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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

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

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

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

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



DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. No matter how our nuclear families are made up, may we treat all members of our families with the greatest respect and dignity remembering that we are all made in the image and likeness of our Creator. Even when we have challenges and difficulties within our families, I hope that we are careful in our speech and actions, especially with our children.

Tomorrow, we especially honor Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We will celebrate a 9:00am Mass in English and a Spanish Mass at 1:30pm. As we bring in a new year, may we be grateful for all the blessings of this past year and look forward to how we might continue to grow in our faith and trust in God especially through his Son our Savior.

Thank you to all who share their gifts here at St. John Neumann and for helping us to build up the Kingdom of God, in our little corner of the world and beyond. A special thanks to all who helped us celebrate well this Christmas season. The entire complex is beautifully decorated. From the meaningful liturgies with wonderful music to the beautiful environment, the parish is truly blessed. As we all know, a lot of preparation and hard work happens in advance. Thank you to all who in any way helped in making these days of Christmas a joyous experience.

On behalf of all the Oblates and the entire parish staff, many thanks for all the greetings, gifts and treats. Your many expressions of kindness are appreciated.

May the blessings and peace of this Holy Season be with you throughout the New Year.

Happy New Year and Live Jesus!

Father Joe

(Please note this letter was written on December 14, 2017 due to early publication deadlines.)

***“In imitation of the Holy Family,
every Christian family must
make a place for Jesus in its home.
For it is through the love of such “normal families”
that God's Son quietly comes to dwell among us,
bringing salvation to our world”***

Pope Francis, General Audience, December 17, 2014

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 **Blest Are Those Who Fear The Lord And Walk In His Ways**
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:22-40

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We tend to forget that the First Family of the Christian Church had their trials too, as St. Francis de Sales notes:

We are often upset because things don't succeed the way we want them to. What we desire was not found even in the family of our Lord. Think of the difficulties and changes, joys and sorrow found in the Holy Family. Mary received news that she would conceive of the Holy Spirit a Son, our Lord and Savior. What joy this was for her! Shortly afterward Joseph, seeing that she was with child and knowing that it was not by him, was plunged into distress! Mary was in grief, seeing her dear Joseph was about to leave her. When this storm passed, they experienced great joy. There was also joy in their hearts when the shepherds and Magi came.

However, a little later, the angel of the Lord said to Joseph in a dream, "Take the child and His mother and flee into Egypt." Without doubt Mary and Joseph were troubled by this command. But was Joseph's response: "Why do I have to go at night? Couldn't this journey wait till the morning? I have neither horse nor money." If we had been in Joseph's place, would we not have made a thousand excuses? Whereas he promptly did all that the angel commanded. The peace and serenity of mind of Mary and Joseph shows their constant openness to do God's will amid all the unexpected events that befell them.

We too, when we meet similar problems in our lives, must repeat over and over again to ourselves, so as the better to impress the truth on our minds, that no disturbance of events must ever carry away our hearts and minds into unevenness of temper. Like the Holy Family, God will guide us on our way no matter how difficult it may be.

(Adapted from St. Francis de Sales', "Serenity of Heart: Bearing the Troubles of This Life" Sophia Press)

WE WELCOME those who have recently entered into our faith through the waters of Baptism: **Oliver Thomas Manuszak, Vivian Lee Manuszak, and Willa Grace Manuszak**, children of Jeffrey and Jennifer.



WE PRAY for those who have died, especially **Joseph Dudek**, father of Debbie Perreault and grandfather of Maggie, Katie and Joe; **James Flynn**, husband of Sandra; **Stephanie Mazzola**, daughter of Jane and Vince; **Carol McDonald**, mother of Linda Paladeau; and **Edna Nay**, aunt of Pam Dister.



Prayer and Liturgy

THIS WEEK WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAYS OF TWO AMERICAN SAINTS!

The feast days for two American saints with whom most of us are familiar occur in the first week of the new calendar year. Both are depicted in the Procession of Saints and Angels in the mosaic of the Trinity Dome at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. If you know your saints, you should be able to identify St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. John Neumann very easily.

THE FEAST OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

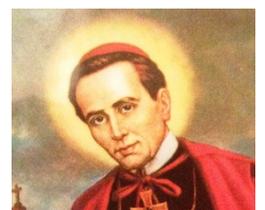


BORN: AUGUST 28, 1774
BECAME CATHOLIC: MARCH 14, 1805
DIED: JANUARY 4, 1821
CANONIZED: SEPTEMBER 14, 1975

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York and raised in the Episcopal Church. Married with children, she moved to Italy for a period of time, during which she became interested in Catholicism. Following the death of her husband, she returned to New York and became Catholic. She formed the first religious community for women in the U.S. in Emmitsburg, MD in 1809, and a year later adopted the rules of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. She worked with the poor and was foundress of several schools dedicated to educating women. She is the first native born U.S. citizen to be canonized. Her remains are entombed in the [National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton](#) in Emmitsburg.

THE FEAST OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

BORN: MARCH 28, 1811
ORDAINED: JUNE 25, 1836
DIED: JANUARY 5, 1860
CANONIZED: JUNE 19, 1977



John Nepomucene Neumann, C.Ss.R. was a native of Bohemia who emigrated to the United States. After becoming a Redemptorist Catholic priest he became a U.S. citizen in 1848 and was named the fourth Bishop of Philadelphia (1852-60). He is the first American bishop, and thus far the only male citizen, to be canonized. While Bishop of Philadelphia, St. John Neumann founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the United States. His body is on display at the National Shrine of St. John Neumann (<https://stjohnneumann.org/>) in Philadelphia.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 30
5:00pm Dan Boyle †

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31
7:30am Florence Riordan †
9:30am Elizabeth Fulton †
11:30am Mary Lou Robinson †
1:30pm People of the Parish
5:00pm Vito and Lena Piagari ††

MONDAY JANUARY 1
9:00am Steve Hankinson †
1:30pm Milciades Maldonado†

TUESDAY JANUARY 2
6:30am Rose Durr †
9:00am Suzanne Roos †

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3
9:00am David Zinzer †
12:10pm Ernie Hicks †

THURSDAY JANUARY 4
6:30am Courtney Smith †
9:00am Ernest Gamboni †

FRIDAY JANUARY 5
9:00am Kevin Briggs †
12:10pm Mary Aevermann †

SATURDAY JANUARY 6
5:00pm (Chapel) Lorraine Senior †
5:00pm (Church) People of the Parish

SUNDAY JANUARY 7
7:30am Joe Garfield †
9:30am Mary Deane Feir †
11:30am Roberto Incer †
1:30pm Christopher Hammill †
5:00pm William J. Cox, Jr. †



BEST WISHES to **Madeline Reed and Ethan Gunter**; and **Elizabeth Vega and Bernardo Guerra** who were recently joined in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. May they grow together in Christ's love.

"Marriage is a call to give oneself to one's spouse as fully as Christ gave himself to the Church."

"Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan." USCCB

LITURGY PRESIDERS NEXT WEEKEND

Assuming there are no changes, the presiders for the weekend of January 6 - January 7 are:

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

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

Isaiah 60:1-6 Returning from exile, the Jews march toward Jerusalem illumined by the glory of God. The vision of the prophet does not end with the spectacle before his eyes. He sees more. He sees all nations united in this procession toward one city which will no longer be of this earth.

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 **Lord, Every Nation on Earth Will Adore You** This psalm, perhaps composed for the coronation of a Jewish king, glorifies an ideal king who for Christians is Christ the Lord. The psalmist speaks of kings from afar coming and bearing gifts.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 There is no longer any privileged place nor holy city through which one must pass to go to the Lord. His revelation is the work of the Spirit in the hearts of believers through the living preaching of the Gospel. All people are called forth to manifest the unity of the Body of Christ.

Matthew 2:1-12 At the center of this narrative, we find an adaptation from the prophet Micah. Those who knew this text well did not look to Bethlehem for salvation. But some "foreigners," humble enough to submit their own insight to the wisdom of Israel, knew where to find the Messiah. It is through them that we bring our offerings to the feet of the king of the universe.

UPCOMING SPECIAL LITURGIES

Sunday, January 7	9:30am	Baptism
Sunday, January 21	11:30am	Baptism

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

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

PLEASE PRAY for Carrie Gillotte 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.***



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

- January 1 Reverend Richard A. Mullins
- January 2 Reverend Christopher D. Murphy
- January 3 Reverend Peter W. Nassetta, Y.A.
- January 4 Reverend Karol Nedza
- January 5 Reverend Pascal Ngboloma Kumanda, C.I.C.M.
- January 6 Reverend Brandon Nguyen, C.S.Sp.
- January 7 Reverend Thomas Nguyen

Parish Information

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITY FUNDRAISING

BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY!

The Charity Fundraising Breakfast next Sunday, January 7, benefits **A Best Choice**, the only direct service mobile ultrasound outreach and education pregnancy resource center in Northern Virginia. Their mission is to cultivate the dignity and respect for the beginning of human life, with counseling and an offer of support. They find out where the need is the greatest, and the places where other pregnancy centers are not reaching, and that is where they want to be. Some pregnancy resource centers can be hard to find, so A Best Choice can bring the mobile unit anywhere: a downtown park, outside an abortion facility, universities, high schools, homeless shelters, or a mall. With the March For Life coming up on January 18, it is fitting for us to support A Best Choice and the work they do to save the youngest lives.



*“The child is the beauty of God
present in the world,
that greatest gift to a family.”*

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

THE CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP:

WANT TO ENRICH YOUR FAMILY LIFE
AND RELATIONSHIPS?

You are called by Christ to stand in His place with your families, children, friends, and co-workers. You are called to a special work of love that only you can do. You have been empowered to do so by spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit given at Baptism and Confirmation. You will be most effective as a channel of God's love when you discern and use these gifts. Wherever you are in your life and on your faith journey, discerning your gifts will give you a new perspective and help you to be more fulfilled in your relationships and in your work.

Saturday, February 3, from 9:00am until 5:00pm, a teaching team from the Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs will offer the introductory *Called & Gifted* workshop, which will teach you about gifts of the Holy Spirit that are already at work in your life. Everyone is invited to participate. Registration details can be found on our website, www.saintjn.org, under Current Events. *Spaces are limited; sign up now!* There is a \$25 fee to offset program costs, which can be waived for financial need. To learn more about the program, send inquiries to sjn.cgw@gmail.com. To request a fee waiver, contact Mickie Abatemarco at 703-390-2340.

2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be available no later than January 31, 2018. A link to the 2017 contribution statement will be emailed to SJN parishioners whose email address is in our database once the statements are available. If your postal and/or email addresses have changed, please call the office so we can update your information in our database. Instructions for viewing and printing contribution statements will be available on our website, www.saintjn.org, beginning Friday, January 19. Once the statements are available, parishioners may also contact the Parish Office at 703-860-8510, Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 4:00pm for a printed contribution statement.

TROOP SCOOP Boy Scout Troop 124 extends a cordial invitation to members of the St. John Neumann parish community to join us at the Court of Honor for Eagle Scouts Trent Ballard and Bobby McCaleb on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 4:30pm in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. Come celebrate the accomplishments of these Eagle Scouts and witness their recommitment to living the ideals of Scouting throughout their lives. We will be calling upon all Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold awardees in attendance at the COH to join in part of the ceremony. If you will be able to attend, kindly RSVP to patti.mccaleb@yahoo.com no later than January 2. “The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”



**HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER
JANUARY 14-21, 2018**

Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer! We still need overnight volunteers, drivers and a few others. We also need alternates, should another volunteer be unable to serve. If you can help, access the SignUp Genius site through the link on the St. John Neumann website at www.saintjn.org. The SignUp Genius site has details about job descriptions, training requirements and schedules.

How else can you help? We are in need of supplies, snacks, warm clothing items and meals. You will see a board outside the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium filled with cards showing our specific needs. Choose a card and return the requested item by January 13. You will also see baking pans with recipes and instructions for our popular casserole drive. Casseroles are used at our own shelter, Embry Rucker, or other shelters as needed throughout the season. Please return pans the weekend of January 13-14.

Guests also appreciate \$5 gift cards to local restaurants, allowing them to stay inside and keep warm during the day. Our shelter is grateful for donations from parishioners to help defray the cost of bus passes and individual needs. Please write "Hypothermia Prevention Shelter" on the memo line of your check. Gift cards and financial contributions can be left at the parish office during business hours, or at the Welcome Desk if it is attended. Thank you for your generosity! If you have any questions, please email Pam or Patty at sjnhypo@gmail.com.

BROWN BAG REMINDER The Cornerstones van is in the parking lot this weekend. The food pantry has received lots of donations during this holiday season, but there is a need for dry beans, lentils, quinoa, canned meats, and canned fruits. Thank you!

MEAL MINISTRY *"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Matt:25:35*

Are you able to prepare a very simple meal that would be enjoyed by a parishioner who is experiencing illness or temporary difficulty that makes it hard for him/her to cook? We all know from experience what it is like to not be up to cooking when we really need nourishment. Our Meal Ministry is a wonderful program and we are in need of a few extra hands. We are not asking for a long-term or tightly defined commitment. You can sign up for the days and times that are convenient for you. If you are interested in helping, please call Diane Trentacoste at 703-868-1380 or Jo-Ann Duggan at 703-860-6149.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE MARIER FAMILY!**

Knights of Columbus Council #7566 selected the Leo Marier family as the Council's Family of the Month for December 2017.



Leo and his wife, Dottie, are active in the parish Pro-Life Ministry, playing an important role in the success of the recent Baby Bottle Campaign and the Greens Sale to benefit A Woman's Choice Crisis Pregnancy Center.

A Third Degree Knight, Brother Leo joined the Knights of Columbus in 1991 and is a past Deputy Grand Knight of Council #7566. He joined the parish choir in 1986 and has been actively participating ever since. Leo also served on the Parish Council. Dottie works with a group that embroiders white Baptismal garments for the St John Neumann community.

Leo and Dottie have four children, Theresa, Joseph, Lisa, and John, who were raised in the parish and were active participants, especially in music. They also have eight grandchildren.

Congratulations to the Mariers! We are blessed by your participation in parish ministries and activities.

SAMARITAN HELP NEEDED Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity that you can do from home? We are in need of a few new people to join our team of *Samaritans*, volunteers who help the Outreach Minister with the Emergency Services requests that come into the parish. Volunteers sign up to help with calls for one month of the year. Please contact Bettine Montgomery at 703- 860-0675 or ehmontgomery@verizon.net for details.

WELCOME HOME Are you thinking about returning to the Church? Join us for our Welcome Home program beginning Wednesday, January 3 at 7:00pm in the Social Room. Welcome Home sessions provide updated information on the basics of Catholicism in a non-threatening support group format. The presentations are dynamic and interactive with the purpose of answering your questions, no matter what they might be. We look forward to meeting you and sharing our faith. If you have any questions please contact Mickie Abatemarco at mabatemarco@saintjn.org

**DISCOVER ST. JOHN NEUMANN PRESCHOOL
DURING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!**

The half-day Preschool will open in Fall of 2018 for ages 2 1/2 through 4 years old. The Preschool will help young children develop a love of Jesus and knowledge of the presence of God in their lives. Information sessions will be held in January, followed by registration. Registered parishioners get priority registration! See the parish website <http://www.saintjn.org> and look under the Preschool tab for more information and dates. Questions can be directed to Preschool@saintjn.org.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

LIVE JESUS

We're fast approaching an important date in planning Live Jesus! which comes to Our Lady of Good Counsel on Saturday, March 10, 2018.

This year we're celebrating the fifteenth annual Lenten morning of reflection on Salesian spirituality, prayer and fellowship. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) was convinced that God sees humanity as a great and varied garden, that each person is beautiful in his or her uniqueness. The various callings of life—married or single, religious or priest, banker, teacher, plumber, or painter—are like the various flowers in the field; God loves them all! Francis believed that through his or her own calling, each person can find a way to a deeper friendship with his or her creator. He approached people with genuine respect and gently guided them to recognize the unique path they would take in life. Francis made the journey to God joyful and possible for everyone to make. Above all, he advised against despair and the burden of fear. Our theme this year, "Be Not Afraid, Learn From Me" reflects his advice.

Plan to join other Catholics from area parishes on March 10 to learn more about this great saint's spirituality and how it can help you on your own path to holiness. Please watch this space in the coming weeks for more information about this year's presenters, Father Dave Kenehan, OSFS and Father Mark Hushen, OSFS, and the insights they will bring to make your journey a joyous one.

Registration will open on January 2. To register, go to www.oblates.org and click on the Live Jesus icon.

Fellowship

ONGOING FELLOWSHIP AT SJN:

- **Sunday Coffee** Join us for coffee, juice, muffins, and fellowship each Sunday from 8:30-11:30am. All are welcome!
- **9:00am Daily Mass and Fellowship:** After Mass, join us in the Social Room for coffee and cookies.
- **Knights of Columbus:** Are you a male, age 18 years or older and a practicing Catholic, and wish to embark on a journey that emphasizes faith, fraternity, and fellowship with a real commitment to service in our community? If so, please consider becoming a member of the K of C Family of Man Council #7566. Take that first step and contact us at info@kofc7566.us.



Be not afraid
... learn from Me

- **Legion of Mary** Would you like to have the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit your home for two weeks? If interested, the Legion of Mary will deliver and retrieve the Holy Virgin at your convenience. For information email pilgrimvirginmarystatue@gmail.com or call 703-968-3337.
- **Mothers' Group:** Join us for weekday, evening and weekend playgroups, nights out, special events and more. Membership is open to all new, veteran and expectant caregivers of small children. Membership is free and participation is voluntary in all group activities. For more information, email momsgroup@saintjn.org.
- **Praying College Moms:** Join us on the 2nd Monday evening or the 2nd Tuesday morning for shared prayer, support and fellowship. For evening sessions email ksmonroe58@gmail.com, or for morning sessions email madcass5@att.net or joelllanf@aol.com.
- **Shawl Ministry:** On the afternoon of the third Sunday of every month we gather to pray, talk, and create beautiful handmade shawls for those who are ill or grieving. Contact Teresa Westhues at 703-969-8430 to join or request a shawl.
- **Women's Newcomers Group:** Have you just moved to the area? Consider joining our new 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.

YOUNG ADULTS: RSVP to Thomas Patchan at youngadults@saintjn.org.

- **Sunday, January 7, 6:00pm, Camden Trip Interest Meeting and Dinner, SJN:** We'll meet after the 5:00pm Mass for a community dinner and discussion about the upcoming annual service trip to Camden, NJ February 17-19. This is one of the most powerful service experiences of our year, so please consider joining us if able. Please e-mail Thomas if you are interested but cannot attend Sunday, as Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00pm is also an option to meet.
- **Sunday, January 14, 9:20am, Monthly Mass and Brunch:** We'll continue our monthly tradition to celebrate Mass and brunch as a community! We'll meet at the narthex welcome desk to sit together, and afterwards will head to a nearby restaurant for brunch! Please e-mail Thomas and vote for your favorite brunch location on Facebook.
- **Friday, January 19, 7:00pm, Escape Room, Herndon:** We'll head to Herndon's Escape Room for a community-bonding activity and will have some friendly competition against the SJN Mother's group! Afterwards, we'll all socialize at a local restaurant or bar. Please RSVP if you'd like to join the Young Adults team in a fun evening of parish bonding!

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 Divina.
- **Life After Sunday** A small group meets Thursdays from 7:00-8:30pm for faith-sharing based on spiritual friendships and the Gospel message.
- **Mothers' Group Bible Study** This group meets from 10 to 11:30am most Fridays from September through May, and covers the upcoming Sunday scripture. Childcare is available. RSVP is required to attend. Email Felice Ketterer for more information at felicegabrielle@gmail.com.
- **Road to Emmaus** This Scripture Study group meets Mondays at 10:00am in the Conference Room.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

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

WEDNESDAY DROP-IN FOR ALL HIGH

SCHOOL TEENS! Join us this Wednesday and every Wednesday from 6:00 – 8:00pm in the Youth Room as we continue our Wednesday Drop-In Program. All high school teens are welcome to join us for a great opportunity to gather with old friends, meet new friends and enjoy food, games, music, fellowship and faith sharing. Don't miss out and bring your friends!

MINI WORK CAMP Calling all teens and adults! Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? Here's a great opportunity to help those in need, learn some new skills, do hands-on basic home repairs and have fun! Start the new year right by signing up to join us for the Mini Work Camp next Saturday, January 6 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 or more information, and to let her know that you will be participating in the work camp.

LAST DIOCESAN WORK CAMP

INFORMATION MEETING We will meet on Tuesday Night, January 2 from 7:00 – 8:30pm in Classroom B-6. All High School teens and their parents are invited to a second and last Information Meeting for Work Camp, which will be held from June 23 to June 29 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. This is a wonderful opportunity for teens and adults to share their gifts and talents, experience Christian love and fellowship and help to repair and renovate homes of people in need. Our parish can only take a limited number of teens and adults and a number of requirements must be met to qualify. Veteran work campers and those interested in participating this summer need to attend this meeting, if they didn't attend the meeting on December 19. Requirements will be discussed, further information presented and questions will be answered. Selections will be made soon after the meeting and spaces fill up fast! We also need adult leaders, handypersons/contractors and adults for a variety of positions at the Work Camp or in support of our work camp teams. Please contact Doug Johnson at 703-860-6141 or djohnson@saintjn.org if you have questions, or need further information prior to attending the meeting.

HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION SHELTER

DINNER Calling all high school teens; we need your help! On Sunday, January 14, High School teens and adults will provide dinner for the homeless guests in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium. We need your help with preparing the meal, serving the meal and cleaning up after the meal. You don't have school on Monday, January 15, due to Martin Luther King's birthday, so why not donate some quality time to provide a welcoming atmosphere for our guests and help with this worthy cause? This is a great way to follow Christ's example of service to others less fortunate than us. Interested teens, parents and other adults should respond as soon as possible by email at djohnson@saintjn.com to let me know you will help – service hours are available. We may not be able to use all volunteers so respond soon to reserve a spot!

LIFE IS VERY GOOD

EVENING OF PRAYER THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

MORNING RALLY FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

The Arlington Diocese is sponsoring the annual Life Is Very Good event at the Eagle Bank Arena on the campus of George Mason University in Fairfax. You are invited to join groups from all over the country at one or both of these events. **The Evening of Prayer (including Confessions) will take place on Thursday from 7:30pm - 10:00pm** and will be an opportunity to pray for the success of the March for Life in changing our hearts and those of others in this country. Thursday evening's event will feature Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, Ennie Hickman, and music by

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Hawk Nelson and the Ben Walther Band. Tickets are \$17 - reserved seating is in order of payment.

The Morning Rally (including Mass and Confessions) on Friday will take place from 9:00am - 12:00 pm and will prepare us to take to the streets of Washington to make our voices heard as we proclaim the gospel of life at the March for Life. The Rally will feature Ennie Hickman, Father James Searby, and music by the Ben Walther Band. Tickets are \$17, which includes a Chick-Fil-A lunch to go. Reserved seating is in order of payment. There is a very good chance that both of these events will sell out - we need to get you registered now! **If you are interested in attending one or both of these events, please contact Doug Johnson by e-mail at djohnson@saintjn.org as soon as possible!**

Around the Diocese

ENGLISH AND CITIZENSHIP CLASSES OFFERED

Catholic Charities offers low-cost English and Citizenship classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00-9:30pm at Christ the Redeemer Church in Sterling. Registration for classes will be on January 9 and 11 at 8:00pm. **For more information please call Hogar Immigrant Services at 571-208-1572.**

SE OFRECEN CLASES DE INGLÉS Y CIUDADANÍA
Las caridades católicas ofrecen clases de inglés y de ciudadanía los martes y jueves de 8:00 a 9:30pm en la iglesia Cristo Redentor en Sterling. Las inscripciones para el nuevo semestre serán el 9 y 11 de enero a las 8:00 pm. **Si requiere más información, por favor llame a Hogar Immigrant Services al 571-208-1572**

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Harm's Way Prayer List

ST. MARK PK-8 OPEN HOUSE for Prospective Families

Sunday, January 7, 2018 Time: 11am-1:30pm

Thinking about a Catholic school experience for your child (or children)? Please join prospective families to explore neighboring St. Mark PK-8 Catholic School in Vienna. You can tour the school at your leisure, visit the classrooms, and speak with teachers. Current students and parents will be on hand to answer questions and share their experience. Information sessions will be held at 11:30am and 1:00pm. Your children are welcome to attend with you! Any questions? Email Mrs. Jeanne Bliss: jbliss@stmark.org.

PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL invites **8th graders and their families** to our annual Student Life Close Up Night and Varsity Boy's Basketball Game on Saturday, January 20 at 5:00pm. Join our coaches, players and members of our Fine Art's Department for pizza and dessert. Sit with the *VI Man* and cheer on our Panther Basketball team at 6:00pm. There is no cost for this fun, family event. Email ehanley@pvipanther.net with questions.

DONATE YOUR USED CAR TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND HELP A FAMILY BECOME SELF-RELIANT!

If you are thinking of replacing your old car with something new, please consider donating your old car to Catholic Charities. We take used vehicles and give them directly to families in desperate need of transportation. We accept nonworking cars to fund our volunteer programs. You will receive an IRS donation receipt. To donate, email Cars@ccda.net or call (703) 841-3898.



SJN Weekly Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION "...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." *COLOSSIANS 3:13*

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.