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INFANT BAPTISM: Please call to register for the Baptism Class, offered monthly. English 703-860-8510; Spanish 703-860-8510, x353.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

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 16

Faith Formation Classes

Knights of Columbus Membership Drive After Mass

Non-Partisan Voter Registration After Mass

WTS Refuge Donations Due

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

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

Praying College Moms: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Young Adult Bible Study: 7:00pm; A2

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

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Faith Formation Classes

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

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

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Welcome Home: 7:00pm; Bridal Room

Finance Council: 7:30pm; Conference Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

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 21

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

Open Mic Night: 7:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

St. Francis De Sales Association Day of Recollection: 9:00am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Knights of Columbus Social and Open House: 6:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Faith Formation Classes

Boy Scout Troop 124 - Donut Sale and Membership Drive After Morning Masses

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Saturday, October 15 our parish celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation with 159 young women and men being confirmed. We were fortunate to have the Most Reverend Timothy Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA as the confirming prelate. To all of those confirmed, congratulations and as you continue to embrace your faith, I hope that you also continue to be open to the many gifts and talents that God has blessed you with and that you will use these to make a difference in the world. Thank you to the parents and sponsors who have supported those confirmed and I hope will continue to be strong witnesses to living our faith.

Last Saturday, October 8 the parish celebrated our annual Oktoberfest. This has really become a treasured event at the parish as parishioners of all ages come together and enjoy good food, music and fellowship. Thank you to all who volunteered in any way to make this event enjoyable and possible. Our Knights deserve special recognition for their dedication to this parish event through their hard work and their time. In many ways they really are the backbone of Oktoberfest.

Next Sunday evening, October 23 the parish will host "Breaking the Myths of Alcohol Addiction." This program is being presented by addiction experts from the Caron Treatment Center. Our parish nurse contributed an article in last week's bulletin which includes more details regarding this important and life-giving presentation. I would encourage high school students, parents and all interested adults to join us to learn more about this important issue which affects every one of us in one way or another. I want to thank Doug Johnson, our Youth Minister and Susan Infeld, our Parish Nurse for their efforts in coordinating this event.

Live Jesus,

Father Joe

Prayer and Liturgy



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

The October 6 - 12 edition of *The Arlington Catholic Herald* features the fourth 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 Human Life and Dignity—Other Issues to Consider.

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



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 17:8-13;
Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2
Timothy 3:14-4;
Luke 18:1-8

Today's readings encourage us to persevere in our faith in God's goodness by being attentive to God's Word. St. Francis de Sales also stresses the value of perseverance:

It is perseverance that wins us the crown. Yet it is the most difficult of all the virtues because of the weakness and inconstancy of the human spirit. One minute we desire to do one thing, but soon after we change our mind. We must keep constant watch over ourselves. The nectar of divine love cannot be distilled into a heart where the old self reigns. To grow in God's love we have to work diligently at letting go of our self-centeredness, and live according to reason, not according to worldly tendencies.

Have courage. The teacher does not always demand that the pupil know the lesson without mistakes. It is enough that the pupil takes care to do its best to learn the lesson. Have you ever seen those who learn to ride a horse? They often fall off. Yet they do not think they are defeated. For it is one thing to be beaten sometimes, and quite another thing to be vanquished.

We do not always have to feel courageous and strong. It is enough to hope that God will give us the strength and courage when and where we need them. Surely Our Lord would never exhort the faithful to persevere if he were not ready to give them the power to do so. If we are faithful we will make great progress. Perseverance is the most desirable gift that we can hope for in this life. For this reason we must continually ask for perseverance by using the means God gives us in order to obtain it: prayer, helping others, frequenting the sacraments, associating with good companions, and hearing and reading Holy Scripture.

We must be like those sailing on the sea. Always looking to the pole star, they make headway because they know they are going in the right direction. Let us follow this beautiful star and this divine compass fearlessly, for it is our Lord who never fails us.

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

WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Aleigha Hawkingberry**, granddaughter of Thomas and Rose Lynn Gajeski.



WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Christian James Rios**, son of Marcello and Ryan; **Penelope Szente**, daughter of Andrew and Maureen.



SATURDAY	OCTOBER 15
5:00pm	Ron Chambers †
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 16
7:30am	Jacqueline Reiley †
9:30am	Mary Gaffney †
11:30am	Teresa Schlett †
1:30pm	Peter Graves †
5:00pm	People of the Parish
MONDAY	OCTOBER 17
9:00am	Suzanne Cassidy †
12:10pm	Rosemarie Reilly †
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 18
6:30am	Patrick Fultz †
9:00am	Elizabeth Mumford †
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 19
9:00am	Brian Christopher Berry †
12:10pm	Ana Ward †
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 20
6:30am	Edward John Gaus, Sr. †
9:00am	Anthony Paranzino †
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 21
9:00am	Jay Stromowski †
12:10pm	Ted Pisz †
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 22
5:00pm	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 23
7:30am	Carolyn Chard †
9:30am	Jacquelyn DeCoster Schwerzler †
11:30am	Jove Trinidad †
1:30pm	Sivia Correla †
5:00pm	Grace Breidy †

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, October 23 9:30am Baptism

Saturday, November 5 5:00pm Baptism



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 17 Reverend Mark F. Plaushin, OSFS
- October 18 Reverend Alexander F. Pocetto, OSFS
- October 19 Reverend Edward L. Rauch, OSFS
- October 20 Reverend Richard T. Reece, OSFS
- October 21 Reverend Robert G. Reece, OSFS
- October 22 Reverend Francis J. Rinaldi, OSFS
- October 23 Brother Michael J. Rosenello, OSFS

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS TO WHOM WE ASK FOR INTERCESSION

The Solemnity of All Saints, November 1, is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate and pray in the realization that we are all called to holiness! Our former Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI in his Angelus address on this feast in 2011 tells us:

"The Solemnity of All Saints is a favorable opportunity to lift our gaze from earthly realities, marked by time, to the dimension of God, the dimension of eternity and holiness. The All Saints' liturgy reminds us that holiness is the original vocation of every baptized person.

For Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit is the Holy one, loved the Church as his bride and gave himself for her, to sanctify her. For this reason all members of the People of God are called to become saints, according to the words of the Apostle Paul: 'This is the will of God, your sanctification.'

We are thus invited to look at the Church, not in its temporal and human aspect, marked by weakness, but as Christ willed it, that is, as "a communion of saints". In the Creed we profess her as "holy", as is the Body of Christ, an instrument for participation in the sacred mysteries, primarily the Eucharist, and of the Holy Family, to whose protection we are entrusted on the day of our Baptism.

On this Solemnity we venerate this countless community of All Saints, who, through their different walks of life, show us different paths to holiness, united by a common denominator: to follow Christ and adhere to Him, the ultimate goal of our human life. In fact, all states of life may become, by the action of grace and with the commitment and perseverance of each one of us, a path to sanctification."

**We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, A Holy Day of Obligation, at these liturgies:
October 31, Vigil Mass at 5:00pm
November 1, 6:30am, 9:00am, 12:10pm, 5:00pm
and 7:00pm (Spanish)**

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES ON ALL SOULS' DAY



The Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00pm. A special candle lighting will take place during the Mass to remember our loved ones and a reception will follow. All parishioners who have lost a family member during the past 12 months are invited to participate. If you will be attending and remembering a loved one at this Mass please call the Liturgical Ministries Office at 860-6151 to RSVP. Leave your name and the name of the person you wish to remember, and let us know how many from your family you expect will attend.

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 The oppressed, the orphan, the widow are loved by God because they depend on him for all their needs.

Psalms 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 As a good athlete for Christ, Paul has fought faithfully to the very end. He is sure of being rewarded by God, the only one who has never abandoned him.

Luke 18:9-14 The Pharisee boasts of his righteousness but this does not justify him. By contrast, the tax collector humbly opens himself. It is in praying with empty hands that the poor are heard and rewarded by God.

SHARE YOUR MEMORIES WITH US Each year at our parish we remember our departed loved ones in a special way, not just on the Feast of All Souls but throughout the month of November. We place a table in the bell tower area and invite you to display photographs of those family members and close friends who are no longer with us, regardless of when they died. Bring your framed pictures early in the month and place them on the table. You may include the name of your loved one on the front so we know who this soul is. We will see your loved ones, remember them and pray for them whenever we come into the church. The table will be dismantled early in Thanksgiving week given that Advent begins the following Sunday. Please remove your pictures the weekend of November 19-20. Include your name and phone number on the back of the frame so that we can be sure it can be returned to you if you forget to retrieve it.



BAPTISMAL BIBS: Are you handy with a sewing machine? Do you like to do simple embroidery? We have a wonderful ministry for you! The Baptismal Bib committee is in need of some more volunteers to sew these beautiful simple mementos that are used during the Rite of Baptism. This flexible ministry is done at home on your own schedule. Instructions and all materials are provided. If you are willing and able please contact Patty Bartnick in the Liturgy Office at 703-860-6151 or at pbartnick@saintjn.org.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US IN OCTOBER To recognize October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and Sunday, October 23 is World Mission Sunday, we will pray the rosary for world missions next Sunday as a community after the 7:30 and 9:30am Masses. We'll aim for 8:45 and 10:45am start times, depending on the length of the preceding Masses. All are welcome, young or old, those experienced with the rosary or those just starting to integrate it into their prayer life. We'll have rosaries and prayer guides available for those who need them.

PLEASE PRAY for those who have asked for our prayers, **David Bossie, Francheska Woods**, 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.*

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of October 22 - October 23 are:

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

Parish Information

IMPORTANT ELECTION INFORMATION St. John Neumann Church is not permitted to publicly endorse any candidate for public office. In light of this mandate, know that no partisan political material is permitted anywhere in the parish facilities or on parish property. If flyers are placed on your cars in this political season understand that it is being done without our permission. The same holds true for any political flyers left in the building. If anyone notices this taking place, please inform a member of the staff immediately so that we can stop it.

VOTER REGISTRATION Representatives will be in the Narthex this weekend, after all Masses to help you register to vote. If you have not registered to vote, need to submit a change of address or pick up an absentee ballot, please stop by. Pick up a copy of "An Ignatian Examen for Civic Life" that looks at how we are "invited to talk with God in specific ways about the interrelationship between Gospel values and political engagement."

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY DATE CORRECTION The date provided in last weekend's bulletin article with addresses for Oblates who served at the parish was incorrect. Priesthood Sunday will be observed on Sunday, October 30.

KNIGHTS' MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND OPEN HOUSE We are holding a membership drive in the Narthex after all Masses this weekend. Stop by for a chat and see how we support the parish and local charities in our broader community.

We invite you and your family to join us Saturday, October 22 from 6:00 to 9:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. This will be a great time to get to know many of our members and their families, and to learn more about our Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council #7566. We promise you a wonderful evening of good food, entertainment, and fellowship in the truest spirit of the Catholic Family tradition and the Knights of Columbus.

These Men called Knights - Who are we and what do we do? Last year, the Knights of Columbus provided worldwide charitable donations of \$175,079,192 and 73.5 million service hours. Locally, the Knights supported charities such as Special Olympics, Food for Families, Sweats for Vets, Cornerstones, and many others. Additionally, we supported various ministries here at the parish and are involved in other forms of community outreach. The opportunity to support your church and community working together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless.

IMPORTANT RERUN: THE PARISH NURSE ON ALCOHOL ABUSE

When the question "What constitutes normal social drinking?" arises, I have this image of a precariously thin veil with the script "is this something or is it nothing" slightly visible from both sides. Many adults tend to downplay their drinking habits or willingness to seriously acknowledge the health consequences. Teens often normalize drinking as a part of their culture, a culture into which they desperately want to fit. I've come to understand that the myths built around alcohol need to be honestly and openly explored.

In the past decade, a tremendous amount has been learned regarding the disease of addiction. Yes, "disease" as defined by the American Medical Association. A disease is not a moral failing. Addiction is a condition with many different contributing factors and it is a treatable condition. However to encourage the addict to self-identify and reach out for treatment, we need to remove the aspects of shame and judgement around it. (And no, this is not a "get out of jail free" card). For example, are you aware of the biologic component to addiction, and that there is an alcoholic gene passed down through families generationally? Do you know that there is a predictable, progressive insidious nature with this disease called "tolerance" that leads to ever increasing consumption of alcohol in order to achieve the same results? Do you believe that there is a cure for addiction? Alcohol the "frenemy" needs to be well understood by both teens and adults because the lethal consequences are so high on one side of that veil, that it has the potential to completely destroy the addict and the entire family.

Sunday, October 23, from 6:30-8:00pm we are offering "Breaking the Myths of Alcohol Addiction", a valuable educational program for young and old. We have invited addiction experts from Caron Treatment Center to help us explore the myths, to help us become more aware of our own behaviors and risk factors, and to become better educated to many important aspects of this disease the CDC lists as the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. Whether you suspect alcohol may be a problem for you or a loved one, or you want to be of support to someone else, please join us for this important evening. All adults, especially parents of college, high school, or middle school kids and all teens are strongly urged to attend. For further information contact Susan Infeld, Parish Nurse at sinfeld@saintjn.org or Doug Johnson, Youth Minister at djohnson@saintjn.org.

NEED TO DO A "RESET"? St. Francis de Sales Association presents "A Day of Recollection -- Presentations on St. Francis de Sales' *Treatise on the Love of God*" by Father Don Heet, OSFS. Please join us in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium October 22 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The suggested contribution is \$20.00. Registration, coffee, and fellowship start at 9:00am. Our schedule for this event is the first presentation beginning at 10:00am, Mass, and a light lunch followed by a second presentation.



UH-OH.....HERE THEY COME AGAIN! Our parish-based Boy Scout Troop 124 will be selling Krispy Kreme dozen-boxes for \$10 on Sunday, October 23, after the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses. For those with smaller appetites, Troop 124 will trade a single donut for any size donation. The troop has been fundraising to replenish some of their camping gear as well as to support a "High Adventure" program for some of the older boys to exercise their skills in challenging outdoor situations. Our troop continues to grow and we would love to speak with any young men of the parish, ages 10-16, who might be interested in joining our boy-led organization. Scouts and adult leaders interested in personal growth, outdoor skills and venturing into the great outdoors should stop by for a donut and a chat!



**UPCOMING RETREAT DIRECTED BY
FATHER RICHARD DELILLIO, OSFS**

Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR!) is sponsoring "Let Your Mercy Rain on Us", a retreat day directed by Catholic University of America associate professor (and frequent visiting presider at weekend Masses at our parish) Father Richard R. DeLillio, OSFS. The retreat will take place on Friday, November 11 from 10:30am to 2:30pm at the Washington Retreat House, 4000 Harewood Road, NE, Washington. Check-in time is 10:00am. The contribution is \$50 per person, including lunch. For more information, contact Sister Kate Clancy, IHM at 202-529-7627 or kclancy@soar-usa.org, or visit the SOAR! website at www.soar-usa.org

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH Midway through our month for honoring life let us pray that the unborn, the sick and elderly not be treated as problems or burdens and that disposing of them not be seen as a right. Let us always be mindful that as Pope Francis has said, the most vulnerable are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of reverence and support.

WELCOME THE STRANGER REFUGEE MINISTRY In support of Catholic Charities of Arlington and the Office of Migration and Refugee Services, we are kicking off our new parish WTS Refugee Ministry. Imagine arriving in America with a few pieces of clothing and nothing else. Our refugee partners need help stocking their kitchens so we are asking for donations. If you can help, place your contributions in the marked bins under the main hallway counter this weekend and October 22 - 23. Please bring new but not necessarily expensive items. The wish list includes pots and pans, kitchen towels, baking dishes such as clear, Pyrex baking or casserole dishes (but no cookie sheets or cake pans), hand crank can openers, dish sets (dinner plates and bowls), cutting boards, mixing/serving bowls, sponges, tall indoor open trash cans, and multipurpose/kitchen cleaners (no Windex).

NEW MINISTRY: PARISH CHRONICLERS/RACONTEURS Interested in helping document and publicize all the good works our parish is involved with throughout the year? How about documenting the establishment of the parish and the many good works and people in our past? Do you have, or know anyone who has, any interests or skills as a photographer, videographer, interviewer, archivist, historian, writer, editor, etc.? If so, please come to a kick-off meeting Thursday, October 27 at 7:00pm to help set the parameters for this new ministry. All ages are welcome and needed for this new ministry to succeed. Contact Mickey Frank at fwfrank10@yahoo.com or 571-245-2705, or Patty Kwapniewski at pkwapniewski@saintjn.org or 703-860-6147 for more information.

OPEN MIC NIGHT REMINDER! Open Mic Night is this 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 are interested in attending or performing contact Thomas Patchan at saintjnya@gmail.com.

IT'S CARE PACKAGE TIME AT PRAYING COLLEGE MOMS! We would love to send your student, grandchild, niece, nephew or friends one of our care packages. We pack a medium-size USPS box (includes priority postage of \$13.45) full of all kinds of treats (breakfast, lunch, snack items, school supplies) and uplifting inspirational and prayerful messages. We are offering our package for a \$27.00 donation through October 30. Boxes will be mailed on approximately November 7. Please also consider a matching donation for a former foster child or homeless student. You may place your order at prayingcollegemoms.org or contact Anita Alexander at 214-998-0920.



THE TWENTY-NINTH 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.
- **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:** 7th and 8th grade teens gather on the 1st Saturday of each month, (except December) for fun activities, guest speakers and refreshments from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Drop into the Youth Room to relax or play after Sunday Faith Formation class while waiting for parent pickup or siblings attending Agape. Contact Kevin McManus at lifesavers@saintjn.org.
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to momsgroup@saintjn.org.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1st Friday morning or the 2nd Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email kmonroe58@gmail.com, and for evening sessions email gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com.
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at megan.murphy218@gmail.com.
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at youngadults@saintjn.org.

50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES: IMPORTANT POINT OF CONTACT CHANGE! For more information on any 50+ Club event, until further notice please email Jill Thurman at jillront@verizon.net. Remember to contact Jill to make reservations. We will publish information about some November activities next week.

- **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, such as riding the New Hope and Ivyland Train, visiting Washington Crossing Historic Park, shopping at Peddlers Village, etc. 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.
- **Thursday, December 15: Christmas Luncheon at Chez Francois in Great Falls.** The restaurant has not set their menu or price yet, but we are limited to 100 reservations. If you would like to be put on the list of people who are interested in attending, please email me as soon as possible. Because of Pat Bossie's current family situation she is not sure she has everyone who called her on the list. If you spoke with Pat about this in the last few weeks, please email me again. As soon as Chez Francois releases their menu and price, we will send out another email with the information.

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.**

- **Friday, October 21 at 7:00pm: SJN Open Mic Night:** We'll be running an open mic night and talent show for all of SJN to participate in in the SJN auditorium and need your help! Please consider performing a song/act or helping behind the scenes. Please contact Thomas to sign up an act or volunteer.
- **Saturday, October 22 at 7:30am: Hike of Old Rag:** We'll be carpooling out to join the Arlington Diocese in attending Mass and hiking in the beautiful Shenandoah Mountains. Meet at SJN to carpool and bring a lunch and plenty of water. Please RSVP to Thomas.
- **Saturday in November TBD, Habitat for Humanity Project:** We're looking into finding a day to participate in a service project through Habitat for Humanity! Email Deanna.bucciarelli@gmail.com to let her know if you're interested in joining and when you'd be free, as we need to know how many we have to sign up for a project.
- **Friday, November 18 at 7 pm: Monthly Happy Hour at P.J. Mulligan's:** Come to a great restaurant at Woodland Crossing in Herndon to catch up with friends and celebrate the start of the weekend with music, food, and fun! Please e-mail Gina at gcordell@udel.edu to RSVP.

Faith Formation

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ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Unless otherwise noted, for more information on any program, contact Mickie Abatemarco.

- **Becoming A Catholic** Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets year-round on Tuesday evenings. Email rcia@saintjn.org for information.
- **Contemplative Prayer** There is quiet prayer together every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We also meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10:00am with Lectio Divinia.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.
- **Bible Study for Mothers With Young Children** This group meets on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30am, with child care provided. Email Christy Cottrell for more information at christylc23@gmail.com.
- **Independent Online Bible Study** This 8-session course, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" will help uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, to get the "big picture" of the Bible. Details and registration link are available on our website under Faith Formation/Adults.
- **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 in brochures available at the Welcome Desk.

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, October 16** – High School Teen Night; "Called To Protect": 6:15 –8:00pm; Youth Room/Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, October 23** – Diocesan Youth Rally; 12:00 - 8:00pm; Bishop O'Connell High School
- **Sunday, October 23** – High School Teen Night; "Breaking the Myths of Alcohol Addiction": 6:15 – 8:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

"CALLED TO PROTECT" Tonight, October 16, we will present "Called to Protect" from 6:15-8:00pm. This program combines a video presentation with follow-up discussion regarding safe environments for teens. This program is mandated by the Bishop to be presented once a year to our high school teens as part of our commitment to providing a safe environment for them. Called to Protect for Youth teaches high school teens about appropriate boundaries, how to respond if someone tries to violate those boundaries and how to tell their parents or another reliable adult if they, or a friend, have been abused. It helps them to recognize their own personal boundaries and encourages appropriate communication. Parents may opt their teens out of this presentation by completing an opt-out form which will be provided upon request. Parents are welcome to review this program prior to the presentation. For more information, contact Doug Johnson.

"BREAKING THE MYTHS OF ALCOHOL ADDICTION"

Sunday evening, October 23, addiction experts from Caron Treatment Center will be with us in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium to help us explore the myths, to help us become more aware of our own behaviors and risk factors, and to become better educated to many important aspects of this disease. **All adults, especially parents of college, high school, or middle school kids and all teens are strongly urged to attend.** For further information see the article on page 6, and contact Susan Infeld at sinfeld@saintjn.org or Doug Johnson, SJN Youth Minister at djohnson@saintjn.org.

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY - Attention all High School Teens! Sign up now for the Annual Diocesan Youth Rally on Sunday, October 23 at Bishop O'Connell High School from 12:00 until 8:00 pm. You are invited to this dynamic celebration of our faith featuring food, music, inflatable games, inspirational guest speakers, Mass with the Bishop and lots and lots of fun! We will meet at St. John Neumann at 11:00am and return at about 9:00 pm. **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 (scholarships available). Permission slips (available in the Religious Education Office) and checks are due not later than tomorrow, Monday, October 17! Registration must be coordinated through Doug Johnson in the Christian Formation Office. For further information, contact Doug by at 703-860-6141 or by e-mail at djohnson@saintjn.org. Don't miss the fun - sign up now and invite a friend! Friends do not have to be members of Saint John Neumann Parish or Catholic to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY E-MAIL LIST:

Contact Doug Johnson at djohnson@saintjn.org if you wish to be placed on the SJN High School Teen Ministry email list. This is a great way to learn the latest information on events, programs and opportunities to serve in our high school teen program.

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Around the Diocese

BISHOP IRETON HIGH SCHOOL at 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria, is hosting an Open House for prospective students on Sunday, October 23 from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Presentation begins at 1:00pm. For more information call 703-751-7606.

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

“I do not care very much what men say of me, provided that God approves of me.”

St. Thomas More— A Letter to Erasmus, 1532.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION ON SAINT

THOMAS MORE In a new landmark exhibition, “God’s Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More”, the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. presents the life, martyrdom, and legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. The exhibition also explores the connection between Thomas More, the Carroll Family of Maryland, and the foundations of religious liberty in America. It features more than 60 artifacts from England and the United States, including numerous period objects from Stonyhurst College in the United Kingdom that have never been exhibited in the United States. The exhibition runs through March 31, 2017, and is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. The Saint John Paul II Shrine is located at 3900 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, D.C. Additional information can be found at www.jp2shrine.org.

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DO YOU NEED HELP APPLYING FOR U.S. CITIZENSHIP? Catholic Charities Hogar Immigrant Services will be hosting a citizenship workshop on Saturday, October 29 at St. Mark’s Catholic School, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna. Registration will be from 10:00am-1:00pm. Please call **571-208-1572** for questions or further information about which documents you should bring. There will be a fee of \$120 for a consultation with an attorney, preparing your N-400 citizenship application and photographs. We will accept cash or credit card payments.

Special Collection Stewardship

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generous gifts will help CCHD break the cycle of poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we demonstrate Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus’ mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk 4:18).

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme this year is “Mercy Changes the World.” Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please keep the Mission in your prayers and be generous in next week’s collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *“...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...”* 2 TIMOTHY 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn’t call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.