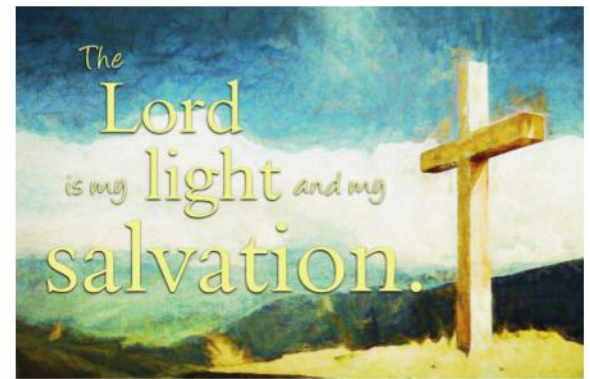


JANUARY 22 • 2023

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Mass Schedule

Mon-Sat - 8:30am
holidays are at 9am

Saturday Vigil 4pm
Sunday 8am, 10am (online),
12pm (en español), 5pm

View Mass Online

www.youtube.com/c/StreamingOLGC

Chapel open for prayer

Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm

Confessions Saturdays 9:00am
or by appointment

Office Hours

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

“During the day, recall,
as often as you can,
that you stand in the
presence of God.”

— St. Francis de Sales

MONTHLY OUTREACH PROJECT St. Lucy Project Food Drive

Once again, the OLGC community has shown extraordinary generosity during the St. Lucy Project Food Drive. School families donated more than 2,800 pounds of food on Friday, and the parish families dropped off more than 7,300 pounds. Even more blue bags went to the St. Lucy Project on Thursday of this week!

The total as of publication time was **10,222 pounds of food** and **\$75 in cash** donations.

Lori Sikra, Outreach Specialist for St. Lucy Food Project wrote, “Please extend our sincere thanks to the parishioners and school for their generosity. Our team and volunteers were thrilled to see the

warehouse full of food to sort and distribute in the coming weeks to help our pantries.”

Thank you, thank you to all who provided food or money, and to those who volunteered their time to manage the hundreds of blue bags that came in.



Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at:

bit.ly/PresiderSchedule

Sat. / Sun. January 21-22, 2023

The OLG Community

In thanksgiving for Ian Davis

+ Omana Kariampuzha

+ Robert J. Barker

+ Elizabeth C. Meehan

Monday, January 23, 2023

9:00am + Rosemarie Macaluso

Mantione

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

8:30am + Mary Rose Winslow

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

8:30am + Marcial Tafur Cerda

Thursday, January 26, 2023

8:30am + Julie Winkler

Friday, January 27, 2023

8:30am + Sam R. Fisher

Saturday, January 28, 2023

8:30am In Thanksgiving for all favors
received

Sat. / Sun. January 28-29, 2023

+ Mrs. Mai Bui

+ Saul Martinez

+ Amelia Vinciguerra

+ Paul & Lynn Kowal

The OLG Community

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

+ Emilie Haddad

+ Dr. Francisco Cardenas

+ Joan Corbley

+ Gladys Lopez

+ Alex Haig

+ Dr. Francisco Cardenas, father of Juan,
Jose, James, Louis and Mariana;
grandfather of Julita, Juan Antonio,
Cristina, Alex, Mariel, Sofia, Christopher
and Marissa

**Please pray for those for whom
candles are lit:**

Church For All who suffer the loss
of a loved one

Chapel Prayer for Kate

Our Lady Prayers for A.P.

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.

Please be in contact with our staff if you have questions about any matter related to the life of the church. Below is a list of the many people here to help.

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Knight of Columbus Santa Maria Council #4654..... www.knightsvienna.org

Counseling Catholic Charities **Consejería** Caridades Catolica 703.425.0109

Our website, OLGCVA.org, is a source of lots of information about our parish life. There are a number of ways you can communicate with staff for specific needs through the site. The links below provide first steps to various things you may need.

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

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

Join the Parish: olgcv.org/register

Schedule an Event: olgcv.org/about-us/facilities

Add Item to Bulletin/Media: olgcv.org/about-us/communications

Mass Intention Request: olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

Seven Sisters and Fasting Brothers

Prayer Group for the Priests of OLGC

Please join a group of more than 500 women and men in the Arlington Diocese praying for our priests. This is a year long commitment to pray one hour a week (a list of prayers is provided) on a designated day of the week for one year.

Volunteers can select a day of the

week that is best for them and request a substitute if unable to fulfill the hour of pray. It is requested that your hour of prayer be in front of the Tabernacle.

One of the nice things about this ministry is that it is flexible, independent and no required meetings! For more information contact Bernadette Songer at bdeely16@gmail.com.



The AMBO: Part 2

Last week we focused on the Ambo, the place where Sacred Scripture is proclaimed. As was previously stated, proclaiming the Word of God, readers exercise their responsibilities in the liturgical celebration. God speaks to the faithful through them, and the effectiveness of their proclamation depends on their conviction, preparation, understanding and delivery. [*Introduction of the Order of the Mass*, pg. 10]



The faithful, by hearing the reading from sacred texts, may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture.

[*Constitution of Sacred Liturgy*, "Sacrosanctum Concilium," no. 24] The types of Scriptural readings include a variety of literary forms to convey the message of salvation. We can hear: narratives, poetry of the psalms, lamentations, parables, prophetic oracles, theological expositions, ancient Israelite

history, Christ's teaching, miracles, Acts of the apostles etc. An awareness of the literary form of a particular reading or psalm and a knowledge of the sacred author's style enables the lector to proclaim more fully and with great understanding the tone and content of the text. In the Readings, as explained by the homily, God speaks to his people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation and offering them spiritual

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

A question to reflect on based on this week's scripture readings:

Can I commit myself to studying scripture daily in 2023, making it central in my life?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

3º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Puedo comprometerme a estudiar las Escrituras a diario en 2023, haciéndolas centrales en mi vida?

Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of January 22, 2023

SUNDAY Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17;
Mt 4:12-23

MONDAY Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6;
Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2 & 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11;
Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY Feast of the Conversion of Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2;
Mk 16:15-18

THURSDAY Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY

Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40;
Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75;
Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

December Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2022—June 2023

Offertory	277,530
Total Budgeted	260,118
Variance	17,412
YTD Received	1,187,705
Budget YTD	1,158,579
Variance	29,126

Weekly & Second Collections

You may give with checks or cash
via envelopes, give online at
membership.faithdirect.net/VA875,
or text amount to 703.810.7674.
Thank you.

January Second Collections

- 1 Solemnity of Mary
- 15 Facilities Improvements
- 22 Oblate Mission Appeal
- 29 Latin America

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

January 22-28

SUNDAY			22
Nightlife	6 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall	
8th Gr CCF, No 7th Gr	6:15 - 7:45 PM	School	
MONDAY			23
Little Rock Scripture Study	10 - 11:30 AM	Zoom	
Quilters	11:30 AM - 3 PM	Mary's Garden & SJC-Brisson Rm	
7th Gr Large Group Session	6:45 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall	
TUESDAY			24
Tuesday Bible Study	9:45 - 11:45 AM	Zoom	
CS Pack 976 Tiger Den Mtg	6 - 8 PM	Counsel Rm	
Evening Prayer St Francis DeSales & Reception	7 - 9 PM	Church & Narthex	
WEDNESDAY			25
BSA Troop 976 Mtg	7 - 8:30 PM	Counsel Rm	
Music Ministry (Jones)	7 - 8:30 PM	Church	
RCIA Catechumenate	7:30 - 9 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Small Faith Group	7:30 - 8:30 PM	Zoom	
Men's Basketball	8:30 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
THURSDAY			26
Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
CS Pack 976 Arrow of Light Den Mtg	6 - 8 PM	Counsel Rm	
Music Ministry (Choir)	7 - 8:30 PM	Church	
Men's Basketball	8:30 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
FRIDAY			27
No School - Professional Development Day			
SATURDAY			28
Elementary CCF	8:30 - 10 AM	School	
Confessions	9 - 9:30 AM	Reconciliation Room	
Baptisms	10 - 11 AM	Chapel	
Emmaus	10 - 10:30 AM	School	
Elementary CCF & RCIC	10:30 AM - 12 PM	School	

THE LORD SAYS,
"I am doing a new thing"

Live Jesus! 2023

Live Jesus! 2023 is a half-day Lenten morning sponsored by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. The reflection, fellowship, and prayer are based upon the humble and gentle spirituality of Saints Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal.

Oblates love sharing de Sales' gentle spirit. It is the heart of what we do. On March 18th, we will share some of our story. You will find in St. Francis de Sales a friend who understands life and offers gentle ways to live your call to holiness. Oblates believe that when we live each day well, we are living holy lives.

"Be At Peace," is this year's theme. Attendees are invited to reflect on the many paths to peace. St. Francis de Sales tells us, "Inside each of us is a beautiful garden. We need to cultivate and prune it in order to give glory to God and be of service to others. Let us daily do this in peace, and thus experience the peace that only God can give."

Don't miss this opportunity to gather in prayer and fellowship to reflect on the peace that only God can provide.



Keynote Presentation by:
Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS
Artist, Author, Storyteller and
Retreat Director

PRESENTATIONS

Crooked Paths to Peace
Sister Susan Louise Eder, OSFS

**Finding Peace Amidst
Everyday Busyness**
Dr. Tom Opfer

FEBRUARY DINING 4 \$\$\$

Grab a Smoothie and Support OLG!

We've got your after school snack covered on February 8. Plan on quenching your thirst after school or after sports practice with a smoothie from the newly opened Smoothie King at 258 Maple Ave., Vienna. From 3-7pm on Wednesday February 8, Smoothie King will donate \$1 from every smoothie sold to OLG PTO. We hope to see you there!



Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, January 29
4:30 and 6:30 seatings

Tickets go on sale

SOLD OUT

10
K. J. P. Spaghetti



Request for Fabric

We are reaching out to request fabric! We are making re-usable fabric grocery bags that will be used to hold the power packs that will be assembled later this year. We are hoping to make 300 bags, so appreciate any donations—if you have fabric to donate, please reach out to Babs Fernandez (babsfernandez13@gmail.com) to coordinate drop off/pick up. *Please note that the office cannot accept fabric donations.*

OLGC Youth Ministry

7-8TH GRADE WELCOME!



\$15



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BROOMBALL**

**SATURDAY
JAN, 28TH
6:45-8:15PM**

FRI. FEB. 3RD
6:30-8:30PM

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February Frenzy T-Shirt Sale

Order your February Frenzy T-Shirt Today!

Show your school spirit and love for sport with this new shirt designed by an artist in 4th grade at OLGC!

You must pre-order by January 31 to get a shirt. Order at bit.ly/FebFrenzy-T-Shirt

Sizes YS-Adult XXL (Tip: these will be the same brand as recent Wildcat Spirit shirts. (Bella+Canvas) They are true to size and won't shrink but if you are between sizes, order up.)

Bonus for students: The shirts can be worn on OLGC School Spirit Days!



Join the Conversation. Try Alpha

Have you been wondering about Alpha? Weekly conversations about life and faith have enlivened many people for nearly four decades worldwide, and four years at St. Mark. What about you?

Join us for Alpha starting Monday January 23 at 7:45 pm at St. Mark Catholic Church, Vienna. We begin with dessert and conversation, followed by an engaging video talk and discussion.

If you are not able to attend LIVE, an online option is also available via Zoom beginning Monday January 23 at 7:45.

Email Karen Asta: karenjasta@gmail.com or call 703.489.0826 for more information and to register.

Attention Single Seniors

The Single Seniors group will meet at 12:30 PM on **February 2nd** at the Pam Am Restaurant in the Pan Am Shopping Center on Nutley Street for a pizza party! We welcome all newcomers to join us. To join, please R.S.V.P. to Bob Wicks at 540.424.9944.



Golf Classic Raises Record Funds for Tuition Assistance

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Thank you to our wonderful sponsors: www.olgcva.org/fellowship/golf/thank-you

Check out the photos at: olgcviennava.smugmug.com/Parish/2022-Golf-Classic/

Información Parroquial en español

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

EL SEÑOR DICE,
"Estoy haciendo algo nuevo."

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS MENORES DE 6 AÑOS:

Comuníquese con Maria Romero 703.896.7419 welcome@olgva.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. olgva.org/sacraments/baptism

CATEQUESIS

para niños, adultos y bautizó de niños mayores de 6 años, sacramento de la confirmación y comunión. Comuníquese con Amy MacKinnon, amackinnon@olgva.org o 703.896.7426.

VOLUNTARIOS

"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 o visite nuestra página web de la parroquia para ver la variedad de formas en que puede

ayudar en olgva.org/outreach/serve.

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 olgva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass, y las oficinas parroquiales.

CONFESIONES

Confesiones en español durante el mes de enero son el sábado 28 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@olgva.org. No se escuchan confesiones los domingos antes o después de la misa.

GRUPO DE APOYO PARA LOS QUE HAN PERDIDO UN HIJO O SER QUERIDO

La Funeraria Fairfax Memorial está organizando una sesión gratuita en inglés de Consejería a los que están de duelo diseñada específicamente para aquellos de ustedes que han perdido a un hijo. Únase a nosotros el domingo 29 de enero de 2023 para compartir, escuchar, dejarse sentir y sanar. Dirección: Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home (9902 Braddock Rd, Fairfax VA 22032)

Hora: 1:00 pm. Se proporcionarán refrigerios, por favor confirme su asistencia antes del viernes 20 de enero de 2023 en fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com y haga clic en la opción "Free Grief Support Group" en la página de inicio o llame al 703.425.9702.



DECLARACIÓN DE MONS. MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE EN RECONOCIMIENTO DEL MES DE CONCIENCIACIÓN SOBRE LA POBREZA

Nunca dejará de haber necesitados en la tierra, y por eso yo te mando que seas generoso con aquellos compatriotas tuyos que sufran pobreza y miseria en tu país. (Deuteronomio 15:11)

Cada mes de enero, celebramos el Mes de Concienciación sobre la Pobreza como forma de arrojar luz sobre los que necesitan desesperadamente las necesidades humanas fundamentales, a quienes a menudo se deja sufrir en las sombras de la sociedad.

Sólo en Virginia, más del 10% de nuestra población vive en la pobreza. Estos hermanos y hermanas, a menudo acompañados por sus hijos, pueden incluso carecer de hogar, vivir en sus coches o en la calle. Están hambrientos de comida y desesperados por mantenerse a salvo y alejados de los elementos. Que, a través de Caridades Católicas y de los muchos ministerios de nuestras parroquias, sigamos tendiendo la mano a nuestros prójimos vulnerables. Que les ayudemos a experimentar la sanación y el consuelo de Cristo, especialmente en sus momentos de lucha y necesidad. Por último, que cada uno de nosotros considere una nueva forma de apoyar a una organización benéfica local que atienda a los pobres, asegurándoles nuestra atención.

Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde
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ABOUT NOSTALGIA

I don't know about anyone else, but the Christmas holidays find me taking a deep dive into nostalgia. This is easy to do at such a happy time of year when traditions run strong and putting ornaments on the tree is like a walk through your life as you remember how you acquired each one. But we don't engage in nostalgia only at holiday time. I believe we're there much more often than we realize.

Socializing is a big thing when one lives in an active retirement community like I do. I have dinner with various friends about two-thirds of every month, choosing to "eat in" the other days because I still enjoy cooking. During the meal, we invariably end up talking about our personal experiences growing up, family lore, and traditions. In this sense, we're indulging in nostalgia, and I'm happy to say that most of the time we end up with a lot of laughing at the table, and go back to our apartments feeling pretty darned good. From various things I've read about the subject, there's a good bit of science about nostalgia. It helps create endorphins, that group of hormones that make us feel good. As elders, we probably engage in nostalgia more than others simply because we have so much more in our memory banks. This is a good time to think about it, because the holidays are over and the coming weeks of winter might be an appropriate time to reflect on such things. For me, this is the time I find myself in a more contemplative mood. I think the

grayness of the season makes me feel this way.

While downsizing prior to moving to my new community, I had to dispose of many Christmas tree ornaments because I wasn't planning on taking my huge tree with me. That was emotionally difficult. However, I saved the most precious ones, the oldest ones from my husband's and my childhood. In



the bunch were a few made by my children and grandchildren when they were in the second or third grade. This past Christmas was the first time I used them since I moved here nearly five years ago, thanks to a newly acquired smaller artificial tree that fit perfectly into my living room. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the ornaments again after such a long time. As I unwrapped each of them, I felt like I'd met an old friend I hadn't seen in a really long time. And the memories began to flow.

The small paper cup and the little wooden spool covered in foil, resembling bells; a paper swan from "The Twelve Days of Christmas" looked a bit arthritic but still recognizable; a cottonwood tree pod made to look like a mouse, and the fragile, 90-year-old ornaments of our childhood made my heart sing, as did the small old-fashioned Santa Claus ornament from Germany,

which had been my husband's. So many others, all with their own story. Remembering, touching the past, was an amazing feeling. A cup of strong eggnog couldn't have done a better job of pushing me high on the feel-good scale!

Research tells us indulging in nostalgia is a good thing, a healthy thing. It helps generate creativity, keeps us emotionally sound, gives life meaning, and is an overall good place to visit. But it's not good to stay there too long since the benefits are erased when we do that. We used to call it "strolling down Memory Lane," now "nostalgia" is the new buzz word. Whatever, it's good for us, it doesn't cost anything, doesn't have any bad side effects, and doesn't make us fat or retain fluid! I'm more than happy to dip into it every now and then and come out feeling content and happy.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

Start with meditation. Join virtually for this free session scheduled for **Monday, January 30** from 7-8 pm. In this busy, fast-paced world, peace seems like an elusive commodity. Eileen Carlotto, long-time meditator, has been inspiring audiences on how to practice and learn this very simple technique. In this program you'll have the chance to practice the art of meditation, which can positively impact your life with joy, peace, and relaxation. Brought to you by Fairfax County's Department of Family Services, online registration can be found at bit.ly/meditate2023.

Elder Wisdom

Talk less.
Listen more.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Begins!

The 2023 BLA mailing was recently sent to parishioners. The theme is "My soul rejoices in the Lord," which is shared with the second preparatory year of the Diocesan Jubilee. The BLA funds programs and ministries that serve thousands of people in our diocese. Through

the inspiration of the BLA theme, let us joyfully make a pledge to support God's Kingdom in our diocese! You may make a gift at: arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code.



Volunteer Teachers Urgently Needed!

Education and Workforce Development of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington is seeking volunteer teachers, co-teachers, and tutors for ESOL (English to Speakers of Other Languages), Citizenship, Computer Literacy, IT (CompTIA), ESOL for Childcare to work with adult refugees and immigrants. We are accepting volunteers for in-person classes in

Manassas, Woodbridge, Springfield, Falls Church and Sterling. Online classes are also available! Commit to teach once or twice a week for 12 weeks. We provide training, curriculum and resources. No second language necessary! If interested, call the Education and Workforce Development ministry at 571-208-1572 or email us at ewd@ccda.net.

Mornings of Mercy

Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Mornings of Mercy retreats are led by Very Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good

Shepherd Catholic Church. Join us on February 4, 2023 at St. Luke, McLean, VA from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Go to arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy to register. This event is free.

Organize Your Photos and Share your Stories!

Certified Photo Organizer Ana Carvajal will share tips and introduce ways to organize your photographs, both print and digital, to create a comprehensive and sharable family archive. Adults.

Tuesday, January 24

1:00 - 3:00pm

Patrick Henry Library

Registration is required. Sign up at bit.ly/Organize-Photos



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Statement from Bishop Michael F. Burbidge in recognition of Poverty Awareness Month

The land will never lack for needy persons; that is why I command you: "Open your hand freely to your poor and to your needy kin in your land." (Deuteronomy 15:11)

Each January, we observe Poverty Awareness Month as a way to bring light to those who are in desperate need of fundamental human necessities, often left to suffer in the shadows of society.

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Upcoming Diocesan Events

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Sundays with the Sisters

January 22 | 2:00pm

FIAT Day of Reflection

January 28 | 9:45am

Virginia Pro-Life Day

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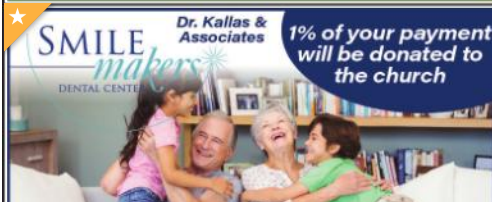
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