

# FEBRUARY 5 • 2023

## 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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*Administered by the Oblates of  
St. Francis de Sales*

### Mass Schedule

Mon-Sat - 8:30am; 9am on holidays

Saturday Vigil 4pm

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

### View Mass Online

[www.youtube.com/c/StreamingOLGC](https://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

“Let us think only of  
living today well, and when  
tomorrow comes, it also  
will be today and we can  
think of it then.”

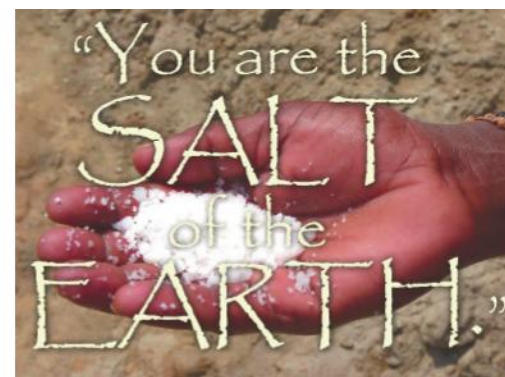
— St. Francis de Sales

“Pensemos sólo en vivir  
bien el hoy, y cuando llegue  
el mañana, también será  
hoy y podremos pensar  
entonces en el.”

— St. Francis de Sales

## Spaghetti Supper—Molto Bene!

Good cheer and good food were in abundance at the Spaghetti Supper which returned last weekend after a COVID-induced hiatus. Thank you to the many volunteers who ensured there was plenty to eat and a proper Italian vibe to the evening!





## Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at:  
[bit.ly/PresiderSchedule](http://bit.ly/PresiderSchedule)

**Sat. / Sun. February 4-5, 2023**

+ Frank Van Lierde  
+ Paul Owens  
+ Francisco Recio  
+ Aurther Hathaway  
+ Carmilita Hathway

**Monday, February 6, 2023**

8:30am + Medford Wray Lacy

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

8:30am + William & Regina Gaya

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

8:30am The OLCG Community

**Thursday, February 9, 2023**

8:30am + Jorge Escalante Vaccari

**Friday, February 10, 2023**

8:30am + Madeline Lucia Tarazi

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

8:30am + Russell Reid

**Sat. / Sun. February 11-12, 2023**

+ Tomas & Matilde Berrios  
+ Francine Ronollo  
+ Richard C. Pilger  
+ Anastacia Mendoza & Saul Cruz  
Mendoza  
+ Madeline Lucia Tarazi

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

+ Russell Reid, brother of Mary Pat Egan  
and brother-in-law of Michael Egan  
+ Iluminada Banez  
+ Claire Curry  
+ Dritha McCoy

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

**Church** In Memory of  
+ Colleen Hauser

**Chapel** In Memory of  
+ Amelia Vinciguerra

**Our Lady** In Thanksgiving for Our OLCG  
Community Volunteers

## Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel

**W**e, 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](http://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.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals](http://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals)

Devotional Candles: [www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship](http://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship)

Join the Parish: [olgcva.org/register](http://olgcva.org/register)

Schedule an Event: [olgcva.org/about-us/facilities](http://olgcva.org/about-us/facilities)

Add Item to Bulletin/Media: [olgcva.org/about-us/communications](http://olgcva.org/about-us/communications)

Mass Intention Request: [olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass](http://olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass)

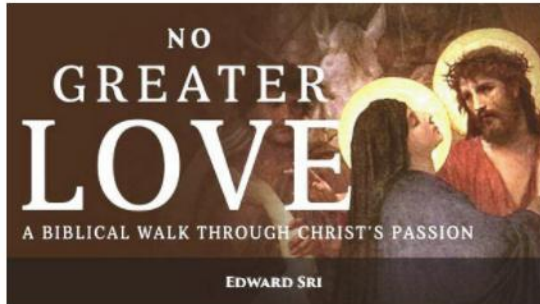


# Tuesday Scripture Study Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

February 28 - April 4

During the Lenten Season, come explore *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*. Walk step-by-step with Christ from the Garden of Gethsemane to Calvary. Filmed in the Holy Land, this five-part study reveals how the Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, historical realities, and powerful symbolism come together in awe-inspiring fashion to reveal God's unfathomable love for us. Tuesday mornings (Feb. 28 – Apr. 4) 9:45 to 11:45am by Zoom.

Email Fran Davenport at [bwdavenport@cox.net](mailto:bwdavenport@cox.net) to register and get the Zoom link. To purchase study materials (\$26.95 plus shipping, handling, and tax) visit: [ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love](http://ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love)



## FEBRUARY OUTREACH

### Parish Coat Drive 2.0

There are still many local families who need coats for the remainder of the winter. Please consider donating gently used or new coats to the second parish coat drive of the season. Coats will be collected after all masses February 11 and 12. Donations will go to CHO, Mother of Light Center, St. Vincent DePaul and other local outlets.



### Marriage Anniversary Mass

Celebrate your marriage! On Saturday, February 11th at 4pm, the OLGC Community will celebrate Marriage, with our Annual Marriage Anniversary Mass. Married couples are invited to join together at the 4pm Mass, during which couples will be invited to stand and be recognized for their years of marriage and the Blessing of Married Couples will be imparted.



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

What specific concrete action can I take this week to reflect the light of Christ in the world?

## PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Qué acción concreta y específica puedo tomar esta semana para reflejar la luz de Cristo en el mundo?

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

### Cheerfulness

Every month OLGC students are introduced to a virtue. The virtue for the month of February is cheerfulness. Cheerfulness is defined as looking on the bright side!





## Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

### For the Week of February 5, 2023

#### SUNDAY Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;  
Mt 5:13-16

#### MONDAY Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 & 12, 24 & 35c;  
Mk 6:53-56

#### TUESDAY

Gn 1:20 - 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

#### WEDNESDAY

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30;  
Mk 7:14-23

#### THURSDAY

Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

#### FRIDAY Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

#### SATURDAY

Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

#### SUNDAY Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;  
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37

### 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

**End of year giving statements** will be sent out electronically in the next few weeks. Watch your email. If you prefer a hard copy, please email [accountingmanager@olgcv.org](mailto:accountingmanager@olgcv.org) for your 2022 Contribution Statement.

### Weekly & Second Collections

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

### February Second Collections

- 5 *Arlington Catholic Herald*
- 12 Facilities Improvements
- 22 Eastern Europe (Ash Wednesday)
- 26 Black & Native American Missions

## Calendar (Subject to change, updates at [www.olgcv.org/about-us/calendar](http://www.olgcv.org/about-us/calendar))

### February 5-11

#### SUNDAY

5

Donut Social	9 AM - 1:30 PM	DeSales Hall
Dining for Dollars: Basic Bagels	9 AM - 12 PM	1495 Cornerside Blvd, Vienna
Nightlife	6 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall
Jr High CCF	6:15 - 7:45 PM	School

#### MONDAY

6

Little Rock Scripture Study	10 - 11:30 AM	Zoom
Rosary Makers	10 AM - 12 PM	SJC-Aviat Rm
Quilters	11:30 AM - 3 PM	Mary's Garden & SJC-Brisson Rm
GS Troop 50198	3 - 5 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm
Girl Scout Troop 5689	4:30 - 5:30 PM	DeSales Hall
8th Gr Lrg Group Session	6:45 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall
Evening Prayer	7 - 7:45 PM	Chapel

#### TUESDAY

7

Tuesday Bible Study	9:45 - 11:45 AM	Zoom
CS Pack 976 Arrow of Light Den Mtg	6 - 8 PM	Counsel Rm
Music Ministry (Hemmingson)	7 - 8:30 PM	Church

#### WEDNESDAY

8

Dining for Dollars: Smoothie King	3 - 7 PM	258 Maple Ave. E, Vienna
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
SVDP Mtg	7:30 - 9 PM	DeSales Hall
Men's Basketball	8:30 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym

#### THURSDAY

9

Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm
GS Troop 50012	4:30 - 6 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm
CS Pack 976 Tiger 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

10

Open Mic Night	7 - 10 PM	DeSales Hall
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#### SATURDAY

11

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
Marriage Celebration Mass	4 - 8 PM	Church

## Senses of Scripture

As long as the people of God have been reading the scriptures, there have been different ways of reading and interpreting them—even reading the same verse in different ways.

Does that mean that scripture contradicts itself?

Or that it's not divinely inspired?

**No, it definitely doesn't.**

The way that we read it now is consistent with how the Bible has always been read, even in the earliest days of the Church. We read the Bible using the four different senses of Scripture.

We do use different terms today than some of the Church Fathers used to describe those different ways of reading the Bible. The terms we use today are from Thomas Aquinas (*ST*, I, Q1), but Aquinas relied on the writings of the Church Fathers to describe these different ways that we use to read the Bible. We're doing the same thing that the early Christians did when we read the Bible, we're just using more precise terms.

This is what the Catechism means when it talks about the analogy of faith, and why that idea is important when we read the Bible:

*Be attentive to the analogy of faith.* By "analogy of faith" we mean the coherence of the truths of faith among themselves and within the whole plan of Revelation. (CCC 114)

When Catholics talk about different "senses" of Scripture, this is what we mean: the different ways that the writings in the Bible can be understood without contradiction.

That means that the Bible has to be read in the context that it was intended in order for us to understand the meaning of what is actually being said in the Bible.

There are two types of senses:

Literal

Spiritual

There is only one literal sense, but there are three spiritual senses.

The three spiritual senses are:

Allegorical

Moral

Eschatological



The three spiritual senses have to be rooted in the literal sense and can't contradict it, because otherwise the passage itself could mean whatever anyone wants it to mean. God is truth itself and He is the one who guides and inspires the human author to write, and those writings are intended to reveal who God is, and who we are to God. He's not trying to confuse us, but to lead us to Heaven.

Look for articles on allegorical, moral, eschatological and literal senses in upcoming issues of the Bulletin.



**FR. MATT'S  
MUSING:**

## Humbleness and Gentility

**Humility does not mean that we think less of ourselves, but that we think of ourselves less. —CS Lewis**

This week we celebrate the feast of Saint Francis de Sales. He died 400 years ago but remains a very prominent figure in the church. The title of this musing and the quote from CS Lewis show the intersection of de Sales' two favorite virtues...

Read more at [bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-Jan7](http://bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-Jan7)



**Spirituality Matters:** Fr. Michael Murray, OSFS, of DeSales Spirituality Services offers wonderful insight on the readings and St. Francis de Sales interpretation of them. Visit website to read <https://oblates.squarespace.com/spirituality-matters>.

## Evening Prayer



Monday, Feb. 6, 7 pm  
in the chapel

*A time to pause and be with God.*



## It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

The wait is over! OLGC Girl Scout Troops will be selling cookies outside Church after Masses on the weekends of February 4-5 and February 11-12. Be sure to bring cash. Thin Mints, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-si-Dos, Tagalongs, Adventurefuls, and Lemon-Ups are \$5.00 per box. Girl Scout S'mores and gluten-free Toffee-tastics are \$6.00 per box. Your purchase helps to fund our Troops' activities and service projects. Thank you for your support!



Thin Mints  
Samoas  
Trefoils  
Do-si-Dos  
Tagalongs  
Adventurefuls  
Lemon-Ups  
S'mores  
Toffee-tastics

**Pick up your favorite cookies Feb. 4-5 and 11-12 outside church. Be sure to bring cash.**

## FEBRUARY DINING 4 \$\$\$

### Grab a Smoothie and Support OLGC!

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 OLGC PTO. We hope to see you there!



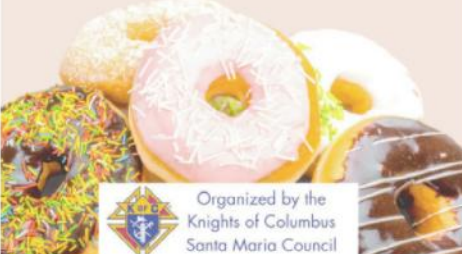
## BONUS February Dining for Dollars—Basic Bagel


### Bagels for Breakfast @ Basic Bagel Pop Up

What is better than bagels on the weekend? And these are REAL New York bagels to boot. Please visit Basic Bagels (a pop-up, located in the Tysons Basic Burger location; 1495 Cornerside Blvd, Vienna) on Saturday February 4th OR Sunday February 5th (or both...no judging here) from 9am - 12pm. Enjoy a bagel and take a dozen home for the rest of the week. **Please mention OLGC** when ordering so we receive 35% of sales from both days.



**DONUT SOCIAL**  
This Sunday!





Organized by the  
Knights of Columbus  
Santa Maria Council



**Open Mic Night**  
Feb. 10, 7-10 pm  
DeSales Hall  
Free and family friendly!

## Annual Car Raffle

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their Multi Car Raffle. Prizes include four 2023 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Ranger Truck and Bronco Sport). One \$5 ticket offers the

purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you.



Pictures are representative of the vehicles but not actual vehicles, as they have not arrived yet.



# Información Parroquial en español

Preguntas o sugerencias, ofrecer misas, pedir oración durante la misa por recién fallecidos, funerals, comuníquese con Maria 703.896.7419, [mromero@olgva.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://olgva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass), y las oficinas parroquiales.

## CONFESIONES

Confesiones en español durante el mes de enero son el sábado 4 y 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](mailto:frhillyard@olgva.org). No se escuchan confesiones los domingos antes o después de la misa.

## REZAR EL ROSARIO

Acompañemos en 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](mailto:berrioscg@gmail.com).

## SEGUNDA COLECTA

Nuestra segunda colecta de hoy febrero 5 es para el periódico *Arlington Herald*. El periódico católico apoya la misión de la Iglesia de evangelizar

proporcionando noticias desde una perspectiva católica. Informamos, inspiramos y conectamos a los católicos al compartir la historia de fe de la Diócesis de Arlington. Nuestra parroquia paga el envío del periódico a sus feligreses. Ayude a sufragar el costo pagando una suscripción anual de \$27. Si no desea recibir el periódico, envíe un correo electrónico a Maude Hales al [mhales@olgva.org](mailto:mhales@olgva.org)

## CONSEJERÍA A LOS QUE ESTÁN DE DUELO

La Funeraria Fairfax Memorial está organizando una sesión gratuita en inglés de Consejería a los que están de duelo. Únase a nosotros el jueves 23 de febrero a las 7pm ahí podrá compartir, escuchar, dejarse sentir y sanar. Dirección: Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home (9902 Braddock Rd, Fairfax VA 22032) por favor confirme su asistencia antes del viernes 15 de febrero en [fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com](http://fairfaxmemorialfuneralhome.com).

## 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:** Todo primer lunes del mes nos reunimos a orar como comunidad en la Iglesia a las 7:00 pm.

**Adoración Eucarística:** Primer viernes del mes 9:30am a 3:00pm.

**Almuerzo para personas de la tercer:** edad jueves 16 debe de confirmar su asistencia [bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Feb2023](http://bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Feb2023).

## Nuestras segundas colectas de este mes serán:

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| Feb. 12 y 19 | Necesidades Parroquiales                            |
| Feb. 22      | Recursos de la Iglesia en Europa Central y del Este |
| Feb. 26      | Comunidades Negras y Nativas Américas               |



# Senior Moments

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## SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON

Well, here we are, having turned over the first page of the new calendars, with thoughts of things to come in February! Think pink, or maybe red, and certainly, think of hearts, as we approach our next luncheon for OLGC seniors.

**Thursday, February 16th** at Noon is the day we'll be gathering again in De Sales Hall at noon. Our theme is "Never too late to celebrate LOVE." The menu, while still a mystery, will be something easily prepared so that, in the event of

*Never too Late to  
Celebrate Love!*

## SEASONED CITIZENS LUNCH

Thursday, Feb. 16, Noon

inclement weather (which is always a good possibility at this time of year) can be easily canceled. If the weather looks iffy, listen for school closings. If schools are closed for the day, the event will be canceled. Schools opening later usually means we can go ahead with our plans. The Book Swap table will be there for you to pick up something to take home. This is a wonderful resource for our seniors, made possible by your donation of recent books (jigsaw puzzles too!).

There is no charge, but we ask that you make a reservation to ensure there are enough food and place settings for everyone. Email [seasonedcitizens@olgcva.org](mailto:seasonedcitizens@olgcva.org), call Dagny at 703.281.5525, or RSVP at [bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Feb2023](http://bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Feb2023)

## COMING SOON!

The Philadelphia Flower Show at the Pennsylvania Convention Center is the world's oldest and largest indoor flower show. The 2023 Flower Show will once again welcome guests to experience the first taste of Spring indoors. In 2023, The Philadelphia Horticultural Society invites guests back to celebrate the spectacular and decadent floral displays that the award-winning Flower Show is known for, and to combine the radiance and joy that flowers provide. The show will reveal the exciting, energetic, and passionate side of flowers, gardens, and horticulture. Transportation is provided by a comfortable 36-passenger charter bus.

Lunch and dinner are on your own. The Reading Market, with its many wonderful food stalls and eateries, is just across the way, and your hand stamp will allow re-entry into the Convention Center. The trip fee includes admission to the show and transportation. Vienna residents pay \$98, everyone else pays \$122.50. If you have a WebTrac account, please use it to register. If not, then stop by the Vienna Community Center to do it in person.

I can tell you, after having attended this amazing show several times in the past, that it will be a long day with lots of time spent on your feet, walking, and standing as you view the displays, which are stunning. I can still recall the magnificent floral scent when I entered the Convention Center. Wear sturdy shoes, and take your

camera to capture the unique arrangements. In the past there were demonstrations and classes you could attend, which were interesting and also provided some respite. Bring a water bottle, and it'd be a good idea to include a heavy shopping bag as there's usually a great collection of garden-related items available for purchase. A small backpack would probably be a good idea too, and ladies, try to stick to a small handbag. For those of you who haven't ever attended this show, I highly recommend it! This trip, offered by Vienna Parks & Recreation, will take place on **Wednesday, March 8** and will run from 7 am-7 pm.

## ENCORE MOMENT

This is how you arrange for having a White House Greeting from the President sent to someone on a special occasion: Go to [www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-greeting](http://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-greeting). There you'll find a form you fill out and submit your request electronically. These White House greetings are sent at no cost to you, to someone who's celebrating a significant birthday, anniversary, or other memorable occasion (there's a list from which to choose.). In the past, a faithful corps of volunteers would personally address these cards and mail them out. All of that stopped during COVID, and now it's done online. It's possible that volunteers are still hand addressing the greetings but you'll have to wait and see what the envelope looks like when it arrives!

## Elder Wisdom


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## Vienna Hypothermia Shelter in Need of Volunteers

Vienna Presbyterian Church is hosting individuals Jan. 29 through Feb. 12 as part of Fairfax County's hypothermia program. The church is seeking volunteers to help provide meals and help out in other ways. These include preparing food, donating food, donating items for

gift bags, volunteering at the hypothermia program, or writing uplifting notes for the guests.

Visit Vienna Presbyterian Church's volunteer sign-up page at [bit.ly/Hypothermia-volunteers](https://bit.ly/Hypothermia-volunteers). Click on the tabs at the top of the page to see volunteer opportunities.

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## Upcoming Diocesan Events

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**The 2023 Catholic Charities Ball**  
February 10 | 6:30pm

**Father-Son Seminary Visit**  
February 11 | 9:00am

**Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Healing and Conversion in Families**  
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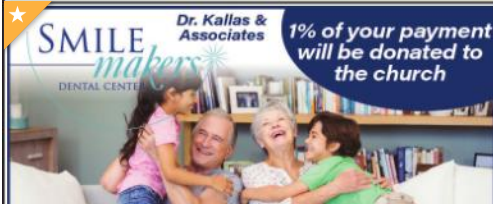
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