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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.*

Prayer and Liturgy

Solemnity of All Saints, A Holy Day of Obligation

We will celebrate All Saints at these liturgies:

October 31, Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

November 1, 9:00am, 12:10pm, 5:00pm

and 7:00pm (Spanish)



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 22:20-26;

Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51(2)

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us to love God and neighbor. These two commandments are the foundation of Christian Spirituality and permeate the writings of St. Francis de Sales.

To show us more vividly how ardent God's desire is for our love, God demands that love from us in wonderful terms: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all of your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." We often think that God is so great and we are so little that we are incapable of loving God. So as not to be discouraged and turn away from God's love, we are told that we are highly capable of loving God with all our strength, even after sin. To love God above all else means we need to place God above all our idols, for our heart runs after many material things and spiritual consolations. As soon as we have obtained them, it seems that we have to do it all over again. Nothing can ever satisfy our heart. God wills that our heart not find a place of permanent rest in our idols. Then our heart is free to return to God from whom it comes. Bees can only rest upon flowers in bloom. So it is with our heart. Our heart finds rest solely in God's love. Why then do we detain our heart's desire for God's love, and pursue other loves?

The Commandment to love God is higher than the Commandment to love your neighbor. But our nature offers greater resistance to the love of our neighbor. Yet, when we trust in our Savior's love, we can be more courageous in loving the image of God that is frequently veiled from us in our neighbor. We come to recognize the resemblance of the Creator in each other. For, the pure love of God is to love what is of God in all creatures. Let us then imitate Jesus, who taught us more through His works than His words, how to love our God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and our neighbor as we do our own self.

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

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



BEST WISHES to Heather Daniels and Arnaldo Zayas-Santiago; and Betsy Deering and Dave Holland 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: **Lucia Elena Inca Blackburn**, daughter of Pablo and Laura; **James Joseph Novak**, son of James and Kimberly; and **Eleanor Caroline Stalcup**, daughter of Daniel and Kathryn.



SATURDAY	OCTOBER 28
5:00pm	Rose Elizabeth Eldering †
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 29
7:30am	People of the Parish
9:30am	Mark Pavlovich †
11:30am	Robert Iadarola †
1:30pm	Mary Jane Lock †
5:00pm	Lisa Maciel †
MONDAY	OCTOBER 30
9:00am	Hal Macomber †
12:10pm	Theo Q. Benson †
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 31
6:30am	Roland Poirier †
9:00am	Peggy Stott †
5:00pm	Barbara McGrath †
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 1
9:00am	Matilde Cruz †
12:10pm	Deceased Members of Legion of Mary †
5:00pm	Mario Canizares †
7:00pm	J. Robert Ouimet, Special Intention
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 2
6:30am	Richard Montgomery †
9:00am	Hasso von Bredow, Sr. †
7:00pm	Deceased Parishioners
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 3
9:00am	Kenneth and Mark Bowen ††
12:10pm	Michael Horan †
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 4
5:00pm (Church)	Beth Quinn, Special Intention
5:00pm (Chapel)	Fred J. Brinkman †
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 5
7:30am	Sallie Ruffo †
9:30am	People of the Parish
11:30am	Louella Roman †
1:30pm	Legionarios Difuntos †
5:00pm	Salo Fajer †

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

Malachi 1:14b-2:2b,8-10 Disobedience to the law led to the exile. Adherence to the law preserved the identity of the people in exile. Canonization of the law after the exile led to the abuse of religious power.

Psalm 131:1, 2, 3 **In You, Lord, I have found my peace.** In this psalm we profess humility and simplicity.

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13 This passage may be seen as a charter for evangelization. Far from relying on power and programs, Paul embodied the word of God in maternal tenderness and humility.

Matthew 23:1-12 Unlike the Pharisees, Jesus' disciples cannot take upon themselves titles which belong only to God or to His Son. Like Christ, they must become the humble servants of their brothers and sisters.



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Thomas Aman, Aide Cordova**, mother of Beatrice Cordova; **Allen Kong Saiget**, father of Steve; and **Mary Schambach**, mother of Patrick.

PLEASE PRAY for Baby Leland Kramer and his mother, Sarah Palmer-Kramer, **Randy Larsen**, Susan Maiello, **Pat O'Brien, Tom Downey** 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 the 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.***

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 30	Reverend James P. Byrne, OSFS
October 31	Reverend Joseph G. Campellone, OSFS
November 1	Brother John M. Carroll, OSFS
November 2	Brother Robert M. Carter, OSFS
November 3	Reverend Joseph F. Chorpensing, OSFS
November 4	Reverend Paul H. Colloton, OSFS
November 5	Reverend John P. Connery, OSFS

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of November 4 - November 5 are:

Saturday	5:00pm (Chapel)	Father Don
Saturday	5:00pm (Church)	Father Dick
Sunday	7:30am	Father Bob with Deacon John
Sunday	9:30am	Father Bob
Sunday	11:30am	Father Dave
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Jose Hoyos with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Joe

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT

WEEKEND! Before you go to bed Saturday night, November 4, remember to set your clocks back one hour. You should also check or change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. You could save a life!

**REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES
ON ALL SOULS' DAY**



The Mass for the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) will be celebrated on Thursday, 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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, November 5	9:30am	Baptism
Sunday, November 19	11:30am	Baptism

HEARING IMPAIRED? Amplification devices are available for anyone having difficulty hearing the Mass. If you would like to use one, just ask an usher before Mass. Also, the parish has purchased large-print Sunday Missals to help you worship. If you would like one for your personal use contact Jo-Ann Duggan at jduggan@saintjn.org or 703-860-6149.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL

MASS The Family of Man Council #7566 will host a Memorial Mass on November 7 at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel to honor and remember all Knights of our Council who have died. All Knights and family members of these deceased Brothers are invited to attend this Memorial Mass.

If you know relatives of these men, please contact their families to make them aware of this event: SK George Armstrong, Carl Azzara, Robert Bernard, Donald Boyle, John Buckley, Anthony Buebe, Edmund Butler, James Cantwell, Rev. James Cassidy, Ilario Clandorf, PGK SK David Craven, Rev. Bernard Delos, Earl Patrick Green, Lewis Griffith, Stephen Hauser, Jr., Victor Jones, Albert Knopp, Frank Martin Jr., Charles "Dan" McGuire, Robert Mercure, Moerhady Aldhi Moerdowo, Joseph O'Dowd, Howard Preston, Paul Sibalik, Richard Stone, III, Francis Thompson, Jr., Nicholas Urban, and Joseph Wiencko, Sr.

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 tables 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. Please remove your pictures the weekend of November 25-26, which is Thanksgiving weekend. 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.

Parish Information

OFFICE CLOSING EARLY The Main Office will close at 4:00pm on Thursday 11/9, Friday, 11/10 and Monday 11/13.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME Join us for a birdwatching walk Friday, November 3 with local bird enthusiast, Bill Brown from 9:30 - 10:30am. He will help us spot birds on the parish grounds and along the paths behind the church. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will have some extras available. We will meet in the narthex after the 9:00am Mass.

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SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PRESCHOOL

INFORMATION! Please join us for an Open House Sunday, November 12 from 12:30 to 3:00pm or Thursday, November 16 from 10:00am to 12:00pm in Classroom B1. Information on class offerings, tuition rates and curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year will be available. The Preschool Director, Kathy Dallessandro, will give a short presentation at 1:00pm on Sunday, and at 10:30am on Thursday. Children are welcome! If you have any questions, please email Preschool@saintjn.org.

Respect Life Month On this final weekend of Respect Life Month let us recall that October has also been a month for honoring Mary. Her many titles should remind us of the need to defend life and support the most vulnerable of God's children at every stage of development. Patroness of the Unborn, Health of the Sick, Comforter of the Afflicted, Queen of Peace, Mother of Mercy, and Reina de las Americas, pray for us and our country. Give us the courage to stand up for all those in need of assistance and the wisdom to do so out of love for your Son.

CORNERSTONES FOOD DRIVE ENDS NOVEMBER 12

The suggested shopping list includes canned vegetables (assorted; no green beans), canned fruit (assorted), 24-ounce bottles of olive or canola oil, 2-pound bags of flour or sugar, instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese, stuffing, rice (boxes or bags), biscuit or muffin mixes, snacks (pretzels, chips, nuts, etc.), and dessert mixes (cake mix/icing, brownie mix, pie crust/filling). Financial support is also welcome, with checks made out to St John Neumann and "Thanksgiving Food Drive" on the memo line. They may be put in the collection basket at Mass or brought to the parish office during regular office hours. Food donations can be left in the parish hallway. Contact Patti Hancock for more information at 703-620-6242.

BUY A MEANINGFUL GIFT FOR YOURSELF

OR SOMEONE SPECIAL! The making of sun-catchers, ornaments, nightlights, pendants and paperweights was inspired by this quote from Saint Francis de Sales: *"Imperfect as we are, the light of God's love implanted in us is not meant to be hidden – it is meant to be shared."* So, let your light shine for and with others!



All items are handmade, one-of-a-kind reminders of the many blessings we share in the Saint John Neumann Catholic Community. Items are embedded with stained glass salvaged from the original church's entrance doors replaced during a building expansion project. Samples of all items can be viewed and ordered through our parish website, <http://www.saintjn.org/>. Proceeds are donated to the Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales to care for retired priests and seminarians. Limited quantities are available. Pre-order stained glass items now for pickup the weekends of November 11-12 and 18-19.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST NEXT

WEEKEND! The Knights of Columbus are going to serve us a wonderful meal at their Charity Fundraising Breakfast next Sunday, November 5, from 8:30-11:30am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. The beneficiary this month is Haven of Northern Virginia, a 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to provide emotional support to the bereaved, the seriously ill, the dying and their family and friends. We strongly suggest you visit their web site at www.havenofnva.org to learn about the many different types of support and support groups available.

LIKE CAKE WITH YOUR BREAKFAST?

Remember that Elizabeth Susanne Hartung-Zangel, mother of Judith Mandrgoc and grandmother of Mark, will share her 100th Birthday Cake with everyone at the November 5th breakfast after the 9:30am Mass! Bring your camera and sign the Mega-Birthday card.



OCTOBER 2017 FAMILY OF THE MONTH

The entire Knights of Columbus Council #7566 has been selected as the Council's Family of the Month for October 2017! The Knights played a key role making our annual Oktoberfest a huge success. The Council decorated the auditorium; staged the tables and chairs; organized and purchased the food and beer for several hundred guests; and cleaned, positioned, and staffed the two grill stations. At the end of the evening, Council members were at the parish well into the night, cleaning the kitchen and stowing the chairs and tables. It was a lot of work, but it showed our Knights at their best and emphasized the Knights' ideals of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.

Because so many of the Brothers played key roles in supporting Oktoberfest, the Knights took the unusual step of selecting the entire Council as their Family of the Month for October. Many thanks to all of the Council members for their dedication and support of the entire parish community and, in particular, for making Oktoberfest a success!

THANK YOU TO ALL THE TOOTSIE ROLL

LOVERS! Your amazing generosity to the Knights of Columbus during the KOVAR weekend enabled us to collect over \$3,000 to assist citizens with intellectual disabilities.

BROWN BAG SUNDAY Remember the Cornerstones' Van is in the parking lot this weekend for your donations. Thank you for your generosity.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS The Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council #7566 strives to “Keep Christ in Christmas”. In today’s society, this seems to be more and more difficult. Please join the Knights in their effort by supporting their annual Religious Christmas Card sale. The Knights will be available after every Mass next weekend, November 4-5 and again on the 11-12 to help you make your selections. Don’t miss the opportunity to purchase this year’s Christmas cards that share your faith with a spiritual message.



AND, TO MAIL THOSE CARDS

There are two religious Christmas stamps currently available from the USPS, the Nativity and Florentine Madonna and Child. These Forever Stamps (49¢) can be purchased on the USPS website at <https://store.usps.com/> or at the local post offices.



SANTA’S HELPERS NEEDED Would you like to help us spread some Christmas joy to children in need? We are looking for volunteers willing to help with our two Christmas Giving Programs: Angel Gifts and Gifts for Kids, starting on the weekend of November 11-12 and running until December 3-4. If you would like to volunteer for Angel Gifts, contact Maura Burke at maura_burke@hotmail.com. For Gifts for Kids, contact Mary Kay Crain at crain3106@outlook.com or Linda Preston at Impreston1@gmail.com. “For it is in giving that we receive” (St. Francis of Assisi).

“WELCOME HOME” RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

Catholic Charities has started a new ministry to mentor those leaving jail, [Welcome Home Re-Entry Program](#). We will have a guest speaker, Ken Fails, a convert to Catholicism while in prison, who will discuss his personal journey through the prison system and when he was released, with nowhere to go. He will share about the culture shock he experienced as a returning citizen, and how he felt that wherever he went, the word “FELON” was brightly tattooed across his forehead. Please join us in the de Sales Chapel on Wednesday, November 15, at 7:00pm. All are welcome to attend. Bring a friend and RSVP at <http://bit.ly/wpchccda>.

Please consider bringing a gift card (CVS, Giant, Walmart, Smart Trip, etc.) to support those leaving jail. Or, make a financial donation to Catholic Charities for the Welcome Home Re-entry Program. Proceeds will be used to assist our returning citizens. If you have questions, contact Jo-Ann Duggan at jduggan@saintjn.org.

“ALL ARE WELCOME” CORNER

Care for God’s Creation: Not Just an Earth Day Slogan
Last week’s article in this “corner” of the bulletin summarized one of the themes of Catholic Social Teaching: *The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers*. This week we briefly summarize another theme: *Care for God’s Creation*.

The American Catholic bishops remind us that “Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.” (The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) website, <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/seven-themes-of-catholic-social-teaching.cfm>)

Care for the environment is completely interconnected with what our faith tells us are our responsibilities to others; this theme is not asking us to prioritize the environment over people, and the church does not see the issue in that way. Pope Francis, in *On Care for Our Common Home*, writes: “A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. . . . Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.”

The Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services (the bishops’ organization for international assistance) have produced a short video that explains this theme. Visit this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSnXuCxiHXE>.

Question for reflection: Spend a few minutes to watch the video and then ask yourself, “What can I do differently in my daily life to emphasize the theme of *Care for God’s Creation*?”

COMFORT AND GRACE Join us for an evening of prayer and community as you face the first holidays without a loved one. Two sessions will be facilitated by Mickie Abatemarco and Kathleen Seebak, on November 16 and December 20, at 7:00pm in the deSales Chapel.

TROOP SCOOP November is Military Appreciation Month for St. John Neumann’s Boy Scout Troop 124. Our Scouts will be participating in the “Angel Flight” program. These are groups whose members provide



free air transportation for service member passengers in need of medical treatment far from home and perform other missions of community service. The Troop is planning to meet the flights at Dulles or Reagan National airport and help assist patients and their families. We are planning to camp on either the USS New Jersey or at a campground near Marine Corps Base Quantico.

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TAX SAVINGS THROUGH A GIFT OF STOCK

You may make a gift of stock as a donation to St. John Neumann parish or Diocese of Arlington. In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on stock appreciation. If you would like more information, call 703-841-3896 or visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/giving/gifts_stock.aspx.

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. 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.
- **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.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 2nd Monday evening or the 2nd Tuesday morning for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email kmonroe58@gmail.com, or for morning sessions email madcass5@att.net or 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 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.

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.

- **Sunday, November 5, 9:20am, Monthly Mass and Brunch, St. John Neumann:** We'll continue our monthly tradition and meet to celebrate Mass and brunch as a community! We'll meet at the narthex welcome desk to sit together, and will afterwards head to a nearby restaurant for brunch! Please 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.
- **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 Felice Ketterer for more information at felicegabriele@gmail.com.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.



PRE-K - 5TH GRADE FAMILY NIGHT Join us for Family Dinner and Outreach on Monday, November 6, from 6:00 - 7:30pm. We will decorate bakery boxes and cupcakes for Christ House, and at least one for you! RSVP to Mickie Abatemarco by November 1 by email to mabate-marco@saintjn.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Doug Johnson
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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 is 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!

MINI WORK CAMP Calling all teens and adults! Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? Here's a great opportunity to help those in need, learn some new skills, do hands-on basic home repairs and have fun! Sign-up and join us for the Mini Work Camp on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00am—3:00pm. No experience is necessary – help bring hope by sharing your Christian love with those in need in our community. Permission Slips are required! Contact Phyllis Rienzo by phone at (703) 795-0339 or e-mail at prienzo@verizon.net for a permission slip, more information, and to let her know that you will be participating in the work camp.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BE STAKEHOLDER FOR DIOCESAN WORK CAMP

– Diocesan Work Camp will be held in the Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania area from June 23 to June 29, 2018. We need a volunteer to serve as the Stakeholder from Saint John Neumann Parish for the Work Camp. The parish Stakeholder is responsible for mobilizing, organizing, and preparing our parish for Work Camp by inviting teens to attend, recruiting adult volunteers to serve as crew leaders, contractors, security staff and more; conducting all of the parish meetings necessary to prepare everyone for what they will encounter at Work Camp and then participating in the week of Work Camp. You will work closely with Doug Johnson, Coordinator of High School Youth Ministry, in this endeavor. In order to have the teens and adults from our parish fully prepared for Work Camp, it is mandatory that the Stakeholder attend all of the diocesan Stakeholder meetings, and conduct all of the parish meetings which are outlined in a Parish Preparation Manual which will be supplied by the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry. The job of Stakeholder for Diocesan Work Camp can be challenging and requires a significant amount of time and a high level of commitment, but is a very rewarding experience. Time is of the essence for volunteering, as the first Stakeholder meeting will be

held on November 9 from 7:30 - 9:30pm at St. James parish in Falls Church. Please contact Doug Johnson as soon as possible either by phone at 703-860-6141 or by e-mail at djohnson@saintjn.org to volunteer to be the Work Camp Stakeholder. If you need further information or have any questions, please call or send an e-mail. Oh, and check out the huge bulletin board on the left at the end of the main hallway to view loads of pictures of our adults and teens at Work Camp this past summer! You will be amazed at what they accomplished and see them at play and worship, too!

Around the Diocese

VOTER EDUCATION RESOURCES On November 7, Virginians will elect their governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general. To help voters prepare for these elections the Virginia Catholic Conference has compiled three separate side-by-side comparisons of the positions of candidates for state offices. The Conference, which represents Virginia's bishops on public policy matters, neither supports nor opposes candidates for public office. As they consider these races and also local House of Delegates races, voters are encouraged to form their consciences by consulting the Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/2017virginiaelection/ to view these materials in English and in Spanish.

*“As soon as you let go of God,
there is no solid foundation anymore.
Everything falls apart.”*

Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IS HAPPENING IN OUR AREA

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THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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.**

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 two weeks to think about how the diocese can improve their communications with the parishioners. Please let them know how your needs may be best met.

PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will host their annual Open House this 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 6th, 7th and 8th graders and their families to explore the benefits of a Catholic high school education. Visit www.paulvi.net or email ehanley@pvipanther.net for additional information about PVI. Current 8th graders are encouraged to set up a **PANTHER FOR A DAY** experience by emailing gfarello@pvipanther.net.

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Harm's Way Prayer List



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK the men and women serving in our armed forces and those civilians whose work puts them in harm's way.

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind."* **MATTHEW 22:37**

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it's not too late to put God first in your life in all things.

Special Collection Stewardship

RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE MARIA IN PUERTO RICO Next weekend, November 4 - 5, there will be a special collection to provide much-needed assistance to the residents of Puerto Rico, who have lost so much. Please help as you are able.