

FEBRUARY 12 • 2023

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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

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

“Do all by love,
and nothing
by force.”

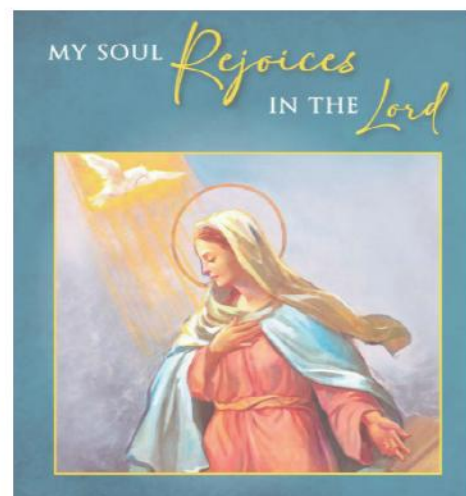
— St. Francis de Sales

“Haz todo por amor
y nada
a la fuerza.”

— San Francisco de Sales

2023 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) Commitment Weekend

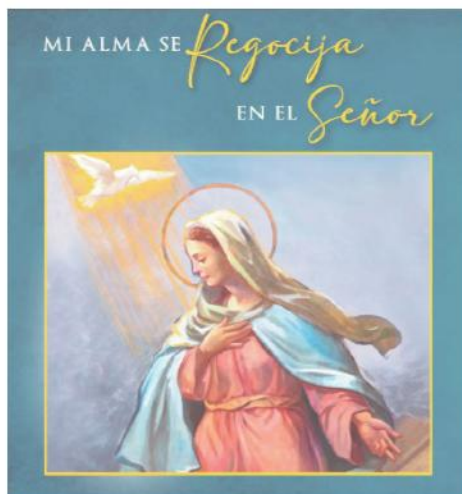
“**M**y soul rejoices in the Lord.” This weekend each household is asked to make a BLA pledge or gift. This appeal provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family to support programs, ministries and services helping tens of thousands of people. After reflecting upon God's blessings to you, please consider a BLA pledge. You may complete a pledge card at Mass, mail in your pledge, go online to www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA or scan the QR code at right to make a gift.



Petición Cuaresmal del Obispo del 2023

Este fin de semana se solicita a cada familia que haga una promesa de contribución o una ofrenda a la Petición Cuaresmal Del Obispo. Esta petición nos ofrece la oportunidad de unirnos como

familia católica para apoyar los programas, ministerios y servicios de ayuda a decenas de miles de personas. Después de reflexionar sobre las bendiciones recibidas de Dios, piensen en hacer una promesa de contribución a la Petición Cuaresmal Del Obispo. Pueden esa promesa al llenar la tarjeta distribuida durante la misa, enviar la tarjeta por correo postal, hacer la promesa en línea en www.arlingtondiocese.org/BLA, o escanear el código QR indicado continuación para hacer una ofrenda.



Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at:
bit.ly/PresiderSchedule

Sat. / Sun. February 11-12, 2023

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

Monday, February 13, 2023

8:30am + Brian Brandt

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

8:30am The OLG Community

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

8:30am + Efren Balangue

Thursday, February 16, 2023

8:30am + Olga Marquez de Escalante

Friday, February 17, 2023

8:30am Efren & Evelyn Halili 50th
Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, February 18, 2023

8:30am + Luis Lozada

Sat. / Sun. February 18-19, 2023

+ Lorraine Nicole Fagan
+ Joseph R. Pellegrino
+ Eileen & Richard Whittemore
+ Nicolas Vasquez
Oscar & Paulina Manalansan

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

+ Lola Leonard
+ Patrick Pagisbigan
+ William J. Breads Jr.

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

Church For victims of natural disasters
Chapel Special Intention for Cheryl
Keamy
Our Lady Special Intention 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.

Pastor Rev. Matthew Hillyard, OSFS..... frhillyard@olgcv.org
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Finance Council (Regina Stranix) FinanceCouncil@olgcv.org
Society of St. Vincent DePaul (Linea de Ayuda) 703.938.3210..... svdp@olgcv.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

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

Scouts Earn Religious Awards!

Congratulations to the following Scouts upon earning their Religious Awards!

THE GUARDIAN ANGEL

award recognizes Lion/Tiger Cub Scouts for advancing in religious knowledge and spiritual formation as they try to develop a spiritual knowledge of how God protects them in every area of their lives.

Benjamin Bottcher, Matthew Bunn, Bryon Custodio, Buhawi Gant, Caleb Lavery, Harrison Kip Meyers

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

emblem is for Wolf Cub Scouts who, with the active participation and assistance from their family, develop a personal relationship with Jesus as a real person and friend.

Francis Sagmit, Jorge Armando Sotomayor



THE PARVULI DEI (Children of God) emblem is for Bear/Webelo 1/

Arrow of Light Scouts who explored a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives and to develop a positive self-image through the contributions they make to the faith community.

Christopher Bunn, Robert Bunn, Luke Cramer, Giovanni Hernandez, John Benedict Sagmit

THE AD ALTARE DEI (to the altar of God) badge is for Boy Scouts who worked towards developing a fully Christian way of life in the faith community while increasing their understanding that the seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth.

James Argauer, Patrick Argauer, Peter Beatty, Mateo Hernandez

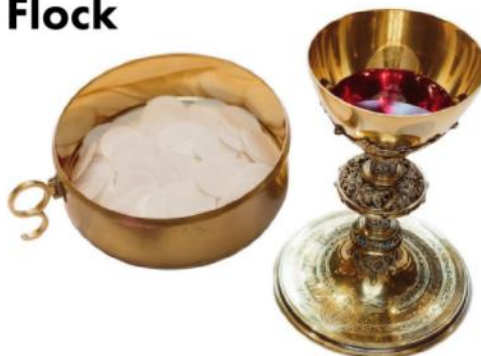
SCOUTING SUNDAY

We will recognize all the Scouts of OLGC at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday.
Pray for our Scouts and their leaders.

EM Training—Feed the Flock

Experience the reward and fulfillment of growing your faith by joining the team of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. A training session will be held on Wednesday, March 8th at 7pm in the Church. What a wonderful way to both attend Mass and at the same time give back in service to the Lord by distributing Communion to members of the OLGC Community.

If you are interested in attending the training session, please complete and submit a Ministry Information Form found on the OLGC website:



www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form
by Monday, March 6th. For additional information and/or questions, please contact Cheryl Jones at cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com.



**FR. MATT'S
MUSING:**

Perspective

The greatest achievement in my generation is the realization that we can change our lives by changing our thoughts.

--William James

We are in the month of February. It's the shortest of the months, and it also has a national holiday in the middle of it. However, many people experience this month what is called the Febs...

Read more at bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-Feb4

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

When do the temptations of anger, lust, or deceit affect what I say or do? How can I build the habit of treating everyone else with honesty, mercy and love?

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

6º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

¿Cuándo afectan las tentaciones de la ira, la lujuria o el engaño lo que digo o hago? ¿Cómo puedo desarrollar el hábito de tratar a los demás con honestidad, misericordia y amor?

Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of February 12, 2023

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

MONDAY
Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21;
Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY Memorial of Saints Cyril, Monk, and
Methodius, Bishop
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a & 2; 3ac-4, 3b &
9c-10; Mk 8:41-21

WEDNESDAY
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:22-26

THURSDAY
Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 & 22-23;
Mk 8:27-33

FRIDAY
Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13; 14-15; Mk 8:34-9:1

SATURDAY
Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

SUNDAY Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1
Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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 for your 2022 Contribution Statement.

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.

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)

February 12-18

SUNDAY			12
Outreach Coat Drive	8 AM - 5 PM		
YM Football Game	4 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall & Field	
MONDAY			13
No School - Professional Development Day			
Lamb Center Breakfast	6:45 - 7 AM	Parking Lot-Bell Tower	
Little Rock Scripture Study	10 - 11:30 AM	Zoom	
Funeral & Luncheon: Patrick Pagsibigan	11 AM - 1 PM	Church, DeSales Hall	
Quilters	11:30 AM - 3 PM	Mary's Garden & SJC-Brisson Rm	
TUESDAY			14
Red, Pink & White Out of Uniform Day			
Tuesday Bible Study	9:45 - 11:45 AM	Zoom	
Music Ministry (Hemmingson)	7 - 8:30 PM	Church	
WEDNESDAY			15
Funeral: William J. Breads, Jr.	11 AM - 12 PM	Church	
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			16
Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Seasoned Citizens Luncheon	12 - 2 PM	DeSales Hall	
CS Pack 976 Wolf Den Mtg	6 - 8 PM	offsite	
PTO General Mtg	6:30 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall	
Music Ministry (Choir)	7 - 8:30 PM	Church	
Men's Basketball	8:30 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
FRIDAY			17
Lamb Center Lunch	10 - 10:15 AM	Parking Lot-Bell Tower	
Funeral and Luncheon: Dritha McCoy	11 AM - 1 PM	Chapel, DeSales Hall	
Wedding Rehearsal: Silverio-Villaroman	5:30 - 7:30 PM	Church	
SATURDAY			18
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	
Funeral: Emilie Haddad	11 AM - 12 PM	Church	
Wedding: Silverio-Villaroman	1 - 2:30 PM	Church	

MARCH OUTREACH

Power Packs

Let's work together in community to address the needs of Fairfax County Public School children who need food support over the weekend. The Power Pack Program provides weekend meals to roughly 3,500 students at 43 Fairfax County schools each week during the school year. The weekend meal pack, which contains two items each for breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus two snacks and two drinks, helps alleviate a child's hunger and allows them to come to school on Monday morning fed, focused, and ready to learn. Food For Others needs our support to meet this need.

Friday, March 24 - Sunday, March 26, we will be collecting food items, organizing the donations, and filling Power Packs for FCPS students in our area. Please take a

moment to look at the link below and sign up to donate food for this effort. bit.ly/OLGC-power-packs-food

If you would like to help organize donations and pack, please sign up at bit.ly/OLGC-power-packs-volunteers

With your support, we can help make a difference.



Paschal Candles

Donation

"The One who entered our world at Christmas to bring justice and peace, conquered all injustice by the light of his resurrection. The "Son of Justice" calls us to shine his burning light to our families and faith communities every day."

-Rev. Paul Turner

If you would like to donate a Paschal Candle to the parish, please email Paul Ciotti at pciotti@olgcv.org. The cost is \$675. You can dedicate the Paschal Candle in thanksgiving or memory of someone. A wax label will be affixed to the back of the Paschal Candle.



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.

To register and get the Zoom link, email Fran Davenport at bwdavenport@cox.net. To purchase study materials visit: ascensionpress.com/collections/no-greater-love.

Moms' Morning Coffee!

Looking for other Moms in the OLGC parish to connect with in faith and friendship? Join the new OLGC Moms' Group! Our first event will be Saturday Morning Coffee on March 4th at 9:00 AM at Vienna Simply Social Coffee. For questions or to RSVP, contact Jeannette Rivera-Soñé at jmtrivera@gmail.com or Cathleen Rhodes at 571.373.1242 (text or call).



Dining for Dollars: The Italian Place

Carpool and Dinner in one stop!

Let the Italian Place do dinner for you on Wednesday March 15th. Back again, The Italian Place is offering THREE options this time: Eggplant, Lasagna, or a Make-your-own Pizza Kit. Meals are intended for 4 people. The eggplant and lasagna meals come with garlic bread, salad, and tiramisu. The pizza kit comes with dough, marinara, toppings, salad, and tiramisu. All meals are \$49; Faculty \$39. 10% of proceeds will be given to OLGC PT0. Please visit the link to order! Orders may be picked up at 3PM carpool or at ECAP on 3/15. Orders must be placed by March 14th. bit.ly/dining-4-dollars-Italian-Place



Knights of Columbus Corner

INTO THE BREACH:

A DISCUSSION SERIES

Join the Knights of Columbus for a Lenten discussion series beginning Feb. 20 or 21 and continuing Sunday or Mondays through Holy Week at OLGC or St. Mark.

In the past two decades, more than 14 million Catholics have left the faith. In the face of these losses, Catholic men are called to put aside any hesitation to live a life of mission. Christ calls us to a life of continued formation so that, with grace, we can seriously engage the war for our souls. That's why the Knights have produced "Into the Breach," a video series inspired by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted's apostolic exhortation of the same name. The "Into the Breach" series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength, and courage. Email Bill Hemmingson at bhemmingson@gmail.com for more information or to register.

ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Knight of the Year

Recognize a Knight who has served virtuously throughout the year and modeled himself as a Catholic gentleman. Our Knights are constantly serving our parish and our community. Does a particular Knight stand out? Consider one who has a robust prayer life beyond weekly mass attendance. Or, think about a Knight who has made significant contributions to the parish, church, or the community. Visit www.knightsvienna.org/nominations to nominate someone. Contact Grand Knight Chris Fortier at crfortier@gmail.com with questions. Deadline is March 3.

Young Man and Young Woman of the Year

Recognize our youth who exemplify the values of our community and the Catholic Church. We look for outstanding youth who have made positive contributions to family life,

community life, or parish life. 9th through 12th graders are eligible, no matter where they go to school. We consider academic achievement, sports and extracurricular activities, civic and religious involvement, and family support activities. To nominate someone, visit www.knightsvienna.org/nominations. Contact Chris Fortier at crfortier@gmail.com with questions. Deadline is March 3.

Family of the Month

Each month, the local Knights council selects one family from both Vienna-Oakton Catholic parishes that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention. Nominate through our web form: www.knightsvienna.org/family-of-month. Selected families do not need to be members of the Knights of Columbus.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS

The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council, Santa Maria Council #4654, serves the Vienna/Oakton community through our many projects and our twice-monthly meetups. Membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

We have a table after all Masses at the monthly Donut Social. Drop by and meet the brothers who make the Knights and our parish the great community that it is. Go to www.KofC.org/joinus to join for FREE. Enter Council #4654 and use the code WLUPINACCI at check out.

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@olgcv.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@olgcv.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. olgcv.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@olgcv.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 olgcv.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 olgcv.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@olgcv.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.

¡COMIENZA LA PETICIÓN CUARESMA DEL OBISPO DEL 2023!

La correspondencia sobre la Petición Cuaresma Del Obispo del 2023 se envió recientemente a los feligreses. El lema de este año es "Mi Alma Se Regocija En El Señor". Después de reflexionar sobre las bendiciones que Dios nos ha dado, en espíritu de oración piensen en

hacer una promesa de contribución. La Petición Cuaresma Del Obispo financia programas y ministerios al servicio de miles de personas en nuestra diócesis. Con la inspiración del lema de la Petición Cuaresma del Obispo, recordemos la tierna naturaleza de Cristo al unirnos para dar algo de nosotros mismos a otras personas. Pueden hacer su ofrenda en la página www.arlingtondiocese.org o escanear el código de respuesta rápida (QR) que aparece a continuación: La Petición Cuaresma se llevara a cabo el fin de semana del 25/26 de febrero, les pedimos por favor vengán preparados para hacer su compromiso y/o donación. Al igual le pedimos que lleven en sus oraciones el éxito de La Campaña Cuaresma Del Obispo.



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.

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

Marge Van Lierde
Gitkagirl@gmail.com
571.831.3951



SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON

This is the last call for this month's luncheon for OLGC seniors on Thursday, Feb. 16 at noon in DeSales Hall. Our theme is "Never too late to celebrate LOVE!" as we're capturing the vibes of Valentine's Day even though a bit late. So don't put away those pink or red scarves, sweaters, or other heart-related items you might have to make everything even more festive. As explained earlier, the menu will be simple and therefore easily canceled in the event of inclement weather. It will feature soup, salad, sandwiches, and dessert, along with the usual beverages. And there'll be Bingo! Today's the last day reservations will be accepted, for planning purposes. To save your place at the table, email Dagny at seasonedcitizens@olgcv.org, calling her, 703-281-5525 or RSVP at bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Feb2023.

The Book Swap Table will be available again, thanks to your generous donations. Jigsaw puzzles and recent books (nothing else, please) keep this feature going.

NARFE MEETING

You're invited to the National Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter Meeting on Feb. 14 at the Vienna Community Center at 1:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Maddy White, Deputy Director of Outreach, Office of Congressman Gerald E. Connolly. Members and guests are welcome. For information, contact Chapter President Kathy Arpa, 703.205.9041.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation service. Volunteers prepare taxes for low- and moderate-income taxpayers with special attention to seniors. The national program helps more than 2.6 million taxpayers every year, with 35,000+ volunteers at more than 5,000 sites. This program is open to taxpayers of ALL ages and backgrounds, and volunteers are IRS trained in many aspects of tax law and certified, but there are a few situations they cannot handle. When you make your appointment, verify that they'll be able to help you.

This year tax preparation assistance will be held at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax, on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, until April 18. Visit NovaTaxAide.org for more information and appointments, where you'll find a list of what you'll need to bring to the appointment. On the website, you'll see a link for the checklist of identity documents and lots of other information needed to complete your return.

Lastly, before coming to your appointment, please review instructions on the website for COVID screening criteria—and cancel your appointment if you answer YES to any of the questions. They will work with you to reschedule if this happens. Be sure to include a mask on your list of things to bring with you, just to keep everyone safe.

BREAKFAST BUFFET TIME AGAIN!

Next Sunday, Feb. 19 is the date of the next All You Care to Eat Breakfast Buffet at the American Legion Hall, 330 Center St. North in Vienna. The menu is extensive, featuring your favorite brunch food (the blueberry pancakes are my favorite), and there's a Mimosa or

glass of champagne for adults. The cost is only \$12 for adults and kids 12 and under are only \$5. The event runs from 8 am to Noon in the Banquet Hall. There's plenty of free parking.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

Random Acts of Kindness Week was set up in 1995 by the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation to celebrate the small things we do that can really make a difference. This year it runs from Feb. 13-19. Kindness is a type of behavior marked by acts of generosity, consideration, providing assistance or concern for others, without expecting praise or reward in return.

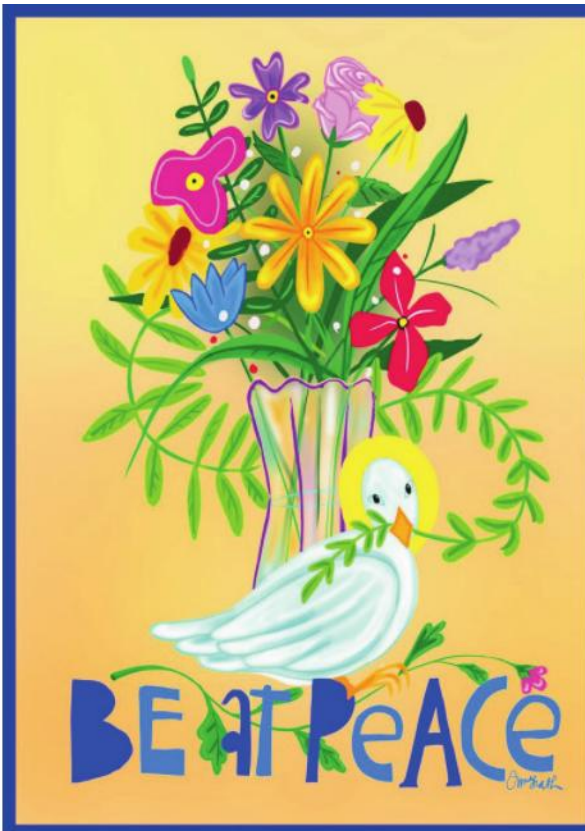
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Feb. 13-19

Kindness is the most valuable thing in the world with all the cultures and religions respecting it throughout history. Kindness helps the giver as well as the receiver. It's not obvious, but the person showing kindness benefits greatly. Kindness is often forgotten and neglected in the fast-paced world we live in. However, those small acts of kindness can have a huge impact on your life and can make you happier than you could imagine. Performing random acts of kindness is an amazing thing to do. Unexpected, perhaps secretive, sometimes bold—small things we can do for others that can change the world. Give it a try!

Elder Wisdom

Friends have a way of speaking without words



Reflect on the many paths to
peace this Lent!

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DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Medical Volunteers Needed to Serve Poor in Diocese

Catholic Charities is calling for medical professionals to volunteer to serve poor and uninsured adults at its Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinics in Woodbridge and Manassas. The two clinics are staffed almost entirely by volunteers who provide essential care to men and women, including prenatal care to pregnant moms. Just a few hours monthly can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable adults. Catholic Charities needs primary care doctors, OBGYN doctors, orthopedic doctors, gastroenterologists, optometrists, ophthalmologists and opticians, nurses and physician's assistants, dentists, dental assistants and hygienists, pharmacist and pharmacy assistants, administrative support staff, translators, and medical scribes. For information, contact volunteer.clinic@ccda.net or call 703.335.2779 ext. 6. Learn more about the clinic at ccda.net/mercyclinic.

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Free Medical Clinics

Our mission is to engage the community to provide free, quality healthcare to low income individuals who are uninsured or under-insured in Prince William County. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we are providing care via telemedicine in most but not all cases.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/all-events
for details

**Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Healing
and Conversion in Families**
February 14 | 7:30pm

Lourdes and the Miraculous Cures
February 21 | 7:30pm

World Marriage Sunday
February 25 | 5:00pm

2023 Men's Conference
March 4 | 8:30am

Lourdes and the Miraculous Cures
March 7 | 7:30pm

Peace and Justice Conference
March 11 | 5:00pm

**Women's Conference 2023:
Love Rejoices in Truth**
March 11 | 8:30am

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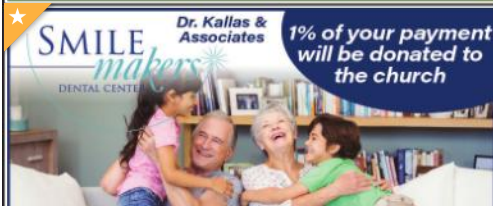
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