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Please call Mickie Abatemarco at 703-390-2340, to inquire about becoming Catholic.

**MARRIAGE:** Begin preparation with one of our parish priests at least six months before the desired marriage date.

**SICK:** Please call the office if you know of someone who is hospitalized, seriously ill, or home-bound.

*\*Please Note: Material for the bulletin must be submitted no later than Thursday, ten days prior to the intended publication date.*

***THIS WEEK AT SJN...***

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ In Christmas" Card Sale After All Masses

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

Faith Formation Family Night: 6:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Cub Scout Pack 1971: 7:00pm; B6/B7

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

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Care For Our Common Home: 7:00pm; B11/B12

Catechist Enrichment: 7:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

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

Emergency Preparedness: 7:00PM; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Social Justice: 7:00pm; Conference Room

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

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

Contemplative Prayer and Lectio Divina: 10:00am; Marian Chapel

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: 3:00pm; de Sales Chapel

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Life After Sunday: 7:00pm; B1

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

*Veterans Day Holiday*

*Office Closed All Day*

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

Salesian Retreat: 6:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ In Christmas" Card Sale After Mass

Organ Donor Sabbath After Mass

Thanksgiving Food Drive Donations Due

Salesian Retreat: 9:00am; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

Spanish Prayer Group

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13**

Faith Formation Classes

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ In Christmas" Card Sale After All Masses

Organ Donor Sabbath After Mass

Thanksgiving Food Drive Donations Due

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Moms' Group: 1:30pm; A1/A2

Blood Pressure Screening: 2:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

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

## THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



**With Honor & Gratitude  
We Remember**

VETERANS DAY    NOVEMBER 11

Prayer and Liturgy



### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14;**  
**Psalm 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;**  
**2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5;**  
**Luke 20:27-38**

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals that the children of God will rise again. We will rise because our God is not a God of the dead but of the living. St. Francis de Sales notes:

We must not look for surpassingly perfect love in this mortal life. Our hearts have a thirst that cannot be quenched by the pleasures of this mortal life. If they are moderate, our most cherished and sought after pleasures do not satisfy us. If they are extreme, they stifle us and become harmful. Only the fresh waters of undying life that God's love offers us can quench our thirst and quiet our desires. Since God's love is so superior to ours, God willed to become like one of us to show us what we needed to do in order to live eternally. When we place our love in Jesus Christ, we place our life in Him. A spray of grapes united and joined to the stock brings forth fruit by virtue of the stock onto which it is grafted. So likewise our life in Christ vivifies and animates us with heavenly love. Through the sacred love that the Holy Spirit steepes in our hearts, we produce sacred actions that carry us toward immortal glory.

However, in this mortal life, the example of Jesus tells us that our salvation is a journey toward wholeness in Christ. Enduring injuries, contradictions and discomforts as peacefully as Jesus did are moments that fashion eternity. One ounce of patience acquired during a season of trials is worth more than ten pounds gained in any other season. In your daily meditation, reflect on patience so as to make yourself practice patience faithfully. If you find your heart agitated during this season, delicately take your heart with the tips of your fingers and put it back in its place. Then say, "Be cheerful, dear heart." Great designs are effected through patience and duration of time. Courage, for our God who is God of the living is always with us, so that we may rise again in Christ.

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

### LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of November 12 - November 13 are:

|          |         |                                   |
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| Saturday | 5:00pm  | Father Bill with Deacon Joe       |
| Sunday   | 7:30am  | Father Joe                        |
| Sunday   | 9:30am  | Father Richard DeLillio, OSFS     |
| Sunday   | 11:30pm | Father Bob                        |
| Sunday   | 1:30pm  | Father Russo with Deacon Atanacio |
| Sunday   | 5:00pm  | Father Joe                        |



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| <p><b>SATURDAY</b><br/>                     5:00pm (Chapel)<br/>                     5:00pm (Church)</p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b><br/>                     7:30am<br/>                     9:30am<br/>                     11:30am<br/>                     1:30pm<br/>                     5:00pm</p> <p><b>MONDAY</b><br/>                     9:00am<br/>                     12:10pm</p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b><br/>                     6:30am<br/>                     9:00am</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b><br/>                     9:00am<br/>                     12:10pm</p> <p><b>THURSDAY</b><br/>                     6:30am<br/>                     9:00am</p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b><br/>                     9:00am<br/>                     12:10pm</p> <p><b>SATURDAY</b><br/>                     5:00pm</p> <p><b>SUNDAY</b><br/>                     7:30am<br/>                     9:30am<br/>                     11:30am<br/>                     1:30pm<br/>                     5:00pm</p> | <p><b>NOVEMBER 5</b><br/>                     Phillip O'Sullivan †<br/>                     Joseph and Maria Laurich ††</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER 6</b><br/>                     Mary McHugh †<br/>                     Mary Duffy †<br/>                     Wesley H. Ruth †<br/>                     People of the Parish<br/>                     Charles Cook †</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER 7</b><br/>                     Rosemarie and Joseph Romeo ††<br/>                     Brian Berry †</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER 8</b><br/>                     Mary Ann Bennett †<br/>                     Rose Trentacoste †</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER 9</b><br/>                     Walt Lysaght †<br/>                     Ray Barbosa, Special Intention</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER 10</b><br/>                     Teresa Vizza †<br/>                     Nancy Seiter †</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER 11</b><br/>                     Edward Baker †<br/> <i>No Mass Today</i></p> <p><b>NOVEMBER 12</b><br/>                     Joseph Thomas Veltri †</p> <p><b>NOVEMBER 13</b><br/>                     Jacqueline Reiley †<br/>                     Ruth Bryant †<br/>                     Dorothy Olds †<br/>                     People of the Parish<br/>                     Mark Bowns Szymanski †</p> |
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**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:** Next weekend we celebrate **The Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**. Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from God's Word:

**Malachi 3:19-20** The Day of the Lord was a day which Israel awaited. On that day the enemies of God's people would be defeated in a world-shaking cataclysm. The faithful would emerge victorious.

**Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9** **The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.** As the liturgical year is approaching its conclusion, the Church looks forward to the last times. It will be a time of perfect justice. Christ is coming, and what He has prepared for us defies the human imagination.

**2 Thessalonians 3:7-12** We must not await the return of Christ in agitation or idleness. The real way to prepare ourselves for the last times is to carry out our human tasks conscientiously.

**Gospel: Luke 21:5-19** We must not too quickly interpret catastrophic events as signs of an imminent end of the world. The time of the Church is the time not of calculations but of perseverance.



**WE WELCOME** those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Olivia Riley Brooks**, daughter of Robert and Amanda; **Madelyn Grace Deacon**, daughter of James and Katherine; **Michael Alexander Diaz**, son of Edwin and Yansi; and **Maverick James Walsh**, son of Matthew and Kristin.

**MEMORIAL TABLE** The flowers on the table of remembrance for the month of November are donated by Joanna Fiedler in memory of her father, Andrzej Fiedler.

**PLEASE PRAY** for those who have asked for our prayers, **Sophia Ott**, and **Tom Schuster** 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.***

**MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE:** Please note that on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, there will be a 9:00am Mass, but not a 12:10pm Mass.



## LITURGICAL REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER HEET

Father Heet continues his monthly series with discussion of The Intercessions, Doxology and Great Amen.

We are all familiar with the General Intercessions or Prayers of the Faithful that follow the homily and creed at Mass; technically, in the new translation of the missal, these prayers for various intentions are now called the Universal Prayer. However, they are not the only time we pray for specific intentions at Mass. In the latter part of the Eucharistic prayer, the presider prays first for the universal Church with a specific mention of the Pope and the bishop of the diocese. He then prays for those who have died (our brothers and sisters who share our faith as well as, interestingly, "all who have died in your mercy", which clearly includes non-Christians and unbelievers); and finally those who are present in the assembly. There are special intercessions that are inserted at a wedding mass (for the bride and groom) and at funerals (for the deceased).

The final intercession always ends with a reference to Jesus Christ, and thus it sets the stage for the doxology, i.e. the Church's prayer of praise and adoration. This is the prayer that is sung or proclaimed, "Through Him, With Him and in Him, O God almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours forever and ever". Stop and think what that means. The only praise that is worthy of God is that which Jesus, His Son, gave Him by his passion, death and resurrection. We recall Christ's loving sacrifice in the Eucharistic prayer, and our "Amen!" to the doxology incorporates us, as the worshipping Body of Christ, in that great act of worship. Little wonder we refer to our response as "The Great Amen"!

**WE PRAY** for those who have died, especially **Sam Conner**, son of Polly and Chris and brother of Maddie and Joe; **Greg Rosenberger**, nephew of Maria Aguero; and **Theresa Winter**, mother of Joan Skerritt.



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

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| November 7  | Reverend Mauricio R. Pineda         |
| November 8  | Reverend Anthony J. Pinizzotto      |
| November 9  | Reverend Donald J. Planty           |
| November 10 | Reverend Jerry J. Pokorsky          |
| November 11 | Reverend Christopher J. Pollard     |
| November 12 | Reverend Marcus A. Pollard          |
| November 13 | Reverend Ramel O. Portula, C.I.C.M. |

## THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED



**SACRAMENT** *"We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at our Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way."*  
(Venerable Fulton J. Sheen)

Our monthly Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place this Thursday, November 10 from 3:00 – 8:00pm in the de Sales Chapel. Draw closer to Our Lord by spending some quality time with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. A sign-up sheet is on the counter near the Welcome Desk for those who wish to commit to a half-hour or one-hour time slot.

**MONTHLY PRAYER VIGIL** Please join us next Saturday, November 12, for our monthly prayer vigil for peace, as we pray for our country and its newly elected leaders after a long and divisive campaign, that we and they come together to work for justice, peace, and the common good. The vigil is from 4:00 to 4:45pm in de Sales Chapel. We pray the Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace, listen to God's Word, and offer our intentions to our merciful Savior. For information, Contact either Ken Fredgren at [fredgren.k@gmail.com](mailto:fredgren.k@gmail.com) or Bob More at [rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com](mailto:rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com).

**TAIZÉ OUTREACH** Come join us for a special Taizé service at the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute (NVMHI) on Sunday, November 13 at 3:30pm. NVMHI is located within the Fairfax Hospital Complex – 3302 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Perhaps you have attended Taizé at our parish, but to experience it at this Institute is an entirely different experience! Please contact CJ Capen, our Director of Music, at [cjcapen@saintjn.org](mailto:cjcapen@saintjn.org) for more information.



### Parish Information

**"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" CARD SALE** The Knights of Columbus will be available after every Mass this weekend and again next weekend to help you make your selections from the many beautiful religious Christmas cards they will have to offer for purchase. Remind your friends and relatives about the true meaning of Christmas with your personal greetings!



**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE ENDS NEXT SUNDAY!** The deadline for Cornerstones Thanksgiving Food Drive donations is next Sunday, November 13. The High School Teens will begin sorting the food that evening. The needs are: canned vegetables (assorted; no green beans); canned fruit (assorted); 24 oz. bottles of olive or canola oil; 2-pound bags of flour or sugar, instant potatoes or macaroni and cheese; rice (boxes or 2- to 5-pound bags); biscuit or muffin mixes; snacks (pretzels, chips, nuts, etc.) and dessert mixes.

To support financially, please make checks payable to St. John Neumann Church with Thanksgiving Food Drive in the memo line. Place cash in an envelope marked Thanksgiving Food Drive and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. As always, we thank you for your generosity to our neighbors.

**Culmore Clinic** ARE YOU HUNGRY THIS MORNING?  
CARE FOR ALL

The Knights of Columbus have a solution for you. Stop by at their monthly Charity Fundraising Breakfast this Sunday, November 6, from 8:30-11:30am in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. Representatives from the Culmore Clinic, the November beneficiary, will be at the event to chat with you about their services and volunteer opportunities. More information about the clinic can be found on the Family of Man web site at [www.kofc7566.us](http://www.kofc7566.us) or on the clinic web site at [www.culmoreclinic.org](http://www.culmoreclinic.org).

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** This topic comes to the forefront during times like September 11, hurricane season or the dreaded winter storm. However, emergencies by nature are unplanned, dramatic and potentially catastrophic events. The time to put your plan in place is before an emergency strikes! Please attend an Emergency Preparedness presentation this Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management will discuss the elements of their program: "Get a kit, make a plan, stay informed", and provide valuable resources to help put your plan in place. A kit and a plan are needed for our homes, our workplaces, our cars, and for our family members living elsewhere. Take this evening opportunity to focus on setting up or revising your family plan in case of emergency. Fairfax County has updated communication for emergencies that you may not be familiar with, as well as excellent take-home material. For further information, visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem).

**ANNUAL SALESIAN RETREAT**  
**GIVING THANKS ... GRATEFUL FOR GOD'S MERCY**  
**PRESENTATIONS BY: FR. RICHARD DELILLIO, OSFS**  
**AND SR. KATHLEEN LUNSMANN, IHM**  
**NOVEMBER 11 AND 12**

Don't miss this two-day retreat next weekend! Beginning with a potluck supper Friday, November 11, from 6:00-9:30pm experience a delightfully prayerful evening celebration as we close the Church's Year of Mercy. After the potluck dinner, Father DeLillio and Sister Lunsmann will share vignettes and stories from the lives of various religious communities that have been helped by Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR).



Saturday, from 9:00am – 12:00pm Father DeLillio will lead the morning retreat. The format includes presentation, quiet reflection time and Mass. Join us for one or both sessions.

A small marketplace will have Brother Mickey McGrath's 2016 Christmas Card and 2017 Calendar, as well as some Salesian books and stained-glass gift items handmade by members of the Live Jesus! Communities available for purchase before and after each day's program

Register on-line at [www.saintjn.org](http://www.saintjn.org). A detailed schedule is included on the registration page. Due to the nature of this event, **advance registration is required**. Please help us plan this event by registering early! Freewill offerings are appreciated.

**Service Opportunity** St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families (Formerly St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home) is in need of some specific items for the poor they serve in Washington, DC. If you want to help, bring any of the following items to the retreat: Laundry soap, mattress covers (twin, moisture-proof), Similac baby formula (powder, regular, in the blue can), bed pillows and moisture-proof linings for bed pillows.

### **HAVE YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENED!**

Are you aware that high blood pressure (HBP) is a serious condition leading to coronary heart disease, heart failure, stroke, kidney failure, and other major health problems? About 1 in 3 adults in the United States has HBP. The condition usually has no signs or symptoms; you can have it for years without knowing it. During this time, HBP can damage your heart, blood vessels, kidneys, and other parts of your body.

We are entering into the most stressful eight weeks of the year, with all the pressures of preparing for and surviving the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays. We all need to be sure that we take extra care of ourselves during this period. Do yourself and your family a favor; have your blood pressure screened by parish nurses next Sunday, November 13, between 2:30 - 3:30pm. In the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium.



For those whose pressure readings are high, counselors will be available to offer guidance on changes in diet and behavior that can help you to better control your blood pressure, or to help you assess whether or not you need medical treatment. Lots of documentation on how to reduce and control your blood pressure, and with general tips for good heart health will be available at the screening.

### **WELCOME THE STRANGER REFUGEE MINISTRY**

**STATUS REPORT** Due to your generosity, we were able to collect 12 bins of pots, pans, Pyrex baking dishes and other items that will make a big difference in the lives of these refugees. Thank you for your support as we introduce this new ministry.

### **"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF" MARK 12:31**

Every November, National Donor Sabbath is a time when leaders of all major faiths and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services bring attention to the precious "sharing the gift of life" opportunity by encouraging education, consideration, and donation. This personal decision should be made within the context of one's faith and value system, and communicated with both loved ones and health care providers.

The Catholic Church recognizes organ donation as a great act of charity and love. When the Vatican hosted the European Organ Donation Day in October 2014, Pope Francis described the act of organ donation as "a testimony of love for our neighbor." Pope John Paul II stated, "The Catholic Church promotes the fact that there is a need for organ donors and that Christians should accept this as a challenge to their generosity and fraternal love. One of the most powerful ways for individuals to demonstrate love for their neighbor is by making the informed decision to be an organ donor."

Currently the national transplant needs list exceeds over 120,000. Approximately 300 individuals are added to the list each month and 22 people die each day waiting for an organ. Christ selflessly gave his life for us so that we might have eternal life. What an amazing gift for us to be able to save the earthly life of another by becoming an organ donor.

Please take the time to educate yourself and your family about our Catholic beliefs and discuss your personal wishes. A table will be set up in the Narthex after all Masses November 12-13 with information and organ donor cards. Please contact a member of the clergy staff or Parish Nurse, Susan Infeld RN BSN FCN at [svinfeld@saintjn.org](mailto:svinfeld@saintjn.org) or 703-390-2349, for any questions or further information. Catholicism is Pro Life. Today, we are called to serve this mission in a uniquely personal way.

**FILM SCREENINGS** Daniel Kurt, a St. John Neumann parishioner, recently wrote a new documentary about one of America's preeminent Catholic writers, Flannery O'Connor. The film, entitled *Uncommon Grace: The Life of Flannery O'Connor*, explores the vital role that the writer's faith played in her personal life and in her fiction. There will be two local screenings of the film, both free, on November 11. A question and answer session with Daniel and director Bridget Kurt will follow each showing.



#### **Alexandria Film Festival (official selection)**

Friday, November 11 from 10:30am-12:00pm

Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria

#### **Catholic University of America**

Friday, November 11 from 5:00 -6:30pm

Hannan Hall 108

Free tickets available at [uncommongrace.eventbrite.com](http://uncommongrace.eventbrite.com)

**COMFORT AND GRACE** Are you approaching the upcoming holidays for the first time without a loved one? Join others for prayer and community Wednesday, November 16 and again Thursday, December 15 in the de Sales Chapel at 7:00pm. You may come to one or both sessions; each will be facilitated by Mickie Abatemarco and Kathleen Seebek.

### **DINE WITH US? DINE AT HOME? YOU CHOOSE!**

Monday, November 21, the Knights of Columbus are hosting an Italian Dinner in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium to help raise funds for its Knights of Columbus Scholarship Program. A great dinner is planned with traditional dishes being served from 5:30 to 7:30pm

This date has been selected to accommodate everyone who is very busy at the beginning of this hectic Thanksgiving week, whether getting their children to and from Faith Formation classes; shopping and doing preliminary baking and cooking for their Thanksgiving meals, preparing for the arrival of holiday houseguests, or packing and fine-tuning their own travel plans. We hope to eliminate some of that hassle by offering a break from cooking at least one night this week. And, for those really on the go, you can take dinner home in a take-out tray!

The Knights are hosting this dinner to exclusively fund our scholarships 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, while you still can.

### **HEADS UP! SOON YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE**

#### **THE FOREST FOR THE TREES!**



Boy Scout Troop 124's Christmas Tree Sale is just around the corner. This year they once again will be featuring beautiful fresh-cut fraser fir Christmas trees. By popular demand, their source for the trees is Sutherland Trees. Many clients commented on the "staying-power" and scent of their

trees, so there was no reason to look elsewhere! The trees will be sold on the Saturdays and Sunday of the weekends of December 3-4 and 10-11 from 8:00am to 9:00pm. Tree sizes are 6-7ft at \$49.99, 7-8ft at \$59.99, and 8-9ft at \$69.99. In addition to supporting troop activities and equipment needs, 10% of your purchase will be donated back to Saint John Neumann. Thank you for your support! Questions? Call Laura Amaral 703-581-7209.

## THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR LIVE JESUS!

**2017** Today, many people depend on their (GPS) Global Positioning System( GPS) to get around, but some of us still rely on the "old fashioned" way. Physical maps are harder to use, and they don't warn us of road closures or heavy traffic ahead. Most of us probably have a GPS in our vehicles and program it whenever we need to go somewhere unfamiliar, because we need a voice to guide us out of trouble when we hit an obstacle, especially when we can't get out of the situation on our own.

Salesian GPS is a different kind of approach designed to help us find our way in life. It's a spiritual navigation system based on the Little Virtues, as explained by St. Francis de Sales, that helps us find the way on our earthly journey. It's also the theme for *Live Jesus!*, the annual Lenten morning of spiritual reflection taking place here on Saturday, March 18 from 9:00am-12:45pm. Come to hear what Rev. Frank Danella, OSFS, former pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, and Rev. Matt Hillyard, OSFS the new pastor of OLGC, have to tell us about the guiding voice of Salesian Spirituality.

Be sure to save the date, and continue to follow this space for updated information in the coming weeks!

### Fellowship

#### ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30—11:30am. All are welcome!
- **9:00am Daily Mass and Fellowship:** Following Mass in the Chapel, join us in the Bridal Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. Take that first step and contact us at [info@kofc7566.us](mailto:info@kofc7566.us).
- **Legion of Mary** Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home for two weeks? If interested, the Legion of Mary will deliver and retrieve the Holy Virgin at your convenience. For information email [pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com) or call 703-968-3337.
- **Life+Savers:** 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens gather on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:momsgroup@saintjn.org).
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday morning or the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email [ksmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:ksmonroe58@gmail.com), and for evening sessions email [gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com](mailto:gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com).
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at [megan.murphy218@gmail.com](mailto:megan.murphy218@gmail.com).
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at [youngadults@saintjn.org](mailto:youngadults@saintjn.org).

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

- **Friday, November 11 at 7:00pm: Evening Prayer and S'mores Night:** Wind down at the end of the week with some group prayer and reflection around a campfire, followed by s'mores and conversation with friends! Please contact Thomas at [saintjnya@gmail.com](mailto:saintjnya@gmail.com) to RSVP and get his Herndon address for the event.
- **Friday, November 18 at 7:00pm: 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](mailto:gcordell@udel.edu) to RSVP.
- **Thursday, November 24 at 9:00am: Fairfax Turkey Trot Race:** Start your Thanksgiving morning early as we form a group to run this family-friendly 4-mile race together! Registration is \$30 until November 22 and supports several local charities. Contact Katie at [Kathryn.c.harris@saic.com](mailto:Kathryn.c.harris@saic.com) if you're interested.

#### 50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- **Thursday, November 17: Marine Corps Museum, Triangle.** This is always a favorite trip. The museum is still undergoing expansion but it is again open for visits. Follow the amazing history of the Marine Corps via this incredible museum. Admission and parking are free. We will leave right after 9:00am Mass.
- **Thursday, December 15: Christmas Luncheon at Chez Francois in Great Falls.** 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 Jill Thurman at [jillront@verizon.net](mailto:jillront@verizon.net) as soon as possible.

## Faith Formation

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### ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

- **Becoming A Catholic** Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) meets year-round on Tuesday evenings. Email [rcia@saintjn.org](mailto:rcia@saintjn.org) for information.
- **Contemplative Prayer** There is quiet prayer together every Thursday evening at 7:00pm. We also meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 10:00am with Lectio Divinia.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.
- **Bible Study for Mothers With Young Children** This group meets on Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30am, with child care provided. Email Christy Cottrell for more information at [christylc23@gmail.com](mailto:christylc23@gmail.com).
- **Independent Online Bible Study** This 8-session course, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" will help uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, to get the "big picture" of the Bible. Details and registration link are available on our website under Faith Formation/Adults.
- **Power of Story** This program, presented by William R. Stott, Jr. meets Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the de Sales Chapel. Class schedule and registration forms are 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, November 6** – High School Teen Movie/ Game Night: 6:15 – 8:00pm; Youth Room and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, November 13** – Thanksgiving Basket Collection: 6:15 – 8:00pm; Youth Room and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, November 20** – High School Teen Night: 6:15 – 8:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, November 27** – No High School Teen Night—Thanksgiving Break



### AGAPE MOVIE AND GAME NIGHT THIS SUNDAY!

All High School Teens and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their friends are welcome to join us for a Movie and Game Night this Sunday in the Youth Room and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium from 6:15 to 10:00pm. Celebrate having Monday and Tuesday off from school for Student Holidays and join us to play games, watch a movie and enjoy some food, fun and fellowship. We will have pizza! Bring friends, your favorite board game and your favorite movie suitable for viewing by a Christian youth group! Choice of movie will be determined from among available selections. If selections submitted are not deemed appropriate by management, an appropriate substitute will be provided. Don't miss out – share in the fun!

### THANKSGIVING BASKET COLLECTION AND

**SORTING** The Pre-K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation Classes have been bringing in food that will be used in Thanksgiving Baskets for those less fortunate than us. Next Sunday, November 13, we will bring the food from the classrooms and closets and will sort it on the tables in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. This is a great service project to help our parishioners who will be preparing the Thanksgiving baskets. When you come, please bring \$3.00 which will be used to purchase gift cards given to the recipients of the Thanksgiving Baskets to purchase a turkey, ham or other main course for their Thanksgiving meal. Thank you!

### HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY E-MAIL LIST:

Contact Doug Johnson at [djohnson@saintjn.org](mailto: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.

## Around the Diocese

### COMMUNITY SECURE SHRED EVENT AT PVI

The Paul VI Catholic High School Swim and Dive Team is sponsoring a SECURE Shred Event Saturday, November 19 from 9:00am-12:00pm in the school parking lot. You will be able to watch as your personal papers are securely destroyed on our site. This will be easy because you do not have to remove staples, paperclips, binder clips, rubber bands or tape! The suggested donations of \$10 per bag or box will benefit the Swim and Dive Team. Isn't it time to sort through those piles of paper you have been hanging on to for so long?



## THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOSEPH

**SCHOOL IN HERNDON** Our neighbors at St. Joseph School in Herndon are currently looking for candidates to fill several positions. They are seeking a Learning Resource teacher, and ask interested candidates to send a letter of interest and a resumé to Mrs. Cindi Conroy, Principal, at [cconroy@sjschoolva.org](mailto:cconroy@sjschoolva.org). In addition, for their Extended Day program they are seeking part-time aides for the afternoon program (3:00-6:00pm). Candidates must be compliant in the Child Protection Program. If interested please submit a letter of interest and a resumé to Mrs. Jennifer Applegate, Director of Extended Day Program at [j.applegate@sjschoolva.org](mailto:j.applegate@sjschoolva.org).



### GIVE A GIFT FOR LIFE

Please give a *Gift for Life* this season to help Gabriel Project fund a mother's maternity care. One grateful mother wrote: "Gabriel Project was very caring. I feel that everything that happened was by the mercy of God, and it confirmed my faith in God. There are no words or actions that can describe the happiness being a mother brings." To donate visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/gifforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/gifforlife).

### PROJECT RACHEL MONTHLY HOLY HOUR

#### TO PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

All are invited to attend an intercessory prayer holy hour to pray for the healing of our culture and for our brothers and sisters affected by abortion. The holy hours are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30pm. at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church in Fairfax Station. All are welcome. For more information, please contact (703) 841-2504 or [info@helpafterabortion.org](mailto:info@helpafterabortion.org). Visit our website: [helpafterabortion.org](http://helpafterabortion.org).

### SUNDAY TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

The Diocese of Arlington, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Washington, produces a weekly Sunday TV Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Viewers can watch the TV Mass every Sunday from 10:30 – 11am on the DCW50 network. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshiping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. For more information, visit: [www.arlingtondiocese.org/tv-mass](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/tv-mass).

### FALL MEN'S RETREAT: Perfecting the Soul through Faith, Hope, and Charity – November 18-20

To conclude the Year of Mercy, take a weekend for quiet prayer and reflection at San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post. The retreat will be led by Father Basil Cole, O.P., Professor of Moral, Spiritual and Dogmatic Theology at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C. The cost is \$290 ; need-based scholarships are available. For more information, please visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/)

### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** *"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through His grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word."*  
2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well.

### Special Collection Stewardship

#### HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF

Thank you for your generosity is support of the victim of Hurricane Matthew. One-third of the proceeds of our collection will go to Catholic Relief Services to support their work in Haiti and other affected nations, one-third will go to Catholic Charities USA to support their efforts in the Southeast, and one-third will go to the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh due to the devastation caused by flooding in eastern North Carolina and also in recognition of our diocese's present particular relationship with Bishop Burbidge of Raleigh.

#### ARCHDIOCESE FOR MILITARY SERVICES

##### U.S.A. COLLECTION

Thank you for your support of the Special Collection last week for the Archdiocese for the Military Services and its Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, currently educating 30 men as they seek to answer God's call while serving our U.S. troops and their families. See their website for more information: <http://www.milarch.org/faq>.

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