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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 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Faith Formation Classes

Road to Emmaus: 10:00am; Conference Room

Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fundraiser Italian

Dinner: 5:30pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

Cub Scout Pack 1971: 6:30; B2

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

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

French Conversation: 9:30am; A1

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

RCIA Catechumenate: 7:30pm; A1

RCIA Inquiry: 7:30pm; Bridal Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Legión de María: 7:00pm; B4

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Day

Office Closed All Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Office Closed All Day

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Pro Life Greens Sale in Brown-McCarthy Auditorium After Mass

Spanish Prayer Group 6:30pm; de Sales Chapel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Pro Life Greens Sale in Brown-McCarthy Auditorium After Masses

RCIA Dismissal: 10:00am; Conference Room



THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



DEAR PARISHIONERS:

Today as a Church we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. The Advent Season always seems to go by so fast, especially with the holidays. I hope all of us will take some time in the next week to prepare ourselves and to prayerfully consider how we will embrace this sacred and beautiful liturgical season.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, many of us will gather with family and friends and have the opportunity to express gratitude for the blessings in our lives and our country. Let us also pray for those who might be alone and not have anyone to celebrate the holiday with for various reasons. I hope many of you will consider coming to our Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00am on Thursday with your loved ones so we can praise God and give thanks to the source of all our blessings. Feel free to bring your breads, baked goods and wines that you will have for your Thanksgiving meal to be blessed.

Thank you to all who supported the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive with your generous donations. A special thanks to the high school students in Agape who did a great job in helping to sort and organize the donations in preparation for the baskets being put together under the leadership of Pat Hancock and her faithful team.

As we approach the celebration of Thanksgiving, please let me express my deep gratitude to all of you, the parishioners of St. John Neumann. This parish is truly a blessing.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Father Joe

BEST WISHES to **Nicole Barrea** and **Jeffrey Taruc** who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they grow together in Christ's love.



ALL SOULS' MEMORIAL TABLE We were amazed at the number of you who shared so many photographs of your loved ones with us. It allowed us to pray for all of them each time we entered the church. Next Sunday is the First Sunday Of Advent. The Environment committee will be decorating for this new Liturgical Season this week. As noted in earlier bulletins, the All Souls' Memorial Table in the bell tower will have to be dismantled very early this week, so it is important that you remember to retrieve any pictures of your loved ones today when you leave after Mass.

Prayer and Liturgy



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

2 Samuel 5:1-3;
Psalm 122:1-2 2-3, 4-5;
Colossians 1:12-20;
Luke 23:35-43

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. St. Francis de Sales encourages us to place ourselves under the Kingship of Christ:

Bees are restless while they are without a queen. But when their queen is born, they gather round her and follow her desires. In the same way our senses ceaselessly wander about, drawing our interior self after them, wasting time and creating restlessness and anxiety in us. All shatter the peace that is so necessary for our human spirit. Our senses and our mind and will are like mystical bees. Until they have a ruler, that is, until they have chosen our Lord for their king, they are restless.

Yet, when we have chosen our Lord for our King, we ought to place ourselves under Him. Our Majesty is sovereignly good in exercising both mercy and justice. God's mercy makes us embrace what is good while God's justice makes us shun evil. Our Lord uses mercy and justice to uproot whatever prevents us from experiencing the effects of His goodness. Our Majesty's justice may sting our conscience with insights. Yet they create movements that lead to our well being. Letting go of our old self may cause us to suffer as our new self in Christ is formed. But Our Lord's unrivaled mercy opens our hearts, and restores our health through the Holy Spirit, who floods our heart with sacred love.

Wherever Our Lord is the Master, there is peace. To preserve our peace let us have a pure intention of willing God's glory in all things. Let us do the little we can for that end, and leave to God the care of all the rest. May we have the fidelity to keep ourselves submissive to our King's desires as the bees do with their queen, so we might begin in this life what, with the help of God's love, we shall do eternally in Heaven. Live Jesus!

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

"If He is with me I care not where I go."

St. Francis de Sales

WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Lane Eileen Day**, daughter of Sean and Emily; **Connor Matthew Moody**, son of Matthew and Lauren.



NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS: Next weekend we celebrate **The First Sunday In Advent**. Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from God's Word:

Isaiah 2:1-5 The praying prophet sees and hears the crowds coming up the hill making their way to the Temple. The sight becomes his poetic and prophetic vision of the ascent of the people toward the place of the Lord's revelation.

Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 **Let Us Go Rejoicing To the House Of The Lord** This psalm expresses the joy of the pilgrimage to Jerusalem which is the Holy City, the earthly symbol of our heavenly home.

Romans 13:11-14 We can no longer sleep. Even if it is not yet daylight we are no longer part of the darkness of inaction and dishonesty. According to Paul, the 'flesh' which we must not satisfy is not the body, but everything within us which opposes our seeing things from the point of view of the Spirit.

Matthew 24:37-44 The flood and the thief are two signs that warn us to recognize the urgency of confronting our coming salvation. Christ is not simply a historical person who is confined to the past. He is the Lord who comes again daily and will reveal himself completely on the Last Day.

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of November 26 - November 27 are:

Saturday	5:00pm	Father Joe
Sunday	7:30am	Father Don
Sunday	9:30am	Father Dave Kenehan, OSFS
Sunday	11:30pm	Father Jerry
Sunday	1:30pm	Father Russo with Deacon Atanacio
Sunday	5:00pm	Father Bill with Deacon Dennis

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.***

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



- November 21 Reverend Patrick L. Posey
- November 22 Reverend Juan A. Puigbó
- November 23 Reverend Justin O. Puthussery
- November 24 Reverend Luis Quiñónez
- November 25 Reverend Joseph M. Rampino
- November 26 Reverend M. Paul Richardson
- November 27 Reverend Robert Richter

November 21 is the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

***“Mary’s life shows
that God accomplishes great deeds
through those who are most humble.”***

Pope Francis



- 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 ††
- MONDAY** **NOVEMBER 21**
9:00am Louis and Marthe St. Pierre ††
12:10pm Lucy Breiterman †
- TUESDAY** **NOVEMBER 22**
6:30am Ottavio Nacinovich †
9:00am Meg Friel †
- WEDNESDAY** **NOVEMBER 23**
9:00am Kay Thompson †
12:10pm Concordia Aonan †
- THURSDAY** **NOVEMBER 24**
6:30am *No 6:30am Mass Today*
9:00am Flora Hanuschak †
- FRIDAY** **NOVEMBER 25**
9:00am Elizabeth Barbara Haley †
12:10pm *No 12:10pm Mass Today*
- SATURDAY** **NOVEMBER 26**
5:00pm Mr. and Mrs. Yee Wong ††
- SUNDAY** **NOVEMBER 27**
7:30am Erica Zieschang, Special Intention
9:30am Dino and Aggie Parisi ††
11:30am Amy and Alex Libby ††
1:30pm People of the Parish
5:00pm Ann Kelly †

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR FR. HEET? Fr. Heet is 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. So take heart! He's not going to be missing for long!

PARISH CALENDAR FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASON SERVICES

We are about to enter into a very busy time and are truly blessed to have such a wide variety of special services available to help us grow closer to God. So you won't have to miss any of the services and events that appeal most to you and your family, we will publish a "rolling" schedule of these liturgies and events in each weekly bulletin, beginning next Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a wonderful, prayerful time for all of us, and a great time for young and old to gather together to await Christ.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

Because many of you will be traveling over Thanksgiving weekend and may not be here to receive a November 27 bulletin, we are letting you know now about one of our early Advent events. This Advent season, prepare for the Feast of Christ's birth by joining us for the annual Lessons and Carols service on Sunday December 4 at 7:00pm in the church. In this service, stories of the promise of the Messiah are woven together through Scripture and music. The tradition began in 1918 at Kings College, Cambridge, to bring a more "imaginative approach to worship." A reception and Christmas caroling will follow the service. Contact Director of Music, CJ Capen at cjcapen@saintjn.org, for more information.

Parish Information

WHO WOULDN'T LIKE TO ESCAPE THE



KITCHEN TOMORROW NIGHT? The Knights of Columbus will be ready to serve a wonderful Italian Dinner in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium from 5:30 to 7:30pm Monday evening.

Proceeds from your free-will donations will help fund scholarships for parishioners who are graduating high school seniors or already in college, to help defray their higher education expenses

Bring your family, friends and neighbors and share a relaxing dinner while you still can. Everyone needs some peace and calm at the beginning of this hectic Thanksgiving week with all the chores the holiday entails. 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!

KAIROS MINISTRY We want to say a big "thank you" to the many individuals, families, Faith Formation classes and other groups who generously provided so many prayers, posters, children's art and over **600 DOZEN COOKIES** for both the men's prison retreat in October and the women's retreat earlier this month. Forty residents in the men's prison at Sussex and 24 residents in the women's prison at VCCC in Goochland had their hearts and souls pried open to the grace of God, in large part because of the generosity of your prayers and cookies. The posters and prayer chain bring light into what can be a dark place and the residents are overwhelmed. We thank you and look forward to another great response for the Spring retreats. We need more volunteers, especially men, for this incredibly powerful ministry. If you are interested and would like information, please email pat.schambach@gmail.com.



THE CHRISTMAS TAGS ARE AVAILABLE!

The Christmas Angels with gift wishes for the children of Laurel Learning Center, as well as the tags for the Gift For Kids program benefitting the children of Cornerstones clients are now available in the hallway outside the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. **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 they are given to Cornerstones, so please comply with their request.**



Collection bins and boxes for drop-off are in the main hallway near the auditorium. The bins and boxes 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 or 703-860-6149. Thank you for sharing your joy with local area children and making Christmas special.

DON'T RUSH TO BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE!

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.



"HOLDING HOPE: GRIEVING PREGNANCY LOSS

DURING ADVENT" is a devotional series for those who grieve infant loss, miscarriage, infertility, still birth or the trauma of abortion. Society doesn't often recognize the lifetime of grief that accompanies these losses. Share time with other parents who also walk this walk on Wednesday November 30 from 7:30-8:30pm for the first of four sessions to be held at the parish. Additional dates are Mondays December 5, 12 and 19. It is not necessary to attend all four sessions. Please RSVP to our Parish Nurse, Susan Infeld, RN at svinfeld@aol.com if you would like to attend.

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE CRÈCHES WITH US!

What better way to celebrate the Advent season than with a grand display of crèches from our parish community on December 3 and 4 in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium? Make this a family tradition by bringing one or more crèches from your home to be blessed and for all to enjoy. Please contact Mary Zane at mpz_06@verizon.net or 703-860-1071 for information about how to display your crèche. Crèches must be retrieved by 4:00pm Sunday afternoon.



ANNUAL FAIR TRADE SALE The annual Fair Trade Sale sponsored by the Care For Our Common Home ministry also will be held Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, alongside the crèche display after all Masses throughout the weekend. The Fair Trade Winds store in the Mosaic District will bring a wide selection of items from the Catholic Relief Services catalog suitable for Christmas gifts, including fairly traded crafts, jewelry, ornaments and Divine Chocolate. As always, credit cards will be accepted.



NIÑO JESÚS SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORS:

CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE DUE TOMORROW!

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. Please do not disappoint these students who rely on and deeply appreciate your continued support!**

COMFORT AND GRACE Are you approaching the upcoming holidays for the first time without a loved one? If so, please join others for prayer and community Thursday, December 15 in the de Sales Chapel at 7:00pm. The session will be facilitated by Mickie Abatemarco and Kathleen Seebek.

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 8th 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 1.** 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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH



The Mandrgoc Family has been selected as the Family of the Month for November. Long time parishioners, the Mandrgoc Family has three members that joined the Knights, father Leonard (deceased), and brothers Matthew and Mark. Leonard and Judith have both been outstanding contributors to the life of the our parish as participants in the Pro Life Committee, the Eucharistic Ministry, Oktoberfest, Movie Night, and the 50+ Club. Judith is also a community volunteer at the Carpenter Shelter and the Bargain Loft. Brother Mark, his wife Mary, and children Austin and Sydney are involved in National Downs Syndrome Society Buddy Walk, Special Olympics, Lymphoma Research Ride, most Knights' events, and Pope Paul VI High School sports and student government. Judith's mother, Betty Zangel, (who happens to be 99 years young) lives with her, and the four generations usually worship together at the 9:30am Sunday Mass. Congratulations to this very active and giving family. What good role models they are for many of us!

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IS THERE ROOM ON YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING LIST FOR ONE MORE GIFT?

Give to others by giving the gift of life in just one hour. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the quarterly Red Cross Blood Drive at our parish on Saturday, December 10, from 8:30am to 1:00pm in Classrooms A1/A2. Donors can register online at www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code STJOHNNEUMANNVA. You also may call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to register or get answers to eligibility questions. Or, call John Moran, of the Knights, at 202-586-8803 if you need help with the process. To accelerate your check-in on December 10, go online before you come, and use the RapidPass function to do your pre-readings and questionnaire.



Fellowship

ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30—11:30am. All are welcome!
- **9:00am Daily Mass and Fellowship:** Following Mass in the Chapel, join us in the Bridal Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. Take that first step and contact us at info@kofc7566.us.
- **Legion of Mary** Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home for two weeks? If interested, the Legion of Mary will deliver and retrieve the Holy Virgin at your convenience. For information email pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com or call 703-968-3337.
- **Life+Savers:** 7th and 8th grade teens gather on the 1st Saturday of each month, (except December) for fun activities, guest speakers and refreshments from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Drop into the Youth Room to relax or play after Sunday Faith Formation class while waiting for parent pickup or siblings attending Agape. Contact Kevin McManus at lifesavers@saintjn.org.
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information please send email to momsgroup@saintjn.org.

- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 1st Friday morning or the 2nd Monday evening for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email kmonroe58@gmail.com, and for evening sessions email gallo.kellymarie@gmail.com.
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new support group, meeting weekly during the day. For information, email Megan Murphy at megan.murphy218@gmail.com.
- **Young Adults:** If you are in your twenties or thirties and are looking for a community to socialize, do service and pray with, then come join us! For more information, email Thomas Patchan at youngadults@saintjn.org.

"Have patience to walk with short steps until you have wings to fly."

St. Francis de Sales

50+ CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- **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 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.

- **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 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 if interested and to get her address for the meetings.



Faith Formation

Mickie Abatemarco, Director
703-390-2340 mabatemarco@saintjn.org

ONGOING ADULT FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

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

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY (AGAPE)

Doug Johnson 703-860-6141 djohnson@saintjn.org

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 20** – High School Teen Night: 6:15 – 8:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, November 27** – No High School Teen Night—Thanksgiving Break
- **Saturday, December 3** - Mini Work Camp:9:00am -3:00pm; Parking Lot
- **Sunday, December 4** – High School Teen Night: 6:15 – 8:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Sunday, December 11**– High School Teen Night: 6:15 – 8:00pm; Brown-McCarthy Auditorium
- **Friday - Sunday, December 16 – 18** – Search Retreat for Juniors and Seniors – Concord Retreat, West Virginia
- **Sunday, December 18** – High School Teen Night: 6:15 – 8:00 pm, Brown-McCarthy Auditorium

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN NIGHT (AGAPE) Calling all teens! Join us for food, fellowship, faith sharing, meeting new friends and having lots of fun. Come and learn more about our Catholic faith and traditions and how we can apply our Christian values to our daily lives and in our relationships with others. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith and values, share snacks, enjoy fellowship and make new friends! All high school teens are welcome; bring a friend.

NOVEMBER MINI WORK CAMP Thanks and God bless you to our hardy crew of teens and adults that participated in the Mini Work Camp on November 5. This dynamic and talented group constructed and painted a fence at a townhouse owned by Cornerstones and rented to low income families. Great effort and work was provided by Teens: Maria Benincasa, Hayden Cutler, Riley Cutler, Dayana Garcia, Jennifer Garrett, Matthew Musio, Justin Scola, Nico Silva, Gabrielle Stuart, and Jaclyn Wells, and Adults: Bill Behan, John Feroldi, Scott Parr, Pat Schambach, and Debbie Wells. Your unselfish donation of your time and talents has provided much needed support, help and benefit to those in need in our community. Special thanks go to Phyllis Rienzo-Parr for her sterling efforts in coordinating the Mini Work Camp program. The efforts of this dedicated and hardworking troupe have truly made a difference in the lives of others!

MINI WORK CAMP Calling all teens and adults! Make a difference in someone's life. Would you like 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 next Mini Work Camp next Saturday, December 3 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 and more information.

EXCITING YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! OUR ANNUAL SEARCH RETREAT IS COMING SOON!



All High School juniors and seniors are invited and encouraged to take time out from their busy schedules for a weekend of quiet reflection, spirituality, self-discovery, friendship and fellowship at our annual Search Retreat. It will be held from Friday, December 16 to Sunday, December 18 at the Concord Retreat House in Yellow Spring, West Virginia.

Search is a unique opportunity to learn more about yourself, God and your community while having fun and making new friends. This weekend has been a source of joy, inspiration, self-revelation and treasured memories for hundreds of teens for over 25 years. The actual experience of Christian love, fellowship, caring, and sharing experienced on the weekend has sparked many lasting friendships within our Christian community.

Registration forms and permission slips are available on the table outside the Faith Formation Office. Permission Slips must be completed to participate. **This retreat is open to all juniors and seniors.** You don't have to be a member of the parish or Catholic to attend, so invite and bring your friends! The cost is \$125; **scholarships are available if this is a financial hardship.** Deadline to sign up for the Search Retreat is Monday, December 12 at which time your registration form, completed Permission Slip and check for the full cost of the retreat must be received in the Religious Education Office. If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact Doug Johnson at 703-860-6141 or djohnson@saintjn.org.

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN MINISTRY E-MAIL LIST:

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

WELCOME HOME **CDR Joseph Wurtz, USN** recently returned home from working in Harm's Way. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday and the beginning of the Advent season, we join with his family and friends in prayers of gratitude for his safe return.

Around the Diocese and Beyond

"PILGRIMAGE TO ANNECY-LYON, FRANCE, AND GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, WITH OBLATES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND DE SALES UNIVERSITY! Join Fr. Tim McIntire, OSFS and Maggie Riggins, Campus Minister at DeSales University, for a week-long pilgrimage to the home of St. Francis de Sales. The tour price of \$2975 per person is based on sharing a double room and includes air fare, ground transportation, daily breakfast, two lunches (one while cruising beautiful Lake Annecy), two dinners, tours of Salesian sights, and plenty of free time. Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS, will provide some additional commentary while we bus from Annecy to Geneva, Lyon and tour the scenic Savoyard countryside. Contact Fr. Tim at Timothy.McIntire@desales.edu or register at: <http://www.cvent.com/d/9fqdyr>."

Special Collection Stewardship

ANNUAL OBLATES APPEAL As a reminder, this weekend the second collection is for the Annual Oblates Appeal. Your donations 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. 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.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Thank you for supporting senior religious. A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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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.

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. 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.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION ON SAINT THOMAS MORE

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

SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION "...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."
COLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our

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