

St. John Neumann Catholic Community

Spirituality in the Tradition of St. Francis de Sales

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Parish Mission Statement

We, the faithful of St. John Neumann Catholic Community, commit ourselves to celebrating and giving witness to the presence of God in our midst by living the Gospel to its fullest. May we do all things in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales with compassion, humility and gentleness.

Declaración de la Misión

Nosotros, la Comunidad Católica en San Juan Neumann, nos comprometemos a celebrar y dar testimonio de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros viviendo el Evangelio en su plenitud. Que hagamos todas las cosas en el espíritu de San Francisco de Sales con compasión, humildad y mansedumbre.

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www.saintjn.org
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am,
11:30 am, 5:00 pm
Domingo Español: 2:00 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00 – 10:30 am
Also by Appointment

Parish Staff

(Please use the 703 area code for all numbers.)

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Dear Parishioners,

The news announced last weekend at all the Masses and the statement on both our parish website and that of the diocese in regards to Doug Johnson was very difficult and sad for everyone in the parish. At this time (of my writing), authorities have not updated the parish with any other official news.

I want to assure all of our families who currently entrust their children to our Faith Formation program that we follow the child and safety protection protocols that both the state and diocese require. We do our best to offer your children not only safe environments to embrace and learn about their faith but ones that are also life-giving.

If there is anyone in the parish and especially anyone who participated in our Youth Faith Formation program (formerly called Agape) who has any knowledge regarding inappropriate behavior or abuse during their time here, please get in touch with the police and the Arlington Diocese Office of Child Protection and Victim Assistance (703) 841-2530. I would also encourage you to reach out to one of the Oblate priests and/or the Director of Faith Formation, Mickie Abatemarco, and our current Youth Minister, Eric Muñoz if we can be of pastoral assistance.

This past weekend, we were fortunate to have counselors/therapists from Catholic Charities available for the majority of the Masses. Though some individuals were able to embrace this opportunity, we recognize many were unable. Please know that Catholic Charities counselors are still available and encourage anyone who would find it helpful to contact them to set up a time to meet and help you process.

Catholic Charities Counseling
Michael Horne, Psy.D.
540-371-1124
Michael.horne@ccda.net

The parish also has the SJN ACTION Group (Advocacy, Change, Transparency, Inclusion, Ongoing reform), which may benefit you at this difficult time. Please see more information about SJN ACTION at saintjn.org/action, where you can see what it offers and how this group serves our parish.

As I stated at the end of the statement that I read at the end of Mass last weekend, I repeat here, "Let us keep in prayer all who are involved."

Live Jesus,
Fr. Joe

How to Report Sexual Abuse:

- If an emergency, call 911
- Child Protective Services; Virginia Dept of Social Services: 800-552-7096
- Diocese of Arlington, Office of Child Protection; Report and Get Help and Counseling: 703-841-3847 or <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/>

WORSHIP

The celebration of the Eucharist is the heart of our parish life. From it flows our vibrant liturgical, sacramental, and prayer-filled programs.

This Sunday's Readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6(5); Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals to us that God made marriage a holy committed relationship. St. Francis de Sales speaks similarly about marriage: Marriage is equally holy in the rich and in the poor. The preservation of holy marriage is of the highest importance for the state since it is the origin and source of all that flows from the state. If only our Savior were invited to every marriage, as He was to the marriage at Cana. The wine of his consolation and blessing would never be lacking.

Married people ought to have that mutual love that the Holy Spirit in Scriptures so highly recommends to them. The first effect of this divine love is an indissoluble union of the hearts, affections, and love of the husband and wife. The second effect of this divine love is the inviolable fidelity of husband and wife to each other. The third fruit of marriage is the birth and nurturing of children. Marriage is the nursery of Christianity. It is a great honor to you who are married that God empowers you to cooperate in so noble a work of creation in giving birth to children and properly nurturing them.

Husbands and wives advance more and more in the mutual love you owe to one another; take care that your love does not degenerate into jealousy of any kind. It often happens that just as a worm is bred in the ripest, most tender apple, so also jealousy grows in the most ardent and compelling love of husband and wife. Jealousy never gets in where friendship is based on true virtue in both persons. Love and fidelity joined together always produce intimacy and mutual trust. Why then do you not cherish each other with a completely holy, completely sacred, and completely divine love?

New Altar Server Training— October 14

New Altar Server training will be conducted on five consecutive Thursdays starting October 14 from 6:30-8:00pm. The training is open to all girls and boys of the parish who are currently in the 4th grade or older, and feel a call to serve God and the people of God at the Lord's Table. Altar Servers have a very important role in our liturgies and may serve at any of our Masses. Please call Tricia Russman in the Liturgical Ministries office at 703-860-6151 or prussman@saintjn.org for details and to register.



Sacramental Celebrations

Marriages: Nataly Avalos & Andrei Lupascescu

Planning Ahead—No Confessions on October 23

There will be no confessions on Saturday, October 23, due to Confirmation. Confessions will resume on Saturday, October 30. Thank you for your understanding, and please pray that our Confirmands grow in faith and service to the Lord.

Taizé Prayer - October 5

We will be holding a Taizé Prayer Service on Tuesday, October 5, at 7:30pm in the de Sales Chapel. This unique form of Prayer is a form of common prayer that is intentionally simple in structure and ecumenical. It is a meditative quality that gets to the heart of a contemplative prayer form. Please join us!

Baptisms: Collin Paul Cadwell, Richard Rosenberger, Rylan Nicola Wilkinson

Daily Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

5:00PM People of the Parish
(Special Intention)

Sunday, October 3

7:30AM Laurence Quartararo †
9:30AM Herb Mould †
11:30AM Mr. & Mrs.
Charles Trentacoste †
2:00PM Angela Ramirez †
5:00PM Marie Slavens †

Monday, October 4

St. Francis of Assisi

9:00AM Peter Joseph Buzzanel †
12:10PM Joyce Oliveira †

Tuesday, October 5

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

9:00AM Laura Coleman Kulp †

Wednesday, October 6

St. Bruno;

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

9:00AM Diane Cassidy †
12:10PM Fritz Margis †

Thursday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00AM Otto Plescia †

Friday, October 8

9:00AM Carole Del Guidice †
12:10PM Irene Banag †

Saturday, October 9

*St. Denis and Companions;
St. John Leonardi; Blessed Virgin
Mary on Saturday*

5:00PM Russell Burnett †

Sunday, October 10

7:30AM Rosario Misterio †
9:30AM People of the Parish
(Special Intention)
11:30AM Marion & Ray Ranft †
2:00PM Roberto Serna †
5:00PM Camilla Manetta †

Prayer Lists

Please offer your prayers this week for the following:

Sick: Harry Healy, Ron Lee

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Next Sunday's Readings

Next weekend we celebrate the **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**. Please prepare for Mass by reflecting on these texts:

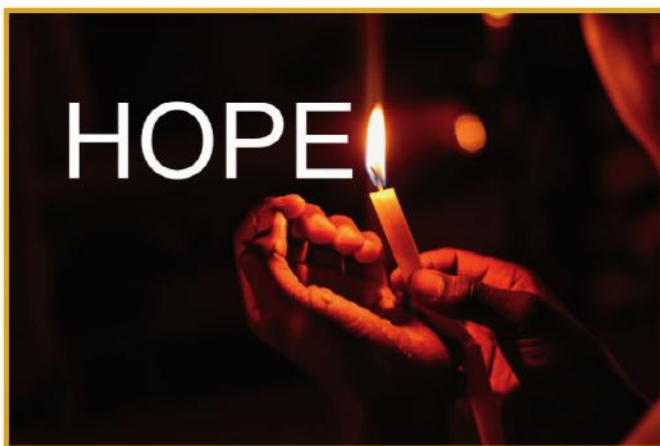
Wisdom 7:7-11: "...the things that humans naturally value for a good life do not, in fact, produce the desired results."

Psalms 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17(14): "Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!"

Hebrews 4:12-13: "God alone can 'discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.'"

Mark 10:17-30: "The three parts of this Gospel focus...on how to inherit eternal life, on how difficult it is for those who are rich in earthly possessions to enter the Kingdom of God, and how the experience of eternal life begins on earth."

Source: *At Home with the Word 2021* and *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word, LTP*



**Spend Time With
Jesus in Adoration
October 14 from
3:00pm to 8:00pm
SJN De Sales Chapel**

**Call the SJN liturgy office
(703-860-6151) or
sign up on the sheet outside the
chapel to
commit to half-hour time slot.**



STEWARDSHIP

We are committed to being good stewards of our world and our parish. We encourage all to share, as they can, their time, talent, and treasure.

Hurricane Ida Relief

While Catholic Charities USA, along with their local agencies, has begun providing relief to those affected by Hurricane Ida, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that our parishes take up an emergency, voluntary collection through the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund. Click to donate: <https://onrealm.org/StJohnNeumannCa/give/Ida> or send a check to St. John Neumann noting "Hurricane Ida Relief" on the memo line.

**The 2021-2024
Pastoral Plan is Coming!**

Arriving October 16!

More Information Next Week!

You Spoke, We Listened!

Stewardship of Treasure:

Week ending Sept. 26, 2021

Offertory - Regular Sunday	39,665
(Cash/Check \$21,693)	
(Electronic \$17,972)	
Total Budget	43,456
Variance	\$ 3,791

YTD (includes Christmas & Easter)	
YTD Offertory	545,849
YTD Budget	564,928
Variance	\$ 19,079

FORMATION

We are all called to be disciples of Christ. To guide our journeys of faith, we offer formation and study programs for children, youth, and adults.



GIRLS GROUP!
2021/2022

Growing in faith and friendship!

blaze
SEE THE WORLD ON FIRE

Join us on Sundays 10:45am-12:00pm throughout the school year for a 21 session program called Blaze! Register by October 1st. More details online.

REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE!
www.saintjn.org/branching-out



FAITH, FRIENDSHIP, AND FUN!!!

EDGE CAMP SUMMER 2022

Open to all SJN youth currently in 5th-8th grade.



CAMP

Space is very limited! More information can be found online.

PRE-REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE!
www.saintjn.org/branching-out

Important Dates:

- Oct 3 - Pre-registration closes.
- Oct 16 - Date will be announced and priority registration begins.
- Oct 20 - General registration begins.
- Oct 27 - Registration closes.

These are Just a Few Things Happening With Our Middle School Youth Ministry

To Learn More Visit
<https://saintjn.org/middle-school-6th-8th-grade-ministry/>



MIDDLE SCHOOL

FIRE PIT DINNER

OCTOBER 10
6:00PM-7:30PM

RISING 6TH-8TH GRADERS, JOIN US FOR HOTDOGS AND SMORES AROUND THE FIRE PIT!

REGISTER ON THE WEBSITE!
WWW.SAINTJN.ORG/BRANCHING-OUT



Fall 2021

AT A GLANCE

October	November	December
7th - Walk/Jog/Run Practice	4th - Walk/Jog/Run Practice	2nd - Walk/Jog/Run Practice
10th - FIRE PIT DINNER	7th - Girls Group	5th - Girls Group
14th - Walk/Jog/Run Practice	11th - Walk/Jog/Run Practice	9th - Walk/Jog/Run Practice
17th - Girls Group	14th - Girls Group	10th - PAINT NIGHT
21st - Walk/Jog/Run Practice	18th - Walk/Jog/Run Practice	12th - Girls Group
24th - Girls Group	21st - Girls Group	16th - Walk/Jog/Run Practice
28th - Walk/Jog/Run Practice	25th - Walk/Jog/Run Practice	
	28th - Salesian Youth Mass and FIRE PIT DINNER	

MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES!
WWW.SAINTJN.ORG/BRANCHING-OUT

Please Join Our New Small-Group Book Study—Starts October 7

Join us for our new small group book study "Library of Faith." We will explore books that encourage our faith and challenge us to grow. Our first book is "Wrestling with God" by Ronald Rolheiser. We will meet in person on Thursday mornings at 10:00am and via Zoom on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. This series will meet from October 7 through November 18. If you are interested in participating or have further questions email Mickie Abatemarco at mabatemarco@saintjn.org.

October is Respect Life Month

This year our Church urges us to pray for the intercession of St. Joseph, defender of Jesus and Mary and our inspiration in defending life at every stage. Like every human family, the Holy Family had to confront a lifetime of challenges. In every situation, Joseph put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. His devotion highlights our own need to care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.



RESPECT LIFE

respectlife.org

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"Human life must always be defended from its beginning in the womb and must be recognized as a gift of God that guarantees the future of humanity." Pope Francis

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

MUSIC FOR THE CURE IN MEMORY OF FR. TOM MURPHY, OSFS



WITH TOM KENDZIA AND VALLIMAR JANSEN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 7 PM

St. John Neumann Parish - 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston, VA 20191

Concert to be followed by a dessert reception

Free will offerings will be donated in honor of Fr. Tom Murphy to the Lustgarten Foundation, benefiting pancreatic cancer research.



For more information, contact Mickie Abatemarco
(703) 390-2340, mabatemarco@saintjn.org

ABOUT TOM:

A well-known composer, arranger, producer, teacher, clinician, author and composer, Tom Kendzia has almost 40 years' experience and dozens of collections of sacred music. He brings sound advice and practical wisdom to his workshops on repertoire and liturgical catechesis, among other topics.

ABOUT VALLIMAR:

Blessed with an extraordinary voice, Vallimar Jansen is a highly regarded inspirational/catechetical speaker, singer, composer and recording artist. She is also a college professor, a leader of worship and prayer, and a workshop presenter at conferences across the U.S. and abroad.



You Are Invited: St. Paul VI High School Open House on October 17

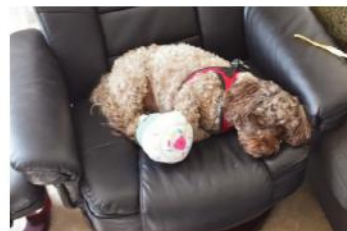
Please join St. Paul VI Catholic High School, 42431 Braddock Rd., Chantilly, on Sunday, October 17 at 1:00pm for our 2021 Open House. We will offer special presentations at 1:15 and 2:15 p.m. and have staff and faculty on hand to provide an overview of our school programs and answer any questions. Learn more at www.paulvi.net/OpenHouse.

Bishop O'Connell Open House - Sunday, This Sunday

Bishop O'Connell High School, 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington, is hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 3, from 1-3 p.m. They invite families to stop by and learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Tour the school and meet teachers, administrators, and coaches, and chat with current students. For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org call 703-237-1433.

SJN Blessing of the Pets—October 3

On Sunday, October 3 at 1:00pm, we will have a "Blessing of the Pets," in celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Assisi. Please bring your pet to the flagpole area, so we may bless them.



Feast of St. Francis Mass and Nature Walk—October 4

Please join Care for Our Common Home Ministry for daily Mass and a nature walk on Monday, October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This feast marks the end of the Season of Creation, celebrated each year by the universal Church. Following the 9:00am Mass, we'll gather at the main church entrance (about 9:40) for a prayerful walk through the woods behind the church. We'd love to have you with us.



Give Generously to Our Pro-Life Ministry's Baby Bottle Campaign

The Pro-Life Ministry is distributing baby bottles this weekend to raise money for A Woman's Choice of Herndon and Falls Church, which provides alternatives to abortion for pregnant women in need and counseling for men unprepared for the duties of fatherhood. Please take home a bottle and return it to SJN during weekend masses on October 16 and 17 Thank you.



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Stand and Deliver Screening and Discussion—October 22 and 24

Join the Racial Justice Ministry for a showing of the groundbreaking film, *Stand and Deliver* on Friday, October 22, at 7:00pm. via

Zoom. Based on the true story of high school math teacher Jaime Escalante, this 1988 movie depicts how a group of Hispanic high school students from East Los Angeles overcome poverty and prejudice to master AP Calculus. Would the teacher's innovative methods and attitude work for disadvantaged adolescents in today's schools? This and other questions will be covered during our follow-on discussion on Sunday, October 24, also at 7 p.m. via Zoom. To register, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LNGYWP6> by October 21. To learn more about this dedicated educator, visit <https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=125398451>.



Balance Class Demo For Fall Prevention/Muscle Strengthening! Date Change to October 21

As we announced in last week's bulletin, we are welcoming back Woody McMahon from Sequoia Health for a FREE Demo Balance Class on Thursday, October 21, at 10:00am in the Parish Auditorium. Woody utilizes Sara Meeks "Posture Perfect" method to help improve strength, flexibility, and posture that helps reduce the risk of falls and ultimately fractures. Those struggling with osteopenia or osteoporosis are strongly encouraged to come.

Please note that the date has changed from October 14, due to a scheduling conflict.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Susan Infeld, Parish Nurse at sinfeld@saintjn.org.

Upcoming Knights of Columbus Events

Have Breakfast With the Knights of Columbus This Sunday, October 3

Join the Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council for their charity breakfast on Sunday, October 3. The Knights will begin serving breakfast after the 7:30am Mass and will continue serving until the start of the 11:30am Mass. The proceeds from your free-will offering will be sent to the Immigrant and Refugee Services of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington, especially in their work to assist the relocation of Afghan refugees to our area. So why not join the Knights for breakfast, have some good food, good conversation, and a fun time all while helping a great cause? See you there!

Knights of Columbus Catholic Education (K)Night, October 14

The Knights of Columbus' Family of Man Council invites all adult parishioners to attend Catholic Education (K)Night (CEK) on Thursday, October 14, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Auditorium. CEK will feature the Word on Fire Institute video presentation by Bishop Robert Barron on the life of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Born in the Basque region about the time Columbus discovered the New World, Ignatius sought to serve the Spanish king. Eventually, he sought to serve only his Lord, The Church, and the Pontiff, by founding the Society of Jesus. Bishop Barron's talks are always educational and insightful, and this promises to be an enjoyable evening. Refreshments will be provided.



Family of Man Council 7566

The Knights of Columbus at St John Neumann Parish, Reston, VA

Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council Select the Tom Carter Family as the Council's Family of the Month for September

Tom Carter serves as the Council's link with the parish office to schedule Knights' events and formerly was the chair of the Council's Community Committee. He also helps count the weekly collections for the parish. His wife, Maggie, is a St John Neumann Catholic Community's wedding coordinator, serves as a Eucharistic Minister, and is a member of the Shawl Ministry. Tom has been a Knight since May 2010 and is a Fourth Degree Knight, the highest level a Knight can attain.



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Bereavement Drop-In Group at St. Mark's Catholic Church

St. Mark's Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Rd., Vienna, has started a Drop-In Bereavement Group, providing a safe space to share stories of grief and loss with others who have suffered the same in order to help the healing process. The group will meet on the third Tuesdays of each Month from 7:15pm to 8:30pm in Room 104 of St. Mark Parish Center. The group's first meeting is on October 19, followed by meetings on November 16 and December 21.

Ellen Murphy, LCSW of St. Mark Counseling Center, will lead the group. Ellen has extensive experience in grief counseling, working with hospices and parishes around the DC metro area, and in her private practice. If you would want more information about the group, please contact Ellen at 703-281-9671 or emurphy@stmark.org.

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

Five Keys to Freedom- Deliverance Prayer Presentation on October 9

Five Keys to Freedom- Deliverance Prayer Presentation - Saturday, October 9, 2021, Msgr. Hannan Hall at St. Andrews Church, Clifton, 9:45 a.m.-5 p.m. Terry Riggins will present talks based on "Unbound- A Practical Guide to Deliverance." If you struggle with wounds from the past, negative thoughts, unforgiveness and the like, this prayer model is a useful tool to help experience the freedom of a beloved child of God. To register, go to arlingtonrenewal.org, \$25 online by September 25, or \$40 by October 6 includes lunch.

If you should have any questions, please contact Teresa Riggins at teresa.riggins@arlingtondiocese.org, 703- 224-1474.

This program is presented by the Office of the Coordinator of Spiritual Assistance Ministry.

SAINT JOSEPH: GUARDIAN OF THE BODY OF CHRIST



ARLINGTON
Diocesan Pilgrimage
YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH



A Pilgrim Experience
for the Whole Family

BISHOP MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE
INVITES YOU TO THE
DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
9:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate
Conception in Washington, D.C.

FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE VISIT:
www.arlingtondiocese.org/2021/marian-pilgrimage



Prayer, Praise, and Worship—October 12

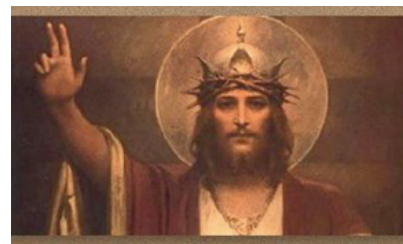
Join us for prayer, praise and worship every second Tuesday of the month at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Fairfax from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Our special intention will be for the conversion and healing in families. On Tuesday, October 12, Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge will lead the Holy Hour and offer the reflection. Music will be provided by Michelle Jacobeen and Joseph Jacobeen. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.

Mass for Respect Life Month Mass—October 10

The Diocese of Arlington's Mass for Respect Life Month will be on Sunday, October 10 at 10:45am at St. Timothy Catholic Church, 13807 Poplar Tree Rd, Chantilly, VA. Bishop Michael Burbidge will be the celebrant. The Diocese invites all who wish to attend.

The 23rd Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, November 6

The cultural chaos, deep political divisions and turmoil over the pandemic in our country continue to increase, presenting a major spiritual challenge for all of us. What is being asked of faithful Catholic men in this time of trial? The 23rd Annual Christ the King Men's Day of Recollection, directed by The Very Reverend Paul D. Scalia, will be held on Sat. Nov. 6 from 9:15am--1:15pm at St. Raymond of Peñafort Catholic Church, 8750 Pohick Rd., Springfield VA. There is no charge for this event, but you must register before Oct. 30 to attend. Donations gratefully accepted. To register go to www.waywomen.com/mensretreat For more information, please contact Robin Maas at rmvmaas@gmail.com.



Our Fruitful Love—NEW Resource for Couples Struggling With Infertility.



The Diocese of Arlington, through the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life, has developed a website called Our Fruitful Love to better accompany those suffering infertility and infant loss. To learn more about on-line resources and mentors, or if you would like to share your visit www.ourfruitfullove.com

Birthday Gifts for Kids at Laurel Learning Center—Tags Now Available

Tags are in the lobby this weekend for providing birthday gifts to kids in Cornerstones Laurel Learning Center. If you are able, please take a tag, purchase a gift for a child in need, and return the wrapped gift here to SJN by October 17th. If there are any questions about the requested gift, please contact Lmprestonj@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity!



Register to Vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2. Voters will elect a Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, and will determine all 100 state House of Delegates seats. As Catholics, we are called to practice faithful citizenship. If you will be 18 or older on November 2, you are encouraged to register to vote, or to update your registration if you have changed your address. To learn more, go to <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register/>.

The Linen Committee Seeks New Members

The Linen Committee is a group of volunteers who wash and iron the small altar linens used by the priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass. They also launder the gowns worn by the altar servers during Mass. Our volunteers work with a partner to help approximately once every three to four months for two weeks at a time to care for the linens. If you wish to participate in the life of the parish, please contact Tricia Russman at 703-860-6151 or prussman@saintjn.org.

AFGHAN ARRIVAL HELP

You'd like to help the newly arrived and incoming Afghan Special Immigrant Visa holders (SIVs) and their families but unsure how? First, thank you for thinking of Catholic Charities Migration & Refugee Services! Ours is one of three resettlement agencies in northern Virginia designated by the State Department to receive and place the newly arrived Afghan refugees. Every little bit of your help has an impact, and we appreciate your interest and generosity. Below are the best ways to help:

1. **(URGENT) Long-Term Housing** - If you know of friends or others who own properties for rent, it will help to provide stable housing for families as quickly as possible. MRS provides financial support towards rent but without credit or work history, it can be difficult to secure leasing for newly arriving SIV families. Our families benefit greatly from being near their family and friends in the area and so we are urgently looking for housing in:
 - a. Fredericksburg, VA
 - b. Sterling, VA
 - c. Woodbridge, VA

If you have contacts in other areas of Northern Virginia, please send them along – we are trying to work with ALL housing leads!

2. **New, household items/furnishings to outfit apartments** for the new arrivals. The intersection of COVID19 coupled with the State Department requirements for outfitting refugee housing translates into delivering as many new items to the families as possible. MRS's AMAZON link to the list of household furnishings needs is below:

<https://a.co/3CwylQ9>

Feel free to use this list as a guide at other stores such as Bed, Bath & Beyond, Macy's, Burlington, or Big Lots – they have many similar/equivalent items. (Please send items to MRS/Catholic Charities, 80 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203 | tel: 703.520.4011.)

3. **(Very) Gently Used Furniture** (Pictures are very helpful to determine if we can accept donations!) – currently, we can ONLY ACCEPT:
 - a. Dining Room Tables & Chairs
 - b. Medium to small sofas, couches
 We will arrange with you to pick-up and drop-off, preferably directly to the new apartments found for arrivals. Please be patient – as you can imagine our staff & warehouse space are stretched to the limit.
 Contact: Belayneh Loppisso | Belayneh.Loppisso@cdda.net | office: 571.292.2259

Again, thank you for your interest and help! If you any have questions, please email: lourdes.iglesias@cdda.net for further information.

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<https://www.cdda.net/give-help/donate-goods-and-transportation/help-immigrants-and-refugees/>

Holy Housekeepers Needed

Holy Housekeepers are needed to prepare the Church and Chapel for the weekends. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the Liturgy Office, 703-860-6151. Only one to two hours of your valuable time is needed every four to five weeks.

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Look for What's Needed In Next
 Week's Bulletin!

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Successful

The Family of Man Council sponsored our quarterly blood drive at St John Neumann Parish on September 25, 2021. The drive was a phenomenal success, with 41 total units collected. Congratulations to John Owens, our Blood Drive Coordinator, and his team for their outstanding efforts! And, thanks to all who donated.

The Knights of Columbus empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, and in their community. You can learn more about the Council at www.kofc7566.us.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

¿Preparándose para el examen y la entrevista de naturalización de los Estados Unidos?

St. John Neumann está ofreciendo clases para ayudar a las personas a prepararse para el examen y la entrevista de naturalización de los Estados Unidos. Si usted ha presentado su Formulario N-400 "Solicitud de Ciudadanía" y desea ayuda para preparar la entrevista y el examen, por favor envíe un correo electrónico a John Dister en citizenship.sjn@gmail.com.

- Las clases están previstas para los días de la semana, las noches de la semana y los fines de semana.
- Los participantes deben ser capaces de hablar inglés, con una puntuación de nivel "intermedio" o superior en nuestro instrumento de evaluación del inglés.
- Los participantes deben haber presentado su N-400 o estar listos para presentarlo.
- Los participantes deberán pagar 50 dólares para cubrir el coste de los libros y los materiales del curso.
- También ofreceremos tutoría a las personas que tengan una entrevista con el USCIS ya programada.
- No podemos ofrecer asesoramiento sobre ningún caso individual, pero podemos remitir a los participantes a asesores legales.



El Comité de Ropa Blanca busca nuevos miembros

El Comité de Linos es un grupo de voluntarios que lavan y planchan los pequeños manteles del altar que utilizan los sacerdotes y los Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión durante la Misa. También lavan las batas que usan los monaguillos durante la misa. Contacte a Tricia Russman al 703-860-6151 o prussman@saintjn.org.

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Para más información, póngase en contacto con Mickie Abatemarco
(703) 390-2340, mabatemarco@saintjn.org

SOBRE TOM:

Reconocido compositor, arreglista, productor, profesor, clínico, autor y compositor, Tom Kendzia tiene casi 40 años de experiencia y decenas de colecciones de música sacra. Aporta consejos sólidos y sabiduría práctica en sus talleres sobre repertorio y catequesis litúrgica, entre otros temas.

SOBRE VALLIMAR:

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Regístrese para votar

Regístrese para votar: Este año en Virginia, el día de las elecciones es el martes 2 de noviembre. Los votantes elegirán un Gobernador, un Vicegobernador y un Fiscal General, y determinarán los 100 escaños de la Cámara de Delegados del estado. Como católicos, estamos llamados a practicar una ciudadanía fiel. Si usted tiene 18 años o más el 2 de noviembre, se le anima a registrarse para votar, o para actualizar su registro si ha cambiado su dirección. Para obtener más información, vaya a <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/registration/how-to-register/>.

Young Adults Ministry Barbeque With Our Oblate Priests

Our Young Adults Ministry had a barbeque dinner with our Oblate Priests on Saturday, September 18. According to Eric Munoz, director of the Young Adults Ministry, "a good time was had by all who attended." For more information on the ministry, contact Eric at emunoz@saintjn.org or visit <https://saintjn.org/community/young-adult-ministry/>



High School Youth Ministry Has Family Dinner

On Sunday, September 19, our High School Youth Ministry along with their family members, met in the Brown-McCarthy Auditorium for an evening of food and fellowship. To learn more about the ministry, that is open to all students in grades 9-12, contact Eric Munoz, the ministry's director, at emunoz@saintjn.org, or visit <https://saintjn.org/formation/high-school-youth-ministry/>.



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This Week at a Glance

Sunday, October 3

7:30am: Pro-Life Baby Bottle Distribution (All Day)
8:30am: KoC Charity Breakfast (Until 11:30am)

Monday, October 4

No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, October 5

7:30pm: Young Adult Study
7:30pm: Taizé Prayer

Wednesday, October 6

3:00pm: Farmers Market
7:00pm: Legion de Maria

Thursday, October 7

10:30am: Touchstones

Friday, October 8

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, October 9

8:00pm: Spanish Prayer Group

Sunday, October 10

8:30am: Boy Scout Troop 124
Donut Sale

See our website at www.saintjn.org for a complete list of all activities.

Bulletin Submission Reminders

Fall is here, and things are getting busy. We want to make sure that your event gets all the publicity that it needs to succeed. Along those lines, here are some bulletin submission reminders:

- Please send all of your content to bulletin@saintjn.org.
- Make sure you submit content a minimum of ten days before the bulletin you wish the information to run in. Of course, you can also submit earlier if you wish.
- Ensure your copy has all the pertinent details about your event: date, time, place, and any helpful information you have about it.

Thank you for being so supportive of the bulletin! We sincerely appreciate your efforts to make the publishing process easy.

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the more reason he has to
hope in Him. This hope produces
in the Saints an unutterable
peace, which they preserve even
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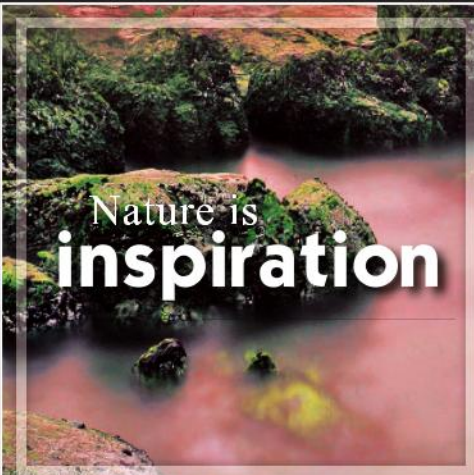
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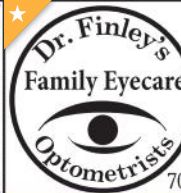
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