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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, 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

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, OCTOBER 4

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Estate Planning: 9:45am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Care For Our Common Home: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel

Young Adult Bible Study: 7:00pm; A2

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

Pastoral Council: 7:30pm; Conference Room

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Faith Formation Classes

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

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

Hypothermia Prevention Meeting: 7:00pm; Conference Room

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Welcome Home: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

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, OCTOBER 7

Praying College Moms: 9:45am; Conference Room

Moms' Group First Friday Social; 10:00am; Early Religious

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Oktoberfest With Kids' Zone: 1:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Prayer Vigil For Peace: 4:00pm; de Sales Chapel

Oktoberfest: 6:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

High School Teens Movie and Game Night: 6:15pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4;
Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9;
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14;
Luke 17:5-10

Today's readings remind us that it is not enough to be a part of a believing community. For our faith to be alive we must share it through service. St. Francis de Sales notes:

A living faith produces the fruit of good works in all seasons. When we are open to the truths of God's word, we live according to God's love and not nature. Thus, our faith in divine love raises us up to unite our spirit with God, and it brings us to love the image of God in our neighbor.

An attentive servant must show unconquerable faith in our Savior especially in the midst of interior and exterior troubles. We must never lose courage in helping those who refuse God's love, but pray and help them as far as their misfortune permits. Let us use all possible remedies to prevent the birth, growth and domination of evilness. In this let us imitate our Lord, who never ceases to exhort, promise, prohibit, command and inspire us in order to turn our will away from evilness, without depriving our will of its liberty.

Yet, we must not look for surpassingly perfect love in this life. Our progress in holy love is like the mythical bird called the phoenix. When newly hatched from ashes, it has little, tender feathers, and can only leap rather than fly. As it grows strong it soars freely in the air but not enough to remain long on the wing and often comes down to earth to rest. When it is perfectly renewed in spirit and strength, it remains on the mountaintop. In heaven, we shall indeed have a heart and spirit entirely free from contradictions and conflicts. As yet we have neither the spirit nor strength of the blessed. It is enough for us to love with all our heart, which means simply to love with a good heart and without reservation. Courage then! Let us rouse our faith again, and give it life through using the gifts God gave us to perform good works with holy love, since this is in our power.

Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales

BEST WISHES to **Veronica Carranza and Byron Perez** who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they grow together in Christ's love.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Sophia Michaela Cordova**, daughter of Matthew and Andrea; **Ethan Thomas Campbell**, son of Jared and Angela; **Antonio Castiel Crowder**, son of Arthur and Ana; **Francesco Hubert Stazzeri**, son of Kenneth and Marian; **Marjorie Rose Travis**, daughter of Jeremy and Sarah.

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

2 Kings 5:14-17 Naaman comes to Israel despite his double impurity: he is a leper and a Gentile. Because he obeys God by placing his confidence in the prophet Elisha, Naaman is doubly cured: his flesh is purified and his heart is converted to the true God.

Psalm 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4 Sing to the Lord a new song.

2 Timothy 2:8-13 The second letter to Timothy portrays Paul, a prisoner in Rome, sending his spiritual testament: God is faithful to His promises.

Luke 17:11-19 The unmerited gift of faith is often given in the most unexpected places. The recognition of this fact gives rise to our thanksgiving.

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Helen Zorn**, mother of Tom.



LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of October 8 - October 9 are:

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



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:

October 3	Reverend Thomas P. Norris, OSFS
October 4	Reverend Bernard F. O'Connor, OSFS
October 5	Reverend Patrick T. O'Connor, OSFS
October 6	Reverend Edward F. Ogden, OSFS
October 7	Reverend James W. O'Neill, OSFS
October 8	Reverend John M. O'Neill, OSFS
October 9	Reverend Francis J. Pileggi, OSFS



SATURDAY OCTOBER 1

5:00pm(Church) Mary Gaffney †
5:00pm(Chapel) Claire Brizzolari †

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

7:30am Timothy Susco †
9:30am Ron Chambers †
11:30am People of the Parish
1:30pm Rosa Jarrin †
5:00pm Terry Dugan †

MONDAY OCTOBER 3

9:00am Louis St. Pierre †
12:10pm Margie Diamond †

TUESDAY OCTOBER 4

6:30am Jove Trinidad †
9:00am Glenn and Gloria Finney †

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5

9:00am Francis Markowski †
12:10pm Peter J. Buzzanell †

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6

6:30am Freddie Hashim †
9:00am Brian Berry †

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7

9:00am Benjamin Veltri, Sr. †
12:10pm Kay Thompson †

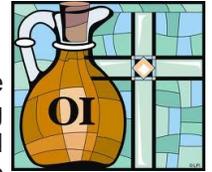
SATURDAY OCTOBER 8

5:00pm Emily Coleman †

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9,

7:30am Richard Hammouch †
9:30am Peter Graves †
11:30am Michael S. Ruth and Family,
Special Intention
1:30pm People of the Parish
5:00pm Mark Bowns Szymanski †

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



The weekend of October 8 - 9 we will be celebrating the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 5:00pm Vigil, 7:30 and 9:30am Masses. The Sacrament of the Anointing is a sacrament of preparation, of consolation, of compassion, of inner healing. Through this anointing the Lord wants to strengthen the sick, to redeem their sufferings and to prepare them for the final resurrection. Sometimes this sacrament may lead to physical healing, but if not, the sick are still strengthened in Christ.

Through the Anointing of the Sick, Christ comforts and strengthens those who are seriously ill due to sickness, injury, or old age. The Holy Spirit strengthens the sick person to deal with the difficulties of his or her illness. The sick person is united more closely to Christ's passion, so that the sufferings borne take on new meaning. And, for those who are approaching death, the Anointing prepares them for this final journey. The anointing of the sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude.

After the Homily during these Masses next weekend, we will invoke the compassion of Christ the Healer upon members of our community who are seriously diminished by age or acute or chronic illness or who face imminent hospitalization or surgery. People seeking the grace of the Sacrament of Anointing will be invited forward (or, if unable, we will go to them), and we will anoint their foreheads and the palms of their hands with the Oil of the Sick, blessed by our bishop at the Chrism Mass during Holy Week of last year. As a community, we will pray for them and ask God to grant them healing of mind, body, and soul according to God's will.

*“For I will restore your health;
I will heal you of your injuries.”*

Jeremiah 30:17

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

RCIA RITE This Sunday at the 11:30am Mass we receive Kendall Hough into the catechumenate period of RCIA at a Rite of Welcome. Kendall shares our Christian faith through the sacrament of Baptism. She will now begin preparation to make a profession of faith in the Roman Catholic Church and to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Kendall looks forward to learning more about the Catholic Church as she witnesses the lived faith of our parish community. Let us welcome and pray for her, as well as all our candidates and catechumens.

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Saturday, October 8	5:00pm	Anointing of the Sick
Sunday, October 9	7:30am 9:30am	Anointing of the Sick
Sunday, October 16	11:30am	Baptism
Sunday, October 23	9:30am	Baptism

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



LITURGICAL REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER HEET

Father Heet's monthly Liturgical Reflections series will resume next weekend.

"God created the great sea monsters and all kinds of crawling living creatures with which the water teems, and all kinds of winged birds. God saw that it was good. God made every kind of wild animal, every kind of tame animal, and every kind of thing that crawls on the ground. God saw that it was good."

Genesis 1:22, 25

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Don't forget to

bring your four-legged, two-legged or no-legged pets to our annual Blessing of the Animals this Sunday, October 2. We will gather with Father Heet at the flagpole at 12:45pm for prayer and each animal will be blessed. Be sure that your pets are caged or leashed appropriately (especially the no-leggers!) in case they get spooked, try to run away, or cause others to do so. This is always a popular event, so come early. You might want to bring your camera, too; this is a great pet photo op!



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

The September 22 - 28 edition of *The Arlington Catholic Herald* features the third 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 Marriage and Sexuality—Witness to the Truth.

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://catholicherald.com/>. Use the "Click Here For The eEdition" button in the upper right area of the home page.

Parish Information

TAU FRATERNITY OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER invites you to see if you have a vocation as a Secular Franciscan. Stop by and see what it's about at the annual Open House at St. Joseph's Church in Herndon this Sunday, October 2 at 1:30pm in Room 205 in the Parish Hall. See our website at <https://taufraternity.wordpress.com>; spend an hour; stay a lifetime.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY!

The Knights of Columbus are kicking off their monthly Charity Fundraising Breakfast this Sunday, October 2, from 8:30 -11:30am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. 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 or on the Center web site at www.strokecomebackcenter.org. *Opening the door to a brighter tomorrow*

OKTOBERFEST IS NEXT SATURDAY! Tickets can be purchased after all Masses this weekend and in the Parish Office during the week. Remember the first seating from 1:00 to 4:00pm includes a Kids' Zone; the second seating is from 6:30 to 9:30pm. You will buy tickets for one of the two specific seatings and will be admitted to the seating for which you have a ticket. 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 still needed! If you are interested in being part of the 2016 Oktoberfest crew, please contact Julia Funaki at the email or phone provided above.

THE MOMS' GROUP WANTS TO SEE YOU!

Come to our table in the narthex after Mass this weekend to register with the St. John Neumann Moms' 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.

PRAYER VIGIL Please join us next Saturday, October 8, for our monthly prayer vigil for peace, life, and justice, as we observe Respect Life Month and pray for the safeguarding of all life from conception to natural death. The vigil is from 4:00 to 4:45pm in the de Sales Chapel. We pray the Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace, reflect on God's Word in Scripture, and offer our intentions to our merciful Savior. Contact Bill Eager at artbyeager@gmail.com for more information.



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. Recipes and specific guidelines for what can and cannot be used in or on the cookies are available on a poster in the narthex.**)
- 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).

*"Meditation is not an act that needs
the intermediary of either a book
or intellectual reflection."*

Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS

NEWCOMERS' TOUR Are you new to our parish? Would you like to familiarize yourself with our church and facilities? Please join us this Sunday, October 2 immediately after the 9:30 or 11:30am Masses for a 30-minute tour of our facility. We look forward to meeting you and your families at the Welcome Desk.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY Join us Tuesday, October 4, at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel for a special celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will share songs and prayers and listen to a presentation on *Laudato Si'*, the Pope's encyclical about the environment. Learn how "Caring for our Common Home" reveals to us new corporal and spiritual ways to minister to Christ in the least of his brothers and sisters. For more information, write to us at saintjn.cch@gmail.com.

ESTATE PLANNING - PART 2 Please join us October 5 in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium at 9:45am for Part 2 of our Estate Planning Program. Topics will include Advance Medical Directive, Living Will, Power of Attorney, and "Five Wishes". Presenters are parishioners Alison Mathey, Wills, Trusts and Estates Attorney and our Parish Nurse, Susan Infeld.

OPEN MIC NIGHT! Open Mic Night is Friday, October 21, at 7:00pm. All ages and all talents are welcome, so whether you'll be singing, tap dancing, or reciting poetry, your participation will make this a wonderful evening for the whole community! If you or your child are interested in attending or performing, email Thomas Patchan at saintjnya@gmail.com by Friday, October 14.

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.
- **Legion of Mary** Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home for two weeks? If interested, the Legion of Mary will deliver and retrieve the Holy Virgin at your convenience. For information email pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com or call 703-968-3337.
- **Life+Savers:** On the 1st Saturday of every month, unless otherwise notified via email, 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.

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- **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 moms-group@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.

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, October 11: Day trip to Catoctin Mountain Park and Cunningham Falls** It looks like the foliage will be showing as we travel to Thurmont and then up to Catoctin Mountain Park. What a great way to help celebrate the 100th birthday of National Park Service! Those who are interested might like to also stop at the Cunningham Falls Park. When it's time to eat, we will head back to Thurmont and will have lunch at Shamrock Restaurant.
- **Tuesday, October 25 -Thursday, October 27: Fall Fling at New Hope, PA.** The final itinerary will be available soon but we are looking at some very interesting activities. There will be something for everyone, perhaps riding the New Hope and Ivyland Train, visiting Washington Crossing Historic Park, shopping at Peddlers Village, etc. What we do know for sure is that we will stay at the Roadway Inn and Suites in New Hope, where the cost for the two-day stay, including taxes, will be from \$195 - 233 depending on room selection. Watch your email for more information once the itinerary is finalized.



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.

- **Fall Bible Study:** We are 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 if you'd like to join us 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.
- **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.
- **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.

*"Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless."*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

**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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

Doug Johnson
703-860-6141

djohnson@saintjn.org

UPCOMING AGAPE EVENTS:

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

- **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 or pick up a form at the Faith Formation Office. You don't need to be registered to join us!

AGAPE GAME AND MOVIE NIGHT!

All High School teens and their friends are welcome to join us for a Game and Movie Night next 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!

**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 or by phone at (703) 860-6141. You'll be glad you did!

*"As Christ has His work, we too have ours;
as He rejoiced to do his work,
we must rejoice in ours also."*

St. John Neumann

**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.

Around the Diocese

PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will be hosting their annual Open House on Sunday, October 30 from 1:00 to 4:00pm. Group presentations will take place at 1:15 and 2:15pm in Father Heet Auditorium. This is a perfect opportunity for 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families to explore the benefits of a Catholic high school education. For additional information about PVI visit www.paulvi.net or email ehanley@pvipanther.net. Current 8th graders are encouraged to set up a **Panther for a Day** experience by emailing gfarello@pvipanther.net

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.

**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.

Special Collection Stewardship

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to break the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins.

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.”*
2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?