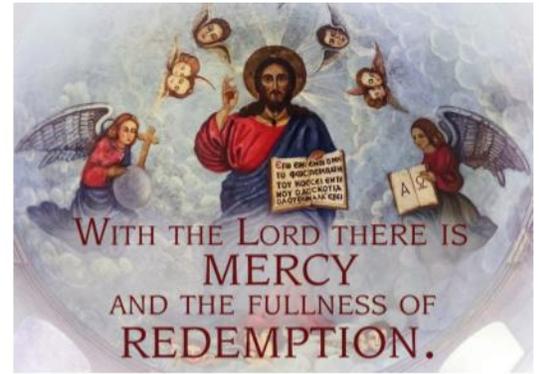


MARCH 26 • 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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

*“Never look at what
the world offers
without considering
what it hides.”*

– St. Francis de Sales

*“Nunca mires lo que
ofrece el mundo sin
tener en cuenta lo
que esconde.”*

– San Francisco de Sales

A Salesian Thought on Lent

In his remarks on the occasion of the fourth centenary of the episcopal ordination of St. Francis de Sales (the Vatican, November 23, 2002), Pope St. John-Paul II wrote, among other topics, of the Saint's exhortations to his followers “to be faithful to meditation on the Life and Death of Christ: they are the gate of Heaven.” By frequently meditating on the life and death of Jesus, on his Passion and Cross, we increasingly “learn the treasures they contain” and are ever more “conformed to the Son of God” and “guided by the Holy Spirit.” Our “perfection consists” in our conformity to Jesus coupled with the guidance of his Holy Spirit.

St. John-Paul II concludes this section of his letter with a quotation from the 1622 Good Friday sermon of St. Francis de Sales. May these words serve as the special focus for our meditations during the days of this Lent:

“Perfect abandonment into the hands of the heavenly Father and a perfect indifference to whatever the divine will decides are the essence of the spiritual life....All the setbacks in our perfection come only from the lack of abandonment, and it is certainly true that it is right to begin, to continue and to finish the spiritual life right there, in imitation of our Savior who did this with an extraordinary perfection in the beginning, during and at the end of his life.”

(*Oeuvres*, X, p. 389; Fiorelli, *Sermons of St. Francis de Sales for Lent*, p. 205)

Un Pensamiento Salesiano Sobre la Cuaresma

En sus palabras con motivo del cuarto centenario de la ordenación episcopal de San Francisco de Sales (Vaticano, 23 de noviembre de 2002), el Papa San Juan Pablo II se refirió, entre otros temas, a las exhortaciones del Santo a sus seguidores “ser fieles a la meditación de la Vida y Muerte de Cristo: ellos son la puerta del Cielo”. Al meditar frecuentemente sobre la vida y muerte de Jesús, sobre su Pasión y Cruz, “conocemos cada vez más los tesoros que contienen” y somos cada vez más “conformes al Hijo de Dios” y “guiados por el Espíritu Santo”. Nuestra “perfección consiste” en nuestra conformidad con Jesús junto con la guía de su Espíritu Santo.

San Juan Pablo II concluye esta sección de su carta con una cita del sermón del Viernes Santo del 1622 de San Francisco de Sales. Que estas palabras sirvan como enfoque especial para nuestras meditaciones durante los días de esta Cuaresma:

“El perfecto abandono en las manos del Padre celestial y la perfecta indiferencia a cuanto decide la voluntad divina son la esencia de la vida espiritual... Todos los retrocesos en nuestra perfección provienen sólo de la falta de abandono, y ciertamente es verdad que es justo comenzar, continuar y terminar allí mismo la vida espiritual, a imitación de nuestro Salvador que lo hizo con extraordinaria perfección al principio, durante y al final de su vida”.

(*Oeuvres*, X, p. 389; Fiorelli, *Sermones de San Francisco de Sales para la Cuaresma*, p. 205)

Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at:
bit.ly/PresiderSchedule

Sat. / Sun., March 25/26, 2023

+ Marian Reeves
+ Anthony J. Biello
+ Gustavo Beltran
+ Dr. Paul M. Duggan
Maria Elizabeth Gallegos

Monday, March 27, 2023

8:30am + Juana Sanchez Valladares

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

8:30am For the OLGCV Community

Wednesday, March 29, 2023

8:30am + Christian MacPherson

Thursday, March 30, 2023

8:30am + Irene Theresa Labeda

Friday, March 31, 2023

8:30am + Marian Gross

Saturday, April 1, 2023

8:30am + Trang Le

Sat. / Sun., April 1/2, 2023

+ Ed Zdancewicz
+ Emil Van Goethem
+ Dolores Lennon
+ Nicanor P. Cagampan & Julita Cadiz
+ Joseph Chung and family

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

+ Antoinette Green
+ James Cavanaugh
+ MaeBelle Fuselier
+ Anthony Cutonilli

Please pray for those for whom candles are lit:

Church In Loving Memory of
+ Dolores Lennon

Chapel Special Intention of Alison

OL Votive In Thanksgiving for the
OLGC Volunteers

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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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.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals

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

Join the Parish: olgcva.org/register

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

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

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

SIGN UP NOW

Register for Next Year's Religious Education!

Registration is online beginning in the afternoon on Thursday, March 30, and the link will be available on our website once registration is open.

Amy MacKinnon, the CCF Coordinator, will be in person in De Sales Hall on Palm Sunday weekend to answer questions:

- Before and after the Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 1
- After the 8 am Mass, and before and after all other Masses on Sunday, April 2



FR. MATT'S MUSING: Hearing versus listening

Hearing is one of our senses, but listening is a discipline that needs to be nurtured...

Read more at [bit.ly/
FrMattsMusing-Mar18](http://bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-Mar18)

Pray for Those in RCIA

Please pray for those who are preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

ELECT – Receives Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation

- **Larry Baldwin** [Sponsor: Arturo Matus]

CANDIDATES – Receive Eucharist and Confirmation

- **Chelsey Bohemier** [Sponsor: Chiqui Sanchez]
- **Beth Verderese** [Sponsor: Amanda Ryan]
- **Alaina Brickner** [Sponsor: Emmie Arthur]

CANDIDATE - Receives Eucharist

- **Alice Bottcher** [Sponsor: Betsy Argauer]

CANDIDATE - Receives Confirmation

- **Brady Murphy** [Sponsor: Kyle Machel]

RCIA Team - Catechists

Barb Steele	Jackie Shiring	Paul Shiring	Arturo Matus
Gerry Helfenstein	Heidi Poza	Philip Rossetti	Ruth Munk

Easter Egg Hunt: We Need Your Help!

We need donations of plastic Easter eggs, stickers, and individually-wrapped candy without nuts.

Without eggs and treats to stuff them, we will not be able to have an Easter Egg hunt.

Place your donations in the Easter boxes at the doors of the church.

A committee is needed to assemble the Easter eggs and to set them out. Email: pciotti@olgva.org to help.



PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA

Cuarto domingo de Cuaresma

Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma del domingo:
¿De qué oscuridad espiritual me está llamando Jesús a salir hoy? ¿Qué dificultades puedo anticipar al deshacerse de estas ataduras funerales que me separan de la gracia de Dios?

Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of March 26, 2023

SUNDAY Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

MONDAY

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;
Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;
Jn 8:31-42

THURSDAY

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;
Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10; 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Procession: Mt 21:1-11

At Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2022—June 2023

	Jan. 2023	Feb. 2023
Offertory	200,665	180,930
<u>Total Budgeted</u>	<u>244,437</u>	<u>184,645</u>
Variance	(43,772)	(3,715)
YTD Received	1,403,982	1,584,912
<u>Budget YTD</u>	<u>1,403,016</u>	<u>1,587,664</u>
Variance	965	(2,752)

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.

April Second Collections

- 2 Oblates Annual Appeal
- 30 Catholic Home Missions

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

March 26—April 1

SUNDAY

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March Outreach: PowerPacks Collection	8 AM - 12 PM	DeSales Hall
Children's Liturgy of the Word	10 - 10:30 AM	Chapel
RCIA Breaking Open the Word	10:30 - 11 AM	Chapel
Eagle Court of Honor	1 - 4:30 PM	DeSales Hall
Into the Breach Discussion Series	3:30 - 5 PM	Brisson Rm
Nightlife	6 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall
Jr High CCF	6:15 - 7:45 PM	School

MONDAY

27

Little Rock Scripture Study	10 - 11:30 AM	Zoom
Quilters	11:30 AM - 3 PM	Mary's Garden & SJC-Brisson Rm
Lent Evening Prayer & Reflection	7 - 8 PM	Chapel

TUESDAY

28

8th grade Vocations Mass	Offsite	
Tuesday Bible Study	9:45 - 11:45 AM	Zoom
Music Ministry (Hemmingson)	7 - 8:30 PM	Church

WEDNESDAY

29

Light is On: Confessions & Adoration	6:30 - 7:30 PM	Reconciliation Rm & Chapel
BSA Troop 976 Court of Honor	7 - 8:30 PM	DeSales Hall
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

30

Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm
Music Ministry (Choir)	7 - 8:30 PM	Church
Men's Basketball	8:30 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym

FRIDAY

31

Funeral: Paul Rinaldi	11 AM - 12 PM	Chapel
Fish Fry	4 - 7 PM	DeSales Hall
Stations of the Cross	7 - 7:45 PM	Church
Stations of the Cross (Spanish)	7 - 7:45 PM	Chapel

SATURDAY

APRIL 1

Baptisms	10-11 AM	Chapel
Girl Scout Troop 50232	10:30 AM-12 PM	DeSales Hall



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 1 Mass 4 pm
 April 2 Mass 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm (Spanish), 5 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

April 6 Morning Prayer 8:30 am
 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
 Reposition of the Eucharist 8:00 pm
 Night Prayer 11:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

April 7 Morning Prayer 9:00 am
 Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

April 8 Morning Prayer 9:00 am

EASTER VIGIL

April 8 Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

EASTER DAY - RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 9 Mass 7:30 am (church), 9:00 am (church), 9:30 am (gym),
 10:30 am (church), 11 am (gym), 12 pm (Spanish)



HORARIO DE SEMANA SANTA

DOMINGO DE RAMOS

Abril 1 Misa 4 pm
 Abril 2 Misas 8 am, 10 am, 12 pm (en español), 5 pm

JUEVES SANTO

Abril 6 Oración de la Mañana 8:30 am
 Misa de la Cena del Señor 7 pm
 Reposo del Santísimo Sacramento en el Salón De Sales 8 pm
 Oración de la Noche 11 pm

VIERNES SANTO

Abril 7 Oración de la Mañana (en la capilla) 9:00 am
 Celebración de la Pasión del Señor 3:00 pm

SÁBADO SANTO

Abril 8 Oración de la Mañana 9:00 am

VIGILIA PASCUAL

Abril 8 La Vigilia comenzando en el campanario 8:00 pm

MISAS DE PASCUA DE RESURRECCIÓN

Abril 9 Misas 7:30 am (en la Iglesia en la ingles), 9:00 am (en la Iglesia en la ingles),
 9:30 am (en el Gimnasio en la ingles), 10:30 am (en la Iglesia en la ingles),
 11 am (en el Gimnasio en la ingles), 12 pm (en la Iglesia, en español)

Lent Offerings

INTO THE BREACH:

A DISCUSSION SERIES

Sunday Mar. 26 & Apr. 2
 3:30 - 5 pm in the Brisson Room

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Monday, Mar. 27
 7 pm in the Church

THE LIGHT IS ON

Wednesday, Mar. 29
 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the Chapel

LENTEN FISH FRY

Friday, Mar. 31
 4 - 7 pm in DeSales Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, Mar. 31
 7 pm in the Church (English)
 & the Chapel (Spanish)

TUESDAY SCRIPTURE STUDY

**Biblical Walk Through
Christ's Passion**
Tuesday, Mar. 28 & Apr. 4
 9:45 am on Zoom

Reconciliation

The final opportunities for reconciliation before Easter are
Wednesday, March 29, 6:30-7:30 pm
 and **Saturday, April 1, 9:00-9:30 am.**

Triduum Choir Rehearsals

Good Friday

Sat. 3/25 5-5:30p
 Sun. 3/26 11-11:30a

Great Easter Vigil

Sun. 3/19 11-11:30a
 Sat. 4/1 5-5:30p
 Sun. 4/2 11-11:30a

Combined Holy Thursday & Good Friday

Thu. 3/30 7-9:00p

Combined

Great Easter Vigil
 Mon. 4/3 7-8:30p

April Outreach

In April, we will support KOVAR, a Virginia Knights of Columbus charity which provides financial assistance through grants and home loans to tax-exempt organizations providing training and opportunities to persons with intellectual disabilities. Please consider giving 90 minutes of your time on Saturday, April 22 or Sunday, April 23 to accept donations from parishioners after Mass. You can volunteer when you are already at church. Please sign up at bit.ly/KOVAR-volunteer



Parking Lot Gates Schedule

Please note that the new gates in the parking lot are closed **9:30 am - 3:00 pm (4:00 pm on Mondays due to CYO Track practice)** through Easter break. The gates will be closed **7:30 am - 4:00 pm beginning April 17** to allow students more time outdoors as the weather gets warmer. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.



Help Decorate for Easter

All are welcomed to help unload Easter plants and set up for Easter Decoration on Good Friday, April 7th at 5:15pm



View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

April Dining for Dollars

MIDNIGHTTREATS cookies are beyond delicious. Go grab some cookies after school for a snack or save some for those midnight cravings. Mention OLG between 3pm - 7pm on Wednesday April 5th and Midnighttreats will support OLG PTO with 15% of their profits. The cookies are HUGE and flavors vary each month. The bakery is dairy, egg, peanut, and tree-nut free.

APRIL DINING FOR DOLLARS



MIDNIGHTTREATS

Wed., April 5
3 - 7 pm
167 Glyndon St.
Vienna

Show this or mention OLG and 15% of your purchase will support the PTO.



Field Hockey Clinic

Bishop O'Connell and Yorktown varsity coaches and players are offering a Field Hockey Clinic for 4th—8th graders of all skill levels.

Sat. April 22 10 am - 12 pm at Yorktown High School

Sat. April 29 10 am - 12 pm at O'Connell High School

\$100/player

Megan Sullivan is the head field hockey coach at O'Connell and also a coach for Arlington Youth Field Hockey. Email Megan with any questions. arlingtonfieldhockey@gmail.com

Register at go.teamsnap.com/forms/358266



BISHOP O'CONNELL
HIGH SCHOOL



High School Scholarships Available through Belong!

Belong!, a Vienna nonprofit, has established scholarships to help high school students with financial need to continue their education at community college or technical school. For current seniors or those recently graduated from Madison, Oakton and Marshall High Schools. Application due April 15. For more information, go to www.belongvienna.org.



Belong!
neighborhood belonging

Scholarship Fund



Helping students with financial need imagine a future that includes further education after high school.

Scholarship Application:
bit.ly/Belong-Application-2023

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

EL SEÑOR DICE,
"Estoy haciendo algo nuevo."

NORMAS PARA EL AYUNO Y LA ABSTINENCIA

El miércoles de ceniza y el viernes santo, 7 de abril, son días de abstinencia y de ayuno. Asimismo, los viernes durante la Cuaresma son días de abstinencia, [los viernes durante la Cuaresma](#) todas las personas a partir de los 18 años y los que no hayan cumplido los 59 años, deben ayunar. Se permite comer una vez durante el día de ayuno, aunque también pueden comer dos veces para mantener la energía, según la necesidad de cada individuo. Sin embargo, estas dos comidas no deben igualar a la cantidad de una comida completa. No se puede comer entre comidas, pero está permitido tomar líquido, incluyendo leche y jugos. La abstinencia se debe cumplir desde los 14 años en adelante. En los días de abstinencia, no se debe comer carne, aunque si la salud o la habilidad para cumplir su trabajo se ve seriamente afectado, la ley no lo obliga. Si tiene alguna duda sobre la práctica del ayuno o de la abstinencia, consulte al Sacerdote de su parroquia. El ayuno, la limosna y la oración, son las tres disciplinas tradicionales durante la Cuaresma. Los feligreses y los catecúmenos deben realizar estas prácticas con seriedad en espíritu de penitencia y en preparación para la Iniciación a la Iglesia o para la renovación de las promesas Bautismales durante la Semana Santa.

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.

CONFESIONES

Confesiones en español durante el mes de abril son el sábado 22 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 frhilliard@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.

BÚSQUEDA DE HUEVOS DE PASCUA ESCONDIDOS

¡Necesitamos su ayuda!
Necesitamos donaciones de huevos de Pascua de plástico, calcomanías y dulces envueltos individualmente sin nueces. Sin huevos y golosinas para llenarlos, no podremos tener la búsqueda de huevos de Pascua.

Coloque sus donaciones en las cajas

de cartón en el atrio de la iglesia. Se necesita un comité para ensamblar los huevos de Pascua y esconderlos. Para ayudar comuníquese con: pciotti@olgva.org.



LAS SEGUNDA COLECTAS EN ABRIL SON

Apelación Anual de Los Oblato

La Apelación Anual de Los Oblato se utiliza para ayudar a financiar los diversos ministerios apoyados por los Oblatos de San Francisco de Sales. Su donación juega un papel importante para ayudar a los Oblatos a avanzar en la sagrada misión que se les ha confiado: predicar el Evangelio con mansedumbre y humildad a ejemplo de San Francisco de Sales.

Llamado para las Misiones Católicas

El Llamado para las Misiones Católicas Fortaleciendo la Iglesia Aquí. ¡Muchas Gracias por su contribución para ayudar a fortalecer la iglesia aquí! Para informarse más acerca de los fondos y actuales beneficiarios de las Misiones Católicas, por favor visite www.usccb.org/moe-missions.

Esta será la última oportunidades para confesarse antes de Pascua de Resurrección.

Miercoles, marzo 29, 6:30-7:30 pm

Sabado, abril 1, 9:00-9:30 am

Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde
Gitkagirl@gmail.com
571.831.3951



CURIOUS ABOUT THE WORLD?

“Iraq: Culture, Diversity and History” is a free presentation being offered by Vienna Parks & Recreation on Monday, March 27 from 10-11 am at the Vienna Community Center. Iraq has one of the most colorful histories in the world and thus a rich and layered one. Learn about its rich mix of traditions from all different civilizations. It will be presented by Ham Afram, an American Iraqi.

HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

This is the first in a short series of informative articles about a topic that most of us are concerned about: organizing and protecting our important papers. It’s an adaptation of an article by Ramsey Solutions, and I’m hoping you’ll find what you learn here helpful.

Having just finished gathering all the information I needed to file my tax returns, I realized how packed with paper my file drawers had become. I can’t be the only one, so I did some research hoping to find a way to downsize those files in a simple, safe way. Here we go!

When we were little, we dreamt about the day we’d get to drive our own car, have our own house, and stay up as late as we wanted. But we never really thought about the not-so-fun parts, like paying taxes, having a tooth pulled, or getting our driver’s license renewed. And what about figuring out how to safely organize all those important documents we’re supposed to hold on to throughout the years?

Every tax season we search and sort through lots of papers to come up with the proper documents we need to get the job done. It’s again that time of year, so—once we square up with Uncle Sam—it would be a good time to review what we need to keep and what needs to go. Let’s start with asking what documents are important. They’re those papers you need to keep around “just in case.”



You’ll probably rarely need to use them unless a big life event happens, like buying a house, changing your name, or making a will. But it’s in those important (but rare) times that you’ll realize you should probably start keeping them somewhere you can find them easily. These documents include:

- **Legal identification documents:** Social Security cards, birth certificates, adoption papers, marriage licenses, and passports
- **Tax documents:** tax returns, W-2s and 1099 forms, any tax-related forms, receipts and records
- **Property records:** vehicle registration and titles, mortgage statements, deeds and bills of sale, and insurance policies (home, auto, personal property, etc.)
- **Medical records:** wills, powers of attorney or living wills, medical bills, burial instructions and health insurance policies
- **Finance records:** pay stubs, canceled checks, disability or unemployment records and retirement/pension plan records

Everything else is probably just clutter, so begin the shredding! Fairfax County has offered free shredding once or twice a year in various locations, if you don’t have a shredder of your own.

You might be wondering why you need to keep so many documents around, especially as hard copies. We know that filing away digital copies of all those important documents on a hard drive may seem like the best option—no loose papers, no mess, and no worries. But it’s always a good idea to have a hard copy on hand, filed safely away just in case. Failed hard drives, lost laptops and crashed computers happen every day and when they do, it often means crucial documents are now gone forever. When in doubt, print it out.

So, when you’re doing your spring cleaning, make sure to file the hard copies of the documents listed above in a safe place. And no, we aren’t talking about that “safe place” that’s so safe you can never remember where it is. We’re talking about an important document organizer with some sturdy defenses—like a fireproof document safe, lockbox or cabinet. Invest in some folders and labels too, so you can keep all of your documents categorized clearly. That way, you or any family member can easily find them. Now that you know how to tell the important documents from the not-so-important, you need to know how long you’re supposed to keep them around. Stay tuned for next week’s column!

Elder Wisdom

Let your faith be bigger than your fear.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

7 Churches Pilgrimage

On Holy Thursday, people throughout our Diocese enter into this pilgrimage of remaining with Jesus in the garden. The 7 Churches Pilgrimage is an opportunity to connect with a venerated tradition of the Church in a new way! Created by the Diocese of Arlington Young Adult Ministry, this pilgrimage weaves together passages from all four Gospels to take you through the narrative of Jesus' time in the garden of Gethsemane.

How to go on Pilgrimage

The 7 Churches pilgrimage is a self-guided pilgrimage that you may do on your own or with a group. The resource will be available for digital download, and you can use it to assist your time in prayer on the evening of Holy Thursday. We've worked with more than 35 parishes to list the times they are available for prayer. We have also created six suggested pilgrimage routes and created an interactive Google Map which you can access from the guide to make travel easy. All you need to do is select the route you want to go on, find some friends, take the guide and enjoy your time of pilgrimage!

Visit bit.ly/7-churches-pilgrimage for the interactive map.



"Mary Magdalene – At the Feet of Jesus" Live Drama

"Saint Mary Magdalene – At the Feet of Jesus," the live theatrical one-woman drama, will be performed at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Wednesday, April 19. Audiences will experience Mary Magdalene's faith journey from her difficult beginnings in Magdala to



her unwavering devotion to Jesus all the way to the foot of the cross, and being the first to announce the

Resurrection. This Biblically-based story brings familiar Gospel scenes to life and highlights the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Catholic performer Nancy Scimone portrays Mary Magdalene. Recommended for ages 10 through adult. No tickets or reservations required. 7:30 p.m. Program runs 65 minutes. Wheelchair accessible. 5121 Woodland Way, Annandale 22003. (intersection of Woodland Way and Braddock Rd.) MaryMagdaleneDrama.com or music@nancyscimone.com.

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/all-events for details

Women's Silent Retreat 2023
March 30 | 5:00pm

Young Adult Leaders' Summit
April 1 | 9:00am

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 2 | 11:00am

Chrism Mass
April 4 | 11:00am

7 Churches Pilgrimage
April 6 | 8:00pm

Praise and Worship Holy Hour for Healing and Conversion in Families
April 11 | 7:30pm

Divine Mercy Women's Silent Retreat
April 14 | 5:00pm

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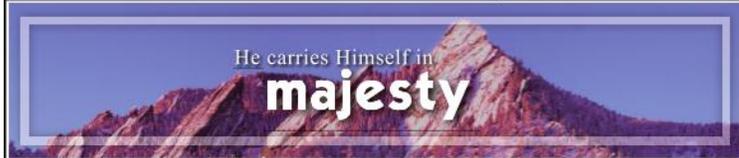
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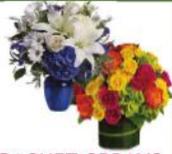
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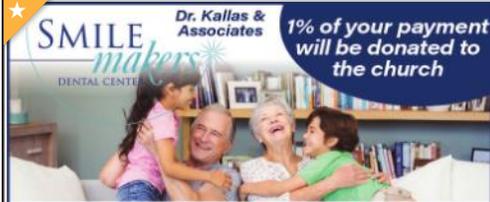


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