens and their parents/guardians are requested to attend the Parent/Teen Information Session for the High School Youth Ministry Program (Agape) on next Sunday, September 18 from 6:15 to 8:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. This will be a great opportunity for all high school teens and parents to experience a Sunday night session and learn about the many interesting and challenging opportunities offered by our Youth Ministry Program to grow in faith, serve others, make new friends and have fun! A calendar of the dates for our Sunday sessions and other activities will be distributed. Your questions will be addressed and both parents and teens will learn how you can be involved in leadership and volunteer opportunities in this vital ministry for our teens! If you have not yet registered for the Youth Ministry Program (Agape), you may register online on our website at www.saintjn.org.

REGISTRATION FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH PROGRAM (AGAPE) Please register as soon as possible for our High School Youth Ministry Program (Agape). Registration is still open! We have a lot of interesting, informative, challenging and fun opportunities for our high school teens to grow in faith, help to serve others and enjoy new friendships with teens that share your values, morals and goals. Teens are welcome to bring friends to any of our gatherings. Registration materials have been previously mailed to you. If you need a registration form, you may download one from the Saint John Neumann website at www.saintjn.org or pick one up at the Faith Formation Office. If you have trouble registering online, please contact Silvia Bustamante either by phone at (703) 390-2348 or by e-mail at sbustamante@saintjn.org. Don't miss this opportunity to join us for another great year of fun and growing in faith in our high school program. If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact Doug Johnson.

Special Collection Stewardship

THANK YOU for your generous response to the USCCB request for contributions to an emergency fund to assist those so drastically impacted by the recent flooding in Louisiana. This will provide funds for Catholic Charities to provide pastoral and rebuilding support.

THIS WEEKEND our special collection is for The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. This collection underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.

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 here at St. John Neumann.

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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.

PROJECT RACHEL MONTHLY HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

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

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. Please contact the Office for Family Life at (703) 841-2550.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"Everything I have is yours."*
LUKE 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?