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**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 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

Daughters of St. Francis de Sales Open House: 2:30pm;  
Conference Room

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

Boy Scout Troop 124 Court of Honor: 7:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

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

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Liturgy Committee: 7:00pm; Sacristy

Young Adult Bible Study: 7:00pm; A2

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

Faith Formation Classes

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

Children's Choir: 5:30pm; Music Room

Experience Cornerstones: 7:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Welcome Home: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**

Moms' Group Playgroup: 9:30am; Early Religious Room

Altar Server Training: 5:30pm; Church

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

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

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

Moms' Group Membership Drive

Oktoberfest Ticket Sales After Mass

Life+Savers: 3:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

Faith Formation Classes

Moms' Group Membership Drive

Oktoberfest Ticket Sales After Masses

Knights of Columbus Charity Fundraising Breakfast: 8:30am;  
Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Newcomer's Tour: 10:30am and 12:30pm; Narthex

Blessing of the Animals: Flagpole Site; 12:45pm

Youth Pastoral Council: 3:30pm; Youth Room

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



**St. Jerome  
September 30**

## THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Prayer and Liturgy



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Amos 6:1a, 4-7;**  
**Psalm 146: 7, 8-9, 9-10;**  
**1 Timothy 6:11-16;**  
**Luke 16:19-31**

Today's readings remind us that we must continually be open to God's love and persevere in the love we owe God. St. Francis de Sales remarks:

Both the rich and the poor are called to render to God the service due to God. We see in today's Gospel that Lazarus, though suffering, perseveres in loving God faithfully and dies happily. But the rich man clung so strongly to his wealth that he made it his god.

Like the rich man, we can become obsessed with our possessions. As a result, we pray that *God will do our will*, instead of praying that *we do God's will*. That is, we try to use God as a means to our own ends, which is an illusion. God alone is our true end.

Avarice is not the only disordered inclination. There are others such as selfishness, anger, pride or envy. Yet, if we are open to God's love, neither our temperament nor our inclinations can hinder us from persevering in a holy way of life. However, abundant as a water source may be, the water enters a garden in full flow only according to the size of the channel that brings the water into the garden. The Holy Spirit is like a fountain of living water that flows into our hearts so as to spread its grace therein, if we give our consent. It is not grace that fails us, but rather it is we who fail grace. God's enlivening love is never wanting to us if we are willing to receive it.

After his conversion, St. Paul, who was naturally sharp, rude and harsh, became fully open to God's grace. Taking hold of Paul's natural harshness, God's love made him so much more resolute in the good he undertook, and invincible in all kinds of pains and labors. Is not God's love higher than nature? Persevere, and with God's help, you will arrange all your natural inclinations according to reason. Then you will become attentive to the love you owe God, and all your works will produce fruit that proceeds from God's Spirit, the wellspring of our spirit.

*(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)*



**WE PRAY** for those who have died, especially for former parishioner **Ann Bow, Carlita Brown**, sister-in-law of Don Hudenburg; **Nance Greenfield**, mother of Father Jim Greenfield, OSFS; and **John Zarou**.



**WE WELCOME** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Maverick James Walsh**, son of Matthew and Kristin.

### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm	<b>SEPTEMBER 24</b> Richard and Anne Lowe ††
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm	<b>SEPTEMBER 25</b> Jere Richardson † Howard Hulbert † John A. (Tony) Ruth † People of the Parish Mark Bowns Szymanski †
<b>MONDAY</b> 9:00am 12:10pm	<b>SEPTEMBER 26</b> Ann O'Neill † Terry Dugan †
<b>TUESDAY</b> 6:30am 9:00am	<b>SEPTEMBER 27</b> Donald Bidinger † Ludwig Weindler †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 9:00am 12:10pm	<b>SEPTEMBER 28</b> Kay Thompson † Jove Trinidad †
<b>THURSDAY</b> 6:30am 9:00am	<b>SEPTEMBER 29</b> Jack Basil † Edward Ryan †
<b>FRIDAY</b> 9:00am 12:10pm	<b>SEPTEMBER 30</b> Nina Berlet † Donna Weeks, Special Intention
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00pm (Church) 5:00pm (Chapel)	<b>OCTOBER 1</b> Mary Gaffney † Claire Brizzolari †
<b>SUNDAY</b> 7:30am 9:30am 11:30am 1:30pm 5:00pm	<b>OCTOBER 2</b> Timothy Susco † Ron Chambers † People of the Parish Rosa Jarrin † Terry Dugan †

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

**BEST WISHES** to Kathleen Gillespie and Chris McKeever; and Alexis Wang and Davis Nam who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they grow together in Christ's love.



**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](mailto:jduggan@saintjn.org) or 703-860-6149.

**LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND**

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of October 1 - October 2 are:

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

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

- September 26 Reverend Christopher D. Murphy
- September 27 Reverend Jean-Marie Mvumbi, C.I.C.M.
- September 28 Reverend Peter W. Nassetta, Y.A.
- September 29 Reverend John Baptist Nghieu Nguyen, O.P.
- September 30 Reverend Brandon Nguyen, C.S.Sp.
- October 1 Reverend Jean Vanes Nicolas
- October 9 Reverend Javier O'Connor, DJCM

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** If something in your home barks, purrs, croaks, hisses, oinks, chirps, buzzes, clucks, squeaks, crows or has other ways to attract your attention, feel free to bring it to our annual Blessing of the Animals next Sunday, October 2, which is two days prior to the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. We will gather at the flagpole at

12:45pm for prayer and each animal will be blessed. Be sure that your pets are caged or leashed appropriately in case they get spooked, try to run away, or cause others to do so. This is always a popular event, so come early!



**PLANT WATERER NEEDED** Do you have an hour to spare every few weeks on a weekday afternoon? Do you enjoy caring for plants? Do you 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](mailto:pbartnick@saintjn.org) if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

**SAINT JEROME'S STORY** Most of the saints are remembered for some outstanding virtue or devotion which they practiced, but Jerome is frequently remembered for his bad temper! It is true that he had a very bad temper and could use a vitriolic pen, but his love for God and his son Jesus Christ was extraordinarily intense; anyone who taught error was an enemy of God and truth, and Saint Jerome went after him or her with his mighty and sometimes sarcastic pen.

He was above all a Scripture scholar, translating most of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. He also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monk, bishop, and pope. Saint Augustine said of him, "What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known."

Saint Jerome is particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. It is not the most critical edition of the Bible, but its acceptance by the Church was fortunate. As a modern scholar says, "No man before Jerome or among his contemporaries and very few men for many centuries afterwards were so well qualified to do the work." The Council of Trent called for a new and corrected edition of the Vulgate, and declared it the authentic text to be used in the Church.

In order to be able to do such work, Jerome prepared himself well. He was a master of Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Chaldaic. He began his studies at his birthplace, Stridon in Dalmatia. After his preliminary education, he went to Rome, the center of learning at that time, and thence to Trier, Germany, where the scholar was very much in evidence. He spent several years in each place, always trying to find the very best teachers. He once served as private secretary of Pope Damasus.

After these preparatory studies, he traveled extensively in Palestine, marking each spot of Christ's life with an outpouring of devotion. Mystic that he was, he spent five years in the desert of Chalcis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance, and study. Finally, he settled in Bethlehem, where he lived in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. Jerome died in Bethlehem, and the remains of his body now lie buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

**Reflection**

Jerome was a strong, outspoken man. He had the virtues and the unpleasant fruits of being a fearless critic and all the usual moral problems of a man. He was, as someone has said, no admirer of moderation whether in virtue or against evil. He was swift to anger, but also swift to feel remorse, even more severe on his own shortcomings than on those of others. A pope is said to have remarked, on seeing a picture of Jerome striking his breast with a stone, "You do well to carry that stone, for without it the Church would never have canonized you" (*Butler's Lives of the Saints*).

Saint Jerome is the patron Saint of librarians and translators.

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**UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES**

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

## THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

**Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4** During the period immediately preceding Nebuchadnezzar's invasion of Judah, the prophet Habakkuk continues to assert God's fidelity to his promises.

**Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9** **If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.** In this psalm, which long introduced the hour of Matins in the Roman Breviary, the people are invited to praise and worship the Lord, our Maker.

**2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14** Faith, a gift of God, is never definitively acquired. It must be ceaselessly reanimated.

**Luke 17:5-10** Faith is a gift. We cannot boast of it as if we had earned it. Works of service are our gracious response to the Giver.

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers, **Mairead Morrow** and **Barbara Westerfield**, 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.***

### Parish Information

#### ENDING TODAY:

The Cornerstones van will be here through today. If you purchased food for their pantry, please bring it to the van in the parking lot this afternoon.

The Birthday Club gifts are also due today. If you were able to purchase a wished-for gift, please be sure to return it by this evening. Thank you for your support.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – Please join members of our Pro-Life Committee and other Pro-Life advocates at the National Kickoff Rally outside the Supreme Court (79 First St., NE) on Tuesday September 27 at **9:00pm**. Stand – Pray – Fast and hear dynamic speakers. We will also celebrate the 40 Days with Prayer and Protest at 900 Washington St., Falls Church from 10:00am - Noon on the following dates: September 28, and October 19.

**TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE** for our Saturday, October 8 Oktoberfest in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. The first seating from 1:00 to 4:00pm includes a Kids' Zone; the second seating is from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Tickets can be purchased after all Masses this weekend and October 1-2, and in the Parish Office during the week.

**There is 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](mailto:funakij@aacrao.org) or 703-742-3763. All are welcome.

**Adult volunteers are still 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.

**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 takes place this Wednesday, September 28 from 7:00 - 8:30pm. To RSVP, please contact Kelli Horton from Cornerstones at [kelli.horton@cornerstonesva.org](mailto: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.

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

*Taken from "Loving Each Other", Leo F. Buscaglia, PhD*



**OPEN MIC NIGHT!** Join us for our Open Mic Night Friday, October 21, at 7:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. All ages and all talents are welcome, so whether you'll be singing, tap dancing, or reciting poetry, please consider sharing your talents and making this a wonderful evening for the whole community! If you or your child are interested in attending, performing, please email Thomas Patchan at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com) by Friday, October 14.



## **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](mailto:pat.schambach@gmail.com) (571-218-9787), Patricia Schambach at [pschambach@verizon.net](mailto:pschambach@verizon.net) (703-860-1809), Bill Eager at [artbyeager@gmail.com](mailto:artbyeager@gmail.com) (703-899-4304), Carol Eager at [eager.c@gmail.com](mailto:eager.c@gmail.com) (703-899-5090), Barbara Emery at [memery1@gmail.com](mailto:memery1@gmail.com) (703-855-3060), or Joanna Fiedler at [joanna.fiedler@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.fiedler@gmail.com) (571-213-7167).

**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](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org). We can't wait to meet you and your family.

## **CHARITY FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST COMING!**

The Knights of Columbus are preparing to kick off their monthly Charity Fundraising (formerly known as Pancake) Breakfasts next Sunday, October 2, from 8:30 -11:30am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. We have selected charities that reflect both the outreach of our Catholic Community and the Knights of Columbus principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We hope you will assist us in supporting these charities by joining us for these Charity Fundraising Breakfasts between now and next summer.



Our October charity is the Stroke Comeback Center. The Center, located in Vienna, focuses on providing affordable treatment and support to people dealing with a broad range of communication problems as a result of stroke or brain injury. Information about the Center can be found on the Family of Man web site at [www.kofc7566.us](http://www.kofc7566.us) with additional information at the Center web site at [www.strokecomebackcenter.org](http://www.strokecomebackcenter.org).

Designated charities for the remainder of the Charity Fundraising Breakfasts are:

- Culmore Clinic (November 2016)
- BritePaths (formerly Our Daily Bread) (December 2016)
- Gabrielle Project (January 2017)
- Divine Mercy Care (February 2017)
- Support our Aging Religious (SOAR) (March 2017)
- Nazareth Farm (April 2017)
- Friends of the Orphans (May 2017)
- Montana de Luz (June 2017)

Over the years, the Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council at this parish has raised over \$70,000 for more than 25 charities. Other than the expense for food, all of the proceeds generated through your contributions go directly to the charities identified each month. No other funding is provided to the Knights for these worthy charities. We donate our time and effort to prepare, cook and serve breakfast to you as a way of showing devotion to the mission of charity and unity.

Please help us assist those in need by joining us at the upcoming Charity Fundraising Breakfasts. Your consistent support makes a difference. The Knights have invited a representative of the featured charity to be present to offer more information on their organization and programs. What a great way for you and your family to start your day - with an excellent breakfast, sharing in fellowship and donating to worthy programs and projects.

The Knights have established a total donation goal for the charities listed above. Check out our bulletin board outside the auditorium and watch your donations accrue on our Charity Fundraising thermometer. Your help is needed and appreciated, and together we can make a difference!



## **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST**

**DAY** On Tuesday, October 4, we will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint of ecology with songs, prayers, presentation and discussions. All are invited to join us at 7:00pm in the de Sales

Chapel as we learn how to faithfully respond to our Catholic Social Teaching of caring for creation.

## THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Fellowship

#### ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30—11:30am. All are welcome!
- **9:00am Daily Mass and Fellowship:** Following Mass in the Chapel, join us in the Bridal Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. Take that first step and contact us at [info@kofc7566.us](mailto:info@kofc7566.us).
- **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 call 703-968-3337 or email [pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com).
- **Moms' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to [momsgroup@saintjn.org](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org).
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email [ksmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:ksmonroe58@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:megan.murphy218@gmail.com).
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at [youngadults@saintjn.org](mailto:youngadults@saintjn.org).

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

- **Tuesday, September 27: Trip to Hagerstown** Our first stop will be the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts. Lunch will be at Schmankerl Stube Bavarian Restaurant, an authentic German restaurant. Later, we will visit the Hagerstown Premium Outlets.
- **Tuesday, October 11: Day trip to Catoctin Mountain Park and Cunningham Falls** Watch for more information in next weekend's bulletin. We will have lunch at Shamrock Restaurant in Thurmond,

**YOUNG ADULTS:** Watch here for upcoming activities for singles and couples in their 20s and 30s. Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any event, or to be added to the YA email distribution list, email Thomas Patchan at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com).

- **Tuesday, September 27 through October 25:** Fall Bible Study. We will be starting a Little Rock Scripture Study course, "Touching the Mysteries", exploring the Rosary and its connection to Scripture on Tuesdays at 7:00pm Room A2. Email Matt at [mjfaltynski@gmail.com](mailto:mjfaltynski@gmail.com) if you'd like to join us 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](mailto:rcia@saintjn.org) for information.
- **Contemplative Prayer** There is quiet prayer together every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We also meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10:00am with Lectio Divinia.
- **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](mailto:christylc23@gmail.com).
- **Independent Online Bible Study** This 8-session course, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" will help uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, to get the "big picture" of the Bible. Details and registration link are available on our website under Faith Formation/Adults.
- **Power of Story** This program, presented by William R. Stott, Jr. meets Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel. Class schedule and registration forms are available in the main hallway by the Welcome Desk.

**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](mailto:jhy11571@aol.com).

**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. We will meet Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm in the Bridal Room beginning this Wednesday, September 28.

**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

**CHILDREN'S CATECHESIS**

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**FAITH FORMATION CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!** Thank you to everyone! Registrations are being accepted for late class placement until October 1. Registration may be done online at [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org); change requests should be sent to [reregistration@saintjn.org](mailto: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 October 1.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)**

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**UPCOMING AGAPE EVENTS:**

Mark your calendars for the following exciting, fun-filled upcoming Agape or Agape related events and make plans to attend:

- **Sunday, 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
- **Sunday, October 2** – High School Teen Night: 6:15 – 8:00pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, October 9** – High School Teen Movie/Game Night: 6:15 -10:00pm; Youth Room/Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT (AGAPE)** Calling all teens! Join us for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun. At this Sunday's session we continue to explore our Faith Journey and how we can deepen our faith, trust in God and use our gifts and talents to help others! Come and learn more about our Catholic faith and traditions and how we can apply our Christian values to our daily lives and in our relationships with others. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith and values, share snacks, enjoy fellowship and make new friends! All high school teens are welcome; bring a friend. If you have not yet registered for the our High School Youth Ministry Program (Agape), you may register online on the parish website at [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org) or pick up a form at the Faith Formation Office. You don't need to be registered to join us on Sunday night!

**OCTOBER 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 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 by phone at 703-795-0339 or e-mail at [prienzo@verizon.net](mailto: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 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](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org) or by phone at (703) 860-6141. You'll be glad you did!

**AGAPE GAME AND MOVIE NIGHT!**

All High School teens and their friends are welcome to join us for a Game and Movie Night on Sunday, October 9 in the Youth Room and the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium from 6:15 to 10:00pm. Celebrate having Friday and Monday off from school for Columbus Day and join us to play games, watch a movie and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship. We will have pizza! Bring friends, your favorite board game and your favorite movie suitable for viewing by a Christian youth group! Choice of movie will be determined from among available selections. If selections submitted are not deemed appropriate by management, an appropriate substitute will be provided. Don't miss this one; there will be lots of fun to share!

## THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### 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](http://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](mailto: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.

### Around the Diocese



### HELP CARE FOR AGING CATHOLIC SISTERS, BROTHERS AND PRIESTS

Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR) will present Bishop Paul S. Loverde with the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award at its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary Gala Dinner in Washington. SOAR! will also honor Denny M. Hattler, SOAR! founding board chair, and Kevin Sexton, former president and CEO of Holy Cross Health. The gala will be November 4 at the National Museum for Women in the Arts. Visit <http://soar-usa.org/event/2016-washington-d-c-awards-dinner/> for more information or contact Sister Kate Clancy at [kclancy@soar-usa.org](mailto:kclancy@soar-usa.org) or (202) 529-7627.

**CATHOLIC COLLEGE FAIR** Are you facing a college selection decision? Are you interested in learning more about what Catholic colleges and universities have to offer? Then come to the Catholic College Fair at 7:00pm on Wednesday, October 5 in the school gym at Holy Spirit School, 8800 Braddock Road, Annandale. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this fair brings together representatives from Catholic schools from across the country. Come learn about the wide variety of programs and majors available at these schools and their financial aid programs.

### Special Collection Stewardship

**THANK YOU** for your support of last week's special collection for the Religious Education expenses at our parish. Your generous donations will be applied to youth and adult religious education including children's liturgy and RCIA.

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### SANCTITY OF LIFE MINISTRIES NEEDS

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

### LOOKING FOR A GOOD TRIP NEXT YEAR?

Join Father Steve Shott, OSFS for an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, from Monday, November 6 to Thursday, November 16, 2017. Fr. Steve, who many of you know from his having served at Our Lady of Good Counsel, is currently pastor of St. Ann Catholic Church in Fayetteville, NC. The cost for the trip is \$4,129 per person (double occupancy), and includes air fare, hotels, and some meals. You may contact Fr. Steve for more information at 910-483-3216 or by email at [pastor@stanncatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stanncatholicchurch.org). If you would like to see all of the details and the itinerary for the trip, visit the St. Ann parish website at [www.stanncatholicchurch.org](http://www.stanncatholicchurch.org).

### PROJECT RACHEL MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org). Visit our website: [helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org).

### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."*  
LUKE 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.