

SEPTEMBER 10 • 2023

TWENTY-THIRD 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

*"The lives of the saints
are nothing but the Gospel
put into practice."*

- St. Francis de Sales

*"La vida de los santos
no es más que el Evangelio
puesto en práctica."*

- San Francisco de Sales

Catholic Christian Formation

Catholic Christian Formation for children in Kindergarten through 8th grade begins this weekend. Our second collection this weekend supports this program at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

CCF provides children with a strong spiritual foundation rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ. It helps them develop a relationship with God, understand their purpose in life, and cultivate a sense of faith and trust in a higher power. Children learn about the Bible, its stories, parables, and teachings, which are essential to understanding the Christian faith. This knowledge helps them connect with their religious heritage and equips them to apply the teachings of Jesus in their daily lives.

Through religious education, children become part of a larger faith community. They interact with peers who share their beliefs, fostering a sense of belonging, unity, and support. This community aspect helps them build lasting friendships and connections. Catholic education equips children with tools to navigate life's challenges by relying on their faith and their use of reason. They learn how to find comfort, guidance, and strength in their relationship with God during difficult times.

The education received during childhood serves as a foundation for ongoing faith formation throughout life. The values, knowledge, and practices learned in childhood can continue to influence one's decisions, relationships, and worldview as they grow into adulthood.



Do all things
with
great love
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



CLOSER TO OUR GOAL



A breath of fresh air

Phase 2 is near completion. New HVAC technology and equipment has been installed in the Middle School classrooms, Science Room, and Counsel Room vestibule. Teachers, students, and visitors have all experienced a noticeable difference in the air quality in the school.



The roof over our heads

The Administrative Building Roof has been replaced.

The Narthex Roof is near completion.

The School Roof will be completed in conjunction with the future phases of the school HVAC project.

Help us reach our goal.

OLGC continues to invite 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.

We began this journey with a need to fund \$12 million worth of critical projects. Thanks to the continued generosity of our parish and proper stewardship of the gifts received, we are left with \$2.2 million to raise. Our success is dependent on all parishioners who commit to investing in the future of our spiritual home.



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@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.

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH DRIVE

Gift Cards for CHO This Weekend

This weekend, we are collecting gift cards to major local grocery stores for CHO (The Committee for Helping Others). Giant Food, Target, Walmart, Aldi, Lidl & Safeway gift cards and monetary donations will be accepted before and after Mass on Sept. 9 and 10.

Gift cards are distributed at the CHO Christmas Store in December to help families stretch their

grocery budget and provide presents for their older children. In 2022, they helped 178 families (610 family members, over 300 children) with toys, clothes, and food & gift cards, and provided \$50 food cards to 33 seniors and those living on Social Security and disability. OLCG has always been a generous contributor.

EM Training—Feed the Flock

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.olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form by Monday, September 18th. For more information, please contact Cheryl Jones at cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com.



**FR. MATT'S
MUSING:
AUGUST 26**

**Lane Closures,
Construction,
Accidents and Overturned
Tractor Trailers**

I do not have to tell you about the challenges that traffic poses in the DMV....

Read more at bit.ly/FrMattsMusing-August26



OLGC GOLF CLASSIC

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CONTACT golf@olgcv.org FOR MORE INFORMATION

The Salesian Circle - Includes a Foursome!
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Fleet Sponsor - Includes 1 Golfer
Contest, Flag, and Tee Box Sponsorships

Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

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

Sat./Sun. September 9 – 10, 2023

+Khoai D. Vo
+ Maria Hong & Family
+John Richard Berg
+Sami Awad
+Dr. Miles R. DiGennaro
The OLGC Community

Monday, September 11, 2023

8:30am + June Taylor

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

8:30am + Anthony “Tony” Fasullo

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

8:30am + Joseph E. Godbout

Thursday, September 14, 2023

8:30am The OLGC Community

Friday, September 15, 2023

8:30am + Dr. Danilo Gutierrez Lee

Saturday, September 16, 2023

8:30am + Virginia Van Goethem

Sat./Sun. September 16 – 17, 2023

+ Roberto M. Rodriguez Jr.
+ Saxon – Zdanciewicz Families
+ Irma Umaña Girón
Gabiella Esprella
Marian Romero

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

+ Joseph Patrick Murphy, father of Brian,
father in-law of Valerie and grandfather
of Samuel, Tyler, Tessaré and Téara

Please pray for those for whom candles are lit:

Church	In loving memory of + Joseph Patrick Murphy
Chapel	In loving memory of + Joyce Eleanor Robsen
OL Votive	In thanksgiving for all the OLGC Volunteers

To “light a candle for someone” indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person, and the candle symbolizes that prayer. Visit olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/candle to light a candle.

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
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School Principal Robin Williams 703.938.3600 rwilliams@olgcv.org
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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

Faith, Screens, and Our Families

Please join us in De Sales Hall at 7pm on Thursday, October 12 for a presentation by Peter Ryan to discuss how screen usage is impacting our children and families.

Peter is a Catholic husband and father of four who has studied the profound effects that screen-based personal technology is having on our lives. He and his 18-year-old daughter speak together on this

topic in the Diocese of Arlington after she gave up her smart phone over three years ago. Come learn how screen-based technology usage is impacting your family and get advice for protecting your children from its harmful effects.

This OLGC PTO-sponsored event is open to the entire OLGC community. We hope to see you there.



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DINING FOR DOLLARS

Support the OLGC PTO at Pizza Vienna

Don't want to cook Tuesday, September 12th? Join us for Dining for Dollars at Pizza Vienna (235 Maple Ave E; Vienna) any time between 10:30am-9:30pm and a portion of your meal will be donated to the OLGC PTO. Pizza, wraps, calzones and so much more. Check out the menu at pizzavienna.com/menu

Welcome Michael Troup



Michael Troup joins OLGC IT staff upon graduation from Franciscan University in May of 2023. In his free time, he enjoys playing sports and making food. He is very passionate about his faith and he is looking forward to meeting the people of this great community.



Volunteers & Vino

Help Make the Gala Grand!

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 olgcv.org/fellowship/annual-spring-gala for details.

We are looking for many volunteers to plan this event. We will be hosting a Gala "Volunteers & Vino" Night on Thursday, September 28 in De Sales Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Join us to meet your Gala chairs and enjoy some wine, cheese and Gala planning. All are welcome.

Please go to bit.ly/Volunteers-Vino-form to let us know if you're coming and how you want to help.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
ANNUAL SPRING GALA

APRIL 20, 2024



Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful donors, The Wildcat Fund continues to make a visible impact at OLGC School.

Our administration, teachers, and students are grateful for your continued support!

olgcschool.org/support/wildcatfund

Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

Week of September 10-17, 2023

SUNDAY Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

MONDAY

Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

TUESDAY Memorial of the Holy Name of Mary
Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1-11, Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

THURSDAY Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

FRIDAY Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a & 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

SATURDAY Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 & 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

SUNDAY Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30 - 28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2023—June 2024

	July 2023
Offertory	185,545
Total Budgeted	181,936
Variance	3,609
YTD Received	185,545
Budget YTD	181,936
Variance	3,609

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.

September Second Collections

10 Religious Education-CCF

17 Special Kids-Special Needs

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

September 11-17

MONDAY

Lamb Center Breakfast	6:45 - 7 AM	Parking Lot-Bell Tower
Rosary Makers	10 AM - 12 PM	SJC-Aviat Rm
Quilters	11 AM - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm
CYO Track & Field	3 - 4:15 PM	

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TUESDAY

Tuesday Bible Study Meet and Greet	9:30 - 11 AM	DeSales Hall
Altar Server Training	3:30 - 4:30 PM	Church
Divorced - Separated Ministry	7:30 - 9 PM	Zoom

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WEDNESDAY

Book Study	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm
RCIA Catechumenate	7:30 - 9 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm
Men's Basketball	8 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym

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THURSDAY

Prayer Shawl Ministry	9:30 - 11 AM	SJC-Brisson Rm
Men's Basketball	8 - 10 PM	Fr. Brisson Gym

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FRIDAY

Lamb Center Lunch	9:30 - 9:45 AM	Parking Lot-Bell Tower
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SATURDAY

Confessions	9 - 9:30 AM	Reconciliation Room
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SUNDAY

Children's Liturgy of the Word	10 - 10:30 AM	Chapel
Bilingual Mass	10:30 - 11:30 AM	Church
No 10:00 or Noon Mass on this Sunday		
Fall Fest	11:30 AM - 4 PM	DeSales Hall, Lower Field

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Fall Fest will be Sunday, September 17th at OLGC, from 11:30 am – 4 pm, following a **10:30am bilingual Mass**. *There will not be Mass at 10:00 or at noon on this day.* Please visit the [Fall Fest Webpage](#) to purchase wristbands and tickets in advance at a discounted rate.

Purchase your **Cornerstone Wristband** to support the Cornerstone Project at Fall Fest! Recently added to our Fall Fest online ticketing is a Cornerstone Wristband which includes a \$25 donation to the Cornerstone Project, a Fall Fest t-shirt, 2 food items, 2 beverages, and

a commemorative wristband.

In order to decrease wait times at Fall Fest ticketing, we will be distributing pre-ordered wristbands, tickets and tee-shirts in De Sales Hall on September 14 and 15 from 8 – 10 am. Purchase your wristbands, tickets and tees in advance and don't wait in line at the event!

Please consider lending a hand. Sign up at bit.ly/fall-fest-volunteers.



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@olgcv.org



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.

Senior Moments

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SEASONED CITIZENS

Be sure to mark your calendars for the kick-off of the new season of luncheons for the seniors of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Thursday, September 21 at noon in De Sales Hall. These luncheons began many years ago as small, brown-bag affairs, as an outreach to older members of our parish for socialization and recognition of their contributions to parish life through the years.



Over time they became more popular as they included Mass in the Counsel Room where the group, now larger, gathered to enjoy a served hot lunch provided by volunteers from the Women's Club. After a hiatus during the expansion and renovation of our campus buildings, the events resumed in De Sales Hall. The luncheons returned, slowly, and irregularly at first, but picked up speed and now welcome over 100 of our parish seniors just about every time. The food and supplies are now provided by the parish and the event has a dedicated group of volunteers, both men and women, led by Heidi Snyder, who

set up the hall, prepare and serve a delicious meal and clean up. Special sweet treats are distributed to anyone celebrating a birthday. Sometimes there's musical entertainment, sometimes the children of Our Lady of Good Counsel School delight us with their singing. Over many years, the event remains a wonderful opportunity for our seniors to connect with others and enjoy a few lighthearted hours. And it also continues to salute and show appreciation to our older parishioners for the time and treasure they've given to our church. Registration is necessary for planning purposes. You can do this online at bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Sep2023, by e-mailing seasonedcitizens@olgcv.org or by calling Dagny, 703.281.5525.

NEW TRIP

Vienna Parks and Recreation is offering this trip to Aldie Mill Historic Park to explore a 200-year-old grist mill. Aldie Mill is a water mill in Aldie, Virginia, built shortly after 1804 to grind grain using the waters of the Little River. Retaining much of its original machinery, it's one of the best-preserved mills in our state. A NOVA Parks guide will give you a tour through the facility. The next stop just down the road will be the Chrysalis Vineyards for a light lunch and wine tasting, which will be on your own. The trip requires walking on uneven gravel and grassy areas, so wear sturdy shoes. The trip leaves on Thursday, **October 12** at 9:30 am and returns at 2:30 pm. The cost is \$54 for Vienna residents; non-residents pay \$67.50. Register with your WebTrac account at the Vienna Community Center for Activity 241238-A-1 or stop by to do it in person.

SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS

The No Surprises Act bans unexpected out-of-network medical bills for emergency room visits or out-of-network bills when receiving

treatment in an in-network hospital or other facility. If you don't have insurance, the law usually requires providers to give you a good faith estimate of how much your health care will cost if you schedule services at least three business days in advance, or if you request one. You may be able to dispute your bill if it's at least \$400 more than the estimate.

To help you understand your rights and protections under the law, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has information about its requirements and an interactive tool to help consumers identify actions they can take to resolve their billing issues, as well as a complaint form to report a violation of the rules, at www.cms.gov/medical-bill-rights. (*Kiplinger Retirement Report*)

ALZHEIMER'S DRUG COVERAGE

Medicare announced that it intends to cover Alzheimer's disease medications if they're fully approved for usage by the Food and Drug Administration. The policy decision, which applies to people with Medicare Part B, raises the prospect that thousands of older adults could have access very soon to a promising medication to treat the early stages of the disease. Two new Alzheimer's drugs Aduhelm and Leqembi, have received accelerated approval from the FDA. So far, Medicare coverage is limited to people participating in clinical trials, but the FDA is reviewing everything and is expected to make a decision soon. (*AARP Bulletin*)

Elder Wisdom

I don't get much done when I go to the grocery store because I spend so much time in the produce department trying to open those stupid plastic bags.



September 11

On September 11, 2001, our world changed forever. I remember the shock and disbelief as I watched the events unfold on TV, the smoke billowing from the towers, and the heroic efforts of first responders. The sheer scale of the tragedy was overwhelming, and the loss of innocent lives deeply saddening.

In the years that followed, I witnessed how the world came together in solidarity. The stories of courage and compassion, the support offered to the affected families, and the united front against terrorism were all remarkable. It made me realize the strength of humanity in the face of adversity.

As I reflect on September 11th, I'm reminded of the importance of cherishing every moment with our loved ones. It's a day to honor the memories of those who were lost and to appreciate the resilience that emerged from the darkness. It's also a reminder that even in times of despair, acts of kindness and unity can shine through, guiding us towards a more compassionate world.

On this solemn day, we honor the memory of those we lost on September 11th. Their lives continue to inspire us to stand united against hatred and division. Let's remember the strength that emerges from unity and embrace the values of peace, tolerance, and compassion, as we look ahead to a better future for all.

Rev. Mathias Kumar

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/all-events for details

Band of Brothers Retreat - Sept. 15-17
Friday, September 15 | 5:00pm

Living Waters: A Christian Response to Gender, Sexuality and Freedom
Monday, September 18 | 6:30pm

CALLED: A Conference for Young Adults
Saturday, September 23 | 2:00pm

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 on Sunday, October 15 at 3 p.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington.

Download the registration form found here: bit.ly/Jubilarian2023-form and return it to the parish office by Sept. 18.

Yearly Subscription of *The Word Among Us* (WAU)

The Word Among Us assists people in reading, meditating on and understanding scripture and to provide sound, practical advice for Catholics on the living out of the Christian life.

It includes daily meditations based on the Mass readings of the Catholic Church, inspirational essays, testimonies, and stories of the saints

and other Christian heroes! Subscribe for the year Oct. 2023 - Sept. 2024. It is also available in Spanish. The group subscription rate is \$22 per year. Please make your check payable to OLGC and on the memo indicate WAU/Liturgy. Please complete the form below, bring it or mail it with your payment to the office.

We will not be mailing copies to parishioners. We ask that if you would like a mailed subscription, please order it directly from WAU. Visit their website at wau.org/renew, or call them at 1.800.775.WORD (9673). If you have any questions contact Maria Romero, 703.896.7419 or welcome@olgcva.org.

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