JULY 16 • 2023

FIFTEENTH 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

> "When we aim at perfection, we must aim at the center, but we must not be troubled if we do not always hit it." - Saint Francis de Sales

> "Cuando aspiramos a la perfección, debemos aspirar a acertar, pero no debemos preocuparnos si no acertamos siempre." - San Francisco de Sales

The Sacraments: God's Presence at Key Moments of Life

have always thought that a helpful lens through which to appreciate the sacraments of the Church is to view them in light of God's strong desire to be present to his people throughout life and in a special manner at significant moments of life.

When we begin our life's journey as Christians, for instance, God wishes to be present to us in the saving and sanctifying waters of baptism.

When we desire to renew our friendship with God after falling into sin, he is present to us as in the compassionate and healing forgiveness of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

When we are prepared to stand up in defense of our faith, God is present to us as our bulwark and strength at the sacrament of Confirmation.

Throughout life's journey, God nourishes us frequently on the "food of angels" and is intimately present to our hearts and lives through the sacrament of the Eucharist.

When we bind ourselves in a loving and faithful union with our "other self," God blesses that union of hearts and lives in the sacrament of Marriage.

When we discern a vocation to the priesthood, God configures us in a special manner to the priesthood of his Son in the sacrament of Holy Orders.

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BAPTISM



RECONCILIATION



CONFIRMATION



EUCHARIST



MARRIAGE



HOLY ORDERS



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Cornerstone Project

The Current Perspective at OLGC

The Cornerstone Project is only attainable with your support and generous help.

Please consider how you have benefited from OLGC's presence in your life. OLGC has provided consolation in times of suffering, encouragement in times of trial, connection in times of loneliness, camaraderie in times of celebration, and strength in times of adversity for generations of faithful families. If your children have benefitted from our school, if you have been married here, baptized your children here, received sacraments here, celebrated the life of a departed loved one, or simply remember a word or homily that touched you, please give what you can.

Recurring gifts and one-time gifts (both via check or stock donation) make an immediate impact on our ability to address the current and future costs of these projects in real time. If each of our 3,110 households contributes what they can to The Cornerstone Project, we can achieve our goal to raise the final \$3 million.





Ways to Support The Cornerstone Project

OLGC is inviting parishioners, school families, and friends of the parish community to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial and meaningful gift to The Cornerstone Project, one that is above and beyond your annual offertory support. To achieve our campaign goal of \$12 million, our success is dependent on the number of parishioners who commit to investing in the future of our spiritual home. Together, we can look forward in hope and reach our goal.

There are five ways to give to The Cornerstone Project:

FAITH DIRECT GIFT

Recurring gifts can be scheduled through Faith Direct using a credit card, debit card or bank account. One-time gifts can also be made electronically. Faith Direct also offers the ability to establish an electronic pledge with multiple payment terms. www.olgcva.org/support/give.

CHECK

If you prefer to donate by check, please send your contribution to the Office of Advancement at OLGC 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, Virginia 22182. Please notate "The Cornerstone Project" in the Memo field.

CAPITAL PLEDGES

Pledges can be fulfilled with a 20% down payment and installments between 3-5 years. See chart below.

SECURITIES

One-time charitable gifts of stocks, bonds, or mutual funds that have appreciated offer tax advantages and can be a great way to provide a significant gift to OLGC.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

A matching gift program provided through an employer or board membership may allow a donor to increase the value of their gift.

Total Pledge	Suggested 20% Initial Payment	Five Annual Payments	Twenty Quarterly Payments	Sixty Monthly Payments
\$100,000	\$20,000	\$16,000	\$4,000	\$1,333
\$ 75,000	\$15,000	\$12,000	\$3,000	\$1,000
\$ 50,000	\$10,000	\$ 8,000	\$2,000	\$ 667
\$ 25,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$1,000	\$ 333
\$ 15,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,400	\$ 600	\$ 200
\$ 10,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 400	\$ 133

Pledge schedule based on five-year term

The Cornerstone Project

HELP SECURE THE FUTURE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Use this card to pledge your support for OLGC. The card can be mailed to The Office of Advancement at OLGC, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, Virginia 22182, or dropped off at the Administration building during business hours. For assistance, contact advancement@olgcva.org

To make your gift now, scan the QR code at right to visit the Cornerstone page on our website.



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DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Diocesan Kings Dominion Day

Join hundreds from across the Diocese of Arlington for a day of faith and fun on Wednesday, July 26! We will begin the day with Bishop Burbidge as the principal celebrant and homilist of the 9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg. After Mass, we will head to Kings Dominion and be ready to go as the gates open! This event is open to

anyone in the Diocese of Arlington.
All tickets, at a reduced rate, also include Soak City. Visit
www.arlingtondiocese.org/diocesan-kings-dominion-day

Please note: The deadline for parish groups to request tickets is Tuesday, July 25. *Tickets are distributed exclusively online*. Please also take note of the updated Kings Dominion Code of Conduct.

Farm Gleaning

Join Catholic Charities and Commissioned by Christ to support pantries within our Diocese by volunteering for a half-day mission trip to glean fresh vegetables. This is a great family event and an opportunity to help feed the hungry. Saturday, August 15 and Saturday, September 9, from 8-11 a.m. in the Northern Neck at Parker Farms in Colonial Beach, VA, and from 1-3 p.m. at the St. Lucy Warehouse in Manassas, VA.
To sign-up visit www.cbc-missions.org under local missions.
For more information, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at maria.rodriguez@ccda.net.



Upcoming Diocesan Events

Visit <u>arlingtondiocese.org/all-events</u> for details

ASJB College Night • Alexandria July 19 | 7:00pm

National Black Catholic Congress XIII July 20 | 1:00pm

Fourth African National Eucharistic Congress

July 21 | 9:00am

Battle of the Altar Servers July 25 | 10:30am



A Moment From De Sales: A blog by Fr. Richard R. DeLillio, OSFS, to help readers see the connection between life's everyday happenings and their growth in holiness. Visit website to read www.livetodaywell.org/.

Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

Presider schedule available at: bit.ly/OLGC-Presider-Schedule

Sat. / Sun. July 15 - 16, 2023

- + Herminia M. Briones
- + The Tarazi Family The OLGC Community
- + Patrick Pagsibigan
- + Emily Westerman

Monday, July 17, 2023

8:30am + Richard LeFrancois

Tuesday, July 18, 2032

8:30am + Leonor Angel de Isaza

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

8:30am + Joanne Andres Kosanke

Thursday, July 20, 2023

8:30am + Wanda Burggraff

Friday, July 21, 2023

8:30am + Veronica Jarymowycz

Saturday, July 22, 2023

8:30am + Marc Sanidad

Sat. / Sun. July 22 - 23, 2023

- + Janet L. Brett
- + Jim Cotter
- + Lorraine "Lori" Nicole Fagan Angelina T. Ver Carlos Soler

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

- + Martha T. Doerflinger, mother of Carl, mother in-law of Deirdre and grandmother Kevin Doerflinger
- + Marina Aracely Diaz de Ponce, cousin of Maria Romero
- + Michelle Ann Weltens, sister of Thomas McKee, Jr, sister-in-law of Alison McKee, aunt of Thomas, Charlotte and Tucker McKee
- + Margaret Theresa Eckert, sister of Christopher (Chris) John Eckert, sisterin-law of Kristen Eckert, aunt of Courtney, Brian and Caroline Eckert

Please pray for those for whom candles are lit:

Church In Loving Memory of

+ Lorraine "Lori" Nicole Fagan

Chapel In thanksgiving for

Angelina T. Ver

OL Votive Special intention for

Alyssa Christine V. Santos

Welcome to Our Lady of Good Counsel

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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Retired Rev. William Metzger, OSFS william.metzger@olgcva.org
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Finance Council (Regina Stranix) FinanceCouncil@olgcva.org
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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

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: <u>olgcva.org/about-us/communications</u>

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

The Sacraments from page 1

And when we are old or frail, ill or facing surgery, God desires very much to comfort and strengthen us in the Sacrament of the Sick. And when our frailty or illness prepares us for life's final passage, God desires to accompany us in the most tender and loving manner in this same sacrament.

I would like to say a bit more on the Sacrament of the Sick because I believe that there is much confusion surrounding this sacrament and when to receive it.

I am old enough to remember when this sacrament was called Extreme Unction. The common belief at that time was that this sacrament was only for those who were at death's door. In its revision of the Sacraments following the Second Vatican Council, the Church wanted to make it very clear that this sacrament is also for the elderly, the seriously ill, and for those facing surgery. Its name makes its purpose very clear: it is now called the Sacrament of the Sick or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

In administering this sacrament, we read these words from the Letter of James "Is there anyone who is sick among you? Let them send for the priests of the Church. They will pray over the sick person and anoint that person with oil in the name of the Lord." James continues, "If that person has committed any sins, those sins will be forgiven" (James 5: 14-16).

So, who should receive this sacrament? The seriously ill, the elderly, the frail and those facing surgery—as well as those who are near death.

When should this sacrament be received? This sacrament is meant to be celebrated as often as warranted. Therefore, receive this sacrament whenever you become seriously ill, are significantly diminished by age or frailty, are preparing for surgery or dying. Please do not wait to receive this sacrament of bodily and spiritual healing only when death is imminent. God wants to be present to his beloved people at every key moment of their lives and that means not only when death is near but also whenever conditions mentioned earlier are present.

Let God draw near and be present to you. He desires that, so much does he love you. Welcome him throughout life, in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, when young, middle aged and old—always!

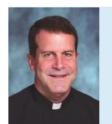
Rev. Lewis Fiorelli

What Happened to the Cry Room?

We do not have a cry room anymore because that is the Church's position. The community is supposed to be together. A separate cry room does not allow for that. The Narthex does. The speakers in the Narthex allow anyone who needs a short break to step out and to be able to come

back to join the assembly in full and active participation, which is what the Church asks for.

We want all children, all members to be in the church, fully and actively participating. However, if someone loses control, a pause is a good thing, and that is available in the Narthex now.



FR. MATT'S MUSING:
JULY 6

Scars

Yesterday, as I was shaving, I tried to be very careful around the space just under my nose. There is a scar there from a skin cancer I had removed a year ago...

Read more at <u>bit.ly/</u> FrMattsMusing-July6

Enroll Now for Religious Education!

Do you have a child between the ages of 3 years old and 8th grade not attending a Catholic school? If so, now is the time to register for Faith Formation sessions! Faith Formation plays an essential role in assisting the children to grow in their Catholic identity, in their knowledge of the faith, and in their relationship with Christ and with one another. Registrations received after August 15 will automatically be placed on a wait list.

2023-24 CCF Registration bit.ly/CCF-in-person-2023-24 2023-24 Homeschool Registration bit.ly/CCF-homeschool-2023-24

Volunteer Background Checks & Training

For those wanting to volunteer next year with children, please fill out a request form at www.olgcva.org/outreach/serve/volunteer-children.

Required for the following ministries:

CCF (Catholic Christian Formation)
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Coaching/Assistant Coaching
OLGC School Volunteers
Scouting
Youth Ministry
Any volunteers who work with children.

Informacion Parroquial en español

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

"Estoy haciendo algo nuevo."

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO DE NIÑOS MENORES DE 6 AÑOS:

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

CATEQUESIS

iInscríbase AHORA para la Catequesis! Deberá registrarse antes del 17 de julio, para poder obtener el descuento de registro temprana en nuestro sitio CCF 2023-24 bit.ly/CCF-in-person-2023-24 o comuníquese con Amy MacKinnon, 703.896.7426, amackinnon@olgcva.org.

CONFESIONES

Confesiones en español durante el mes de julio son el sábado 15 y 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 frhillyard@olgcva.org. No se escuchan confesiones los domingos antes o después de la misa.

CORNERSTONE

El mes de junio lanzamos nuestro Proyecto Cornerstone; Pueden encontrar información adicional en nuestro correo electrónico semanal, en el mostrador de bienvenida o en nuestra página web. Nuestro Párroco P. Hillyard les pide como comunidad en espíritu de oración, consideren donar yayuden a recaudar 12.5 millones de dólares. La parroquia tiene urgencia de hacer reparaciones de nuestra instalaciones de la iglesia y la escuela. Recuerde no importa la cantidad solo le pedimos que cada familia se comprometa a apoyarle. Puede usar el código QR. Gracias por su generosidad.

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.

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 <u>olgcva.org/outreach/</u> <u>serve</u>.

UN CAMINO DE JUBILEO CON MARÍA

A María se le han dado títulos de las Escrituras, de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia y de muchos casos en los que María visitó lugares de la tierra para animar a las personas a pasar más tiempo en oración con Jesús. Hay 12 iglesias en la Diócesis de Arlington que llevan el nombre de María o uno de sus muchos títulos.



Como parte del segundo año de preparación para el Jubileo de Oro, el Obispo Burbidge le anima a visitar estas diversas iglesias y pasar tiempo allí en oración. Estas miniperegrinaciones lo ayudarán a usted o a su familia a aprender más sobre un título particular de María. conocer la vasta historia de las parroquias de la Diócesis y lo animarán a pasar tiempo en oración con el Señor. Hay una oración para este año de preparación que se encuentra a arlingtondiocese.org/ Jubilee/Year-II-Prayer-Card-Spanish.pdf y hermosas reflexiones del rosario para coincidir con este año de preparación que se encuentran aquí: www.arlingtondiocese.org/

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

July 16-23

SUNDAY		16	
OLGC Softball	1 - 4 PM	Lower Field	
Grief Support Group	1:30 - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
MONDAY	Ĭ	17	
ECAP Registration Opens-1st Trimester	8 AM		
Quilters	11 AM - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
TUESDAY		18	
Lector Meeting	7 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall	
WEDNESDAY	Y	19	
THURSDAY	-	20	
Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Funeral: Robert J. Clark	11 AM - 12 PM	Chapel	
FRIDAY		21	
Lamb Center Lunch	10 - 10:15 AM	Parking Lot-Bell Tower	
SATURDAY	10	22	
Confessions	9 - 9:30 AM Reconciliation R		
Confirmation Retreat	9 AM - 3 PM	Church, Chapel, DeSales Hall	
Baptisms	10 - 11 AM	Chapel	
SUNDAY		23	
OLGC Softball	1 - 4 PM	Lower Field	
Grief Support Group	1:30 - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	

Preschool Openings

OLGC has a limited number of preschool spots available for the 2023-2024 school year. For more information, please contact Laura Wood, Preschool Director, at preschool@olgcschool.org.



Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of July 16-23, 2023

SUNDAY Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

MONDAY

Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 - 11:1

TUESDAY Memorial of Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

WEDNESDAY

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

THURSDAY

Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1 & 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

FRIDAY Memorial of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15 & 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

SATURDAY Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

SUNDAY Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12-13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2022—June 2023 Apr. 2023 May 2023 181,919 Offertory 230,765 Total Budgeted 209,525 164,500 Variance 21,240 17,419 YTD Received 2,082,696 2,350,135 Budget YTD 1,972,149 2,301,149 Variance 110,547 48,946

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.

July Second Collections

16 Mission Cooperative Plan for the Diocese of Karonga

Senior Moments

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PLANES, TRAINS AND WATERMOBILES!

The Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons invites you to attend this unique program on Saturday, July 22 from 1-3 pm at their office located at 10467 White Granite Drive, Suite #312 in Oakton. The staff members are avid travelers, and those with hearing loss will offer a panel presentation on the joys and challenges of traveling when you have a hearing loss. You'll receive tips on how to make your trips go more smoothly and learn about upcoming improvements and legal issues regarding travel accessibility.

A listening loop will be provided as well as captioning and interpreting. There'll be a complementary assortment of international foods as well as food for thought! Please bring your own (non-alcoholic) beverage. Although there is no charge for this wonderful presentation, they do need to know how many will be attending, for planning purposes. If you're interested, please register by going to nvrc.org/July-22-planes-trainsand-watermobiles. You may also visit their website, www.NVRC.org and follow the links to the registration form for this program.

NEW TRIP

Vienna Parks & Recreation invites you to come along on this senior trip to the National Museum of Asian Art on Tuesday, August 10 from 12:30-4:30 pm. This museum, located in Washington, DC, has over 45,000 artworks from across Asia, including Charles Lang Freer's collection of Asian and American art. You'll join a docent on an interactive journey to explore the highlights of the museum's outstanding collections, and learn about commonalities and differences in cultures, aesthetics, and ideas. Lunch will be on your own in the Museum Café. Vienna residents pay \$47, everyone else pays \$58.75. Register with your WebTrac account at the Vienna Community Center, or stop by to do it in person. Activity #141562-A1.



EMBRACE FUEL-SAVING APPS

Finding the cheapest fuel can be sport for some, though phone apps like Gas Buddy and Gas Guru make it almost too easy. Since you can use them to screen for brands, you can also make sure you're getting good quality fuel which, in the long run, matters to the health of your car. Joining a membership club like Costco or Sam's Club could also pay off. Figuring how quickly you'll recoup your membership cost with the per gallon savings on their discounted fuel is pretty easy math. And then there are those delicious roasted chickens and other favorites vou'll be able to save on inside!

CAREGIVER INFORMATION

As a caregiver, you can help loved ones with home repairs by accessing the Home Repair for the Elderly Program. This program is designed to provide minor home repairs and/or accessibility modifications to eligible low- and moderate-income older adult homeowners and individuals with disabilities for homes in which they are currently residing. Fairfax County will provide a crew to do up to one week's worth of labor and provide

up to \$1,000 in materials to complete necessary repairs and maintenance. All materials and labor for the work done under this program are provided completely free of charge to eligible homeowners. To learn more, go to bit.ly/FFXhomerepair.

Adult Protective Service (APS) is another service caregivers should know about. As caregiver, do you know what steps to take to handle elder abuse or neglect? Adult Protective Services receives and investigates reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of adults 60 years of age or older and incapacitated adults aged 19 or older. If protective services are needed and accepted by the individual, local APS workers may arrange for a wide variety of services to stop the mistreatment or prevent further mistreatment. Call 703.324.7450, TTY711 or the APS Hotline at 888.832.3858 to report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation. It's not something we like to think about, but it does happen. If you suspect foul play, follow that old adage: "If you see something, say something."

PLANT SWAP

Thinking of starting a flower/ vegetable/herb garden? Stop by the Reston Regional Library to pick up a plant! If you have any extra plants, bring them along to share with the community. The Swap takes place on Thursday, July 20 from 2-3 pm. The library is located at 11925 Bowman Town Center Drive in Reston.

Elder Wisdom

Make every day count.

Appreciate every moment and take from it everything that you possibly can. For you, that moment will never come again.

16th Annual Pops Camp at Paul VI

Middle School Instrumentalists are welcome.

What do light-hearted rehearsals, a watermelon seed-spittin' contest and superhero costume competitions have in common? The 16th Annual Pops Camp! Mornings from August 7-11, rising 7th-9th grade instrumentalists can have fun, practice, and learn at St. Paul VI Catholic High School in Chantilly. An optional jazz unit is also offered. Professional musicians and high school mentors guide campers on pop selections for last-day concert for family and friends.

Learn more and register today www.paulvi.net/summercamps.



Care for the Homebound

If you are unable to attend Mass, please know that Ministry of Care can come to you! Ministers bring Holy Communion and the Word of God to the sick, the infirm, and the elderly. Persons who know that, because of long-term or short-term illness or disability, they will be unable to attend Mass and would like a minister to visit, please contact Maria Romero at 703.896.7419 or welcome@olgcva.org.

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Saint Mary Magdalene • July 22

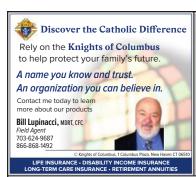
Though her transgressions may have been many, just as abundant was her love for her Lord.

Perhaps one of the greatest conversion stories of the New Testament, Mary Magdalene was one from whom seven demons had been expelled, a woman plagued by turmoil. She lived her own type of hell on earth—that is, until Jesus crossed her path one day. She first appears in the Bible accompanying him as he journeyed from one town to the other "preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God." Her gratitude led her to follow and serve her

Lord tirelessly, all the way up to the foot of the cross. She did not abandon him in the face of difficulty, nor did she deny him despite the harsh cruelty all around her. She was one of the few to accompany him, gazing upon his beaten and torn countenance as he took his final breath. Jesus rewarded this loving devotion, as she is known in Mark's account to be the first one to see him after the Resurrection (Mark 16:9). May we follow the example of Saint Mary Magdalene in our unwavering dedication to God, so that at the end of our days we may also declare, "I have seen the Lord!"

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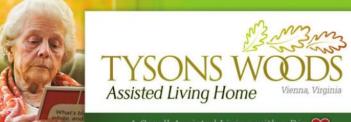
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