

AUGUST 13 • 2023

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church

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Administered by the Oblates of
St. Francis de Sales

Mass Schedule

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

Saturday Vigil 4pm

Sunday 8am, 10am (online),

12pm (en español), 5pm

View Mass Online

www.youtube.com/c/StreamingOLGC

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

*"To be faithful,
we must
live simply."*

- St. Jane de Chantal

*"Para ser fieles,
debemos vivir con
sencillez."*

- Santa Juana de Chantal

What I Love about Being a Catechist

Being a catechist is an extremely rewarding experience. It's an opportunity to teach the youngest members of our parish and give them a strong foundation on which their faith can be built. One of my favorite parts of being a catechist is witnessing "aha!" moments. The look of sudden and joyful understanding combined with the almost tangible deepening of the student's faith make all of the frustrating and difficult parts of teaching worth every moment.

Over the years, I have found that teaching kids about their faith helps me to deepen my faith as well. The minds of children are so full of wisdom, and teaching them leads to many profound questions asked and insights gathered. They have a way of questioning what I take for granted that helps me gather new perspective and develop greater understanding.

Another of the best parts of being a catechist is witnessing the relationships that are built. From my own CCF experience, I know that having close friends that are regular attendees helps the students come to class more and increases their chances of continuing their faith outside of CCF. It is so reassuring to see the friendships that form between students, knowing that those friendships may be what keeps those students in the faith.

—Hannah Ng

VOLUNTEER IN CCF

You can help our young parishioners to grow in faith by volunteering like Hannah. Elementary CCF takes place on Saturday mornings, with classes 8:30-10 am and 10 am-12 pm. Junior High CCF takes place on Sunday evenings 6:15-7:45 pm. Teachers lead lessons on the Creed, Sacraments, Moral Life and Prayer using materials developed specifically for the age of the students.

If teaching is not your thing, you could serve as an Aide in the classroom, a Room Monitor, or a Hall Monitor. All of these roles are important to the spiritual development of our children. There are options for part-time teaching if a weekly commitment is too much. Just contact Amy McKinnon at amckinnon@olgcva.org to create a schedule that works for you.



The Cornerstone Project

Update on The Cornerstone

Thank you for your continued support of The Cornerstone Project! We have been very busy this summer focusing on the essential infrastructure projects at the school and church. The HVAC system upgrade continues through the middle school and upper floor shared spaces. The elementary wing received a full face lift with new flooring in the hallway and classrooms. The Gym lobby, ASC, and music room have also been improved with new flooring. In the month of June (1st month of the parish-wide phase of The Cornerstone Project), we raised \$367K against our remaining \$3M goal. Please continue to prayerfully consider how you can make an impact for future generations. For more information, please visit www.olgcva.org/support/the-cornerstone-project.

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.

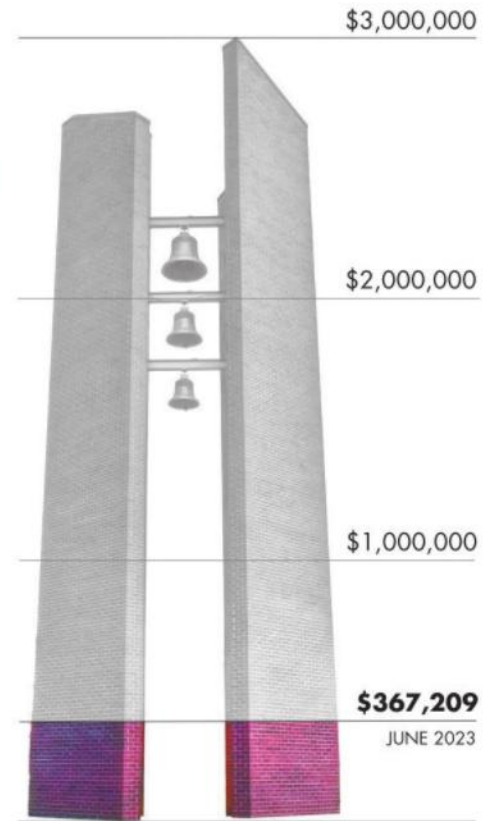
CAPITAL PLEDGES

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

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.

REACHING OUR REMAINING GOAL



Reporting will be updated monthly

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 OLG. The card can be mailed to The Office of Advancement at OLG, 8601 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, Virginia 22182, or dropped off at the Administration building during business hours. For assistance, contact advancement@olgcv.org

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





THE CORNERSTONE PROJECT

PLEDGE COMMITMENT

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

In support of The Cornerstone Project, I/We pledge the following:

☐ \$100,000
☐ \$75,000
☐ \$50,000
☐ \$25,000
☐ \$15,000
☐ \$10,000
☐ \$5,000

☐ Other: \$ _____

Payable as follows:

☐ Annually ☐ Quarterly ☐ Monthly

Timeframe:

☐ 5 yrs ☐ 4 yrs ☐ 3 yrs ☐ 2 yrs ☐ 1 yr

Payment Method:

☐ Faith Direct
☐ Check
☐ Electronic Funds Transfer

Check this box and the Office of Advancement will contact you to establish your gift. ☐

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Ministry Formation: Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Each year the Diocese of Arlington holds Ministry Formation sessions for Eucharistic Ministers. Those wishing to become a Eucharistic Minister are required to attend a formation workshop presented by the Office of Divine Worship.

Information presented in these Diocesan-sponsored sessions focus on the theology of the Eucharist and your role as a lay Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion ("EMHC"). It does not take the

place of Eucharistic Minister training at your home parish. Please contact Cheryl Jones at cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com to learn when EM training will be offered to learn specific protocols for OLG.

To register and learn more about these workshops, follow this link: www.arlingtondiocese.org/emhc/.

The Ministry Formation schedule for the Summer/Fall of 2023 is:

IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS -
SUMMER/FALL 2023

Saturday, Sept. 9

10am-12pm

1pm-3pm · en español ·

Cathedral of Saint Thomas More,
(Arlington, Deanery I)

Saturday, Sept. 16

2pm-4pm · Saint Mark,
(Vienna, Deanery VI)

Saturday, Sept. 23

10am-12pm · Holy Spirit,
(Annandale, Deanery II)

Gather at the Table: Diocesan Cookbook Project

Tell your family story through food! We are seeking recipes from across the globe for a special Diocesan Jubilee Anniversary cookbook. To find out more and submit your recipe, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/jubilee-gather-at-the-table.

Submissions will be reviewed by a

diverse panel. Not all recipes will be selected for the final product.



Upcoming Diocesan Events

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/all-events for details

Mass & Rosary in Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life

August 19 | 9:00am

Mass for Multicultural Communities
"My soul rejoices in the Lord"

August 25 | 7:00pm

Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

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

Sat. / Sun. August 12 – 13, 2023

+ Roberto M. Rodriguez
+ Nelson Buenaflor
+ Ed and Martha Zdancewicz
+ John, Ann and Samantha Schell
+ Gaylord P. Haas Jr.

Monday, August 14, 2023

8:30am + Jeanne & Jim Frisino

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

8:30am + Margaret Worrall
12:10pm Marie Ropelewski
7:00pm For the safety of all
returning to school

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

8:30am + Teresa Fox

Thursday, August 17, 2023

8:30am + Joseph Kevin Cooney

Friday, August 18, 2023

8:30am The Rutherford, Muray and
Sherier Families

Saturday, August 19, 2023

8:30am The OLGC Community

Sat. / Sun. August 19 – 20, 2023

+ Kenneth & Dolores Lennon
+ Paul & Laverne Brumbaugh
+ Rudy Regala
+ Omana Kariampuzha
+ Guido Acurio

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

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

Church For all suffering the loss
of a loved one
Chapel for the safety of all
returning to school
OL Votive In Loving Memory of
+ Antony Champ

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
Parochial Vicar Rev. Mathias Kumar, OSFS.....mkumar@olgcv.org
Retired Rev. William Metzger, OSFS.....william.metzger@olgcv.org
Retired Rev. Lewis Fiorelli, OSFS.....lfiorelli@oblates.org
Deacon Christopher Moorecgmoore@olgcv.org
School Principal Robin Williams 703.938.3600rwilliams@olgcv.org
School Admissions & Testing Valerie Taylor 703.938.3600vtaylor@olgcv.org
Liturgy/Music/Funerals 703.896.7411liturgy@olgcv.org
Children's Faith Formation Amy MacKinnon 703.896.7426 .. amackinnon@olgcv.org
Faith Formation Office Jackie Madden 703.896.7415.....jmadden@olgcv.org
Youth Ministry/Young Professionals Derek Rogers 703.896.7409 youth@olgcv.org
Communications/Bulletin Maude Hales 703.896.7412 .. communications@olgcv.org
Director of Finance Emilynda Clomera 703.896.7402eclomera@olgcv.org
Records Manager John League 703.896.7413records@olgcv.org
Child Protection Liaison Christine Moan 703.896.7423cmoan@olgcv.org
Advancement/Annual Giving Alison McKee & JoAnne Kinyon . advancement@olgcv.org
Events Manager Frank Fletcher 703.896.7418events@olgcv.org
Events & Fellowship Coordinator Pam Trimble 703.896.7457 .. ptrimble@olgcv.org
Parish Office Manager Maria Romero 703.896.7419..... welcome@olgcv.org
Intentions/Ministry of Care Maria Romero 703.896.7419..... welcome@olgcv.org
RCIA/Adult Sacraments Barb Steelercia@olgcv.org
Información en español Maria Romero 703.896.7419 welcome@olgcv.org
Pastoral Council (Tina Wickham) PastoralCouncil@olgcv.org
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

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

August 13-20

SUNDAY			13
Backpack Drive	7:30 AM - 1 PM;	Bell Tower Circle	
Grief Support Group	4:30 - 6 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
	1:30 - 3 PM		
MONDAY			14
Lamb Center Breakfast	6:45 - 7 AM	Parking Lot-Bell Tower	
Quilters	11 AM - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
TUESDAY			15
Mass: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30 - 9:30 AM	Chapel	
	12:10 - 1 PM	Church	
	7 - 8 PM	Church (bilingual)	
Rising Kindergarten Family Playdate	10 AM	Location Offsite	
WEDNESDAY			16
Small Faith Group	7:30 - 8:30 PM	Zoom	
St. Vincent DePaul Society	7:30 - 9 PM	DeSales Hall	
THURSDAY			17
Girl Scout Info Night	7 - 8:30 PM	DeSales Hall	
FRIDAY			18
Lamb Center Lunch	9:30 - 9:45 AM	Parking Lot-Bell Tower	
Open House for Preschool Students	1 - 2:30 PM	Preschool	
Game Night	6 - 9:30 PM	DeSales Hall	
SATURDAY			19
Confessions	9 - 9:30 AM	Reconciliation Room	
SUNDAY			20
Grief Support Group	1:30 - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Rising Kindergarten Family Playdate	3 PM	Location Offsite	

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

First Day of School

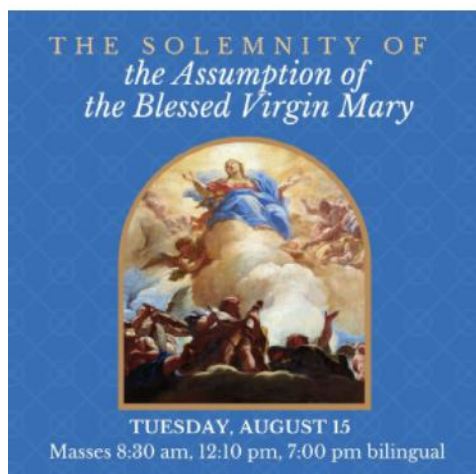
August 23

ECAP Begins

August 23

Bingo Night

August 25



Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of August 13-20, 2023

SUNDAY Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14;
Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

MONDAY Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20;
Mt 17:22-27

TUESDAY Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Vigil: 1 Chr 15: 3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132: 6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

WEDNESDAY Memorial of St. Stephen of Hungary

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 & 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

THURSDAY

Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Mt 18:21 - 19:1

FRIDAY

Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 & 24;
Mt 19:3-12

SATURDAY

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

SUNDAY Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



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

DeSales Weekly: A Thursday newsletter to aid readers to *Live Jesus!* How to integrate the sacred and the secular to make the ordinary events of our lives extraordinary by bringing virtue, grace, and Jesus to all we do. Visit website to subscribe oblates.squarespace.com/desales-weekly#anchor.

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@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

¡Inscríbese AHORA para la Catequesis! bit.ly/CCF-in-person-2023-24 o comuníquese con Amy MacKinnon, 703.896.7426, amackinnon@olgcv.org.

CONFESIONES

Confesiones en español durante el mes de agosto 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.

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 y ayuden 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 apoyarlo. 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 olgcv.org/outreach/serve.

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 mini-peregrinaciones 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/prayerguides.

School Starts August 23rd!

Parents, if you haven't already done so, please complete your online required forms. We need these to complete PowerSchool enrollments and update our Clinic information. Please contact Mrs. Hallahan with questions. Thank you to those who have already done so!

Don't forget to try on uniforms before school begins and order needed pieces early for a better purchasing experience! This is on the advice of Flynn O'Hara uniform company.

New for this year—homeroom assignments are posted in PowerSchool. No emails with homeroom assignments will be sent this year. Just log into PowerSchool and it will all be there!

Last but not least, mark your calendars for BINGO on August 25th! See the announcement below. Don't miss out on this fun time!

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024:

The 2023-2024 school calendar has been uploaded onto the OLGC School website. You can view the calendar directly at olgcschool.org/about-us/calendar. Viewing the

calendar from a desktop or laptop computer will allow you to view the events for a whole month at one time. The most current events can also be found on our main homepage. Additional calendar items will be added as they are scheduled, so check back often.

NEWS FROM THE WILDCAT FUND



Welcome back to the '23-24 school year! We will once again administer an auction for **four afternoon carpool spots**

to kick off our fundraising year. In addition, we will continue to raffle off a 5th spot in early October once we begin our participation efforts for the year (all gifts to the Wildcat Fund will be eligible for the raffle component).

The carpool spot auction is going on now! Please complete the form at bit.ly/carpool-auction by Tuesday, August 15th. The form will ask for biographical information for your family, your beginning bid, details on escalation, and final bid. Winners will be notified by Thursday, August 17.

Fall Fest 2023!



Fall Fest will be Sunday, September 17th at OLGC, from 11 am - 4 pm, following a 10am bilingual Mass.

Fall Fest is an outdoor festival on OLGC campus with carnival entertainment, games, food, treats and more. Please visit the [Fall Fest Webpage](#) to purchase wristbands and tickets in advance at a discounted rate. We need many volunteers for this event. Please consider lending a hand. Sign up at bit.ly/fall-fest-volunteers.

OLGC Gala of Eden

April 20, 2024

We are excited to bring back the Parish Gala, including a live and silent auction, in 2024. Please mark your calendars for April 20, 2024. We have a gala location, auctioneer, band, and more. Please visit the Annual Spring Gala Webpage for details. We are looking for many volunteers to plan this event. We will be hosting a Gala "Volunteers & Vino" Night on Thursday, September 28th in De Sales Hall from 7:30-9:30 PM. Join us to meet your Gala chairs and enjoy some wine, cheese and Gala planning. All are welcome.



Back from Summer Bingo Night

We can't wait to see you all after a long, fun summer. Please join us for fellowship and fun at Back from Summer Bingo Night in the Counsel Room from 6-9 PM on Friday, August 25. Visit the [Bingo Night Webpage](#) to purchase your tickets and pizzas in advance. This event will sell out so please plan in advance and purchase your tickets. Make it a fun and easy family night out with bingo games, prizes and more! We need a few volunteers for this event, sign up at bit.ly/bingo-volunteers.



Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde
Gitkagirl@gmail.com
571.831.3951



NORTHERN VIRGINIA SENIOR OLYMPICS

If you'd like to compete in these games, held Sept. 9-24, register now. There's a \$20 registration fee, and participants can enter as many events as they like. The competition is open to adults 50 and older who reside in Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William counties or the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church, and Fairfax. For more information and to register, visit nvsou.us. Registration closes Aug. 24.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIALIZATION WHEN AGING

Join Melissa Long with Insight Memory Care Center who will discuss the risks of isolation, how it affects the brain of older adults, and creative ideas to socialize. This is a free class for older adults that will be held on Monday, September 19 from 10-11 am at the Vienna Community Center. Registration isn't required, but call 703.255.6360 to let them know you'll be there, for planning purposes.

REDISCOVER THE LOVE OF LEARNING

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University is a community where you can enjoy new experiences, informative seminars, fun-filled activities, and social gatherings—online and in person. The Fall 2023 term runs from September 18 to November 10. Stay connected and engaged through these classes and events! Registration has begun and remains open throughout the term. Join today at olli.gmu.edu.

For more information, call 703.503.3384. There's a special promotion currently being offered for new member who wish to join for \$300. Executive Director Jennifer Disano says "Learning knows no age limit! At OLLI Mason, our programming rewards curious individuals with fun experiences and deeper knowledge. For more than 30 years, OLLI Mason has provided its members with top-notch cultural and educational lectures as well as social and trip opportunities." If you haven't tried this before, it'll be worth your while to become a member and enrich your life.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER NEWS

Mark your calendars for Bingo on September 11 from 4-6 pm at Foster's Grille, 136-A Maple Avenue in Vienna \$10 for 10 games with great prizes. Here's a great chance to mix and mingle with friends and enjoy delicious eats.

Plan to attend the biggest social event fundraiser of Fall 2023. It will be held on Thursday, October 19 from 12:30-3:30 pm at Worldgate Athletic Club and Spa. Enjoy pickle ball, golf simulators, tasty bites, juice bar, friends, and lots of fun while supporting SCNOVA. Registration is coming soon.

The numbers are out for the hours-of-service volunteers have contributed to SCNOVA (Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia), over 8,000 hours! They completed over 2,000 medical and companion rides, drove more than 13,000 miles, and provided hundreds of hours of companionship and handy helper support to 400 clients. The support they give Vienna (and other area) residents is amazing! Please think about becoming one of the special "angels" who commit to being a driver, on their own schedule, for the growing number of older people who require assistance getting to their medical

and other appointments. Call 703.281.0538 to put your name on the list.

CREATING SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

While many family caregivers find purpose and meaning in their journey, they often experience isolation and feelings of stress and burnout. In this panel conversation on Friday, August 25 from 2-3 pm, you'll explore the importance of creating and finding systems of support that will help them on the journey. In addition, you'll learn about the different resources available. Panelists include Erica Wrenn, M.S., CCC-SLP, with Fairfax County Health Department; Jack Tarr, support group facilitator, The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax/Burke; Richard Faircloth, Ph.D., support group facilitator, Well Spouse Association; and Gordon Dean, support group facilitator, NAMI. Online registration: bit.ly/AAAPanel or call 703.324.2019.

BREAKFAST BUFFET

Treat yourselves to a leisurely all-you-care-to-eat buffet breakfast next Sunday, August 20 from 8 am-Noon at the American Legion Hall, 330 N. Center St. in Vienna. This is a family-friendly event with a big selection of freshly prepared foods. The blueberry pancakes are delicious, along with biscuits and homemade sausage gravy among the selections. Adults pay \$12 and children ages 12 and under are only \$5. It's one of the best brunch bargains in town!

Elder Wisdom

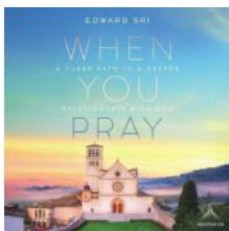
Funny thing about getting older is that your eyesight gets weaker, but your ability to see through people's blarney gets much better.



Tuesday Bible Study

When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God

You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Or maybe you feel discouraged by your weaknesses and your inability to overcome them. If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. They were like us. But each time they fell, they got up again and learned to rely more on God's grace. What God did in the lives of countless saints, he wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study



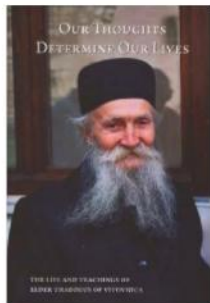
is about: the journey of prayer God wants to take us on.

Join us for *When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God* beginning September 12 from 9:45 to 11:45 am and continuing every Tuesday for eight weeks. The first meeting on September 12 will be an in-person Meet & Greet in DeSales Hall at 9:45 am. Beginning Sept, 19, we will meet by Zoom.

You can order the Study Set from Ascension Press for \$26.95 [When You Pray Study Set](#) For more information, to register and receive the Zoom link, contact Fran Davenport at bwdavenport@cox.net.

Book Study: Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives

We all want to feel safe and happy, yet on a daily basis we seem to run into people and situations which cause us anxiety and stress. Fr. Thaddeus (1914-2003) was a monk who, after many hardships, "realized that we all worry about ourselves too much and that only he who leaves everything to the will of God can feel truly joyous, light and peaceful." This fall, fellow OLGC parishioner and experienced adult catechist, Ann Marie Mack,



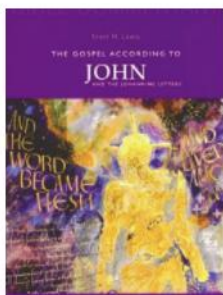
will lead a discussion of Fr. Thaddeus' book, *Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives*. Please join us!

We will meet six Wednesday mornings, Sept. 6 - Oct. 11, 9:30 - 11:00 am in the Fr. Brisson Room. Due to limited seating capacity, please email Ann Marie at annmariemack@gmail.com register by August 31st.

Reading the book is not required, but is available at amzn.to/43Q4VHC.

Little Rock Scripture Study Group

Join us as we study the Gospel of John this year. John's narrative of Jesus' public life is different from the Synoptic Gospels. It is filled with irony and deeper meanings. Only with careful reading and group discussion can we begin to understand John's message. We will meet on Mondays at 10:00 am on Zoom

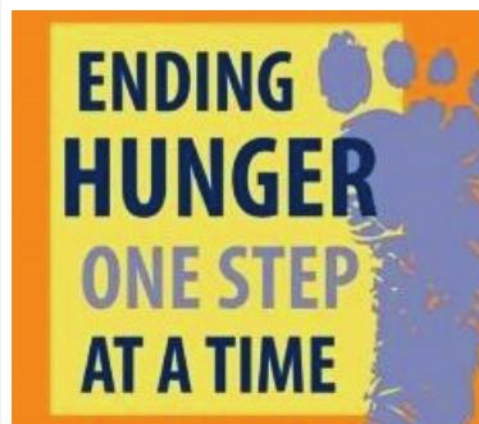


beginning September 11.

The text is the 2005 edition of *The Gospel According to John and the Johannine Letters* by Scott M. Lewis. Obtain it from [Litpress.org](https://litpress.org) for \$9.95 by searching on the author's name. Contact Mike Plett at 703.641.8324 or mike.plett1@gmail.com to enroll or learn more.

Get involved in the Vienna CROP Hunger Walk !

We're looking for a few volunteers to help us organize OLGC's participation in the Vienna CROP Hunger Walk in October. Can you attend monthly zoom planning meetings in August and September and help publicize the event and recruit walkers? If interested, contact Anne Moran Hamisevicz at amoranelm@gmail.com.



Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2022—June 2023

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<u>Total Budgeted</u>	<u>164,500</u>	<u>164,500</u>
Variance	17,419	9,029
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