

ALL SAINTS

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward
will be great in heaven. Matt 5:12*

October 30, 2022



OUR LADY of
GOOD COUNSEL
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Saturday Vigil 4pm, Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am,
12pm (en español), 5:00pm

Office Hours Mon - Fri 9am - 4:30pm,

Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

Chapel open for prayer Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm

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Confessions Saturdays 9:00 or by appt

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www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

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Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel

We, as members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, strive to witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ by proclaiming our faith, educating ourselves and our children, sharing our persons, resources and gifts in the care and service of one another. We are called to foster an environment of hospitality in accordance with the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

Mass Intentions/Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at:

bit.ly/PresiderSchedule

Sat. / Sun. October 29, – October 30, 2022

- + Lucy & Fred Marbella
- + Herbert Gregory "Herb" Jarosz
- + Lucila Angelica de Melgar
- + Manuel Antonio Villatoro
- + Francisco & Carlos Ernesto Funes

Monday, October 31, 2022

- 8:30am + Eleanor Constantino

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

- 8:30am + Rosaria Salvador Casupanon
- 10:00am + Deritha Ann "Dee Dee" Fiorelli
- 12:10pm + Nadida, Robert, Sami Awad
- 7:00pm + Romeo Senseng

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

- 8:30am + The Deceased member of The OLG Community
- 7:00pm + All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, November 3, 2022

- 8:30am The OLG Community

Friday, November 4, 2022

- 8:30am + William & Elizabeth Connelly

Saturday, November 5, 2022

- 8:30am + Siham Katami

Sat. / Sun. November 5, – November 6, 2022

- + Michael Anton Tuszka
- + Paul Mitchell
- + Richard Calder
- + Maria Molina
- Barbara Beatty

Wedding Banns

Please pray for

Monica Geary & Bryan Weed, Nov. 12th
Rose Castelli & James Boohaker, Nov. 12th

Readings for the Week/Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of, October 30, 2022

Sunday	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 11:22-12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10
Monday	Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Solemnity of All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Martin de Porres, religious Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Phil 3:17-4:1; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b -2, 5-6, 8a & 9; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38 or Lk 20:27, 34-38

October is the Month of the Rosary

Find a quiet time to center yourself with the Rosary, or join your fellow parishioners at one of the following times:

Sundays 9:10am (English)- Mary's Garden (or Chapel during inclement weather)

Sundays 11:15am (Spanish) - Mary's Garden (or Chapel during inclement weather)

All weekdays after 8:30am Mass - Chapel

Thursdays 6:50pm - Weekly Scriptural Rosary for Persecuted Christians by conference call dial 609-746-1119; access code: 726350

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

- + Mary Adorine Troup
- + Charles Joy

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

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

Church In Loving memory of + Robert & Norma Coy

Chapel In Loving memory of + Deritha Ann "Dee Dee" Fiorelli

Our Lady In Loving memory of + Darren Frederick Morrell

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

October/November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
RCIA Breaking Open the Word 10:30 - 11 AM Chapel & Cry Room	Little Rock Scripture Study 10 - 11:30 AM Zoom Quilters 11:30 AM - 3 PM Mary's Garden & SJC-Brisson Rm	All Saints Holy Day Mass 8:30 - 9:30 AM Tuesday Bible Study 9:45 - 11:45 AM Zoom All Saints Holy Day School Mass 10 - 11 AM Church All Saints Holy Day Mass 12:10 - 1 PM Church All Saints Holy Day Mass 7 - 8 PM Church Women's Book Club 7 - 8:30 PM SJC-Brisson Rm	CYO Track Party 3 - 3:30 PM Basketball Courts BSA Troop 976 Adult Mtg. 6:30 - 8:30 PM School-Loft All Souls Mass of Remembrance & Reception 7 - 9:30 PM Church & DeSales Hall BSA Troop 976 Mtg 7 - 8:30 PM Counsel Rm RCIA Catechumenate 7:30 - 9 PM SJC-Brisson Rm Small Faith Group 7:30 - 8:30 PM Zoom SVDP Mtg 7:30 - 9 PM SJC-Brisson Rm Men's Basketball 8:30 - 10 PM Fr. Brisson Gym	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	Adoration 9 - 3 PM Chapel GS Troop 50118 3:30 - 4:30 PM DeSales Hall	Emmaus 10 - 10:30 AM School Elementary CCF & RCIC 10 AM - 12 PM School Altar Server Training 10:30 - 11:30 AM Church

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Reflections by Oblates
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Monthly Collections

FY July 2022—June 2023

	July	Aug.	Sept.
Offertory	181,936	178,304	168,557
Total Budgeted	163,272	189,958	175,514
Variance	18,664	(11,654)	(6,957)
YTD Received	181,936	360,240	528,797
Budget YTD	163,272	353,230	528,744
Variance	18,664	7,010	53

Weekly & Second Collections

Checks or cash via envelopes,
use the QR code here,
text amount to 703.810.7674,
or give online at

membership.faithdirect.net/VA875.

Thank you.





FR. MATT'S MUSING:

Leaves

As I walk through the neighborhood or even here on OLG's campus, I see one of life's thankless jobs in action. As I write this reflection, Geoff has the leaf blower out in front of the administration building...

Read more: bit.ly/3Dug8Uj

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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

If I were in Zacchaeus's shoes and Jesus was coming to my home while others called me a sinner, what wrongs would I pledge to make right? What bold promises would I make?

Christ the King Blessing

On the Feast of Christ the King Sunday, November 19/20, 2022, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Community invites



you to bring to Mass your favorite image of Jesus Christ. A statue, picture, icon: and place it in the sanctuary before the start of mass. At the end of Mass, Father will bless all the images and then please take them back home with you.

RCIA: Welcome and Signing of the Senses

This weekend we Welcome and Sign the Senses of our Candidates and our Catechumens. Please pray for the candidates and catechumens.

The Signing of the Senses is a ritual highlight of the Rite of Acceptance for those who are not baptized and those who are candidates to complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Altar Server Training Dates!

All students who have received their First Holy Communion (3rd Grade and above) and wish to become an altar server are invited to train. First, register for the Liturgical Ministry Team (bit.ly/3D1VwS0) so you can be added to the schedule upon completion of training. Then sign up for one of these two dates:

- Saturday, Nov. 5 at 10:30am-11:30am Main Church
- Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 3:30-4:30pm Main Church

Sign up at bit.ly/3CZOFbT. Questions? Please reach out to Derek Rogers, youth@olgcv.org

Share Your Musical Gits

As we do new things this year, we are inviting instrumentalist to provide music during worship services. Consider sharing your gifts with the OLG community this Advent or Christmas.

BRASS ENSEMBLE OLG

A New Ensemble for Christmas Mass

We are looking for brass players to join our new Brass Ensemble in preparation for Christmas Mass. Trumpets, French Horn, Trombone, Tuba.

Please contact Paul Ciotti, Director of Liturgy at pciotti@Olgcv.org



CELLO PLAYER

Advent Evening Prayer is a beautiful service to prepare for the coming Nativity. We are looking for a cello player to play for the services Mondays: Nov 28, Dec 5, 12, 19.

Please contact Paul Ciotti, Director of Liturgy at pciotti@Olgcv.org



Evening Prayer in Advent

There will not be an Evening Prayer service on November 7. Please join us Monday evenings beginning November 28 and each Monday in Advent as we mark this Holy season.



OLGC High School Basketball Referees

Calling hoops referees! The tradition-bound OLGC House League Basketball season is here.

If you are a high school parishioner and interested in being a desk or court referee, please contact Mark

Hinnenkamp at mjhinnenkamp@gmail.com. This is a great opportunity to assist in teaching our youth how to properly play the sport of basketball and learning to professionally interact and work with adult coaches, all while making a few shillings.



Single Seniors

The Single Seniors group will meet at 1:00 PM on **November 10th** at the newly-renovated Pam Am Restaurant for a post-pandemic lunch. See why the locals rave about Cheese Pizza at Pan Am or try pasta, calzones, sandwiches or more.

We encourage all who would like to become members of the group to please join us for lunch and fellowship. Please R.S.V.P. to Bob Wicks at 540.424.9944.



Holiday Bike Drive

The Committee for Helping Others is once again collecting bikes for local families in need this holiday season. This year, they are focusing on older children and adults who need transportation to school and work. They are looking specifically for 24-inch and bigger bikes.

Bikes can be left in the parking lot of Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Rd, Vienna, or phone 202-681-5279 to request a bike pick-up.



Dining for Dollars

Social Burger has got dinner covered on **Wednesday, November 9th**. Will you order the Matthew, the Ian, the Nickster, or one of their heavenly milkshakes? And don't forget those delicious sweet potato fries!

Please head to Social Burger on Wednesday November 9th between 4-8pm for a burger, salad, or shake to support this local establishment. 20% of proceeds will come back to support the OLGC Parent Teacher Organization, which in turn supports the school. ALL in-person and online orders will be honored (excludes third-party delivery services).



Diocesan & Community Events

From Inclusion to Belonging Disability Conference

The Diocese of Arlington will host a half-day conference on Disability, "From Inclusion to Belonging" on Saturday, November 5, from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Learn from diocesan disability advocates on how to increase meaningful inclusive experiences for individuals with disabilities in the life of the Church and connect with others interested in doing the same. If you are clergy, catechist, youth minister, volunteer, teacher, parent, student or self-advocate: This conference is for you! The conference will begin with an inspiring keynote conversation with Fr. Bob Cilinski and Joyce Kelly followed by informative break-out sessions, and an exhibit and networking area to enhance connections in our Diocese. The conference will also include Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge. It is open to all. Cost is \$10. Registration is required at www.bishopoconnell.org/belonging.

Three Retreats for Women

Finding Christ in the Cross with Edith Stein

Escape to the Shenandoah Valley Fri.-Sun., Nov. 18-20 for a silent weekend retreat to pray and to rest with Jesus. For more information, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/edithstein.

Silent Retreat for Women: Finding Jesus with Martha and Mary

Discover how quiet prayer can balance our lives Friday-Sunday, November 11-13. For more information, please visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/busywomen.

Three-Day Women's Advent Retreat at San Damiano

Attend a three-day retreat Mon.-Wed., Nov. 28-30, for talks, workshops, and scriptural prayer meditations. Visit www.sufferingservant.com for more information.

My favorite feasts of the liturgical year are the twin feasts of All Saints and All Souls, which actually seem to be one two-day feast. I think that is explained by the first word of both: "All." Everyone is there—we the living, all who have gone before us and all who will come after, variously described as "a great multitude," "a cloud of witnesses" and "every race, nation, people and tongue."

How comforting this is! All my family, friends, all our sisters. We all certainly look forward to the celebration whenever we say, "Will we all meet in Heaven? O what a joy even to think of it!"

Is there a distinction between "saints" and "souls"? There is if we consider only the canonized as the first. But I think of us all as the Communion of Saints, all of us joining together with one voice. As we experience so painfully at this time, the more divided, insulated, and exclusive we are, the more our vision and openness narrow. "We" no longer includes "all" and separates us from "them."

I don't believe we have to wait until we get to Heaven to experience what these feasts celebrate. A previous translation in the liturgy proclaimed, "Life is changed, not taken away." People live not only in our memories, but also in our presence. Is not prayer a communication, not only with God, but with the saints and souls?

These feasts invite us to do more than remember. They invite us to see and join that great multitude, that cloud of witnesses here and now. They give us a glimpse of what we might mean by "All."

All you holy saints of God, pray for and with us now.

Rev. Mathias Kumar

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All Saints Day

Tuesday, November 1st is the Feast of All Saints (A Holy Day of Obligation) Masses are at 8:30am, 12:10pm and 7:00pm (bilingual). All-Saints Mass is a celebration of all the saints in the Catholic Church, whether they are known or unknown to us. Some new recent Saints: Pope Paul VI, Pope John XXIII, Mother Theresa, Giovanni Battista Scalabrini and Artemides Zatti.



Mass of Remembrance

All Souls, Wednesday, November 2

On Wednesday, **Nov. 2pm at 7pm**, we will gather at Mass in the church to celebrate the lives of those members of our families, friends, and the faith community who died this past year, and to seek God's presence in our time of grief. During

the Prayers of the Faithful, the names of those whose funerals were celebrated here will be read out loud. Please RSVP for the reception that will follow the Mass in DeSales Hall at

bit.ly/Mass-of-Remembrance2022.



November Remembrance of Our Loved Ones

We reflect in this month of remembrance the holy dead of our families. We continue to remember in prayer and in our hearts those persons with whom we have shared life and who have so richly shared life with us.

• Remembrance Photos

Beginning on November 1st, you can place a photograph of a loved one who has died on the Table of Remembrance or on the display board located in the Narthex of the church. Photos will remain up through the month of November.

• Book of the Dead

You are also invited to enter your departed family member's name in the Book of the Dead. There will be a special intercession in the Prayers of the Faithful in November for all those inscribed in the book.

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@olgcv.org

EL SEÑOR DICE,
"Estoy haciendo algo nuevo."

Misa de Conmemoración: El miércoles, 2 de noviembre a las 7:pm, Nos reuniremos en la misa de una manera especial para celebrar la vida de los miembros de nuestras familias, amigos, y miembros de la comunidad de fe que fallecieron el año pasado, y buscar la presencia de Dios en nuestro tiempo de duelo. Están todos invitados a unirse a la Comunidad de Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo y los Oblatos de San Francisco de Sales mientras nos apoyamos los unos a otros en oración y le pedimos a Dios que reciba a nuestros seres queridos fallecidos en el Reino de los Cielos. La misa será seguida por una ligera recepción en el salón DeSales. Debe de reservar su asistencia bit.ly/Mass-of-Remembrance2022.



Entrenamiento para Ministros Eucarísticos en inglés - Alimenta el Rebaño. Experimente la recompensa y la satisfacción de hacer crecer su fe uniéndose al equipo de Ministros Extraordinarios de la Sagrada Comunión. Se llevará a cabo una sesión de capacitación el miércoles, 9 de noviembre a las 7 pm en la Capilla. Qué manera tan maravillosa de asistir a la misa y al mismo tiempo retribuir en servicio al Señor distribuyendo la Comunión a los miembros de la nuestra comunidad. Si está interesado en asistir a la sesión, comuníquese con Cheryl Jones en cjones@olgcv.org o www.olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form antes del lunes 24 de octubre.

Misas para el año 2023: 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. La solicitud para las misas estará disponible en el centro de bienvenida el domingo 13 de noviembre.

Una Introducción a la Vida Devota de San Francisco de Sales Nuevo Podcast con el P. Gregory Pine, OP y el Padre. Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, OP. A partir del 24 de octubre, únase al padre Gregory Pine, OP y el Padre. Jacob Bertrand Janczyk, OP con ellos leer y explicar la introducción a la vida devota de San Francisco de Sales en la primera temporada del Nuevo Podcast de Ascensión Press! ascensionpress.com/pages/catholicclassics.

Confesiones en español durante el mes de noviembre son el sábado 19 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.

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. <https://www.olgcv.org/sacraments/baptism>

Ofrecer misas, pedir oración durante la misa por **recién fallecidos**, funerales, certificados sacramentales. El sacramento de La unción de los enfermos puede ser recibido por los ancianos, por quienes serán ingresados al hospital o por quienes están enfermos llame al 703-896-7419.

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.

Libro de Intenciones: El libro de intenciones se encuentra en la entrada principal de la iglesia. El propósito de este libro es para pedir por nuestras intenciones personales, por los enfermos, por los que están vivos o fallecidos.

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.

"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.

Se aceptarán **las intenciones de misas** para el año 2022 a partir del lunes 7 de noviembre. Los detalles se darán a conocer próximamente.

Celebrando la fiesta de todos los Santos: El Día de todos los Fieles Difuntos es una festividad celebrada desde el principio del siglo XVII y este año es un día de precepto. Esta festividad celebra por lo que cada Santo es conocido y por lo que defendían en vida. ¡Esto nos da esperanza! El martes 1º de noviembre, las misas serán a las 8:30am, 12:10pm y 7pm bilingüe.

Parish Announcements

The Golf Classic Needs You!

We are looking forward to a day of sport, fellowship, and fun at the upcoming OLGC Golf Classic on November 7th at Westwood Country Club.

Even if you're not a golfer, you can take part to support this event! We have a limited number of Family Flags and Reception Tickets available. Family Flags (for your family, alumni class, or favorite OLGC administrator or teacher), which are displayed at each hole, can be customized and purchased via the [Faith Direct link](#).

You can also give your time to support the Golf Classic. We need volunteers to help prepare items for the event and helpers on the day of the Classic to help with set up, golfer registration, contest management and more. There are options for anyone. Please consider how you can help make this event a success. See the options at bit.ly/3EPTd70.

We also welcome you to join us after golf concludes for the cocktail hour and dinner reception on the Westwood Terrace. The reception begins at 5:00 pm. If you are interested in purchasing Reception tickets, please visit bit.ly/3gWPrPA.



Donut Social/Membership Drive

Join the Knights of Columbus

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. Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. We will hold a membership drive at all Masses on **Saturday November 5 and Sunday November 6**. The donut socials in De Sales Hall after the morning and noon Masses on November 6 will be hosted by the Santa Maria Council. Drop by and meet the brothers who make the Knights and our parish the great community that it is. Go to KofC.org/joinus



Pre-order your wreaths now!

OLGC's Boy Scout Troop 976 will conduct their annual sale of festive Christmas wreaths. The wreaths are \$30 each and usually sell out quickly—the Troop recommends pre-ordering early this year to ensure you get one!

The beautiful greenery we select is fresh from a Maryland farm, and the proceeds help keep dues accessible for many members of our Troop. For more information, please visit www.olgc976.org/node/5763



SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON – Mark your calendars for the next gathering of OLGC seniors. “Thanksgiving Blessings” is the theme for **Thursday, November 17** when the doors to DeSales Hall will open at Noon. We’re inching our way toward the days of strong tradition, and I’m sure the buffet table will be laden with the specialties of Thanksgiving.

The Book Swap Table will again be open. It’s been a popular feature for the past several years. You’re invited to donate books and jigsaw puzzles (nothing else, please), and you’re welcome to browse the table and take one or two home with you.

Please plan on attending and come prepared to have a wonderful time! There is no charge. Look for registration information in next week’s column.

NOVEMBER IS FOR REMEMBERING – Tuesday is the feast of All Saints, and the next day is that of All Souls. The entire month is a time to remember our beloved family members and friends who have gone before us. It’s appropriate that these holy days fall in the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving. It’s the month that we’re reminded to be grateful, not only for the things we have, but also for the things we *had*. If we allow ourselves to think about it, the list will be long! Life brings tears, smiles and memories. The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the memories last forever.

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT SEASON DATES – Annually, there’s a time during which you can make changes to your Medicare coverage for the following year. This year, it’s **October 15 through December 7**. Check out details and next steps at aarp.org/MedicareMadeEasy. (AARP Bulletin, Oct. 2022)

CAREGIVING WITH HOPE AND INSPIRATION – The Northern Virginia Dementia Care Consortium has been educating caregivers since 1986. This year’s conference keynote speaker is Peter V. Rabins, MD, MPH, author of *The 36-Hour Day*. Join in this presentation to become better prepared to provide care and support at home or in a facility, learn new ways to engage individuals with dementia, and visit with exhibitors who offer supportive services. Topics include Unmasking Alzheimer’s Evaluation, Treatment and Clinical Trials, Communicating with a Loved One with Dementia, Meaningful Music, and Celebrating Creativity in Elder Care.

Virtual sessions will be available from **Wednesday, November 9th to Friday, November 11th**, 10 am-12:30 pm daily. To learn more about the conference, daily sessions, speakers and registration, visit nvdcc.com or call 703-204-4664, Ext. 121.

MORE ON OTC HEARING AIDS – If you’re an AARP member I hope you saw the excellent article in October’s issue of its Bulletin. It’s a comprehensive breakdown of what you need to know about purchasing over-the-counter hearing aids which was mentioned in last week’s column. There’s a visual guide which is very helpful, and answers to some

frequently asked questions as well as a Buyers’ Guide. You can learn more about hearing loss, OTC and traditional hearing aids in AARP’s *Hearing Loss for Dummies* at aarp.org/hearingloss

KNOW WHERE TO VOTE – Do you know where to cast a ballot on Election Day (Tuesday, November 8)? AARP Virginia reminds voters to check the location of their polling places, which you can find at vote.elections.virginia.gov. Voters are required to cast ballots at their designated polling locations. Although those who have moved within the state since November 8, 2021, may return to their previous polling place.

Redistricting in Virginia caused a realignment of voting districts for congressional races and may affect who appears on your ballot. People 50 and older made up 54% of likely voters in the 2020 election, according to AP VoteCast. Check out AARP Virginia’s voter guide at aarp.org/vavotes.



HOW TO USE UBER AND LYFT – With transport ordered directly from your smartphone and paid for automatically, Uber and Lyft make getting around town as easy as tapping a button. Whether you’re taking your first Uber ride or your hundredth, this free presentation will give you some tips to make sure your ride experience is as smooth as possible. It will take place at the Vienna Community Center on **Tuesday, November 8** from 10-10:30 am. Presenters will be Derrick Cowles and Gagan Sandu, staff members of Vienna Parks and Recreation. Call 703-255-6360 to let them know you’ll be there, for planning purposes.

Elder Wisdom

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