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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 SJN...

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

Power of Story: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Pax Christi: 7:00pm; Conference Room

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

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Faith Formation Classes

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

Children's Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Social Justice: 7:00pm; Conference Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Contemplative Prayer and Lectio Divina: 10:00am; Marian Chapel

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Health Ministry: 7:00pm; Conference Room

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Mothers' Group Bible Study: 10:00am; Conference Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Brown Bag Weekend

Oktoberfest Ticket Sales After Mass

Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order After Mass

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Faith Formation Classes

Brown Bag Weekend

Oktoberfest Ticket Sales After Masses

Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order After Masses

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Flu Shot Clinic: 2:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Amos 8:4-7;
Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8;
1 Timothy 2:1-8;
Luke 16:1-13

Today's Gospel tells us that while persons who focus on self-gratification are very shrewd in their friendships, Christians must focus on being trustworthy, serving One Master. Here are a few of St. Francis de Sales' thoughts on true friendship:

For true friendship to come into and remain in existence calls for close communication between friends. When we have a high esteem for those we love, we open our heart to their friendship in a way that their inclinations, good or bad quickly enter into us. While a certain kind of bee seeks nothing but honey, unknowingly it sucks in the poisonous qualities of the plant it draws the honey from. Our Lord said to be good bankers and moneychangers. Don't take in bad money along with the good. Hence, do not enter any compromise with a love opposed to love of God.

Certainly we must love our friends in spite of their faults. However, true friendship requires us to share the good, not evil. Those who dig for gold in a stream sift out the sand and leave it on the banks. So also those who share in good friendship ought to remove the sand of its imperfections and not let it get into their souls.

Genuine friendship resides in the heart, where God's love holds first place. Thus it is grounded in God's love, and is guaranteed to last eternally. It encourages, assists and leads friends to perform good deeds. Persons walking on a rugged slippery road hold on to one another in order to walk more safely; so too with genuine friendship. It keeps us safe and assists us in many dangerous places we must cross. It does not watch its friends perish in evilness without helping and correcting them, for genuine living friendship survives only on true virtue. It is good, holy and sacred. How good it is to love and cherish one another in this world as we shall do eternally in the next!

Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially former parishioners **Aileen Ferguson** and **Jim Girardi**, father of Jim, Jenny, Erin, Chris and Amy; and **Barbara Ray Hyland**, sister of Bob Ray.



TAU FRATERNITY OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER is having an Open House in Herndon in October (see page 9). Next weekend after all the Masses, parishioners who have been members of this order for many years will be in the narthex to give you more information about this opportunity for spiritual growth. Stop by and see what it's about!

FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

We have a wonderful ministry at St. John Neumann where we help prepare a light repast after funerals should there be a need. Many hands make light work and volunteers fill roles in different capacities.

Set-up help with food preparation is always needed for each reception. Coffee and punch need to be made and cold cuts, vegetable and fruit trays laid out. Folks who can help during the reception to replace and refill the trays on the serving tables are invaluable! And of course, clean up assistance is always essential to any reception. Volunteers sign up to do what is convenient for them if they are available the day of the funeral.

Do you have a knack for planning events? Do you like to organize and coordinate? You may be perfect for the role of reception coordinator. Our coordinators usually work in pairs for a given reception. They assess the supply of items already in the pantry, shop for the food and organize the volunteers on the day of the funeral.

Should you have a desire to serve in this role you would be trained by our current coordinators for a few receptions before "going out on your own"!

This ministry of hospitality is so greatly appreciated by our families who need a place to gather after their loved one's funeral. It is a time in their life where so much is required of them and this is just one item that they do not need to worry about. If you would like more information, please call Patty Bartnick, Coordinator for Liturgy, at 703-760-6151.

"FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP: THE ELECTION OF 2016"

The September 8-14 edition of *The Arlington Catholic Herald* features the second in the six-part series of articles/reflections written by Bishop Paul S. Loverde on forming our consciences as Catholics as we approach the presidential election. This article focuses on The Right to Life-The First Principle.



Please take time to sit with this week's edition and read Bishop Loverde's article. If you do not receive a printed copy of *The Arlington Catholic Herald* in the mail, you may access this publication on the diocesan web site at <http://catholicaherald.com/>. Use the "Click Here For The eEdition" button in the upper right area of the home page.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Colin Shane Carkhuff**, son of Christopher and Sherry; **Olivia Grace Coppolino**, daughter of Stephen and Soraya; and **Lincoln James Putnam**, son of Christopher and Catherine.

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

Amos 6:1, 4-7 Amos addresses an urban population in which class distinctions have recently developed. The portrait of the rich person is the same yesterday as today: satisfied, secure, reveling, replete, insensitive to the sufferings of others.

Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Praise the Lord, my soul.

1 Timothy 6:11-16 The list of virtues in today's reading reflects early Christian pedagogy. A virtuous life in Christ gives glory to God.

Luke 16:19-31 Characters in parables are universal types. Lazarus, whose name means "God's help", represents the poor. He depends on God for everything. The nameless rich man represents the affluent. They think they support themselves. Again following the parable form, this story stands the expected value on its head.



PRAY FOR AN OBLATE DAILY We continue our daily prayers for the priests and brothers in the Wilmington-Philadelphia province of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales by praying this week for:

- September 19 Reverend Joseph G. Morrissey, OSFS
- September 20 Reverend Robert G. Mulligan, OSFS
- September 21 Reverend Thomas E. Murphy, OSFS
- September 22 Reverend Michael S. Murray, OSFS
- September 23 Reverend Kevin M. Nadolski, OSFS
- September 24 Reverend William J. Nessel, OSFS
- September 25 Reverend Charles J. Norman, OSFS

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

PLEASE PRAY for those who have asked for our prayers, **Mairead Morrow**, and for all 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 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. **Boldface type is used for names that are new this week.***



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 †
MONDAY	SEPTEMBER 19
9:00am	Winifred Sullivan †
12:10pm	Sandra O'Donnell †
TUESDAY	SEPTEMBER 20
6:30am	Annabelle Doggett †
9:00am	Rafael Mutis †
WEDNESDAY	SEPTEMBER 21
9:00am	Jove Trinidad †
12:10pm	Anne Marie Machado †
THURSDAY	SEPTEMBER 22
6:30am	Theresa Z. Ozolek †
9:00am	Sharon Ridder †
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 23
9:00am	Ann O'Neill †
12:10pm	Howard Hulbert †
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 24
5:00pm	Richard and Anne Lowe ††
SUNDAY	SEPTEMBER 25
7:30am	Jere Richardson †
9:30am	Howard Hulbert †
11:30am	John A. (Tony) Ruth †
1:30pm	People of the Parish
5:00pm	Mark Bowns Syzmanski †

CAN YOU HELP OUR PLANTS? Do you have an hour to spare every few weeks on a weekday afternoon? Do you enjoy caring for plants? And enjoy the quiet peace of the almost empty church?

We have a need for a new plant waterer to serve about once a month. This is a great way to get your prayer time in while caring for your church home. Please consider this contemplative ministry! Contact Patty Bartnick at 703-860-6151 or pbartnick@saintjn.org if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

LAST WEEKEND'S MASSES had intentions which were listed in the bulletin correctly. These are the intentions that were prayed for by the priests as they were celebrating the Masses. The intentions the lectors were given to read at the welcome before Mass begins were incorrect. The intentions announced were for this weekend's Masses. I am sorry for this error and the ensuing confusion. Patty Bartnick, Coordinator for Liturgy

The actual intentions prayed for by the priests at last weekend's Masses were:

- 5:00pm Saturday Vigil: People of the Parish
- 7:30am: John Canedo †
- 9:30am: Nora Koch †
- 11:30am: Patrick Fedor †
- 1:30pm: Carlos Hillman, Jr. †
- 5:00pm: Dorothy White †

THE TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES PARTICIPATION

For the past several weekends our bulletin has featured articles seeking help with some of our liturgical ministries, specifically in areas appropriate for children and teens to participate along with adult supervisors. Response has been very scant. Those of you with children in our Faith Formation program received flyers addressing participation in liturgical ministries when you attended the parent meeting prior to your child's first class last week. We ask you to discuss the many opportunities we are offering with your children, and encourage them to take advantage of this chance to make new friends as they pray and serve together. And, what a wonderful way for your child to grow into a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the Mass! Our children are the future of the Catholic Church. It is never too soon to familiarize them with their faith and living the Gospel by taking an active role. There truly is a spot for everyone, and no experience is needed as we are prepared to train everyone.

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 Mass 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.

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of September 24 - September 25 are:

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

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
Sunday, October 2	11:30am	RCIA Rite of Welcome

Parish Information

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.

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

- **Birthday Club** If you purchased a wished-for gift, the tagged and wrapped gift is due next weekend. Your gifts may be the only ones these children receive, and we thank you for putting smiles on their faces.
- **Brown Bag Weekend** Cornerstones' van will be here all next weekend. The greatest needs this month are canned chicken soup, canned vegetable soup, applesauce, dry beans, brown rice, cooking oil, quinoa, and canned asparagus, beets, and water chestnuts.



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.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS PRISON

MINISTRY "For I was hungry and you gave me food . . . in prison and you visited me" Mt. 25:35-36)



We are again in need of cookies for Kairos prison retreats. By baking cookies, you can help live this Gospel message! Six of our parishioners will take part in two retreats for inmates this fall: the men's Kairos weekend at Sussex I State Prison beginning October 20, and the women's Kairos weekend at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women beginning November 3.

To help, we can:

- bake cookies (**We need 200+ dozen by October 16 for the men and 200+ dozen by October 30 for the women; cookies can be made anytime and kept frozen in the church freezer**)
- make posters, and/or sign up to pray during the weekends of October 20-23 and November 3-6.

Families, individuals, RE classes or other groups can remind these imprisoned men and women that they are not forgotten. Prayer and cookies are the start of many miracles!

For more information and specific directions, please email or call any of the following: Patrick Schambach at pat.schambach@gmail.com (571-218-9787), Patricia Schambach at pschambach@verizon.net (703-860-1809), Bill Eager at artbyeager@gmail.com (703-899-4304), Carol Eager at eager.c@gmail.com (703-899-5090), Barbara Emery at memery1@gmail.com (703-855-3060), or Joanna Fiedler at joanna.fiedler@gmail.com (571-213-7167).

KNIGHTS FAMILY OF THE MONTH John F. Moran and his family have been selected as the Council's Family of the Month for September because of their dedicated contributions to various activities and programs at St. John Neumann. John has been a Knight since November 2014 and became the coordinator for the Parish Blood Drive this year. The Morans have been parishioners for 22 years. John is starting his 11th year teaching 7th grade religious education and coached youth soccer for 20 seasons. His wife, Jan, was a catechist with John for 9 years, and before that taught religious education to elementary and middle school students. Their adult children Patrick, Colleen and Kathleen, whom many of you will remember, now live in San Diego, Philadelphia, and New York, respectively. Congratulations to the Moran family!

BEREAVEMENT GROUP An eight-week bereavement support group for adults coping with the loss of a loved one will begin **next 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-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ARE YOU CATHOLIC AND WANT TO RETURN TO THE CHURCH?



We at Saint John Neumann welcome your return.

Whatever your situation, we welcome you and will listen attentively and respectfully to your concerns and feelings with acceptance and without judgment. There will be no pressure nor anticipated commitments of any type. There is a group of Catholics who have struggled with faith, and, in some cases, have been away from the Church for an extended period of time.

For some, after time away their understanding of the Catholic faith may be incomplete or may include “misinformation.” Or, perhaps you may have specific questions regarding Church teachings. We want to provide a forum where issues of faith and doubt can be honestly and openly addressed. We can also provide excellent catechetical resources if you would like them.

Please contact Director of Faith Formation, Mickie Abatemarco 703-390-2340 or mabatemarco@saintjn.org for information.



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 Sunday, September 25 from 2:30 – 4:00pm.

FLU SHOT CLINIC A Walgreens pharmacist will administer flu shots Sunday, September 25 from 2:30-4:00pm p.m. in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. This clinic is intended only for those without insurance or who cannot afford the cost, and supply will be limited.

EXPERIENCE CORNERSTONES! Take a virtual “Tour” of the mission of Cornerstones. Staff and volunteer leadership will share about their great work in the community - providing stability, empowerment, and hope to our neighbors in need. This one-hour experience take place Wednesday, September 28 from 7:00 p.m.-8:30pm. To RSVP, please contact Kelli Horton from Cornerstones at kelli.horton@cornerstonesva.org

NEWCOMER'S TOUR Are you new to our parish? Would you like to familiarize yourself with our church and facilities? Please join us Sunday, October 2 immediately after the 9:30 or 11:30am Masses for a 30-minute tour. We will meet at the Welcome Desk.

HEALTH MINISTRY Please join our Health Ministry as we gear up for the upcoming year at our planning session on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room. All are welcome; you do not need to be a medical professional to be interested in health issues. For further information, please contact Lucy Boland at 703-591-0125.

HEALTH MINISTRY BULLETIN BOARD A wide variety of important information about breast cancer is now available both on the bulletin board and in our pamphlet rack. A broad range of topics is covered, from symptoms, early detection, risk factors, surgery options, chemotherapy and radiation, to breast cancer in males, necessity to follow up when density is an issue, and genetic testing. Also included are copies of the Life With Cancer classes and presentations currently being provided at no charge. Advances being made in treatment are dramatic, and you can survive. You just need to be alert and know what to watch for!

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. For evening sessions email kmonroe58@gmail.com, and for evening sessions email gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com.
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at megan.murphy218@gmail.com.
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at youngadults@saintjn.org.

CALLING ALL MOMS! Do you rush into a meeting and discover that your only writing implement is a blue crayon? Do you struggle through a whispered explanation during Mass of how Jesus can be in heaven, in the Host, and in your heart at the same time? Or maybe you're staring down the crowded aisles of a Babies 'R' Us and wondering just how much stuff you really need!

If this sounds like you, come to our table in the narthex after Mass on October 1 - 2 to register with the St. John Neumann Mothers' Group and meet others experiencing the same joys and challenges you are. We strive to build fellowship among the families in our parish and to encourage and support each other as we live out our vocations as mothers. Drop by and find out about our Bible study, playgroup, Mom's Night Out, and other activities for moms and their families. When you register with us, we'll add you to our closed Facebook group and/or email list (according to your preference), so you can get to know us and stay up-to-date on all our activities. If you can't stop by but still want to register or learn more about us, please email momsgroup@saintjn.org. We can't wait to meet you and your family.

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.

- **Tuesday, September 27: Trip to Hagerstown** Our first stop will be the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. There are no entrance or parking fees. Lunch will be at Schmankerl Stube Bavarian Restaurant, an authentic German restaurant. Later, we will visit the Hagerstown Premium Outlets.

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.

- **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

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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 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.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.
- **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.
- **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.

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.

THE POWER OF STORY Parishioner, 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. Classes are held from 7:00 - 8:15pm in de Sales Chapel. 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.

WHAT IS LIFE AFTER SUNDAY? We are a small group of individuals seeking to re-discover our path to the amazing, fully human life that Christ makes possible through friendship with Him – and each other – in His Church. "Young, old, single, married, celibate, widowed, disabled, sick or suffering, this most human quest for fulfillment is achieved in friendship with Jesus, and each other." (*LAS website*) More than a book club, the mission of our group is to seek a closer relationship with the Lord through spiritual friendships with one another. All are welcome. For more information, please contact John Young at jhy11571@aol.com.

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FAITH FORMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN! 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 18** – Parent/Teen Information Session – 6:15 – 8:00pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **September 25**—High School Teen Night—6:15 – 8:00pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Saturday, October 1** – Mini Work Camp - 9:00 am - 3:00pm; Parking Lot
- **October 2**—High School Teen Night—6:15 – 8:00pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, October 23** – Diocesan Youth Rally at Bishop O'Connell High School

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.

MINI WORK CAMP Calling all teens and adults! Make a difference in someone's life. Would you like to help those in need, learn some new skills, do hands-on basic home repairs and have fun? If your answer is yes, sign up and join us for the our first Mini Work Camp for this school year on Saturday, October 1 from 9:00am - 3:00pm. No experience is necessary – help bring hope by sharing your Christian love with those in need in our community. Permission Slips are required! Contact Phyllis Rienzo at 703-795-0339 or email at prienzo@verizon.net for a permission slip, more information and to let her know that you will be joining us!

ARE YOU CALLED TO A MINISTRY WITH HIGH SCHOOL TEENS? The U.S. Catholic Conference has stated: "Youth Ministry is the response of the Christian community to the needs of young people, and

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the sharing of the unique gifts of youth with the larger community." Our High School Youth Ministry Program (Agape) is seeking adults to participate in a variety of roles in supporting and mentoring our teens on their spiritual journey. Find out how you can contribute your gifts and talents in our high school program. It's a great opportunity to mentor our teens on their spiritual journey, deepen your faith and have fun! For more information, contact Doug Johnson by e-mail at djohnson@saintjn.org or by phone at (703) 860-6141. You'll be glad you did!

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY E-MAIL LIST: Contact Doug Johnson at djohnson@saintjn.org if you wish to be placed on the SJN Teen Ministry e-mail list. This is a great way to learn the latest information on events, programs and opportunities to serve in our high school youth program.

Around the Diocese

TAU FRATERNITY OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER invites you to come and see if you have a vocation as a Secular Franciscan. You are invited to the annual Open House at St. Joseph's Church in Herndon on October 2 at 1:30pm in Room 205 in the Parish Hall. See our website for further details, <https://taufraternity.wordpress.com> or contact our Minister Pam Brooks at pbrooks06@verizon.net. Spend an hour; stay a lifetime.

A NEW ADDICTION SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS is forming locally and will be held every first and third Monday of each month beginning October 3, from 7:00-8:30pm at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. The facilitator is Don Sloane, founder of Recovery Care Partner. Don has spent over 30 years working in addiction as an interventionist and in recovery care monitoring services. Love, compassion, clarity and firmness are the platform for his work. This support group is sponsored by Caron Treatment Centers, and is designed to meet the needs of those with loved ones currently in treatment, using alcohol or drugs in a problematic manner or who are in recovery. The goal is to provide family members a confidential, safe place to find support, education, encouragement and hope. For more information please contact our Susan Infeld, RN, our Parish Nurse, at svinfeld@saintjn.org.

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@olgcv.org or by phone 703-896-7411.

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

Special Collection Stewardship

THANK YOU for you donations to the special collection for The Catholic University of America, located in Washington, D.C., the national university of the Catholic Church. This collection underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.

THIS 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.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)."* LUKE 16:13

Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our Faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money and increases our dependence on God and to trust that He will provide all that we need.