Ascension of the Lord

Ascensión del Señor

May 29, 2022



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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 Confessions Saturdays 9-9:30am or by appt
Join the Parish www.olgcva.org/register
Schedule an Event
www.olgcva.org/about-us/facilities
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Mass Intention Request

Chapel open for prayer Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass Pastor Rev. Matthew Hillyard, OSFS......frhillyard@olgcva.org Parochial Vicar Rev. Mathias Kumar, OSFS.....mkumar@olgcva.org Retired Rev. William Metzger, OSFS......william.metzger@olgcva.org **Deacon** Christopher Moore......cgmoore@olgcva.org School Principal Adrianne Jewett 703.938.3600.....ajewett@olgcschool.org Liturgy/Music/Funerals Gerard Hall 703.896.7411.....liturgy@olgcva.org Faith Formation/Young Adults Amy W. de Bernardo.......703.896.7414.dre@olgcva.org Children's Faith Formation Amy MacKinnon 703.896.7426......amackinnon@olgcva.org Youth Ministry Derek Rogers 703.896.7409......youth@olgcva.org Communications/Bulletin Irene Zaso 703.896.7412.....communications@olgcva.org Director of Finance temporarily contact Irma Senseng.....isenseng@olgcva.org Records/Child Protection Liaison Christine Moan 703.896.7413......cmoan@olgcva.org Advancement/Annual Giving Alison McKee & JoAnne Kinyon...advancement@olgcva.org Events Manager Frank Fletcher 703.896.7412.....events@olgcva.org Reception/Intentions/Ministry of Care/Maria Romero 703.896.7419...welcome@olgcva.org Información en español Maria Romero 703.896.7419.....welcome@olgcva.org Pastoral Council (Tina Wickham).......PastoralCouncil@olgcva.org Finance Council (Regina Stranix)......FinanceCouncil@olgcva.org Society of St. Vincent DePaul (Linea de Ayuda) 703.938.3210.....svdp@olgcva.org Respect Life /Gabriel Project Betsy Argauer 703.255.3744.....betstim@gmail.com Knight of Columbus Santa Maria Council #4654.....www.knightsvienna.org Counseling Catholic Charities Consejería Caridades Catolica......703.425.0109 Moving Forward Together in the Service of God - Avanzando Juntos en el Servicio de Dios

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. May 28- May 29, 2022—Presiders Fr Kumar, Fr Kumar, Fr Metzger, Fr Jean Marie, Fr Hillyard

- + All those who died while serving in the U.S. military.
- + GianCarla & Giovanni Rota
- + Ann Loesch

The Cindea Family

The OLGC Community

Monday, May 30, 2022—Presider Fr Metzger

9:00am + Dale G. Fernandez

Tuesday, May 31, 2022—Presider Fr Kumar

8:30am + Lorraine Caron Wednesday, June 1, 2022

8:30am Mary (Molly) Murphy

Thursday, June 2, 2022

8:30am The OLGC Community

Friday, June 3, 2022

8:30am + Marianela Coronel

Saturday, June 4, 2022

8:30am + Vernon J. Martin

Sat. / Sun. June 4- June 5, 2022

- + Khoai D. Vo
- + Jesus Alberto
- + Hugo Mendoza
- + Martha Williams
- + Hyun-Woo Peter Kim

Please keep those listed in the prayer intention book and the recently deceased in your prayers.

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

Church - For all graduates

Chapel - For all those in hospice care

Our Lady - For all educators

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

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

Readings for the Week/Lecturas de la Semana

Scripture Readings For the Week of May 29, 2022

Sunday Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7,8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Monday

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Justin

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday Memorial of Saints Marcellinus and Peter Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-

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Friday Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions
Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 & 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23

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 membership.faithdirect.net/VA875. Thank you.

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

April Monthly Collections
Fiscal Year July 2021—June 2022
Offertory 205,046.86
Total Budgeted 185,616.00

YTD Received 19,430.86
Budget YTD 1,962,258.57
Variance 1,924,122.00



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Quote of the week: "Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to Him. That is all the doing you have to worry about."

- St. Jane de Chantal

Variance

Cita de la semana: "Mantén tu mirada en Dios y déjale actuar. Eso es todo lo que tienes que hacer".

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	Memorial Day Holiday - No School & Offices Closed Holiday Mass O goo AM - 930 AM 9 Church	CS 976 Bear Den Mtg. O 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM P School-Counsel Rm Music Ministry (Hemmingson) O 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM P Church	8th Grade Mass & Awards (Rm 15 & 16 Host) © 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM P Church BS 976 Mtg © 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM P School-Counsel Rm & Loft Music Ministry (Jones) © 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM P Church RCIA Catechumenate © 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM P St Joseph Ctr-Brisson Rm SVDP Mtg. © 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM P St Joseph Ctr-Aviat Rm Men's Basketball © 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM P Fr Brisson Gym	Prayer Shawl Ministry. © 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM P St. Joseph Ctr-Brisson Rm CS 976 Webelos Den Mtg. © 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM P School-Courisel Rm Music Ministry (Hall) © 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM P Church Rosary-Persecuted Christians © 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM P Virtual Men's Basketball © 8:30 PM - 10:00 PM P Fr Brisson Gym	8th Grade Graduation & Reception O 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church & DeSales Hall Serenata Choir Practice O 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Church	Confessions O goo AM - grap AM P Reconciliation Room Ecumenical Event O 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM P Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Daisy Troop 5:0232 O 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM P DeSales Hall Children's Liturgy of the Word O 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM P Chapel RCIA-BOW O 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM P Chapel

Email newsletter changes - Be on the lookout in your inbox for details on our new email system. You will be able to subscribe and update your email preferences. Our newsletters include the Friday Parish Newsletter, Fr. Matt's Musings and other special announcements. Details with be forthcoming.

Parish Information

Are you a registered parishioner at OLGC? Not sure? Do you receive our weekly email newsletters? Are you getting the weekly offertory envelopes or contributing to Faith Direct? If not, please register with us or update your information, so we are able to serve your needs more completely. Members can receive their sacraments here, receive a Letter of Good Standing/Sponsor Eligibility Certificate in order to serve as a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, enroll in our school or parish faith formation education programs, receive tuition assistance if needed, and receive our parish communications. Fill out our online Registration Form, visit the parish office or contact our Records Manager, Christine Moan, cmoan@olgcva.org at 703.896.7413, to make sure we have your correct email address on file or fill out the below form. If residents have changed in your household, or you have recently moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, or you want to become a member, please complete the information below. You may return this form in the collection baskets or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Name:	
Address:	
Home phone:	Cell Phone:
Fmail Address:	

Are you following the church and school on Social Media?

CHURCH - <u>Facebook</u> @OLGCVienna VA | <u>Twitter</u> @OLGCViennaVA | <u>Instagram</u> @olgcviennava SCHOOL - <u>Facebook</u> @OLGCSchoolVA | <u>Twitter</u> @olgcschoolva | <u>Instagram</u> @olgcschoolva YOUTH MINISTRY - <u>Facebook</u> @OLGCYouthMin | <u>Twitter</u> @olgcym | <u>Instagram</u> @olgcyouthministry YouTube Channel - www.youtube.com/c/StreamingOLGC





Parish Updates & Events

Update from Fr. Matt - Even though some Masses are showing an increase in the number of attendees at Mass, we are not at pre-COVID levels, even though the 10 am Mass some weeks may seem to be. We will continue with the current Mass schedule because it is not just about adding an additional Mass. We need a minimum number of ministers (EM, Lectors, Porters, and Music Ministers) to be able to add an additional Mass. Currently, most ministers are serving every week and we do not have enough ministers at the 5pm Mass each week. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Gerard Hall, litturgy@olgcva.org.

For the many who have already pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA), thank you! A letter is being mailed to families who have not yet pledged to the Bishop's Lenten Appeal. I ask you to please consider joining in support of the BLA this week if you have not done so this year. Many diocesan ministries and services that help thousands of people in our diocese – including those in our parish - are funded by this appeal. You may also go online to make a gift or pledge to the BLA. Please help our parish reach our goal, we are currently at 91%! www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla/Live Jesus!

Fr. Matt



Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th - The School and Parish offices are closed for the holiday and Mass will be at 9am. Keep in your prayers those men and women and their families who have died in the cause of freedom.

Beginning with Pentecost Weekend – June 4/5 – The Eucharistic Ministers will move from giving out Communion in the rear of the Church to the middle break of the Church. These ministers will distribute Holy Communion to the two handicapped rows and then take their place in the center.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday, June 3rd from 9am-3pm in the Chapel. Spend some time with the Lord. Adoration occurs on the 1st Friday of the month after the 8:30am Mass until 3pm. Please sign up online https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EA8A72EA7FC1-june1.

NEW EVENT - Register for a Free Day at Meadowlark Gardens along with Faith Reflections on the Care for Creation Saturday, June 4th, 10am - 2pm at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750

Meadowlark Gardens Ct, Vienna, VA 22182! Enjoy exploring the grounds while taking a self-guided tour offering faith reflections for our Care for Creation. This is a family-friendly event and a time to meet other parishioners and families and enjoy God's creations. Your day starts with a check-in at the Lilac Pavilion where you will receive a handout for the event and a selected print. Bring water with you and there is a picnic area outside the gardens. Please register to help us prepare enough materials https://bit.ly/3NsAKOW.

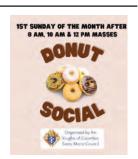


LAST Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sat. June 4th at 4pm & Sun. June 5th at 10am Mass Children's Liturgy of the



Word affords the opportunity for children to experience the Sunday Scriptures at age-appropriate understanding. Children, ages 3-7, will be dismissed from the assembly and process to the Chapel where they will be invited to actively participate in the proclamation and hearing of the Word through prayer, song, gestures, and sharing of Jesus' message in their lives. More volunteers are needed for the next school year, contact Regina Allegra sisfroggy@verizon.net.

Donut Social: Sunday, June 5th in DeSales Hall after the 8am, 10am & 12noon Masses. The social happens on the 1st Sunday of every month. This is a great opportunity to gather with family & friends. The Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council organize this with additional parish groups sponsoring and serving at the social. In a spirit of Care for the Common Home (Laudato Si), the Care for Creation Team is requesting that you limit the trash you leave behind and bring your own coffee mug or juice cup to the Donut Social each month. Yes, you can bring an empty mug into Church with you. Get to know your neighbor by their mug, a conversation starter! This month's host is the Girl Scouts.



Parish Updates & Events

Evening Prayer: Monday, June 6th at 7pm in the Chapel. All are welcome! "When evening approaches and the day is already far spent, evening prayer is celebrated in order that we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day." We gather as a parish community on the first Monday of every month to pray Evening Prayer. Evening Prayer happens on the 1st Monday of the month and is composed of Psalms, Scripture, Songs, and Prayers of Intention. Bring a friend.



Parishioners, families, students, and alumni are welcome to attend receptions for Director of Faith Formation Amy Winkler de Bernardo on June 5th during the Donut Social, and OLGC School Principal Adrianne Jewett on June 11th. Come thank them for their years of service and wish them well on their new positions at Renaissance Montessori School and Linton Hall School respectively. They will also be recognized at Mass and will be sent off with a blessing.







Baccalaureate Mass: June 12th 10am: RSVP by June 6th. A breakfast honoring the graduates will follow in DeSales Hall. A Baccalaureate Mass is a liturgical celebration that honors the senior class graduating from high school or college. It is celebrated to give thanks to God for the blessings given to the graduating students and to their families. All graduating high school seniors (Catholic, public, or private) and those graduating college, either graduate or postgraduate, are encouraged to participate in this Mass. During this special Liturgy, graduates

from the OLGC community will be honored and will receive the Church's blessing as they move onward on their life's journey. We ask that you RSVP by June 6th, using this link www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044ea8a72ea7fc1baccalaureate1. Please contact Gerard Hall, liturgy@olgcva.org, 703-896-7411 if you have any questions.



Laudato Sí - Care for our Common Home: The global Laudato Sí initiative from the Vatican is now promoting a Spring curriculum for those interested in promoting Laudato Sí visit https:// laudatosianimators.thinkific.com/courses/spring2022. The Laudato Sí Animators Program is made up of webinars, readings, and videos. There are hundreds of others, from different continents, taking this course. Contact Jack Dausman jack@leadershipbynumbers.com, 571.295.6783.

Single Seniors is starting back up again! This group provides an opportunity for new and long-term single senior parishioners to meet and form friendships with fellow Catholics who share similar values, interests, and concerns. Monthly social activities are planned locally and within members' homes. There will be a brunch at the home of Margaret Murphy on Sunday, June 12th at 11 am at 8409 Berea Drive. Call Margaret at 703-560-4025 to collaborate on what item you should bring.



21st Annual Golf Classic: Registration for Golfers and Sponsors is NOW OPEN!

We are pleased to announce the 21st Annual Golf Classic will take place on November 7, 2022 at Westwood Country Club. After a very successful event in 2021, we look forward to bringing 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. Thank you in advance for your participation as golfers and sponsors! Visit www.olgcva.org/golf or email golf@olgcva.org.

When one uses their God-given talents, they exemplify how to Live Jesus! Andy Zaso is very generous with his talents; whether it be building shelves for a school closet, painting rooms in St. Joseph Center, or building collection bins during COVID, he never seems to say no. He is always around for anyone who needs help and never tires of lending a helping hand in every ministry we have as EM, Porter, and Livestream Camera Operator! Andy is kind, considerate, and helpful while welcoming new parishioners, working the Donut Social, Fish Fry, or Fall Fest. He is truly a person who Lives Jesus throughout his daily life as a past OLGC School PTO Treasurer, Troop 976 Scoutmaster, and Grand Knight. Thank you Andy for being that consistent, energized leader and contributor to many parish projects and initiatives. If you would like to nominate someone, please send their name and why they should be highlighted to info@olgcva.org.



OLGC School Preschool-8th grade www.olgcschool.org 703.938.3600

The Battle of the Books Tournament involves club members rivaling among other school teams on the events, facts, and ideas from a list of books. The students are contesting virtually this year!



What an amazing collection of biographies from Fifth Grade! Well done everyone!





OLGC School is hiring the following positions for the 2022-2023 school year. If interested, please send your resume to Mrs. Jewett ajewett@olgcva.org or Mrs. Williams rwilliams@olgcva.org.

Math Teacher Grades 3 - 8 PT or FT Counselor PT or FT Preschool Lead Teacher FT Preschool Extended Care Director PT School Librarian FT Assistant Principal FT ECAP assistants All volunteers who work with children (School, CYO, Scouts, CCF, CLW, Youth Ministry) should have received an email from Christine Moan, our Child Protection Liaison, regarding an updated Code of Conduct (CoC) from Bishop Burbidge. It includes updates in civil law, canon law, and Church documents that relate to child protection. The Diocese requires all clergy, employees, and volunteers with substantial contact with minors to acknowledge that they have received a copy and to send back the signed acknowledgement page. If you have not received this email or have not submitted this this page, please contact Christine Moan cmoan@olgcva.org as soon as possible or you will NOT be able to volunteer for the rest of this school year or next, per the Diocese.

12th Annual JT Consiglio College Scholarship: Deadline May 31st The Consiglio family has established a \$1,000 college scholarship to be awarded to an OLGC parishioner. The award is intended for the use of a High School student to cover tuition and/or university-provided room and board. To be considered for the JTC Scholarship, a student must meet the following criteria: Enrolling as a 1st year college student for Fall 2022, Grade-point average of at least 3.0 out of 4.0, A United States citizen or a permanent resident alien, An established member of the OLGC parish. For further information and application forms please visit www.JTCscholarship.com.



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, welcome@olgcva.org, 703.896.7419.

Hoy celebramos La Ascensión del Señor, luego que el Señor Jesús se apareció a sus discípulos fue elevado al cielo. Este acontecimiento marca la transición entre la gloria de Cristo resucitado y la de Cristo exaltado a la derecha del Padre. Marca también la posibilidad de que la humanidad entre al Reino de Dios como tantas veces lo anunció Jesús. De esta forma, la ascensión del Señor se integra en el Misterio de la Encarnación, que es su momento conclusivo.

Cristo, después de recorrer los caminos de la historia y de entrar también en la oscuridad de la muerte, Frontera de nuestro finitud y salario de pecado, vuelve a la gloria que desde la eternidad comparte con el Padre y con el Espíritu Santo. -San Juan Pablo II

Lunes 30 de mayo: la escuela y las oficinas parroquiales están cerradas por el feriado y la misa será a las 9am.

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 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 juno nos reunimos a orar como comunidad en la Capilla a las 7:pm

Confesiones en español: Las confesiones en español durante el mes de mayo el sábado 14 a las 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 <a href="mailto:france-fra

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 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.

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.

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 para el año 2022: 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/liturgy-worship/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.

Hacemos un llamado a todos los feligreses de descubrir y desarrollar sus dones dados por Dios. Estamos buscando voluntarios como sacristán, ministro extraordinario de la sagrada comunión, lector, portero/ujier o monaguillo por favor pase por el mostrador de Bienvenida o llame al 703-896-7419.

Senior Moments: Marge Van Lierde, Gitkagirl@gmail.com, 571.831.3951

SUMMER ON THE GREEN IS BACK! – Friday, June 3, marks the beginning of another summer series of free concerts in the heart of Vienna, brought to you by Vienna Parks & Recreation. The U.S. Navy Band Cruisers will be performing on the Vienna Town Green at 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Alcohol is not permitted, and you're asked to leave your pets at home, please. These concerts will be held every Friday evening during the summer at the same time and place. The next event will feature Shenandoah Run, a popular group that will perform on June 10. Another summer offering is "Big Screen on the Green," free movies shown once a month, also on the Town Green. The first will be on June 9, "Remember the Titans." Come and enjoy a movie under the stars! Complimentary water and popcorn will be available while supplies last. This event is sponsored by the Navy Federal Credit Union. Watch for upcoming movies in future bulletins.

BINGO & ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Join your friends for an afternoon of Bingo and ice cream on June 10 from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Vienna Community Center. Enjoy a traditional Bingo game in a fun atmosphere where you win bargain prizes. Bingo cards are \$1 for 2 cards (limit 2 cards per person). Preregistration is required. Please bring a white elephant item to donate to the prize table. Ice cream will be served at 2 pm. Call 703-255-7801 with questions.

"GOD MOMENTS" - Have you ever had one of these? It's something that usually comes out of the blue, often with a perfect stranger, that invites us to kindness and compassion. These unexpected encounters happen to me so often I feel as if they are placed there for me by God. I had another one on Mother's Day weekend. My children took me to brunch, and when we arrived, the place was packed. A young woman on the bench, where she'd been waiting to be seated, quickly moved over to make room for me. She then invited my children to take the empty spaces on the opposite side, where they continued to catch up with each other. After a minute, she turned to me and said, "My father just died." I was taken aback but expressed my condolences. In the conversation, I learned the funeral had been the day before, that she was an only child, as was I, and that her mother had died just one year earlier on her birthday. Her cousin, standing nearby, handed her a tissue when she teared up. Her pain was so raw I could feel it.

I felt compelled to share with her how I felt like an orphan when my dad died, but especially after my mom passed away, even at the age of 80. I also shared with her the story of a good friend whose parents drowned at sea

during a terrible storm. At the funeral, their son said something that has stuck with me ever since. In his remarks, he said that our parents are the frontier that stands between us and the world, loving us, protecting us, regardless of our age. As long as they were there, we felt safe. And when they're gone, we become the frontier, and it's scary. I think this young woman was feeling that as well. She talked about her parents and grieving until just a few minutes later, her table was ready. She thanked me, squeezed my arm, and then she was gone. I'll probably never see her again.

So, what makes a stranger reach out to another one and pour out their heart? Is it because they'll have an unbiased ear? Is it because they hurt so much, that they reach out in the hope of being comforted? Or maybe it's just because I have gray hair and a friendly face! We'll never know, but I like to call it a "God Moment," something that mysteriously pulls us to listen and reach out.

Fr. Frank Danella, OSFS, one of our former pastors, would often close his homilies with a reminder that when we left the church after Mass, we should "go out and be the face of Christ to all that you meet." I wonder, how many times are we presented with an opportunity to do that and don't recognize it? My experience with this young woman was profound for me. In, out, and gone in a few minutes! I can't explain why, but I'm grateful I could share some kindness and compassion that day...not a coincidence, but a "God Moment."

CONFUSED ABOUT MEDICARE, MEDIGAP, ETC? – Register for a virtual and in-person informational session on Tuesday, June 7, from 6-7:30 pm at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike in Falls Church. VICAP will be there to explain how Medicare, Medigap, drug plans, and long-term care insurance work. Register online at librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/8928883 or call 703-790-8088. Ext. 4.

ELDER WISDOM – You can't reach for anything new if your hands are full of yesterday's junk.

Community & Diocesan Updates



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 2, 9, 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 Academy)

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.

Bishop Burbidge invites you to the second annual Diocesan Family Festival on Saturday, June 11, 2022 from 4-8:30 p.m. at the Warren County Fairgrounds in Front Royal.

The event is free! It starts with an outdoor Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. You can bring your own picnic or purchase dinner from one of the many food trucks. Enjoy games, rides & inflatables for kids; lots of vendors, and musical guests including: Celtic rock band Scythian, and popular singer-songwriter Karla Miranda. To learn more visit https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/familyfestival/ Space is limited so be sure to register.

Have you been wondering about

Alpha? Weekly conversations about life and faith have enlivened many people for nearly four decades! What about you? Many people come because they have met someone who said, "After



attending Alpha, my life has changed. My faith is ALIVE like it never was before." We would love for you to discover what many others have discovered about faith and the love of God for each of us. Please consider joining The St. Mark Alpha group which begins ONLINE at 8:00 pm on Monday June 6, 2022. Zoom doors open at 7:45 pm. Email John Mitchell: jhwmitchell@yahoo.com or call 703-855-8976 for more information and to register.

Mary's Travelers has been relaunched! This is a

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