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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 13**

Faith Formation Classes

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ In Christmas" Card

Sale After All Masses

Organ Donor Sabbath After Mass

Thanksgiving Food Drive Ends

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; Youth Room and Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

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, NOVEMBER 15**

Faith Formation Classes

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

Pax Christi: 7:00pm; Conference Room

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Faith Formation Classes

Angel Choir: 5:00pm; Music Room

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

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

Finance Council: 7:00pm; Conference Room

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

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

Contemplative Prayer: 7:00pm; Church

Legion of Mary: 7:00pm; B4

Praying College Moms Rosary: 7:00pm; de Sales Chapel

Pro Life: 7:00pm Conference Room

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

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

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30pm; de Sales Chapel

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Faith Formation Classes

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

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room

Spanish Prayer Group Food Sale: 12:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Shawl Ministry: 2:00pm; Conference Room

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

## THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### FROM BISHOP PAUL S. LOVERDE



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

The November 3 - 9 edition of The Arlington Catholic Herald features the last in the six-part series of articles/reflections written by Bishop Paul S. Loverde on forming our consciences as Catholics as we approached the presidential election. This new article is entitled "Beyond The Election". Bishop Loverde tells us "In recent months we have seen how anger and fear have divided us. Our future must be one marked by respect and unity if we are to be a people worthy of the legacy of freedom and justice we have inherited from our ancestors."

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.

### Prayer and Liturgy



**BEST WISHES** to **Leila Lucas and Adam Toal**; and **Bridget Lins and Goeffrey Austin** 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: **Lucas Delariarte Emperador**, son of Jesse and Lorraine; **Skye Flores**, daughter of Terrance and Shalla; **Leah Grace Higgins**, daughter of Richard and Laura; **Isaac Lawrence Moher**, son of Grant and Morna; and **Owen Daniel Prochazka**, son of William and Melody.



**WE PRAY** for those who have died, especially Hasson von Bredow, Sr., father of Hasso.

**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](mailto:jduggan@saintjn.org) or 703-860-6149.

### THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Malachi 3:19-20;  
Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9;  
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12;  
Luke 21:5-19



In today's Gospel, we experience Jesus telling us that regardless of the situation that surrounds us, we must persevere in following Him. St. Francis de Sales speaks similarly:

Will there exist a society, a religion, an institution, or manner of living so secure that it is exempt from evil? Since this danger affects all, it is perilous to live in a world with those who do evil. In confronting evil, we must distinguish between actual events and imaginary fears. While God does not give strength for an imaginary conflict, God will certainly give us strength when the need arises. Many of God's servants were frightened and almost lost courage in the face of imaginary danger. Yet, when the actual danger came they conducted themselves with courage.

If left to our own imaginary fears, we would perhaps lose courage and do nothing at all to overcome evil. Alas, we must work. Our Lord desires combatants and conquerors of evil. If we feel we lack courage, let us cry out in a voice full of confidence, "Lord, save me!" If we have good desires to serve God, but not sufficient strength to put them into practice, let us offer them to God, who will make us capable of accomplishing them. God will renew our desires as often as is necessary to make us persevere. It is enough that we have a desire to fight valiantly with perfect confidence for the Spirit will help us.

So long as we persevere in doing God's will, God will make us victorious in perilous times. Let us lay our good will before Our Lord, who will renew it so that we may have enough courage for our whole mortal life. Little children feel secure when they are in their mother's arms. They feel that nothing can harm them provided they are holding her hand. Although times of conflict may frighten us, we too must hold the hand of our "God Almighty," who protects us and makes us secure.

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

**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 for names that are new this week.***



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12**  
5:00pm Joseph Thomas Veltri †

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13**  
7:30am Jacqueline Reiley †  
9:30am Ruth Bryant †  
11:30am Dorothy Olds †  
1:30pm People of the Parish  
5:00pm Mark Bowns Szymanski †

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 14**  
9:00am Barbara Vitt †  
12:10pm Ruby Barbosa, Special Intention

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15**  
6:30am Howard Scott †  
9:00am Rafael De La Ossa †

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16**  
9:00am Brian Berry †  
12:10pm Charles Trentacoste †

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17**  
6:30am Michael Griffiths †  
9:00am Kay Thompson †

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18**  
9:00am Bobbi Arthur †  
12:10pm Moreen Onesti †

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19**  
5:00pm William John Morris †

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20**  
7:30am Donna Lin †  
9:30am Mary Callaghan †  
11:30am Neil Ainslie †  
1:30pm People of the Parish  
5:00pm Velma and Norbert Haas ††

**LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND**

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of November 19 - November 20 are:

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** Fr. Heet will be teaching Salesian Spirituality at Bishop Ireton High School as a long-term substitute until January 19. He will not be available to meet before 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, but will continue his scheduled weekend ministry (Mass, Confessions, Weddings) as well as evening appointments and meetings.



**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:

- November 14 Reverend Albert J. Smith, OSFS
- November 15 Reverend R. Douglas Smith, OSFS
- November 16 Reverend Vincent E. Smith, OSFS
- November 17 Reverend Alfred J. Smuda, OSFS
- November 18 Reverend John P. Spellman, OSFS
- November 19 Reverend Barry R. Strong, OSFS
- November 20 Reverend Gerald M. Sweeney, OSFS

**RCIA CONFIRMATION  
AND EUCHARIST**



With great joy we welcome Peggy Lively to the Eucharistic table this Sunday at the 5:00pm Mass. Peggy was baptized in the Catholic Church and will now receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Peggy's sister, Susan Smith, has accompanied her as she prepared for the sacraments in RCIA. Please pray for Peggy and all our candidates and catechumens and help them to find love and support in our parish.

**TAIZÉ OUTREACH** Come join us for a special Taizé service at the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute (NVMHI) this 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.



**NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS:** Next weekend we celebrate **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from God's Word:

**2 Samuel 5:1-3** David is depicted as the epitome of the true king, for he gathers into unity the tribes of Israel and Judah.

**Psalm 122:1-2 2-3, 4-5 Let us Go Rejoicing To The House Of The Lord** This is a pilgrimage song. As the travelers approach Jerusalem, the psalmist extols the Holy City.

**Colossians 1:12-20** As David brings together the tribes of Israel and Judah, Jesus draws together the entire cosmos into the one kingdom of God.

**Luke 23:35-43** Jesus exercises his power as Messiah and King of the Jews by forgiving a crucified criminal and granting him salvation.



## THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### 9 ADVENT TRADITIONS FOR YOUR HOME

14 days. 14 days until Advent begins. It's time to get ready. Unlike much of the world, Catholics don't plunge headlong into Christmas after the Halloween candy has been passed out. Nope, we take it slow. We like to REALLY prepare for Christmas. That means a four week period of getting ourselves ready, spiritually, for the celebration of the Incarnation: God-made-man.



Advent actually has two spiritual purposes: we prepare spiritually for Christmas in remembrance of Christ's first coming, and we also prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming, whenever that may be.

Here are some Advent traditions for you, whether you live by yourself, have a bunch of kiddos at home, are grandparents or babysitters – there is something for everyone.

1. The Advent wreath. You can make this as simple or as elaborate as you'd like. If you have youngsters, you can certainly include them in the making of a simple wreath. You'll also need four candles: three purple and one rose. You can learn more about [this tradition here](#). Don't forget to bless it.
2. An Advent calendar. Not sure what it is about this, but kids love opening the little doors each day to reveal a picture, a Scripture passage, a treat. You can find versions of this online, purchase a paper calendar or create a more elaborate one.
3. [Set up the Nativity set, and tell your kids about its history](#). Many families will "assign" one of the pieces of the Nativity set to each child, and as Advent progresses and the children work on good works, that piece advances until, on Christmas Day, each family member's piece is present in the manger next to Baby Jesus.
4. Fully celebrate the holy days in Advent: [St. Nicholas' feast](#), the feast of [St. Lucia](#), [Our Lady of Guadalupe](#). There are plenty of crafts, food and stories surrounding each of these, so with a little planning, you can enjoy each of the celebrations regardless of the ages of folks in your home.
5. Can't wait to get the tree up? Decorate with [Jesse Tree ornaments](#). These ornaments (and the accompanying prayers) tell the story of Christ from the Old Testament – a prophecy and promise of the long-awaited Savior.
6. Learn and pray the "[O Antiphons](#)." These beautiful prayers date back to the 8th century A.D. You'll recognize them as part of the hymn, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*.
7. Want to sing your way to Christmas? You don't have to tune in to the "all Christmas music, all the time" radio station. [Here's a list of Advent music to enjoy](#).
8. Go to confession. This is truly the best way to prepare for the arrival of the Christ Child. Go as a family, and then perhaps enjoy a special treat afterwards.
9. Make someone else's day. Bake something special for a neighbor, make a wreath for an elderly friend, volunteer at a food bank or shelter, visit a shut-in.

As always, our prayer life should deepen in this holy

season, so whatever you choose to do, pray:

*God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.*

*Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,  
As we wait and prepare for his coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.*

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### Parish Information

#### REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

- **FOOD DRIVE ENDS** This is the last call for requested items for the Cornerstones Thanksgiving Food Drive. All items must be here by 6:00pm Sunday because the High School Teens will start retrieving food from the classrooms and sorting food in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium immediately after Mass.
- **"KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" CARD SALE** The Knights of Columbus will be in the narthex after all Masses to help with your purchase of religious Christmas cards depicting the true meaning of Christmas.
- **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** Health Ministry medical professionals will be in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium from 2:30—3:30pm to take your blood pressure and offer advice if your pressure is elevated.



**RELAX A BIT BEFORE THE THANKSGIVING FLURRY!** Next Monday, November 21, the Knights of Columbus will host an Italian Dinner in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium to help raise funds for its Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Program. Stop in for a great dinner with traditional dishes 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.



## ANNUAL OBLATES APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

The second collection next weekend will help provide needed and well-deserved assistance to a community of men who collectively have been our shepherds, teachers, mentors, guides, and friends for years—the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. By responding to this appeal, we ensure the continued support of men who Live Jesus well in various stages of their lives and ministries. We provide support to men taking the earliest steps in formation while learning to follow the example of St. Francis de Sales. We also help to provide a modern retirement home, which also includes a nursing care facility, for those who have lived the gospel well for many years in many capacities. Please acknowledge their contributions to our lives and be as generous as you can.

*“Nothing is small in the service of God.”*

*St. Francis de Sales*

## 8TH GRADE TESTING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Testing is required for placement in four Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington: **Bishop Ireton, Bishop O’Connell, Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul the Great.** If you wish to enroll your child in one of these schools, please see the testing schedule below:

- Test Date:** Saturday, December 3  
(Snow Date - December 10)
- Test Time:** 8:30am - 12 noon
- Test Sites:** Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria  
Bishop O’Connell High School, Arlington  
Pope Paul VI, Fairfax  
Pope John Paul the Great High School,  
Dumfries
- Test Fee:** \$35
- Eligibility:** Any 8<sup>th</sup> Grader attending public school, non-Catholic private schools or Catholic schools outside the Arlington Diocese

**Requirements:** Students must fill out a High School Placement Test Registration Form (available under “School Forms” at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org.catholicschools/parents.php>). **The registration form must be submitted to the test site no later than Thursday, December 2.** The \$35 fee should accompany the form.

For students who are prevented from taking the test on December 3 there will be one additional testing date as noted below:

- Saturday, January 7, 2017** Winter HSPT at BI, DJO, PVI and JPG
- Snow Date: Saturday, January 14, 2017** at BI, DJO, PVI and JPG
- Test Time:** 8:30am - 12 noon

**COMFORT AND GRACE** Are you approaching the upcoming holidays for the first time without a loved one? Join others for prayer and community this 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.

## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Christmas Angels and Gift for Kids tags will be available next weekend! The Christmas Angels with gift wishes for the children of Laurel Learning Center will be available for you next weekend after all Masses, as will the tags for the Gift For Kids program benefitting the children of Cornerstones clients. Gifts for both programs are to be returned by the weekend of December 3–4.



Christmas Angel gifts should be **wrapped** and the tag attached. Presents for Gifts for Kids are to be returned **unwrapped** with the tag attached. **If Gifts for Kids gifts are returned wrapped we must unwrap them before donation.**



Collection bins and boxes for drop off will be located in the main hallway near the auditorium. The bins and boxes will have signage to help you place your gift in the appropriate place. If you are interested in helping with either project, please let Jo-Ann Duggan know at [jduggan@saintjn.org](mailto:jduggan@saintjn.org) or 703-860-6149. Thank you for sharing your joy with local area children and making Christmas special for them.

## FOR NIÑO JESÚS SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS

Each year we provide scholarship sponsors with an opportunity to send Christmas cards to the students they support. We do this in November because it could take up to three weeks for express delivery mail to reach the outlying communities of Niño Jesús. In addition, this year we will be sending friendship bracelets made by this year's Confirmation class to each student. The Spanish-language Christmas cards are now available on the counter in the main hallway, filed alphabetically by sponsor last name. Please **do not seal** your envelope so that the bracelet can be inserted. You can sign the card and immediately put it in the Return box, or you may wish to personalize it with a note or a photograph! If the note needs to be translated into Spanish, please indicate this on a post-it note on the outside of the envelope. **All cards must be in the Return box by Monday, November 21** to ensure delivery with the friendship bracelets to Manta by Christmas. Thank you for your continued support of these wonderful students!

## THE THIRTY-THIRD 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](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 [kmonroe58@gmail.com](mailto:kmonroe58@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).

#### 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 1: Christmas at Oatlands Plantation in Leesburg.** We will visit this historic home decorated for an old-time Christmas. The entrance fee is \$12 for seniors over age 60. After the tour, we will have lunch at Tuscarora Mill, and then there will be time to look for that perfect one-of-a-kind Christmas gift in the interesting shops on King Street.
- **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.

**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 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.
- **Mondays, Starting November 28 at 7:00pm; Advent Small Group:** Join the young adults as we use scripture and traditions to reflect on the Advent season together. We will meet for at least the first two weeks of Advent. Please contact Gina at [gcordell@udel.edu](mailto:gcordell@udel.edu) if interested and to get her address for the meetings.

*“Instead of narrowing the boundaries of your love, let them always become wider and wider. You will earn God’s blessing by doing so. God blesses a loving heart”.*

*Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS*



## 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 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

### 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. This 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?



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOVES VOLUNTEERS

Do you want to answer God's call to serve? Please visit [www.ccca.net/volunteer.php](http://www.ccca.net/volunteer.php) to find more than 100 different volunteer opportunities available. There is something for everyone. Catholic Charities relies on its volunteers to reach those in need throughout the Diocese. We are also seeking corporations who want to come and volunteer as a group! Come and share your talents and skills with us. To learn more, please contact the Director of Volunteers, Sally O'Dwyer at [sodwyer@ccca.net](mailto:sodwyer@ccca.net) or (703) 841-3838.

## THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### COMING SOON

St. Joseph School Open House  
Herndon, VA  
Tuesday, November 15  
Parish Hall  
9:30 - 11:00am

Please contact Mrs. Mary Lewis, Admissions Coordinator at [mlewis@sjschoolva.org](mailto:mlewis@sjschoolva.org) for more information.

### HOW ABOUT SOME GOOD ENTERTAINMENT NEXT WEEKEND?

The O'Connell Players at Bishop O'Connell High School present their fall comedy, "Southern Hospitality," November 18 - 20. Show times are Friday at 7:00pm, Saturday at 2:00pm and 7:00pm, and Sunday at 2:00pm. General admissions tickets are \$10; students and seniors are \$5. Find out more and reserve your tickets at [www.bishopoconnell.org/OCPlayers](http://www.bishopoconnell.org/OCPlayers) or call 703-237-1448. Bishop O'Connell is located in Arlington at 6600 Little Falls Road.

### LOOKING FOR A GOOD TRIP NEXT YEAR?

Join Father Steve Shott, OSFS for an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, from Monday, November 6 to Thursday, November 16, 2017. Fr. Steve, who many of you know from his having served at Our Lady of Good Counsel, is currently pastor of St. Ann Catholic Church in Fayetteville, NC. The cost for the trip is \$4,129 per person (double occupancy), and includes air fare, hotels, and some meals. You may contact Fr. Steve for more information at 910-483-3216 or by email at [pastor@stanncatholicchurch.org](mailto:pastor@stanncatholicchurch.org). If you would like to see all of the details and the itinerary for the trip, visit the St. Ann parish website at [www.stanncatholicchurch.org](http://www.stanncatholicchurch.org).

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." Let us persevere in the love of God as manifested by our marriages. Attend a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on November 18 – 20 in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [renewmarriage-vanorth.org](http://renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-378-4150.

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### 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." Visit [www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife).

### Coloring Page For The Young and Young-At Heart



### SJN Weekly Stewardship

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION** "...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."  
THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with the Catholic faith.