

ONE GOD and Father of all. Ephesians 4:6



Un solo Dios y Padre de todos. Efesios 4, 6





La Palabra se hizo carne. Juan 1, 14



THE ADVOCATE. the holy Spirit. John 14:26



El Espíritu Santo; el Intérprete. Juan 14, 26



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June 12, 2022



### OUR LADY of DD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mon-Sat - 8:30am, holidays are at 9am	Join the Parish www.olgcva.org/register	
Saturday Vigil 4pm	Schedule an Event	
Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am,	www.olgcva.org/about-us/facilities	
12pm (en español), 5:00pm	Add Item to Bulletin/Media	
Office Hours Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm,	www.olgcva.org/about-us/communications	
closed 12-12:30pm for lunch	Mass Intention Request	
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# Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel

We, as members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, strive to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by proclaiming our faith, educating ourselves and our children, sharing our persons, resources and gifts in the care and service of one another. We are called to foster an environment of hospitality in accordance with the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

Mass Intentions/Intenciones de la Misa		
Sat. / Sun. June 11 - June 12, 2022—Presiders Fr Kumar, Fr Kumar, Fr Kumar, Fr Kazadi, Fr Metzger		
+ Buresh & Krivanec Families		
+Felicia Michalski Fisher		
+ William F. Cody		
McGonigle & McNicholas Families Special Intention		
Fred & Ann Streb 60th Wedding Anniv.		
Monday, June 13, 2022—Presider Fr Metzger		
8:30am Rev. Matthew J. DeForest Ordination Anniv.		
Tuesday, June 14, 2022—Presider Fr Kumar		
8:30am Brian, Fran and the Davenport family		
Wednesday, June 15, 2022—Presider Fr Hillyard		
8:30am The OLGC Community		
Thursday, June 16, 2022—Presider Fr Hillyard		
8:30am Alex, Hillary & Halili Family		
Friday, June 17, 2022—Presider Fr Kumar		
8:30am + Joe & Clara Renzetti		
Saturday, June 18, 2022—Presider Fr Kumar		
8:30am + Adam Cuatote		
Sat. / Sun. June 18- June 19, 2022—Presider Fr Hillyard,		
Fr Kumar, Fr Hillyard, Fr Kumar		
+ William & Francis Kotapish		
+ Jose Luis Vivanco		
+ Angel Serafin Cabrera Rivera		
+ Felicitas Rodriguez		

+ Khoai D. Vo

Please keep those listed in the prayer intention book and the recently deceased in your prayers including Raul Pazmino; Molly Murphy, mother of Beth Weithman, grandmother of Molly and Tommy; Raymond Lee, husband of Leisa Lee, father or Raymond and Isabella; Shirley Smith; Martin Walsh, Lorraine Hals, and Mary Sestak.

#### Devotional Candles: <u>www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/</u>.

Church - In Celebration of Isabella Jones

Chapel - Special intention for Anselmo Senseng & Family Our Lady - Special intention for Gerard Hall & Irene Zaso

OLGC Funerals: www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals.

Mass Intentions, Candles & Weekly Prayer of Faithful are all available online at <u>www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship</u>.

#### Readings for the Week/Lecturas de la Semana

Scripture Readings For the Week of June 12, 2022		
Sunday	<b>The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> Prv 8:22-31; Ps8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15	
Monday	<b>Memorial of Saint Anthony of Padua</b> 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42	
Tuesday	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-4	
Wednesd	ay 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18	
Thursday	Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Mt 6:7-15	
Friday	2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23	
Saturday	2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Mt 6:24-34	
Sunday	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</b> Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17	

#### Wedding Banns None at this time

#### Weekly & Second Collections Checks or cash via envelopes, Text amount to 703.810.7674, use QR Code or online at <u>membership.faithdirect.net/VA875</u>. Thank you.

May 22, 2022	Diocesan Retired Priests
May 29, 2022	Catholic Communications
June 26, 2022	Holy Father Peter's Pence
June 2022	Facility Improvements

April Monthly Collections		
Fiscal Year July 2021—June 2022		
Offertory	205,046.86	
Total Budgeted	<u>185,616.00</u>	
Variance	19,430.86	
YTD Received	1,962,258.57	
Budget YTD	<u>1,924,122.00</u>	
Variance	38,136.57	



Scan QR Code to donate online

Quote of the week: "Through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Lord enables us to find Him wherever we are and in whatever we do." - St. Francis de Sales

Cita de la semana: "A través de los dones del Espíritu Santo, el Señor nos permite encontrarlo donde quiera que estemos y en todo lo que hagamos". - San Franciso de Sales

# Calendar (Subject to change, see website for up to date schedule <u>www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar</u>)



# This week you should have received our new parish newsletter through a different email program. If you did not receive it, please send an email to webdesign@olgcva.org so we can check your email address. If you had previously unsubscribed, you will have to update your preferences through our new member portal www.olgcva.org/login. The Username is the email address we have on file that you usually receive emails to, and you will need to create a password to login. Our newsletters include the Friday Parish Newsletter, Fr. Matt's Musings, and other special announcements.



## Monthly Outreach Project: The Lamb Center Sat. June 18th & Sun. June 19th before & after all the Masses

The Lamb Center's mission is to serve the poor and homeless neighbors, transform lives and share God's love. The center seeks to proclaim the good is a daytime drop-in shelter for individuals experiencing homelessness and poverty in Fairfax, Virginia. They provide breakfast, lunch, showers, laundry service, Bible studies, housing and job counseling, a workforce development program, AA meetings, a nurse practitioner clinic, a dental clinic, and much more. Click here for their complete brochure.

#### Volunteer for a shift for the collection at <u>www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EA8A72EA7FC1-volunteer7</u>.

#### This month we will be collecting:

- Monetary donations Make checks payable to "The Lamb Center".
- Supplies for the center and their clients Click here for a complete list of supplies that are needed
- Items that are most needed:
  - Powdered Coffee Creamer
  - Liquid Bleach
  - Men's white t-shirts and boxer briefs (all sizes)
  - Men's jeans (waist sizes 28-36)
  - Men's belts (waist 30-48)
  - Men's sneakers (sizes 7.5-11) new or gently used
  - Umbrellas & Sleeping Bags (new or gently used)
  - Disposable masks

Donations will be collected at the Bell Tower Circle in front of DeSales Hall Saturday, June 18th, 3:30-5pm and Sunday, June 19th, 7:30am-1:15pm and 4:30-6pm Monthly Outreach Project June 18th & 19th at all the Masses



Collecting supplies and monetary donations!

# Parish Updates & Events

#### Message sent May 26, 2022: Dear OLGC Community,

Today, with mixed emotions, I share with you that Irene Zaso, parishioner and our Communications Director, has informed me of her decision to transition from OLGC to PVI to assume their communications position. Irene has and will continue to be a parishioner at OLGC. She began as a volunteer managing the school website and then was hired to combine the school and church websites. In 2017, she became our Communications Director and has helped us to expand our communications from bulletin and website to weekly emails, as well as more focused social communications, and a variety of outreach during COVID. I am very grateful for her service to the OLGC community and ask you to join me in wishing her blessings in her new position. Please join us on Saturday, June 18th after the 4pm Mass for a reception to wish her well. Live Jesus! *Fr. Matt* 

#### Dear OLGC Family,

I have exciting news to share! While I have enjoyed working in my parish community that I love, my last day at OLGC will be June 23rd. Though I will miss working with the staff and the OLGC Community, I am excited to start at St. Paul VI Catholic High School as their Director of Communications. My daughters graduated from there, and my son is currently assigned there as a Youth Apostle Missionary. PVI is my other community family, and I look forward to supporting them as I have done here. Over the past 12 years, I have worked hard to upgrade OLGC's website and social media presence and develop processes and procedures to make communication better within and outside of OLGC. I am thankful for having had the opportunity to work at OLGC alongside our fabulous staff, volunteers, and organizations. Thank you for all the support you have provided me, and I will continue to see you at Mass and OLGC events. Over the next few weeks, I will work with Fr. Matt, Robin, and the staff on a transition plan. If you or anyone you know might be interested in the position, please let Fr. Matt know. God Bless Irene Zaso

#### Message sent June 3, 2022: Dear OLGC Community,

With mixed emotions, I send you this announcement. Gerard Hall, our Director of Liturgy, is announcing his departure from the OLGC staff. Gerard and I started at OLGC on the exact same day, July 1, 2016. During his time here, he has served faithfully as our Director of Liturgy, musician, choir director, cantor (at times), facilities manager, and other varied duties. I am very grateful for his ministry to our community. I am sad for us that he is leaving, but I am also happy for him as he is pursuing a position that is very well suited for him and one which he loves. Gerard will become the Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Please join me in thanking Gerard for his service and ministry to our community and wishing him God's blessing upon his new ministry. Even though Gerard is leaving the OLGC staff, I know that the OLGC Community will continue to have a special place in his heart. Live Jesus!

Fr. Matt

#### Dear Friends,

For the past six years, I have had the privilege of serving the OLGC Community as Director of Liturgy. From day one, this Community has welcomed me, challenged me, and served alongside me as we worked together to provide for the worship and prayer of OLGC. Today, with mixed emotions, I am writing to let you know that I will be leaving OLGC at the end of June. I have taken a position as Director of Worship for the Diocese of Green Bay. As many of you know, much of my ministry has been played out on the Diocesan level. OLGC came into my life when I needed it most. Over these past six years, you have provided me with the necessary perspective that makes it possible for me to move forward in this next leg of my journey. Although goodbyes are hard, I am extremely proud of what has been accomplished together. And I echo

what Fr. Matt shared in his Musing two weeks ago, what St. Francis de Sales says about leaving: "Those who go, stay; those who stay, go." Please be assured that I am taking OLGC with me. You will forever be in my ministry, my prayer, and my heart. In Christ, Gerard

# Please come to a reception on Sat. June 18th after the 4pm Mass, to wish Gerard Hall, Director of Liturgy, and Irene Zaso, Director of Communications, well as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

Gerard will become the Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Irene will be the Director of Communications at St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Chantilly, VA.



# Parish Updates & Events

#### There will be NO Daily 8:30am Mass from Monday, June 20—Thursday, June 23rd. All of our priests will be at the Oblate Convocation.

The intentions for these Masses will be honored by Masses said by the Oblates while they are on Convocation.

#### Please keep the Oblates in your prayers.

Mass will be celebrated on Fri. June 24th at 8:30am in the Chapel with Adoration to follow until 3 pm for the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



The Smiles for Miles toothbrush drive, conducted by OLGC Girl Scout Troop 5689 in April, was very successful with a total collection of 728 toothbrushes! Thank you to all who contributed as these toothbrushes will go to needy children in Central America who have little access to modern dental hygiene. We are grateful for your generosity!

**OLGC received a check for \$27,000 for our participation in the All Saints Car Raffle.** Thank you to everyone who purchased or sold tickets! There were two cash winners from OLGC, Maribeth Lavecchia and the Haig Family. For more details, visit their website at <a href="https://allsaintsvachurch.org/giving/car-raffle/">https://allsaintsvachurch.org/giving/car-raffle/</a>.

**The May Outreach Project for the Yellow Ribbon Fun was a Success!** The OLGC Community raised over \$8,000 in cash, checks, gift cards and online donations for the veteran service organization dedicated to assisting severely wounded, ill, and injured service members and enable families facing medical crises to stay together during the critical recuperation phase.





The weekend of May 21st, with the help of Boy Scout Troop 976, I conducted my Eagle Scout Project, which was creating a garden filled with native plants behind the Our Lady of Good Counsel Church & Rectory. I would like to thank my fellow scouts and troop

leaders, as well as everyone at the church for their support, especially Deirdre Doerflinger, Chair of the OLGC Garden Committee. We could not have done it without you! Thanks, Adrian Kladakis. View pictures on the SmugMug Gallery <u>https://olgcviennava.smugmug.com/Parish/2022-garden/</u>.

**Garden Committee Update:** Do you like garden, plant, or just like flowers? Consider joining the OLGC Gardening Committee or maybe with some friends to sponsor or take on a specific area of the campus

to maintain. Thank you to Alexia & Carlos Berrios for maintaining Mary's Garden and Alice Plett for maintaining the side of Church at exit only garden. For more information contact Deirdre Doerflinger <u>dflingers@verizon.net</u>.

**Congratulations to the OLGC CYO Track & Field Team!** The team scored the SECOND most total points out of 22 participating schools. Our 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls teams combined for a total of 230 points, which is incredible! Over the course of the day, we saw almost every OLGC runner improve on their times from last season. Way to go Wildcats! Many runners received new school records 8th grade boys 400m and 3rd and 4th grade girls and boys shot put.

**The OLGC Co-ed Softball League is back for another fun season!!** We are looking forward to our seventh season after some fantastic games with a great group of men and women. We hope to maintain four teams this season so WE NEED YOU! We will hold informal practices on Friday evenings starting in June. The games will be played on Sunday afternoons beginning in July and wrapping up in August/September with a league wide tournament culminating in a celebratory league wide end-of-season party. All skill levels are welcome. New players will be added to existing teams by the league with player input with the goal of equalizing teams. There is a player fee of \$25. If you order a jersey, there will be an additional fee of \$15. Please complete this form to register <u>www.olgcva.org/news-</u>



post/~board/news/post/softball. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Madden at jfkmadden@gmail.com.



Thank you for your amazing interest in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Classic at Westwood Country Club. Due to the extraordinary response, we are currently on a waitlist for Golf Registrations. Please note, that there are many <u>sponsorship opportunities</u> available, including some with golf registrations included! Please check out the sponsorship page for more details. The Golf Classic brings our community together for a great day of sport, fellowship, and fun with the proceeds of the event directly supporting Tuition Assistance at OLGC School. For more information, visit the golf webpage or email golf@olgcva.org.

# Parish Updates & Events

#### **Congratulations!**

On Pentecost Sunday, June 6th, Marcela Gonyea, Mafer Mayorga and Eseosa Orumwense, parishioners from OLGC, received the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Burbidge at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Many congratulations and blessings to them as they celebrate their full initiation into the Catholic Church and soak in the gifts of the Holy Spirit!



# OLGC School Preschool-8th grade <u>www.olgcschool.org</u> 703.938.3600

3rd graders chose a fictional book to read, and they created a cereal based on their book! The cereal "ingredients" were the characters and setting, the game on the back featured an important part of the plot of the story, and their projects even included a prize inside!

Congratulations to the Class of 2022! We know their light will continue to shine brightly, and they will always remain a Wildcat!



OLGC School is hiring many teachers and assistants for the 2022-2023 school year. If interested, please send your resume to Mrs. Jewett <u>ajewett@olgcva.org</u> or Mrs. Williams <u>rwilliams@olgcva.org</u>.

# Youth Ministry & Young Professionals Derek Rogers youth@olgcva.org

**End of Year Slideshow** www.youtube.com/watch?v=5w7nRasSurM. This video takes small snippets of our youth ministry year and combines them into a great reflection of the year. We are thankful for our seniors and look forward to our upcoming year!

Young Professionals Drafts with DeSales: All Young Professionals (all those in their 20s or 30s) we will be taking a break of activities for the summer. Be on the lookout starting in September for events. If you have any ideas, please sent to our Director of Youth Ministry Derek Rogers at youth@olgcva.org.

# Información Parroquial en español

Toda preguntas o sugerencias en español comuniquese con Maria Romero, Coordinadora de Bienvenida y/o Enlace con la comunidad de habla hispana, <u>welcome@olgcva.org</u>, 703.896.7419.

Querida Comunidad Parroquial, con emociones encontradas, les comparto que Irene Zaso, la directora de comunicaciones me ha informado de su decisión de hacer la transición de nuestra parroquia a la Escuela Secundaria Católica San Paul VI para asumir su puesto de comunicaciones. Además, Gerard Hall, nuestro Director de Liturgia, anuncia su partida de nuestra parroquia. Gerard y yo comenzamos aquí exactamente el mismo día, 1 de julio de 2016. Durante su tiempo aquí, ha servido fielmente como nuestro Director de Liturgia, músico, director de coro, cantor (a veces), administrador de instalaciones y otras funciones variadas. Estoy muy agradecido por su ministerio a nuestra comunidad. Está asumiendo una posición de director de la Oficina de devoción de la Diócesis de Green Bay, Wisconsin. Estoy muy agradecido por el servicio que ellos dos han dado a nuestra comunidad y les pido que se unan a mí para desearles bendiciones en sus nuevas posiciones. Acompáñenme el sábado 18 de junio después de la misa de las 4 p. m. habrá una recepción para desearles lo mejor en el nuevo capítulo de sus vidas.

#### Viva Jesus!

#### Padre Mateo

**Registración Parroquial:** Animamos a todos los católicos bautizados que viven dentro de los entornos de nuestra parroquia a hacerse miembros registrados de Ntra. Sra. del Buen Consejo. También animamos a las familias a participar activamente en la vida parroquial para nutrir su relación entre Dios y ellos. Los miembros pueden recibir sus sacramentos, carta de elegibilidad de padrinos, inscribirse en nuestra escuela o programas de educación religiosa, ayuda con la matrícula escolar y recibir nuestras comunicaciones parroquiales. Complete el formulario en nuestro sitio web <u>www.olgcva.org/register</u> o comuníquese con Christine Moan al 703.896.7413

**Próximos Eventos:** Compartir de donas, todo primer domingo del mes después de la misa, aquí podrá conocer otros feligreses, distintos líderes de nuestra comunidad y personal de la parroquia.

Oración de La Tarde: lunes 6 de junio nos reunimos a orar como comunidad en la Capilla a las 7:00 pm.

**Confesiones en español:** Las confesiones en español durante el mes de junio son los sábados 4, y 25 9: -9: 30 a.m. o de lunes a jueves únicamente con cita. Puede llamar para hacer una cita con el Padre Mateo al 703-938-2828 o envíe un correo electrónico a <u>frhillyard@olgcva.org</u>. No se escuchan confesiones los domingos antes o después de la misa. **Quincuagésima Festival Diocesana de La Familia:** ¡Evento gratuito para toda la familia! En Warren County Fairgrounds el sábado, 11 de junio, de 4:00 p.m. a 8:30 p.m. Misa con Mons. Burbidge a las 4 p.m. Habrá comida a la venta o puede traer para hace su picnic, debe traer su propias sillas o mantas. habrá pintura de cata, juegos, atracciones inflables música en vivo con la participación de SCYTHIAN y Karla Miranda! Reservar su entrada en <u>www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival</u>. **Catequesis:** niños, adultos y bautizó de niños mayores de 6 años comuníquese con Guadalupe Saenz <u>gsaenz@olgcva.org</u> o 703-896-7415. **Sacramento de la Confirmación:** También ¡Hacemos un llamado a todos los adultos que necesitan el Sacramento de la Confirmación. Comuníquese con Amy W. de Bernardo <u>dre@olgcva.org</u> o 703.896.7414

Sacramento de matrimonio: comuníquese por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha del matrimonio.

Sacramento del bautismo las charlas para padres y padrinos: son el último miércoles del mes a las 7:30 pm en el salón Aviat a la derecha de la escuela. Debe inscribirse de antemano, una vez completada la charla y entregado los documentos requeridos le confirmaremos su fecha del bautizo.

**Rezar el Rosario:** Acompañemos en La Capilla / El Jardín de Ntra. Sra. del Buen Consejo, los domingos a las 11:15am y los lunes a las 7:30pm vía Zoom. Comuníquese con Carlos Berrios <u>berrioscg@gmail.com</u>.

**Intenciones de misas:** El proceso será el mismo que en los años pasados, debido al limitado número de misas celebradas en nuestra parroquia y la abrumadora solicitud de intenciones para misas, cada persona se limitará a tres intenciones de misas por el año. Sin embargo, hay intenciones de misas ilimitadas celebradas por los sacerdotes oblatos retirados en Childs Maryland en la casa de retiro. Puede presentar su solicitud para las misas en línea <u>https://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass/olgc</u>, en las oficinas parroquiales, o en el Centro de Bienvenida. Las misas se otorgarán en el orden que sean recibidas. También puede reservar una de las velas rojas del Santuario al lado de los tabernáculos en la iglesia y la capilla, y la vela azul al lado de la estatua de Ntra. Sra. del Buen Consejo. Igualmente tenemos, El Libro de Intenciones, este se encuentra en la entrada principal de la iglesia.

**Libro de Intenciones:** El libro de intenciones se encuentra en la entrada principal de la iglesia. El propósito de este libro es para pedir por nuestras intenciones personales, por los enfermos, por los que están vivos o fallecidos.

# Senior Moments: Marge Van Lierde, <u>Gitkagirl@gmail.com</u>, 571.831.3951



WHAT WOULD JESUS DO IN OLD AGE? – This article was brought to my attention by a parishioner in response to "God Moments," which appeared in the May 29<sup>th</sup> Senior Moments. It was written by Patrick G. Reardon and Patrick T. Reardon as an opinion piece for the National Catholic Reporter in its May 21<sup>st</sup> issue. I think it's worth passing on for a new and unique perspective of the aging process. I especially like its conclusion, which has such a strong Salesian flavor. Unfortunately, it's too long to fit into this space in its entirety, so half of it is here, and the other half follows next week. I changed the paragraphing and only one word, which wasn't appropriate here. Otherwise, it's as it appeared.

"When you get to be old codgers as we are, you recognize that Jesus never made it to his 70s or 80s. This guy who is the model for every Christian – What would Jesus do? – spent a lot of his life getting ready for his work. Then came his active ministry of three years. And then his crucifixion at the age of 33.

We remember our 30s and all the world-changing energy we had. We know what it's like to go full throttle all day and get by on a few hours/sleep and have endless amounts of ambition to right wrongs. We can see Jesus walking up and down Galilee and into Samaria and up to Jerusalem. We know how he felt. We can see him joining the disciples to pass around the five loaves and two fishes to feed the multitude. We can see him preaching the Sermon on the Mount. And we can see him in the temple, knocking over the tables, whipping the moneychangers, and driving out the oxen and sheep sold there for sacrifice.

We can't see ourselves doing that. Not anymore. But one thing, people would just laugh at two old dodderers trying to be heard over the din of that mercantile space. And, for another, some bouncer – hopefully, a kindly bouncer – would simply step in and herd us to the door. We couldn't physically do it. And, truth be told, we'd have a hard time stoking up enough fire of indignation to carry it off. Over our many decades, we've seen a lot and done a lot, and been indignant about a lot. Now, we're kind of tired and a little sad. What would Jesus do if he were 70 or 80? We're trying to figure that out.

We used to be gladiators in the arena of fighting for what's right, as members of a band of knights on a quest for the holy grail – one of us as a priest and then an attorney, the other as a newspaper reporter. And we still do a little of that. But, as we said to each other over breakfast the other

day at a corner diner, the world has let us know it doesn't need us anymore. Often, each of us feels like an aging dot of flesh clinging to the tiny rock of earth hurtling at dizzying speeds past stars and whole galaxies in an edgeless universe.

In our 30s, we felt our efforts were essential to the betterment of the human race. Now, if one of us is standing on the El train in Chicago, a young woman – pregnant! – will give up her seat for him. (This happened. More than once.)

One thing we're pretty sure is that if Jesus was, say, 75, he'd join us for breakfast. Or for lunch. Or for a weekly golf game. Or for a very slow game of basketball. (If you ever want to feel old, just get into a game with three or four guys in their 30s and watch them fly up and down the court, barely taking a breath.) We do a lot of these social things because, well, we have the time." (To be continued,)

**CHILLIN' ON CHURCH** – Big Bad JuJu is the band that's featured on June 17<sup>th</sup> as part of the free music program in Vienna this summer. Everything begins at 6:30 pm. Treat yourselves to a fun evening right here on Church St. in the heart of Vienna!

**NEW TRIP** – On July 9th, it's off to the Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre to see "42nd Street", the story of an understudy determined to be a star. It features memorable tunes from the Great American Songbook, such as "We're in the Money" and "The Lullaby of Broadway". With some of the greatest show-stopping production numbers that the world has ever known, it promises to be a feast for the eyes and ears. You'll stop for lunch before the show at the Old Town Winchester Walking Mall, a nice pedestrian street with cafes, shops, and historic buildings. It's an easy stroll from one end to the other. Lunch is not included in the trip fee of \$75 for Vienna residents, \$93.75 for everyone else. Register online via WebTrac or stop by the Vienna Community Center desk.

**ELDER WISDOM** – "Accepting change is quite as important as defending the past." (from "Downton Abbey")

# Community & Diocesan Updates

Celebrating 50 Years: Remember. Rejoice. Renew. Visit the Jubilee website www.arlingtondiocese.org/ iubileehome/.

Catholic apologist Trent Horn will be coming to speak at Holy Spirit Parish in Annandale. Trent will be speaking about the "Hard Sayings" of the Bible on Fri. June 17th at 7pm & Sat. June 18th at 10am, he will be speaking on the topic: Persuasive Pro-life: How to talk about our culture's toughest issue. Visit https://holyspiritchurch.us/ trenthorn/ for more information.

**Thursday Night Gatherings:** George Mason University's Catholic Campus Ministry is hosting weekly summer events for college students and graduating high school seniors every Thursday night in June and July at the St. Robert Bellarmine Chapel (4515 Roberts Road, Fairfax). It's a great way to meet college students from different schools who are home for break and/or meet future classmates before school starts! Like us on Facebook: College Summers with GMU CCM. Find out more at www.gmuccm.org or email vsierral@gmu.edu. Event Dates: June 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28

#### Attention Class of 2022: The Associates of St. John Bosco invites rising college freshmen to attend a College Night at one of the following parishes: June 29 - St. Mark's

July 6 - St. Michael's

July 20 - Basilica of St. Mary (held at St. Mary's Lyceum) July 27 - St. Mary's Fredericksburg (held at Holy Cross Academv)

College Nights help rising college freshmen and transfer students to network with other Catholics heading to college, and give students the tools to navigate the often difficult transition of faith life in college. Students hear from upperclassmen who give their personal testimonies about how they transitioned to college and maintained a strong faith life. There are small groups divided by students' universities and students walk away with a free bundle of Catholic books called the "Bosco Bundle" to bring to college that will help them deepen their faith while away at school. The events come with a free pizza dinner, too. Please encourage your senior to sign up! For more information, please visit www.asjb.org. Registrations limited to 50 students per night.

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#### July 11-22, 2022

**All Saints Catholic Church** in Manassas, VA

**Nativity Catholic Church** in Burke, VA

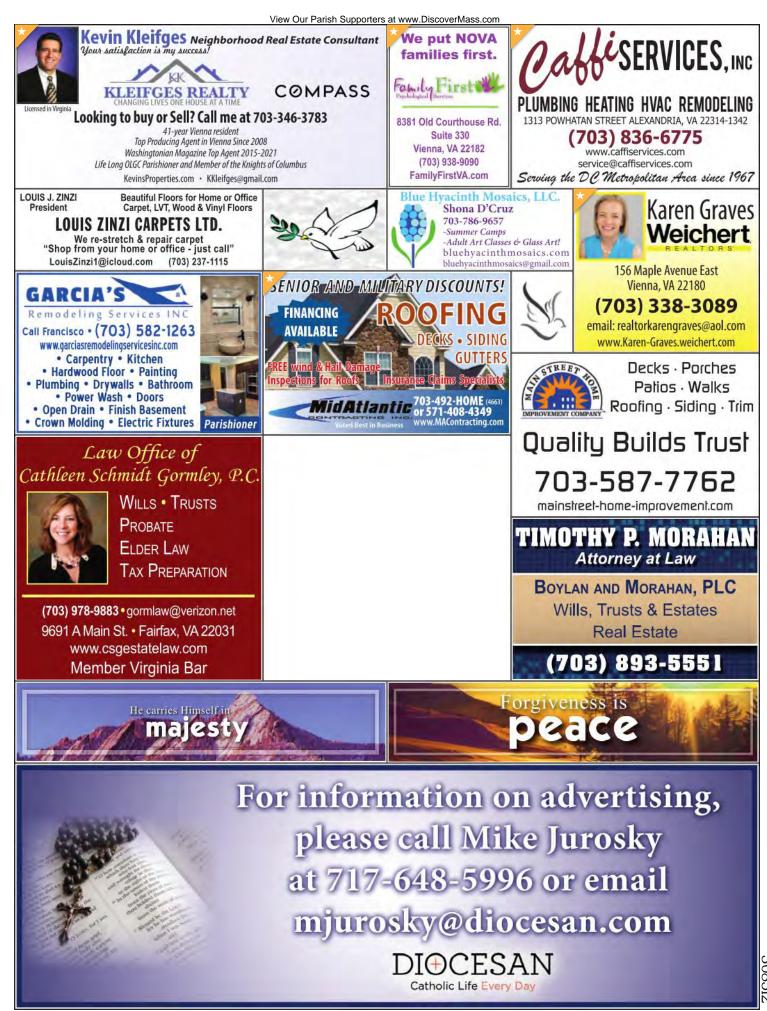
#### SpotlightSummerCamps.com

#### Drama, Art, & Musical Theatre Day Camps in a Catholic Setting for K-12.

This July, All Saints & Nativity will be hosting the following camps: Broadway Spotlight, Arts & Crafts Fun, Drama Bootcamp, and Art Explorer. These are Creative Camps in a Catholic setting taught by professional Catholic Artists who excel in their fields. Various offerings are open to ages K -12. Some camps are full, but openings still exist: visit www.SpotlightSummerCamps.com to check it out!

#### **MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Experience may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Our next inperson experience is September 23-25, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza in Reston VA. Only 20 spots available so sign up early! To register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search on Virginia. Contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions.



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