

AUGUST 20 • 2023

TWENTIETH 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

*“Live joyfully! Our Lord is
looking down on you lovingly.
Holy joy, or as we should say,
joyful holiness would be a
good motto for our time.”*

- St. Francis de Sales

*“Vive con Alegria!! Nuestro
Senor te mira con amor.
Santa Alegria o como
deberíamos decir Gozosa
Santidad seria un buen lema
para nuestro tiempo”*

- San Francisco de Sales

Backpack Drive Record!

Thank you to all who donated and volunteered for our Backpack Drive on August 12-13th. We filled a record 141 backpacks with hundreds of school supplies for families in need at Freedom Hill, Marshall Road, and Thoreau schools. Those school communities expressed their gratefulness with these kind messages:

“Thank you for always thinking of our community! We can’t tell you how much our families appreciate the support.”

“We really appreciate all you do for our youth. God bless the work of your hands.”

Please continue to pray for all teachers and students on their upcoming year that they may be safe, grow more in knowledge and virtue, and glorify God in their actions.



September Outreach Drive

In September, we will collect gift cards to major local grocery stores for CHO (The Committee for Helping Others), a local interfaith nonprofit that provides food, clothing and emergency financial services to neighbors in need. Giant Food, Target, Walmart, Aldi, Lidl & Safeway gift cards and monetary donations will be accepted before and after Mass on Sept. 9 and 10.

Watch for details in upcoming Bulletins.

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.

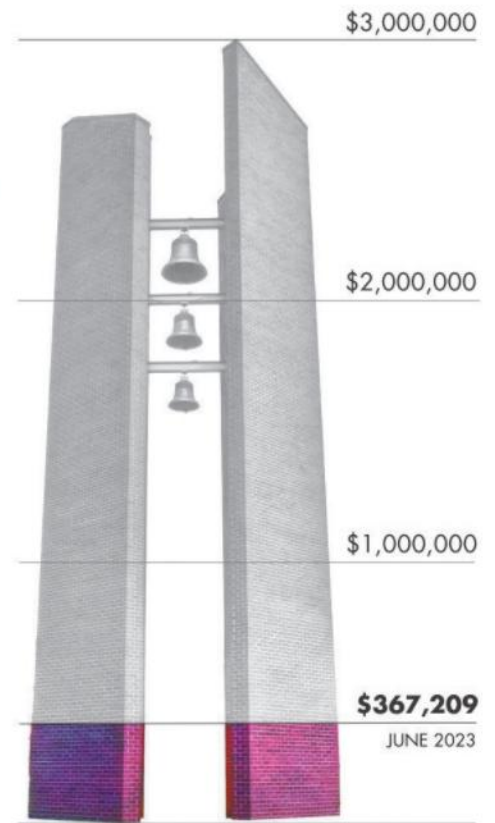
CAPITAL PLEDGES

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 OLCG. The card can be mailed to The Office of Advancement at OLCG, 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.



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.

EM Training—Feed the Flock

Grow your faith by joining the team of
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Training session
Wednesday, Sept. 20
 at 7p.m. in the Church.



Experience the reward and fulfillment of growing your faith by joining the team of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. A training session will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 7pm in the Church. What a wonderful way to both attend Mass and at the same time give back in service to the Lord by distributing Communion to members of the OLCG Community. If you are interested in attending the training session, please complete and submit

a Ministry Information Form found on the OLCG website:

www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form
 by Monday, September 18th. For additional information and/or questions, please contact Cheryl Jones at cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com.

Required Diocesan training workshops are being offered in early September. See the announcement on page 9.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word Returns September 3rd during the 10:00 am Mass

Children ages 3 -7 are invited to join us each Sunday during the 10:00 am Mass for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW). Children will be dismissed by the priest and enjoy the Sunday readings and discussion on their level presented by trained catechists. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Regina Allegra at 703.798.6008.

"Let the little children come to me..."



during 10 am Mass



FR. MATT'S Musing:
AUGUST 9
Friendship

This weekend, I am honoring a tradition of over a decade. Two of my high school classmates and I will go to a different city for the weekend...

Read more at bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-August9

Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

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

Sat. / Sun. August 19 – 20, 2023

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

Monday, August 21, 2023

8:30am + Victor, Leny & Marvin Dumon

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

8:30am + Lorraine Nicole Fagan

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

8:30am + Mary Eleanor Booth

Thursday, August 24, 2023

8:30am + Joe Elder

Friday, August 25, 2023

8:30am + Bridget “Betty” Somerville

Saturday, August 26, 2023

8:30am In Thanksgiving by the Fil/Am
Community Ministry

Sat. / Sun. August 26 – 27, 2023

+ Zator & Estes Families
+ Anthony Bruno Jr.
+ James Lewis
+ Leo Lowe
+ Saul Martinez
The OLGC Community

**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 Special intention on the
wedding anniversary of
Lizbeth & Giancarlo Matias
Chapel For our brothers and sisters
in Hawaii
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.

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
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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
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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
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Intentions/Ministry of Care Maria Romero 703.896.7419.....welcome@olgcv.org
RCIA/Adult Sacraments Barb Steelercia@olgcv.org
Información en español Maria Romero 703.896.7419welcome@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 703.255.3744betstim@gmail.com
Knight of Columbus Santa Maria Council #4654.....www.knightsvienna.org
Counseling Catholic Charities **Consejería** Caridades Catolica703.425.0109

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 20-27

SUNDAY			20
OLGC Softball	1 - 4 PM	Lower Field	
Grief Support Group	1:30 - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
Rising Kindergarten Family Playdate	3 PM	Location Offsite	
MONDAY			21
Quilters	11 AM - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	
TUESDAY			22
Open House for New K-8 Students	2 - 3 PM	K-8 School Building	
EM/Sacristan Meeting	7 - 8:30 PM	DeSales Hall	
WEDNESDAY			23
First Day of School			
ECAP Begins Grades K-8			
Preschool Half Day	8 - 11:15 AM		
Small Faith Group	7:30 - 8:30 PM	Zoom	
Men's Basketball	8 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
THURSDAY			24
Preschool Half Day	8 - 11:15 AM		
Men's Basketball	8 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym	
FRIDAY			25
Preschool Half Day	8 - 11:15 AM		
Bingo Night	6 - 9 PM	Counsel Room	
SATURDAY			26
Confessions	9 - 9:30 AM	Reconciliation Room	
Baptisms	10 - 11 AM	Chapel	
SUNDAY			27
OLGC Softball	1 - 4 PM	Lower Field	
Grief Support Group	1:30 - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

Back to School Night—Middle School
Back to School Night—K-5

August 29
August 31

Grief Support Group Schedule

This is just a brief reminder that the final meeting of the OLGC Grief Support Group for the Summer Session will be on August 20 at 1:30pm in the Brisson Room. We will then take a break, and begin the Fall Session in October/November. Please watch the Bulletin for details.



Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

For the Week of August 20-27, 2023

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

MONDAY Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope
Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40; 43ab & 44; Mt 19:16-22

TUESDAY Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

WEDNESDAY Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin
DJgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

THURSDAY Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

FRIDAY Memorial of Saint Louis of France and Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

SATURDAY
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

SUNDAY Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2022—June 2023

	May 2023	June 2023
Offertory	181,919	173,529
Total Budgeted	164,500	164,500
Variance	17,419	9,029
YTD Received	2,264,640	2,438,170
Budget YTD	2,136,649	2,301,149
Variance	127,991	137,021

Set It and Forget It

You can set up recurring gifts to OLGC through **FaithDirect**. Email info@faithdirect.net or call 1.866.507.8757 to learn how you can set up automatic giving.

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.

August Second Collections

20 Mission Cooperative Plan

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."

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

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



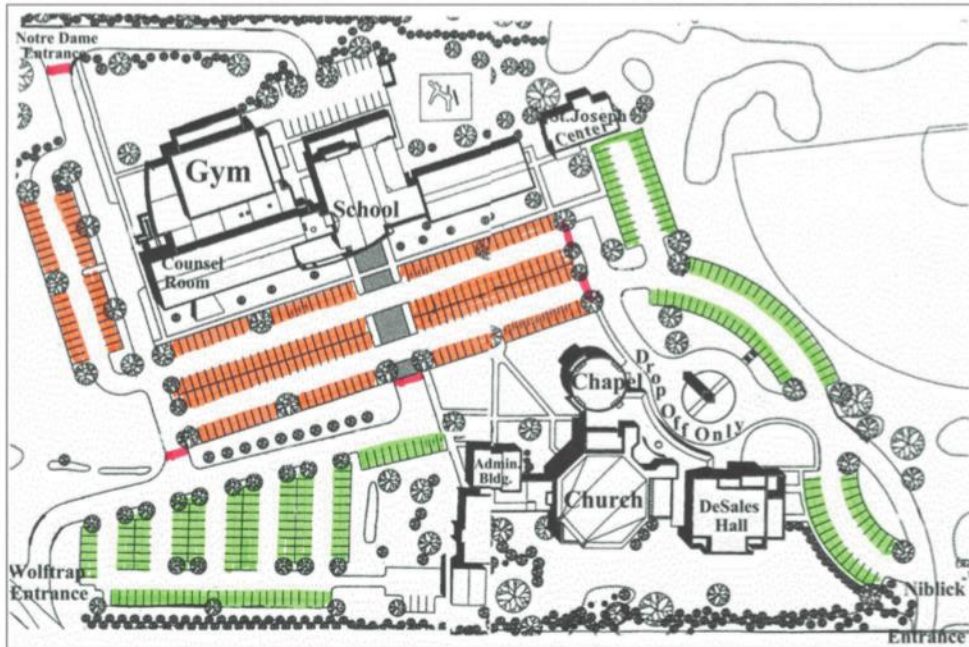
Como parte del segundo año de preparación para el Jubileo de Oro, el Obispo Burbidge le anima a visitar estas diversas iglesias y pasar tiempo allí en oración. Estas mini-peregrinaciones lo ayudarán a usted o a su familia a aprender más sobre un título particular de María, conocer la vasta historia de 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 Wednesday

Beginning Monday, August 21st the parking lot gates will be closed during the school day as they were last year. Please watch for closed gates and plan accordingly if you attend weekday Mass.

The map below shows the parking spaces available during school hours—marked in green. Please note that cars will not be able to cut through the campus.

Thank you in advance for helping to ensure the safety of our children.



Lord, as a new school year begins, bless the teachers and students to start the year strong. Give teachers renewed energy and enthusiasm to teach with passion and purpose. Help students to be excited about their studies, challenged and encouraged to be their best selves. May the new year bring new hope, excitement, and readiness to learn and grow. Amen.

Back from Summer Bingo Night

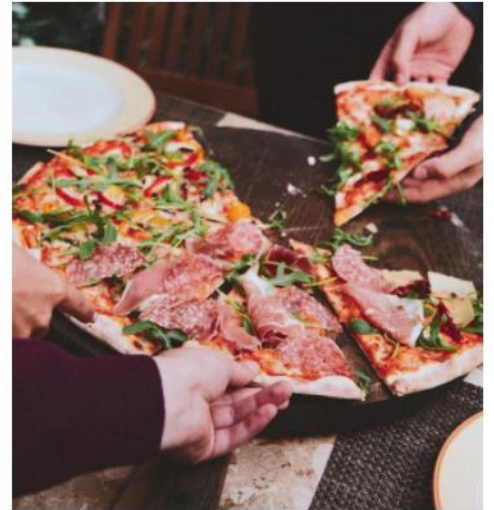
We can't wait to see you all after a long, fun summer. Please join us for fellowship and fun at Back from Summer Bingo Night in the Counsel Room from 6-9 PM on Friday, August 25. Visit the [Bingo Night Webpage](#) to purchase your tickets and pizzas in advance. This event will sell out so please plan 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.



Single Seniors

The Single Seniors will have a Pizza Party on Friday, August 25th at 11:30 am at the Pan Am Family restaurant. Pizza and beverages are \$5.00 per person.

Please RSVP to Bob Wicks at 540.424.9944. As always, we welcome newcomers. Join us!



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.

Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde
Gitkagirl@gmail.com
571.831.3951



FREE CLASSES

Vienna Parks & Recreation are offering these classes next month. **"Medicare and Social Security"** is helpful for those of us who will be coming into it soon. You'll learn how to choose a Medicare plan that is right for you, and find out how you can match the right plan to your needs and goals. It will be on September 11 from 10-11:30 am.

On September 18 **"10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's: Why Early Detection Matters"** is the subject. The Alzheimer's Association will discuss typical age-related memory; thinking and behavior changes; how to recognize common warning signs of Alzheimer's; tips for approaching someone about memory concerns; assessments for diagnosis process and Alzheimer's Association resources

"A Matter of Balance" is a free eight-week program for older adults. We worry about falling and restrict our activities as a result. This is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels through discussion and exercise. You'll learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance. This program, presented by Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging, requires a minimum of eight people and a maximum of 12. Classes run on Mondays beginning September 18 through November 13 from 10 am-Noon.

"Downsizing" has been a particularly interesting class and is being offered again on Thursday,

September 14 from 10-11 am. A comprehensive review, it will help you plan by discussing various aspects of the downsizing process. Some topics to be discussed include decluttering your current home, organizing and getting it ready for sale, and selling your home, as well as researching future home options involving different types of living and levels of care available.

Are you confused about Medicare? Most seniors are, so you're not alone. This class, **"The Alphabet Soup of Medicare,"** is not only about the ABC's. There's also D and then there's a Medical Supplement with its own host of lettered plans! Have you heard about Medicare Advantage or wondered how and if Medicare pays for nursing home or long-term care? If you're not yet old enough for Medicare, come anyway so that you can be a step ahead of the pack so that you'll know what to do when the time comes. If you're already on Medicare, come to better understand the benefits you currently have. This class is being offered twice, on Saturdays, September 16 and October 7 from 9:45 am-12:15 pm. Unlike other classes, this one carries a small fee of \$10 for Vienna residents, \$12.50 for everyone else.

All classes are held at the Vienna Community Center. Please call 703.255.6360 to let them know you're coming.

HEARING SCREENING

On Monday, September 25 the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons will be offering free 30-minute hearing screenings to determine if you'll need a hearing test. No hearing aid sales are involved. To schedule your appointment between 10 am and 3 pm at the Vienna Community Center, call 703.255.7801.

NEW TRIP

Vienna Parks and Recreation is offering a trip to Pamplin Historical

Park on Wednesday, September 27 from 7 am-7 pm. What began in 1991 as an effort to preserve a threatened Civil War battlefield near Petersburg, Virginia, has evolved into one of America's finest history and heritage travel destinations.



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Pamplin Historical Park & The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier is a 424-acre historical campus that features museums, antebellum homes, a National Historical Landmark Civil War battlefield, a slave life exhibit, educational programs, and special events. The guided tour will be interactive and participatory with topics about plantation life to battlefields. An Italian lunch buffet is included in the fee. This trip requires a significant amount of walking outdoors on uneven surfaces. The outing is in collaboration with the City of Fairfax Young at Heart Senior Center. Transportation will be a 55-passenger bus with a restroom. Vienna residents pay \$106; \$132.50 for everyone else. Register via your WebTrac account at the VCC, or stop by in person to do it

Elder Wisdom

A little gray hair is a small price to pay for all this wisdom!



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 OLGC. Please see page 3 to learn when EM training will be offered to learn specific protocols for OLGC.

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

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

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

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)

Mass for Marriage Jubilarians

Celebrating A Golden or Silver Wedding Anniversary This Year?

Were you married in 1973 or 1998? Then join Bishop Michael F. Burbidge for the 2023 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 15th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA.



Mark your calendar now to celebrate. For more info, visit www.arlingtondiocese.org/MJM.

Students & Volunteers Needed!

St. Mark Catholic Church English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry

St. Mark ESL Program is seeking students and new volunteers to participate in our upcoming in-person term for the Fall 2023, Sept. 26 – Dec. 5. Our goal is to 'Welcome the Stranger' and provide a program where adults from all ethnic and religious backgrounds can come and learn English and acclimate better to life in the U.S.!

No experience is necessary to volunteer! All classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for one and a half hours from Tuesday, September 26 until Tuesday, December 5. In addition to English language classes, we will also offer informal English conversation,

writing and citizenship preparation.

For additional information on classes and volunteering for this important ministry, call Monica at 703.980.9380, email stmarksesl@gmail.com, or see the Web site at www.stmarksesl.org.

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