

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2022

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Avanzando Juntos en el Servicio de Dios



OUR LADY of
GOOD COUNSEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Administered by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

Mass Schedule

Mon-Sat - 8:30am, holidays are at 9am
Saturday Vigil 4pm, Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am,
12pm (en español), 5:00pm

Office Hours Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm,
Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

Chapel open for prayer Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm

Livestream www.youtube.com/c/StreamingOLGC

Confessions Saturdays 9-9:30am or by appt

Join the Parish www.olgcva.org/register

Schedule an Event

www.olgcva.org/about-us/facilities

Add Item to Bulletin/Media

www.olgcva.org/about-us/communications

Mass Intention Request

www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

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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

Presider schedule available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/PresiderSchedule>

Sat. & Sun. Aug 6 & Aug 7, 2022

+ Luke Tucker

+ Ann, Samantha and John Schell

+ Theresa M. Bruno

+ Stephanie Garcia

+ Rosa Mirian Flores

Monday, August 8, 2022

8:30am + Mary Hall

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

8:30am + Julie Winkler

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

8:30am Irene Mary Nagurney

Thursday, August 11, 2022

8:30am The OLCG Community

Friday, August 12, 2022

8:30am The Oblates of St. Francis De Sales

Saturday, August 13, 2022

8:30am + Nancy Hulse Oliver

Sat. & Sun. August 13 & August 14, 2022

+ Alfredo A. Ortiz

+ Eusebio Bernabe

+ Ed & Martha Zdancewicz

+ Roberto M Rodriguez, Jr.,

+ Hugo E. Mendoza Sr.



Wedding Banns

None at this time

Please keep those listed in the prayer intention book and the recently deceased in your prayers, especially Richard Cremen Father of Timothy Cremen, grandfather of Ailish Cremen, Aibrean and Cian; and Wallace Berg Jr., Father of Scott Berg, grandfather of Austin, Mary Ashleigh and Alec Berg.

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

Readings for the Week/Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of August 7, 2022

Sunday

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22;

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12;

Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-40

Monday

Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest

Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14;

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday

Memorial of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131;

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday

Feast of Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9;

Jn 12:24-26

Thursday

Memorial of Saint Clare, Virgin

Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62;

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday

Memorial of Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday

Memorial of Saint Pontian, Pope, and Saint Hippolytus, Priest; Martyrs

Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,

18-19; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4;

Lk 12:49-53

Devotional Candles: www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/

Church

+ Wanda Louise Burggraff

Chapel

+ Frederick Paul Botz

Our Lady

+ Rosa Mirian Flores

Requests for Mass Intentions and Candles are all

available online at www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship

Calendar (Subject to change, updates at www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Ad Altare Dei Mtg ☉ 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ♣ Aylat Rm OLGC Softball League ☉ 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM ♣ Field-Lower	Lamb Center Breakfast ☉ 6:45 AM - 7:00 AM ♣ Parking Lot-Bell Tower Quilters ☉ 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM ♣ Mary's Garden & SJC-Brisson Rm	Music Ministry (Hemmingson) ☉ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ♣ Church	Office Closed Staff Mtg & Lunch ☉ 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ♣ DeSales Hall Music Ministry (Jones) ☉ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ♣ Church Small Faith Group ☉ 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM ♣ Zoom	Music Ministry (Choir) ☉ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM ♣ Church	OLGC Softball League ☉ 7:00 PM - 8:35 PM ♣ Field-Lower Open Mic Night ☉ 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM ♣ DeSales Hall	Confessions ☉ 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM ♣ Reconciliation Room Baptisms ☉ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ♣ Chapel

**Monday, August 15th is the Feast of the Assumption, but it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am.**

Fraudulent Email & Text Messages!

PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS! Parishioners continue to receive phony email messages allegedly from clergy and staff. Churches are reporting text messages are also being received.

DO NOT REPLY TO THE MESSAGE and DO NOT CLICK ON LINKS. If you receive a message like this, report it as Spam, Junk, or Phishing through your email provider. If you have already clicked or replied to the message, it is recommended that you change your email password since many of these scams are trying to capture your information.

OLGC Staff will only communicate with you from an email address ending in @olgcva.org or @olgcschool.org. All other email addresses should be considered spam.

Financial Updates

June Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2021—June 2022

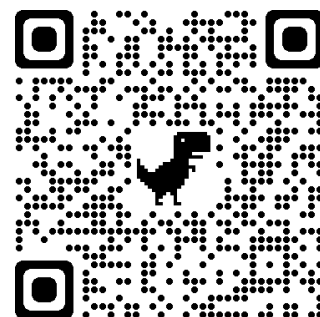
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 Variance 3,407.80
 YTD Received 2,340,623.19
 Budget YTD 2,308,008.00
 Variance 32,615.19

Weekly & Second Collections

Checks or cash via envelopes, Text amount to 703.810.7674, use QR Code or online at membership.faithdirect.net/VA875. Thank you.

June & July 2022 [Facility Improvements](#)

August 21, 2022 Mission Cooperative Plan—Banica



Online Donation



Have you stopped by to meet Emilynda Clomera our new Director of Finance?

Emilynda started on July 1st and has been busy learning about OLGC and the Diocesan systems. She comes to us with 20+ years of financial management and human resource experience in faith-based non-profits. Emilynda and her family reside in Burke, VA and she is very happy to be part of the OLGC community. You can read more on our website www.olgcva.org under About Us—Clergy & Staff.

Parish Updates

Children's Faith Formation Registration Deadline is August 15th! Please register ASAP!

Do you have a child between the ages of 3 years old and 8th grade not attending a Catholic school? If so, now is the time to register for Faith Formation sessions! Faith Formation plays an essential role in assisting the children of our parish to grow in their Catholic identity, in their knowledge of the faith, and in their relationship with Christ and with one another. Please register as soon as possible since space is limited at each session. Register at www.olgcva.org/news-post/~board/news/post/ccf. We need catechists! If you'd like to volunteer to teach, be an aide, hall/room monitor, or nurse/medical technician, please contact Amy MacKinnon amackinnon@olgcva.org, to help our kids in CCF to go boldly into the future!

***¡¡Ultimo aviso!! La inscripción para la catequesis esta abierta para el año escolar 2022/2023.
Tenga en cuenta que el registro cerrará el 15 de agosto.***

Volunteer Background Checks & Training

For those wanting to volunteer next year with children, please fill out a request form at www.olgcva.org/outreach/serve/volunteer-children. Questions? Contact Christine Moan, Child Protection Liaison, cmoan@olgcva.org.

Required for the following ministries:

- CCF (Catholic Christian Formation)
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Coaching/Assistant Coaching
- OLGC School Volunteers
- Scouting (Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts)
- Youth Ministry
- General volunteers who work with children.

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins Sun. Aug. 28th!

WHAT is CLW? The Church is challenged and charged to offer Liturgy experiences for our youngest members...the kids, ages 3-7.

WHEN is CLW? Beginning August 28th, children who attend Sunday morning Mass at 10:00 am will be invited to participate in CLW.

HOW can my child participate? When Mass begins, the Priest will bless the children and invite them to join the Children's Liturgy Team. The children and the Team will gather in the Chapel to explore the Gospel with story, action, and song. They return to the main church after the intercessory prayers. *Parents with smaller children, or that have children who may be unsure, are encouraged to accompany us. We welcome all parents and older siblings to join us.

WHAT: Call for Adult Volunteers, Confirmandi needing volunteer hours (earn one hour per Sunday), or anyone that would like to help serve our youngest parishioners, ages 3-7

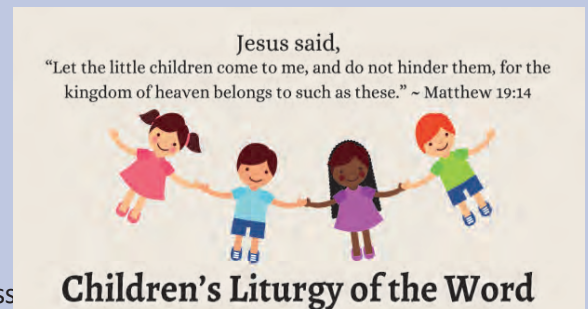
WHEN: Sundays August 28, 2022 - May 28, 2023

TIME: 10:00 Mass for the first 30 minutes

COMMITMENT: Join our team to help as much or little as fits your schedule. You do not have to teach but may be asked to do a reading or help with crowd control. No experience is necessary. We will guide you the entire way.

REQUIREMENT: Adults 18 and over need to have a background check and child protection training. If are not currently compliant please fill out a request form at <https://www.olgcva.org/outreach/serve/volunteer-children>. Contact Christine Moan, Child Protection Liaison, cmoan@olgcva.org, about compliance and training questions.

CLW QUESTIONS: Contact Regina Allegra with any questions, concerns, or ideas. E-mail sisfroggy@verizon.net or text 703.798.6008.



Monthly Outreach Project: Backpack & School Supplies

Saturday, August 20th & Sunday August 21st after all the Masses

Monthly Outreach: Backpack & School Supplies Aug 20th & 21st

Help local families that are in need of school items!

Youth Ministry is helping coordinate OLGC's August Monthly Outreach by assisting local families in need to get back to school! Join us in helping donate backpacks and other school-related items or volunteering to help sort and organize in DeSales Hall.

Signup to donate some items or to volunteer that weekend. A detailed item list can be found online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044ea8a72ea7fc1-august1>.

Saturday, August 20th 3:30pm-5:30pm

Sunday, August 21st 7:30am-1pm and 4:30pm-6pm

All items can be dropped off at DeSales Hall between those times, we will have volunteers to help unload and organize.

Contact Derek Rogers, youth@olgcva.org, 703-896-7409 with any questions.



OLGC Open Mic Night! Friday, August 12th 7-10pm in DeSales Hall It is scheduled for the 2nd Friday of every month. Open mic is a live show in which individuals perform on stage for up to 20 minutes. Performances can range with a variety of talents from poetry, acting, comedy, singing, playing instrumentals, or duo/trio bands. All ages are welcome to participate or come and enjoy. Light refreshments are served. See website for more details www.olgcva.org/news-post/~board/news/post/open-mic.



Small Faith Sharing Group: Wednesday Evenings via Zoom

Looking for more prayer in your life? Or a group to explore your faith with? OLGC parishioner John Heard hosts a small faith-sharing prayer group on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Wednesday evenings consist of getting to know each other, praying together with Evening Prayer, Scripture, shared intentions, etc. Having a small community to pray with can be a powerful and beautiful experience! Wherever you are on your faith journey or whatever your prayer experience, you are welcome to join. If you have questions or would like to join, contact John Heard at olgcds@gmail.com.

In July, we welcomed our newest members of the OLGC community through the waters of Baptism.

Ariella Sofia Burns
Luke Sanborn
Connor Wayne
James Wayne Johnsen
Olivia Rose Sirianni
Genevieve Marie Richardson

Holden Asher Goodwin
Conner Goosen
Luke George Sanborn
Ariella Sofia Burns



Parish Announcements

Join our Monday Morning Little Rock Scripture Study as we explore the book of Revelation!

The book of Revelation, also known as the Apocalypse, has fascinated believers for centuries. Colorful imagery, rich symbolism, layers of meaning, and brilliant allusions to the Old Testament convey the book's perennial truth: God will bring peace to all mankind. Break open this ancient text with Little Rock Scripture Study's Revelation and discover its relevance for us today. Commentary, study questions, and access to online lectures are included with the book by Catherine Cory <https://littlerockscripture.org/Products/6709/Revelation>.



To sign up or for more information, please contact Mike Plett Mike.plett1@gmail.com.

Dates: Mondays, beginning September 12, 2022

Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Zoom (Zoom details will be emailed to you after you sign up.)

Materials: Revelation by Catherine Anne Cory (\$16.95 plus shipping and tax)

Please purchase a copy from Amazon or Liturgical Press, see website for links www.olgcv.org/news-post/~board/news/post/littlerock.

Monday mornings 10 - 11:30 am,
starting Mon. September 12th,
via Zoom.

See website for details.

What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe?

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. It is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation. Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.

The study will meet the first day in person on September 13 in DeSales Hall and then by Zoom beginning Tuesday, September 20 from 9:45am to 11:45am.

Tuesday Morning Scripture Study
9:45 to 11:45 am via Zoom
Signup & order study set online



To purchase the Study Set, please visit: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/what-we-believe-the-beauty-of-the-catholic-faith/products/what-we-believe-the-beauty-of-the-catholic-faith-study-set>.

To sign up and get Zoom access or for any questions contact Fran Davenport, bwdavenport@cox.net.

Divorced & Catholic? Now What? OLGC parishioner John R. Heard will be hosting a six-week program that addresses concerns of divorced or separated Catholic men and women. It offers much-needed support and helps to answer questions. Topics include Prayer, Grief, Healing, Forgiveness, Letting Go, and Hope.

The sessions will take place on Tuesdays 9/20 to 10/25 from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm via Zoom. Register on the website. Zoom details will be emailed to you after registration. Contact John Heard olgcds@gmail.com for more info.

Texts to purchase:

- [*The Joy of You: Your Life After Divorce*](#) by W. E. Rabior
- [*Divorced. Catholic. Now What?*](#) by L. Duffy & V. Frese



Informacion Parroquial en español

Preguntas o sugerencias, ofrecer misas, pedir oración durante la misa por recién fallecidos, funerals, comuníquese con Maria Romero 703.896.7419, mromero@olgcva.org

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 www.olgcva.org/register.

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.

Confesiones en español durante el mes de agosto son el sábado 8 de 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 frhillyard@olgcva.org. No se escuchan confesiones los domingos antes o después de la misa.

Catequesis: niños, adultos y bautizó de niños mayores de 6 años, sacramento de la confirmación:

¡Ultimo aviso!! La inscripción para la catequesis está abierta para el año escolar 2022/2023. Tenga en cuenta que el registro cerrará el 15 de agosto.! Comuníquese con Guadalupe Saenz gsaenz@olgcva.org o 703-896-7415 lo más pronto posible.

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

Sacramento del bautismo de niños menores de 6 años: Comuníquese con Maria Romero 703.896.7419

welcome@olgcva.org **Sacramento del bautismo:** para Charlas de padres y padrinos deben inscribirse de antemano, una vez completada esta y entregado los documentos requeridos le confirmaremos su fecha del bautizo.

<https://www.olgcva.org/sacraments/baptism>

Ofrecer misas, pedir oración durante la misa por **recién fallecidos**, funerales, certificados sacramentales. El sacramento de La unción de los enfermos puede ser recibido por los ancianos, por quienes serán ingresados al hospital o por quienes están enfermos llame al 703-896-7419.

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 berrioscg@gmail.com.

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 <https://www.olgcva.org/liturgyworship/devotions/mass/olgc>, 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.

"La oportunidad de hacer grandes cosas no llega a menudo, pero en todo momento, podemos hacer pequeños actos con gran amor. "- San Francisco de Sales: Como seguidores de Cristo, somos llamados por medio de nuestro Bautismo a servir a nuestros hermanos en nuestra parroquia, comunidad, país y el mundo entero. Es nuestra esperanza que todos los feligreses tengan la oportunidad de descubrir y desarrollar sus dones dados por Dios. Si desea participar como Sacristán, Ministro Extraordinario de La Sagrada Comunión, Lector, Portero/Ujier, Ministerio de La Bienvenida o Monaguillo por favor pase por el mostrador de Bienvenida o llame al 703-896-7419.

Las clases comienzan el miércoles 24 de agosto.— ENTRADAS Y ESTACIONAMIENTO EN EL CAMPUS RECORDATORIO: ¡El límite de velocidad es de 5 mph en el campus!

- La entrada de Wolfrap Road está CERRADA hasta aproximadamente las 8:15 a. m. de lunes a viernes.
- La entrada de Niblick está ABIERTA para misa diaria y la preescolar.
- La entrada de Notre Dame SOLO está abierta para los estudiantes de la escuela.
- NO se puede estacionar en el lote al lado del salón DeSales:
- Estacione en el lote intermedio entre el campanario y el campo de fútbol
- Use el estacionamiento en el área superior después de las 8:15 am. Gracias por su ayuda mientras tratamos de mantener a todos fuera de peligro.

Community & Diocesan Updates

Car Seat Inspection

August 20th & 27th 9am to 1pm, McLean Station, 1437 Balls Hill Rd, McLean.

It is on a first come first serve basis. Please have your car seat already installed, so that the inspection can be done. For future months, car seats inspections at McLean Station will be held the last two Saturdays of the month. If you have any questions, contact the McLean Station at 703.556.7750 ext. 0

FREE Catalytic Converter Etch Event at Craftsman Auto Care

August 28, 2022 at 2733 Merrilee Dr, Merrifield from 9:00am to 2:30pm

August 21, 2022 at 1387 Chain Bridge Rd, McLean from 9:00am to 2:30pm

McLean District Police Station is partnering with Craftsman Auto Care to offer FREE etching of a CATETCH anti-theft label into your catalytic converter. Reservations are required.

To register for Merrifield - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa4a82ea5fccf8-free1>

To register for McLean - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa4a82ea5fccf8-free>

Calling all married couples!

Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience!



Upcoming dates:

September 23-25, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza in Reston, VA

Only 11 spots available so sign up early!

To register, go to <https://wwme.org>, click "Apply" and search on Virginia. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703.378.4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions.





CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY

cdu.edu

CDU partners with the diocese to offer reduced-cost non-credit continuing education courses to parishioners. Independent study courses are **just \$45** and seminars are **\$65**.

Visit www.pathlms.com/cdu to browse the courses and register. Use the access code,

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when setting up your account to receive your reduced tuition!



COVID TEST KIT EXPIRATION DATES – If you have these home test kits, you may not have noticed that they have an expiration date. If you check the box, you'll see the date, which could be very soon. But don't throw it away before you take a look at the expiration extensions posted online. Go to: <https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests#list>. Here you'll see how to check the manufacturer of your particular test and learn what the latest expiration update is. My understanding is that they check every three months and if the research shows the tests are still usable for a longer period of time, the information will be updated. Thanks to a parishioner who provided this helpful information.

SLIPPING INTO AUGUST! – How did this happen so quietly and quickly? Somehow, this time of year makes me feel a little sad to think about saying goodbye to summer. After all, it's still hot outdoors, still picnics and family gatherings to plan for, time at the beach, and short getaways. But Mother Nature seems to be telling us to start getting ready for a change. My cue comes in the way the sunlight begins to shift through my windows. New schedules for Fall activities are already being distributed, and before we know it, we'll be hearing Christmas carols at the mall! Before that begins to happen, I hope you'll be able to participate in some of the activities that are listed here, and live life the best you can during these last weeks of summer.

BIG SCREEN ON THE GREEN – The next (and last) free movie of the season, "Soul", on the Vienna Town Green, will be Thursday, August 11 at 8:30 pm. The storyline is about Joe, who is a middle-school band teacher whose life hasn't gone the way he expected. His true passion is jazz – and he's good! But when he travels to another realm to help someone find their passion, he soon discovers what it means to have soul. Bring blankets or folding chairs; no alcohol, and please leave your pets at home.

NEW TRIP – Vienna Parks and Recreation has planned a lovely outing to historic Culpeper, Virginia, on September 14 from 9 am-5:30 pm. You'll take a deep dive into the growth of this small town from the beginning of the 20th century with its changing people, places, and structures. A docent will lead a tour of the Culpeper Museum and you'll also enjoy a walking tour along one of Culpeper's oldest and most picturesque streets with homes dating back to 1831! Also included in your stops will be a tour of the rolling hills to the Brandy Station Battlefield, which still

retains much of its wartime character as the location of the largest cavalry battle in the United States. Lunch will be on your own at Thyme in Culpeper. This trip requires a significant amount of walking along uneven surfaces, so if you'd like to go, be sure to wear sturdy shoes and bringing a walking stick might be a good idea. The fee is \$74 for Vienna town residents, \$92.50 for everyone else. Register with your WebTrac account at the Vienna Community Center or stop by to do it in person.

ELECTRONIC GIVING – About once a year I write about this easy and secure way to make your donations to our church – enrolling in Faith Direct. You can call or stop by the Administration Office or click on the link in the most recent weekly Bulletin: I've been using this system to make my Sunday and Holy Day donations for many years and there's never been an error.

We expect our Pastor and the Finance Council to be good stewards of these funds. Just like us, they depend on this income the same way we count on getting our Social Security or retirement pension funds in a timely fashion each month so we can pay our bills. Electronic giving was critical during the pandemic - it kept our contributions coming even though many of us were unable to attend Mass for many months. If this is something you've been thinking about but never got to do, or if you're new to the parish, I believe it's something you'll come to appreciate for its safety and convenience, among other things.

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