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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.*

**YOUR OPINION MATTERS!**

The Diocese of Arlington wants to know what you think! The Department of Communications has developed a short survey that you are invited to complete. They are interested in knowing what you think about their current communication efforts, what you would like from them (again, from the communications standpoint) and how you use technology to access news and information. The survey is available now on the diocesan website:

To access the survey in English: <http://bit.ly/diocsurv17>

To access the survey in Spanish: <http://bit.ly/encuesdioc17>

You also can go to our parish website and access the survey from there. You might be one of three randomly-selected participants who will receive a \$100 Amazon.com gift card!

The survey runs until November 3, so you have three weeks to think about how the diocese can improve their communications with the parishioners. The survey will only be useful if many parishioners provide feedback, so please let them know how your needs may be best met.

**Prayer and Liturgy**

**WE WELCOME** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Lucy Elizabeth Madden**, daughter of Michael and Valerie; **Alice Jane Schneider**, daughter of Jason and Theresa; **Madelyn Grace Trottier**, daughter of Michael and Jennifer; and **William Joseph Valder**, son of John and Kathryn.



**PLEASE PRAY** for Baby Rebekah Jeanne Archey, Maria Barreda, **John Delaney**, **Beatrice Gyra**, **Marian Jones**, Carol Palmer, **Martin Quinn** and all who are sick.

*"The bed of the sick is an altar of sacrifice." St. Francis de Sales*

*When you call to add a name to our prayer list, please leave your name and number as a contact and let us know what the illness is. Before calling, please be sure that you have spoken to the person or a member of the family about adding their name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.*

*Names of those who are sick or injured will be kept on the list for three weeks unless you specifically request a shorter period of time or call to ask that the name be removed. **Names new this week are in boldface type.***



**WE PRAY** for those who have died, especially **Patricia Malloy**, mother of Eileen.

## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**Isaiah 25:6-10;**  
**Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6;**  
**Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20;**  
**Matthew 22:1-14**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that those who respond to God's abundance of graces will enter the Kingdom of God. St. Francis de Sales expands on our response:

God's supreme goodness poured forth an abundance of graces over the entire human family. God wills that all be saved through the knowledge of the truth that our Savior came to give us the fire of holy love, and desired that it be kindled in our hearts.

How ardently God desires our love! God does so by filling us with divine love. God, the sun of justice, sends abundant beams of inspirations upon us, warms our hearts with blessings, and touches each of us with the allurements of holy love. It is God's inspiration that warms our will, helps and reinforces our will, and moves it so gently that the will desires to turn and glide freely toward the good found in God's inspiration.

God cast into your heart holy inspirations, and you received them. You cooperated with God's inspirations by giving your consent to them. The movement of your will freely followed upon that of heavenly grace. God continued to strengthen your heart by various movements, until at length God infused into it holy love as your living and perfect health. Yet, you were free to accept or reject this divine goodness.

It was said that a little fish had the power to stop a ship sailing over the high seas. Yet, this fish had no power to make the ship set sail. So it is with our free will. When the favorable wind of God's grace fills our soul, we can freely choose to refuse or consent to it. Yet, when our spirit sails along and makes a prosperous voyage, it is not we who cause the wind of inspiration to come to us. It is God who gives movement to the ship, our heart. We merely receive and consent to the wind coming from heaven. Blessed are they who respond to God's word in the depths of their hearts, the Kingdom of God is theirs!

Adapted from St. Francis de Sales,  
*Treatise on the Love of God*

### UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, October 22	11:30am	Baptism
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### LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of October 21 - October 22 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Bill with Deacon Dennis
Sunday	7:30am	Father Don
Sunday	9:30am	Father Bill with Deacon John
Sunday	11:30am	Father Don
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Jean Marie Mvumbi, CICM with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Joe

### 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 16 Reverend Francis J. Blood, OSFS
- October 17 Reverend Leon Bonikowski, OSFS
- October 18 Reverend John W. Brennan, OSFS
- October 19 Reverend Joseph T. Brennan, OSFS
- October 20 Reverend Thomas P. Brophy, OSFS
- October 21 Reverend George J. Brownholtz, OSFS
- October 22 Reverend Douglas C. Burns, OSFS

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

**Isaiah 45:1, 4-6** King Cyrus marches on Babylon, from which he will deliver the captive Jews. Unwittingly he serves God's plan through political action.

**Psalms 96: 1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10** Give the Lord Glory and Honor This is a joyful hymn celebrating the kingship of Yahweh. It is an act of hope—the future belongs to God who reigns over all.

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b** This 1st letter to the Thessalonians is the earlier writing of the New Testament. Although Paul uses the customary form of greeting of his day, he incorporates two significant covenant words; grace and peace. With this same hope in God's covenant fidelity and the peace given by the risen Christ, we convene each liturgical assembly.

**Matthew 22:15-21** Will Jesus allow Himself to be labeled a revolutionary by the Roman authority or a collaborator by His fellow citizens? The problem is too narrow. The state, he replies, can demand our money and our services, but God alone can ask the total commitment of our person.

***"There is a great difference between drinking wine and becoming intoxicated, between using riches and adoring them."***

*St. Francis de Sales*

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK 

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 14</b>
5:00pm	Linda Lee Anderson †
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 15</b>
7:30am	William Bradey †
9:30am	David Dawson †
11:30am	Nancy St. Romain †
1:30pm	Ermelinda Arias †
5:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 16</b>
9:00am	Michael Dominique, Special Intention
12:10pm	Teresa Schlett †
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 17</b>
6:30am	James Walsh †
9:00am	Thomas C. Gould †
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 18</b>
9:00am	Elizabeth Mumford †
12:10pm	Jackie Reiley †
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 19</b>
6:30am	Mary Tortora †
9:00am	Rodger Provencher †
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 20</b>
9:00am	Marthe and Louis St. Pierre ††
12:10pm	Linda Anderson †
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 21</b>
5:00pm	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 22</b>
7:30am	Rosemary Casey †
9:30am	John McNeill †
11:30am	Aleighta Hawkingberry †
1:30pm	Alejandrina Kobayashi, Special Intention
5:00pm	Mary Potunas †

**ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE  
FEAST DAY-OCTOBER 16**



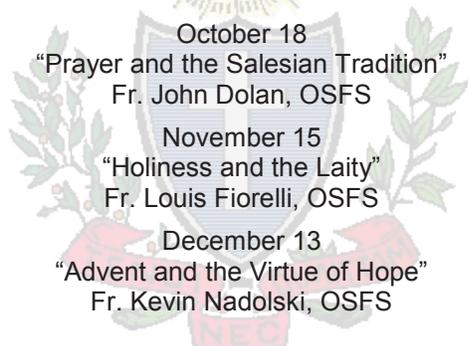
Who is she and what is her legacy? St. Margaret Mary was born on July 22, 1647 in Burgundy, France. As a young child, she developed a strong devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. After experiencing a vision of Christ where He told her His heart was filled with love for her, in 1671 she entered the convent of the Visitation of Holy Mary. This community was founded by St. Frances de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal at Paray-le-Monial in 1610.

In December 27, 1673, she began a series of revelations that were to continue over the next year and a half. In them Christ informed her that she was His chosen instrument to spread devotion to His Sacred Heart, instructed her in a devotion that was to become known as the Nine Fridays and the Holy Hour, and asked that the feast of the Sacred Heart be established. Rebuffed by her superior, Mother de Saumaise, in her efforts to follow the instruction she had received in the visions, she eventually won her over but was unable to convince a group of theologians of the validity of her apparitions, nor was she any more successful with many of the members of her community. She received the support of Blessed Claude La Colombiere, the community's confessor for a time, who declared that the visions were genuine.

In 1683, opposition in the community ended when Mother Melin was elected Superior and named Margaret Mary her assistant. She later became Novice Mistress, saw the convent observe the feast of the Sacred Heart privately beginning in 1686. Two years later, a chapel was built at the Paray-le-Monial to honor the Sacred Heart. Soon observation of the feast of the Sacred Heart spread to other Visitation convents. Margaret Mary died at Paray-le-Monial on October 17 and was canonized in 1920. She, St. John Eudes, and Blessed Claude La Colombiere are called the "Saints of the Sacred Heart" devotion to which was officially recognized and approved by Pope Clement XIII in 1765, seventy-five years after her death. Her feast day was originally observed on October 17<sup>th</sup> but was moved to October 16<sup>th</sup> in 1969.

A retreat with her writings can be found on the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales website at <https://oblates.squarespace.com/prayer>. This site offers a wealth of resources promoting and supporting Salesian Spirituality. Among them are a collection of six "Retreats on the Run", each focusing on the writings of an individual important to the Salesian experience. One of the six is "On the Go With Margaret Mary Alacoque." These retreats are structured so they can be completed in about five or ten minutes. The site has very simple instructions on how to approach each retreat. Many of us find that our prayer lives remain solid if we are able to begin each morning with a few moments of quiet time for us to focus on God and his messages to us. For those of you who are looking for a way to jump-start your daily prayer routine, you just might find it here.

**FROM A SALESIAN PERSPECTIVE...** Our Lady of Good Counsel is hosting monthly talks on various topics of faith drawing on the wisdom of St. Francis de Sales, St. Jane de Chantal and other Salesian Saints.



October 18  
"Prayer and the Salesian Tradition"  
Fr. John Dolan, OSFS

November 15  
"Holiness and the Laity"  
Fr. Louis Fiorelli, OSFS

December 13  
"Advent and the Virtue of Hope"  
Fr. Kevin Nadolski, OSFS

All talks will be held in Sacred Heart Chapel at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, at 9:00am and repeated at 7:00pm. For more information contact Gerard Hall [liturgy@olgcvva.org](mailto:liturgy@olgcvva.org) or 703.896.7411.

## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### ADDRESSES FOR OBLATES WHO SERVED AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN

You may want to have these if you are writing notes for Priesthood Sunday, October 29, or for Christmas.

**Rev. Michael C. Connolly, OSFS**

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**Rev. James M. Turner, OSFS**

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**Rev. Michael Vannicola, OSFS**

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475 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
Naples, FL 34102-6933

**WHAT IS PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY?** In 2003, the USA Council of Serra International, an organization whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life, organized the first Priesthood Sunday. By our Baptism as Catholics, we are all called to spread the Gospel, and to foster the growth of our Church. Some of us are called to lay vocations, while others are called to sacramental or vowed religious life. With the decline in religious vocations it is important that we remember to acknowledge the work done by the priests and vowed religious and to support this work through our assistance and prayers. We need to take time to talk with friends and family about religious vocations, and to plant seeds of encouragement in those who may be interested in pursuing religious life. We also need to pray daily that generous hearts will joyfully accept God's call. You could celebrate Priesthood Sunday, which occurs in two weeks on Sunday, November 30, by sending a note of appreciation to a priest or vowed religious who has helped you recently or one from your past. Let these stewards of our faith know the difference they have made in your life!

**DO YOU KNOW** that Bishop Burbidge has a Twitter account with over 12,000 followers? He posts every day on <https://twitter.com/BishopBurbidge> early in the morning, with a short meditation. In addition, selected homilies can be found on the Diocesan YouTube page located at <https://www.youtube.com/user/arlingtondiocese>.

### BISHOP BURBIDGE HOMESCHOOL MASS

Homeschool families are invited to celebrate Mass with Bishop Burbidge and the Office of Catholic Schools on November 3 at 10:00am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Gainesville (about 35 minutes from here). Bring a picnic lunch to continue the celebration after Mass and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. A light reception of beverages and desserts will be provided. If you and your family would like to attend this special Mass, please register by October 20 through email to [catholicsschools@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:catholicsschools@arlingtondiocese.org).

### Parish Information



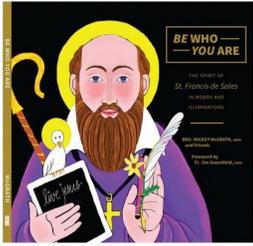
### QUICK REMINDERS



- **Birthday Club** - Wrapped and tagged gifts are due this weekend, October 14-15. Please do not disappoint a child, as these may be the only gifts they receive. next weekend. Thank you!
- **Baby Bottles** - Thank you for your support of the Sanctity of Life Ministries. Please return the baby bottles containing your donations next weekend, October 21 - 22.

## BE WHO YOU ARE: A SALESIAN RETREAT

Art and Stories By Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS



Feeling stressed these days? Living with fear and anxiety instead of hope and love? Join with artist and author Brother Mickey McGrath as he returns to share his colorful images of Salesian optimism and joy from his award-winning book, *Be Who You Are*. Friday, October 27, join us from 6:00 - 9:00pm for a Pot-luck

Supper followed by art and stories. From 9:00am - Noon on Saturday, October 28, Brother Mickey will share practical ways to pray and meditate. Free-will offerings support Brother Mickey's ministry.

There will be a Salesian marketplace offering cards, books and other items perfect for Christmas gift giving. Advanced registration is required and you may register at [saintjn.org](http://saintjn.org).

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 124 INTRODUCES "TROOP SCOOP!"

This is the first edition of the Troop Scoop, a vehicle that our SJN Boy Scout Troop will use to let us know about their events, and to thank us for our support of their activities.

**Susco 8K Race:** For the past few years and including this year, Troop 124 has supported the Susco 8K benefitting the Brain Aneurysm Foundation and the Washington Regional Transplant Community for organ donation. This event is held annually in memory of Timothy Susco, a 1999 graduate of South Lakes HS, who passed away in August 2007 of a brain aneurysm. Scouts served as race marshals for the Susco 2K and 8K races on Saturday, September 16. The Susco family is always appreciative of the presence and the contribution the scouts make to the event being a big success.

**Doughnut Sales:** We thank all of you who supported our Doughnut Sales on September 17. The money we raised helps defray costs of summer camps, allows us to participate in various outdoor activities and to maintain, replace and repair our camping equipment. The Troop donates a portion of all net proceeds from all our fundraisers back to the parish. Traditionally, we have made the donation in January to support the Hypothermia Week.

**Upcoming Events:** Over the next few months, the Troop will continue to be very busy. This month we will be learning very valuable Emergency Preparedness skills culminating in our participation in Powhatan Districts' Camporee at Camp Highroad. The theme for the Camporee is Wilderness Survival, and our Scouts will put their skills to the test in such areas as First Aid, Astronomy, and Geocaching.



### MASS TRANSPORTATION NEEDED

An older female parishioner needs a ride to church to attend Mass on the weekend. She lives near Fair Oaks Mall and is willing to attend any Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday. Please contact Jo-Ann Duggan at [jduggan@saintjn.org](mailto:jduggan@saintjn.org) if you can help.

## RESPECT LIFE MONTH

End-of-life issues have come to be a major focus of public debate in our country and pose particular challenges for Catholics. In our increasingly secular society, where euthanasia and assisted suicide are defended as acts of mercy, it is difficult but essential to go beyond arguing over the difference between true vs. false compassion. Instead, we must focus on minimizing end-of-life suffering and imitating Christ-like sufferers. Saint Jeanne Jugan, who ministered to the elderly poor and founded an order of sisters to do so, and Saint Pope John Paul II, who bore his suffering as a witness to its redemptive power, should inspire and encourage us.



## KNIGHTS' KOVAR WEEKEND

The Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council 7566 of Reston will be outside church after all Masses next weekend, October 21 - 22 offering Tootsie rolls. Your free-will donations will help to support KOVAR, a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity. KOVAR was established in 1971 to provide financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax-exempt organizations providing training and assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities. Visit <http://www.kovarva.org> for more information about their work.

**THERE'S MORE!** Tuesday, October 24, the Knights will host an Italian Dinner in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium with traditional dishes from 5:00 to 7:30pm. The menu includes Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti and Meatballs, Meatless Baked Ziti, Chicken Piccata, Garden Salad, Dinner Rolls and of course, dessert. They are hosting this dinner to raise funds for the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program for graduating high school seniors and students already in college, to help defray the high costs of higher education. Your donations will be most welcomed. So, bring your family, invite your friends and neighbors and share a relaxing evening where dinner will be prepared for you.

*"A just soul is the spouse of our Lord."*

*St. Francis de Sales*

## ORGAN CONCERT-MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Many parishioners are familiar with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at George Mason University. As part of their program, we are hosting "The Organ: The King of Instruments" on Wednesday evening, October 25 at 7:30pm. David Lang, who has performed here several times with the Reston Chorale, is teaming up with Tordis Fahringer, also with the Reston Chorale. There will be solos from each of them and they will do many duets, with both organ and piano. This promises to be a wonderful evening of music with works from many composers. You will not want to miss the organ and piano duet of Claude Debussy's *Clare de Lune*. There is no charge for this event and as usual, all are welcome!

## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### "ALL ARE WELCOME" CORNER

#### RELIEF, DEFENSE, AND LIBERATION OF THE POOR

Last week's article in this "corner" of the bulletin summarized one of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching: *Rights and Responsibilities*. This week we briefly summarize another theme: *Option for the Poor and Vulnerable*.

The church teaches that we have a special commitment to the poor so that they can become active participants in society and can contribute to the common good. To say that there is "an option" for the poor and vulnerable does not mean that caring for the poor is optional. Neither does it mean that we should pit one class against another. This "option" is a reminder that "the deprivation and powerlessness of the poor wounds the whole community" and that our care for the poor should be inspired by the Gospel – the Beatitudes, Jesus's poverty, and His concern for the poor. A more detailed explanation of this theme of Catholic Social Teaching can be found on the US Catholic Conference of Bishops website (<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/option-for-the-poor-and-vulnerable.cfm>).

Question for reflection: Are we aware of the poor in our own community? According to the US Census Bureau, in 2016 11 percent of Virginians lived in poverty. (The Census Bureau's poverty threshold for a family of four in 2016 was \$24,339.) What does it mean to be welcoming to the poor in our community? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us that "Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origins and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense and liberation." (Nos. 2444, 2448) What can we do to work for the "relief, defense, and liberation" of the poor in our community?

Care for our Common Home Ministry sponsored a photo contest for middle and high school students during the Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4) We received many stunning pictures of nature in our local area. The perspectives of shots of sky, water, plants and animals were very creative. Some of the photos are on display on the bulletin board. Blue ribbon winners received prizes. All the photos can be viewed at <http://cfoch.weebly.com/>. Thank you to all the students who submitted photos!

#### PARISH NURSE AND HEALTH MINISTRY

Pain is a fascinating phenomenon. Acute pain is a signal to the body that tissue has been damaged, and this pain generally disappears when healed. Chronic pain may range from mild to severe, and is present for extended periods of time. Chronic pain causes changes in the nervous system that can also lead to psychological changes such as depression and anxiety; it can be devastating, debilitating, and life altering. Treatment of both kinds of pain is under extreme scrutiny related to the current opioid epidemic in our country. Alternative therapies are in the forefront of pain research. **Please join us October 19 at 7:00pm in the Brown/McCarthy Auditorium for a presentation by Virgil Balint, MD, a local pain expert from the National Spine and Pain Institute. He will speak on "Chronic Pain and Alternative Therapies".** Dr. Balint will address the physical and psychological changes related to both kinds of pain, as well as discuss a variety of treatments, focusing on those options other than simply opioid medication. Education is a critical component to treating the opioid epidemic in our country. Please plan to attend this important discussion.



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

The men's retreat at the Sussex 1 maximum security prison begins this Thursday, October 19, and women will be at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women beginning November 2.

We still need more help, especially cookies. Could you still:

- bake cookies (**We need 150+ dozen by October 29 for the women.**)
- make posters, placemats or Children's Agape, and/or
- pray during the retreats on October 19-22 and November 2-5.

**For more information on the above and specific directions for baking (cookie instructions must be followed),** please email or call any of the following: Barbara Emery at [memery1@gmail.com](mailto:memery1@gmail.com) (703-855-3060), Joanna Fiedler at [joanna.fiedler@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.fiedler@gmail.com) (571-213-7167) or Patricia Schambach at [pschambach@verizon.net](mailto:pschambach@verizon.net) or 703-860-1809.

We have a box marked "Kairos Cookies" in the hall from now through October 29. You may leave your cookies there and we will freeze them until the Weekend.

Don't underestimate how powerful a prayer or poster or a dozen cookies are in the life of an inmate.

### 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:** After Mass, join us in the Social Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. 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. Email [pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com) or call 703-968-3337.
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information, email [momsgroup@saintjn.org](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org).
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday morning for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For information on evening sessions email [ksmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:ksmonroe58@gmail.com), or for morning sessions email [madcass5@att.net](mailto:madcass5@att.net) or [joelllanf@aol.com](mailto:joelllanf@aol.com).
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at [megan.murphy218@gmail.com](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).

**YOUNG ADULTS:** Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any event, to RSVP, or to be added to the YA email distribution list, email Thomas Patchan at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com).

- **Friday, October 20, 7:00pm, Saints Discussion and Dinner, SJN:** Join the young adults as we each bring the story of an inspiring saint and a side or entrée to share! Bring whatever notes you can prepare for what will be a fruitful community discussion! Please RSVP by e-mailing Jeff at [mccullenlc@gmail.com](mailto:mccullenlc@gmail.com) and sign up your saint and dish to share!
- **Tuesday, October 24, 6:00pm, Bingo Volunteering at Sunrise Senior Living, Reston:** The young adults will spend an evening serving senior citizens with a fun night of bingo and socializing! We'll call bingo and share snacks and fellowship with local seniors in our community. Please e-mail Jeff at [mccullenlc@gmail.com](mailto:mccullenlc@gmail.com) if you can join us!
- **Saturday, October 28, 10:00am, Carpool to Fall Festival, SJN:** Come join the young adults as we celebrate Autumn at a local Fall Festival! We'll meet at the church, and head out 45 minutes west or so for pumpkin picking, corn mazes, and all our beloved fall festivities! Please RSVP.

**50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES:** For more information on the 50+ Club event and upcoming fall events, please email Pat Bossie at [grankidsx9@aol.com](mailto:grankidsx9@aol.com) or call 703-620-3747.

Normally, we leave from church following the 9:00am Mass, but since all travel is by private vehicle, you might decide to drive from home. We are no longer able to provide carpools, so we ask that you get with friends to set up your own group for these outings. Please call Pat Bossie to let her know you will attend.

- **Thursday, October 26** – Visit the Civil War Battlefield and Chatham Manor in Fredericksburg, VA. Admission is free. Those who don't want to walk the battlefield can take a trolley tour of Fredericksburg; there is a fee for this. Purchase tickets at the Fredericksburg Visitor Center. We will have lunch either at Foode, or at Brooks Riverside, depending on how many participants we have.

## 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.

- **Life After Sunday** A small group meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm for faith-sharing based on spiritual friendships and the Gospel message.
- **Mothers' Group Bible Study** This group meets from 10 to 11:30am most Fridays from September through May, and covers the upcoming Sunday scripture. Childcare is available. RSVP is required to attend. Email Christy Cottrell for more information at [christylc23@gmail.com](mailto:christylc23@gmail.com).
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

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### WEDNESDAY DROP-IN FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL

**TEENS!** Join us this Wednesday and every Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room as we continue our Wednesday Drop-In Program. This will be a great opportunity to gather with old friends, meet new friends and enjoy food, games, music, fellowship and faith sharing. Don't miss out and bring your friends!

*“It is not enough to be called a Christian  
if we do not perform the works  
of a Christian”*

*St. Francis de Sales*

**DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY** – Attention all High School Youth! Sign up now for the Annual Diocesan Youth Rally that will be held on next Sunday, October 22 at Bishop O'Connell High School from 12:00 until 8:00pm. Hundreds of teens will gather for eight hours of food, music, inflatable games, inspirational guest speakers, Mass with Bishop Burbidge and lots of fun! We will meet here at 11:00am and return at about 9:00pm. We need parent volunteers to chaperone and drive to and from the event. Parent volunteers and their teens will attend this event for free. The cost is \$25 and includes great entertainment, inflatable games, dinner, snacks and a t-shirt. **Permission slips (available in the Faith Formation Office) and checks are due no later than Tuesday, October 17!** All sign-ups must be coordinated through Doug Johnson in the Faith Formation Office. For further information, contact Doug by phone at 703-860-6141 or by email at [djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto:djohnson@saintjn.org). Don't miss the fun – **sign up now and invite a friend!**

## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Around the Diocese

**MARRIAGE HELP** Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning October 20, call (703) 351-7211 or go to [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### ALL SOULS MASS AT FAIRFAX MEMORIAL

**PARK** Please join Bishop Burbidge and diocesan priests as they offer a Mass for the dead on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day), Thursday, November 2, at noon in the Garden of the Crucifix at Fairfax Memorial Park, 9900 Braddock Road in Fairfax. Immediately following the Mass, Bishop Burbidge will bless the graves of the clergy. **In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be offered at noon at St. Leo the Great Church, 3700 Old Lee Hwy., Fairfax.**

### Special Collection Stewardship

**THANK YOU** for your generous contributions to last weekend's special collection for the Annual Oblates Appeal. Your contributions will provide support to men taking the earliest steps in formation while learning to follow the example of St. Francis de Sales. They will also help the Oblates to be able to continue to provide a modern retirement home, which includes a nursing care facility, for those who have lived the gospel well for many years in many capacities.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** Next weekend the Church will celebrate World Mission Sunday. On this weekend, the Global Church takes up a special collection for the World Missions, to be disbursed to the neediest dioceses and religious communities in the developing world. It is a world-wide corporal act of mercy. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this collection.

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### PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

will host their annual Open House Sunday, October 29 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families to explore the benefits of a Catholic high school education. Visit [www.paulvi.net](http://www.paulvi.net) or email [ehanley@pvipanther.net](mailto:ehanley@pvipanther.net) for additional information about PVI. Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to set up a **PANTHER FOR A DAY** experience by emailing [gfarello@pvipanther.net](mailto:gfarello@pvipanther.net).

### PRISON MINISTRY WELCOME HOME RE-ENTRY

**MENTOR** Catholic Charities Welcome Home Re-Entry Program seeks volunteer mentors to serve as role models and guides to formerly incarcerated/recently released individuals. Help to welcome them home, connect them to available resources, and provide positive, caring support so that they can successfully return to the community. Background check and training, and ongoing education required. Become acquainted with the challenges facing those leaving jail/prison; receive training working in a one-to-one setting; opportunity to help an individual in transition. Contact Sally O'Dwyer, [sodwyer@ccda.net](mailto:sodwyer@ccda.net)

*“Sin is an offense against God,  
just as virtue is honor paid to him.”*

*St. Francis de Sales*

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### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *“My God will supply whatever you need...”*  
*PHILIPPIANS 4:19*

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.