

SEPTEMBER 24 • 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH 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

“A sensible mind is
a medium mind which
is neither too great
nor too little.”

- St. Francis de Sales

“Una mente sensible es
una mente intermedia que
no es ni demasiado buena
ni demasiado mala.”

- San Francisco de Sales

Fall Fest 2023 Was an Enormous Success!



Thank you to this wonderful community!

A special thanks to:

Charles Fulghum & Charlie
Richie, Fall Fest Chairs
Michael Roll, Fall Fest Food
Chair

All of our wonderful, willing
and energetic volunteers
OLGC School PTO Board &
President Heather Tully
The Filipino & Hispanic
Ministries for their delicious
donations

Paella by Carlos

Maggio's

Tony's Pizza

Vienna Inn

The Vienna Fire Department

Our generous Sunshine

Sponsor, Sunrise Senior

Living Vienna

We could NOT have done it
without each of you. See
you next year for more
Fall Fest Fun!

TOGETHER TOWARDS 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.

Thanks to the continued generosity of our parish and proper stewardship of the gifts received, we celebrate our progress during this public phase of this initiative:

June: **\$367,209 raised**

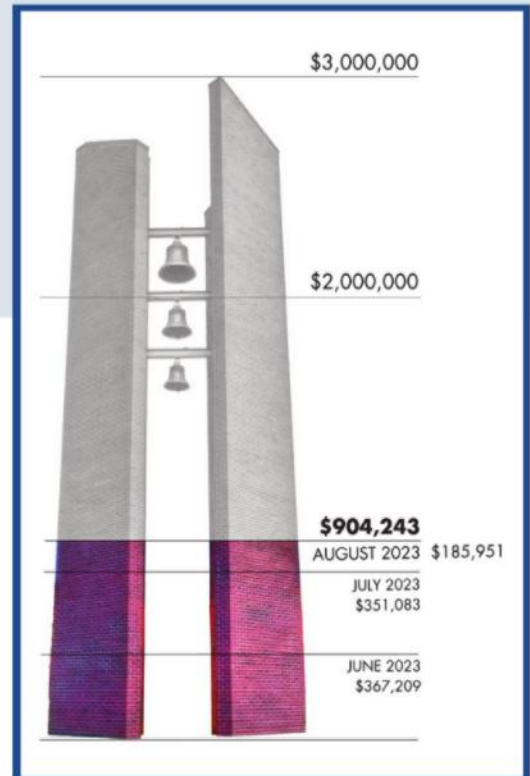
July: **\$351,083 raised**

August: **\$185,951 raised**

Total raised towards \$3 million public goal: **\$904,243**

Total remaining to raise: \$2,095,757

Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity!



HELPFUL INFORMATION AS YOU CONSIDER A POTENTIAL GIFT TO THE CORNERSTONE PROJECT

Tax Savings Through a Gift of Stock

Consider a gift of stock as your donation to The Cornerstone Project at OLGC.

In exchange for a gift of long-term, appreciated securities (stock), you can receive an income tax deduction and avoid capital gains taxes on the gift.

Make a Donation through a Tax-Free IRA Gift!

Generally, this provision allows individuals age 72 or older to make tax-free gifts from an IRA directly to our parish. You can give any amount (up to a maximum of \$100,000) per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity such as OLGC without having to pay income taxes on the money. Gifts of any value \$100,000 or less are eligible for this benefit. This popular gift option is commonly called the IRA charitable rollover, but you may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

To complete an IRA Charitable Rollover or to take your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), contact your IRA provider for instructions. Such gifts may take a couple weeks to transact. The Diocese of Arlington also supports many tools that could be helpful in navigating this process:

arlingtondiocese.planmylegacy.org/give-from-your-ira



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.

Thanks from CHO for Outreach Support

Many thanks from all of us at CHO for OLCG's generous donations of gift/grocery cards and contributions during the September Outreach program. You gave over \$7,500, which will be used to provide food and gift cards to those who attend

our Christmas Store in December. We can't begin to describe the happiness (and often relief) of parents visiting the store who are able to provide their children gifts and treats which they might otherwise be unable to afford.

Join OLCG at the Vienna CROP Hunger Walk

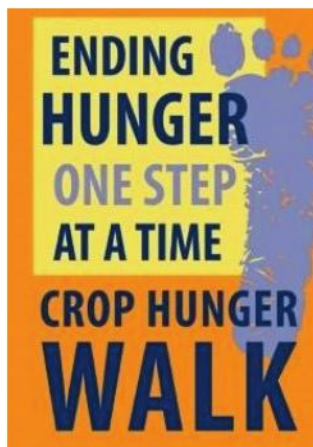
Join OLCG parishioners at the Vienna CROP Walk on Sunday, October 1, 12:30 pm.

The Walk is 2.4 miles and takes about an hour. A shorter 1.2-mile walk is also available.

The Walk begins at 12:30 pm (registration starts at 12:15), at Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 Maple

Avenue, Vienna. You can register to walk yourself, join the OLCG team, form your own team, or donate.

Go to crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/viennava to register, donate,



or learn more. To donate or to join the OLCG team, browse the list of teams and find TEAM OLCG.

On that page, use the button that allows you to register to walk, or, if you just wish to donate to the team, there is a donate button. For further information,

or if you cannot register or donate online, contact Anne Moran Hamisevicz at

amoranelm@gmail.com or Peggy Loudin at peggy.loudin@cox.net.

October Dining for Dollars at Bear Branch Tavern

Help support the OLCG PTO for October Dining for Dollars at Bear Branch Tavern on October 18th 11am-2am.

Bear Branch Tavern will donate 10% of entire checks (including alcohol). They are located at 133 Maple Ave - 571.669.3663. Please bring this article with you (or show on your phone) when dining in or out. They will even honor ONLINE orders!



CONTACT GOLF@OLGCVA.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

(2) Silver Sponsorships Available - Includes 2 Golfers
 (2) Bronze Sponsorships Available - 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 23– 24, 2023

+ Francis & Pache Siu
+ Lucille Komarinski
+ Irma Umaña Girón
+ Juan R. Candamo
+ Brian Fimian

Monday, September 25, 2023

8:30am + Kathleen N. Pedersen

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

8:30am + Josephine Lorden Elder

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

8:30am + Edith Elizabeth Smith

Thursday, September 28, 2023

8:30am + Claire Curry

Friday, September 29, 2023

8:30am + Irma Umana Giron

Saturday, September 30, 2023

8:30am The OLGC Community

Sat./Sun. Sept. 30– Oct. 1, 2023

+Shelling & Van Lierde Families
+ Pacon & Matilde Berrios
+ Alfredo Pestana
+ Patrick Joseph Carolan
The Caputy Family

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

+Nicholas Robert Hoy
+Mary Gonet
+Rose Hughes, mother of Michael Hughes,
mother-in-law of Nikki Hughes and
grandmother of Matthew
+ Margaret "Peggy" Kurtzke, mother of
Catherine Brown (Stephen), Elizabeth
Siebert, Joan Brennan (Philip), Robert
(Leala), James (Kate), and Christine
+ John William "Bill" Stapleton
+ Joann Hallahan

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

Church	In Loving Memory of + Nicholas Robert Hoy
Chapel	Special intention for the Hoy and Benetti families
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 Moore cgmoores@olgcv.org
School Principal Robin Williams 703.938.3600 rwilliams@olgcv.org
School Admissions & Testing Valerie Taylor 703.938.3600 vtaylor@olgcv.org
Liturgy/Music/Funerals 703.896.7411 liturgy@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
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Child Protection Liaison Christine Moan 703.896.7423 cmoan@olgcv.org
Advancement/Annual Giving Alison McKee & JoAnne Kinyon . advancement@olgcv.org
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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 Steele rcia@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

Cub Scout Pack 976 Entertainment Night

Have fun and see if Cub Scouts Pack 976 is for you!

Friday, September 29 6-7:30 PM in DeSales Hall. Still interested in Cub Scouts but missed our open house? Come enjoy the magic of Abracadabra Alex and get answers to all your questions! We welcome all boys and girls in grades K-5.



Cub Scouts Catholic Religious Emblem



Is your cub scout interested in earning a religious emblem?

Anyone interested in the Catholic

Religious Emblem award for cub scouts who is NOT part of Pack 976 please contact Jasmine Hernandez no later than September 30th at JasmineAHernandez@yahoo.com or 703.216.7098.

Derek Rogers New Director of Faith Formation



We are pleased to announce that Derek Rogers has accepted the position of Director of Faith Formation at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

After being involved with youth ministry at the parish for more than 10 years, Derek will now oversee all sacraments from Baptism to Confirmation, working with the RCIA and Adult programs, CCF classes, and other involvements.

With Derek's transition, we are beginning to look for someone to fill the Youth Ministry position. Derek will continue to oversee Youth Ministry until we find the right candidate, so please continue to be involved and invite people!

OLGC CYO and House League Basketball is Back!

House League & CYO Basketball - Deadline to register is Oct. 2nd. House League is open to 4th and 5th grade boys and girls to play on teams made up of their OLGC School and CCF peers. Practices will be held once a week and games are played on Sundays in our beautiful OLGC gym. There is a boys and girls basketball clinics for House League participants on Sept. 24th and Oct. 1st.

The CYO program is open to 6th - 8th grade OLGC School boys and

girls to compete against other parish teams throughout the Northern Virginia area. Practices will be held once or twice a week with games scheduled at a variety of parish gyms, including at OLGC. Evaluations for team formation will begin in early to mid-October and practices will begin soon thereafter. Games begin in November with end-of-season tournaments in late February. Visit olgcv.org/fellowship/athletics/basketball to register. Any questions, contact Eric Andres (EricNAndres@gmail.com).



Free House League Basketball Clinics for 4th and 5th Graders!

For 4th and 5th grade CCF and OLGC School boys and girls: Come check out what House league is about! There will be FREE basketball clinics for all skill levels on the following dates and times: Sunday, 9/24: Boys 4-5:15 pm,

Girls 5:30-6:45 pm
Sunday, 10/1: Girls 4-5:15 pm,
Boys 5:30-6:45 pm

To RSVP by email or for any questions; please contact Eric Andres (EricNAndres@gmail.com)

Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

Week of September 17-24, 2023

SUNDAY Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

MONDAY

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6;
Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY Memorial of Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;
Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8;
Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY Memorial of Saint Wencelaus, Martyr and Saint Lawrence Ruiz, and Companions, Martyrs

Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

SATURDAY Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13;
Lk 9:43b-45

SUNDAY Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or
Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2023—June 2024

	July 2023	Aug 2023
Offertory	185,545	100,832
Total Budgeted	181,936	178,304
Variance	3,609	(77,473)
YTD Received	185,545	268,377
Budget YTD	181,936	360,241
Variance	3,609	(73,864)

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.

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

September 25-October 1

MONDAY	Little Rock Scripture Study Quilters CYO Track & Field	10 - 11:30 AM 11 AM - 3 PM 3 - 4:15 PM	Zoom SJC-Brisson Rm	25
TUESDAY	School Picture Day for Students Tuesday Bible Study Funeral: Mary Gonet Cub Scout Pack 976 Tiger Den Divorced - Separated Ministry	9:45 - 11:45 AM 11 AM - 12 PM 6 - 8 PM 7:30 - 9 PM	Zoom Church Counsel Rm Zoom	26
WEDNESDAY	Book Study: <i>Our Thoughts Determine Our Lives</i> Funeral: Joann Hallahan BSA Troop 976 Court of Honor RCIA Catechumenate Small Faith Group Men's Basketball	9:30 - 11 AM 11 AM - 12 PM 6 - 8:30 PM 7:30 - 9 PM 7:30 - 8:30 PM 8 - 10 PM	SJC-Aviat Rm Church DeSales Hall SJC-Brisson Rm Zoom Fr. Brisson Gym	27
THURSDAY	Prayer Shawl Ministry Vino & Volunteers Men's Basketball	9:30 - 11 AM 7:30 - 9:30 PM 8 - 10 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm DeSales Hall Fr. Brisson Gym	28
FRIDAY	Funeral: John William Stapleton Cub Scout Pack 976 Entertainment Night	11 AM - 12 PM 6 - 7:30 PM	Chapel De Sales Hall	29
SATURDAY	Elementary CCF Confessions Elementary CCF Emmaus RCIC	8:30 - 10 AM 9 - 9:30 AM 10:30 AM - 12 PM 10:30 AM - 12 PM 10:30 AM - 12 PM	School Reconciliation Room School School School	30
SUNDAY	Donut Social Children's Liturgy of the Word Jr. High CCF	8 AM - 2 PM 10 - 10:30 AM 6:15 - 7:45 PM	DeSales Hall Chapel School	OCTOBER 1

Mass Intentions 2024

Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 9 am, we will accept Mass intentions for 2024. Given the number of Masses celebrated at OLGC and the overwhelming requests for Mass intentions every year, each house-hold is limited to **3 intentions** for Masses celebrated at OLGC. However, there are unlimited intentions for Masses celebrated by the Oblates at the DeSales Center Residence in Childs, MD.

Mass intention request forms will be available online starting Sept. 27 at 9am. In-person requests will be accepted on September 27, 9-11 am in the Narthex and in the Narthex during the Donut Social on Oct. 1

After October 1, 2023 requests will be accepted in the Parish Administration Office.

Requests will be handled on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information, please contact Maria Romero at 703.896.7419 or welcometo@olgcva.org.

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



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



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 olgcv.org/outreach/serve.

Volunteers & Vino

Help Make the Gala Grand!

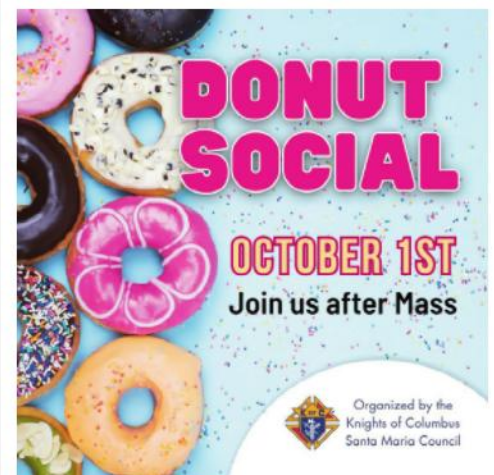
We are excited to bring back the Parish Gala, including a live and silent auction, in 2024. Please mark your calendars for April 20, 2024. We have a gala location, auctioneer, band, and more. Please visit olgcv.org/fellowship/annual-spring-gala for details.

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.



Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde
Gitkagirl@gmail.com
571.831.3951



FREE RESOURCES

The National Institute on Aging (NIA), part of the National Institutes of Health, provides online information on dozens of health topics for older adults and caregivers. The resources are informed by research and reviewed by experts to help you learn about healthy aging and health conditions affecting older adults, including Alzheimer's disease and related dementia. NIA also offers print publications to download or order for free at order.nia.nih.gov. For more information, visit the NIA website at nia.nih.gov or contact the NIA Information Center at 800.222.2225.

FREE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO HELP PREVENT FALLS

September is Fall Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the danger of falls and ways to prevent them. Unfortunately, falls are common among older adults. One in four older Americans experiences a fall each year, according to the National Council on Aging. Despite these high numbers, falls are not part of getting older and can be prevented. Doing things like getting regular health checkups and making simple home improvements, such as brighter lighting and installing grab bars in the bathroom, can help prevent falls. Another way to guard against falls is by participating in a strength and balance exercise program. In Fairfax County, there are many programs and resources available to help residents prevent falls.

Elderlink is a non-profit partnership between Inova Health

System and the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging. It offers an array of free programs aimed at helping participants live a healthier and more engaged life, including these fall prevention programs:

A Matter of Balance is an eight-week evidence-based falls prevention program that offers a structured group intervention coupled with exercise and emphasizes strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels.

Bingocize is a 10-week class, meeting two times per week. This program combines a bingo-like game with exercise, fall reduction and health education. The program includes goals to improve mobility and independence, learn and use health information, and provide social engagement.

A Walk with Ease is a six-week self-management education program created by the Arthritis Foundation for adults who want to be more physically active. The goal is to learn how to safely make physical activity part of your everyday life, while building confidence to be physically active. Sessions of these classes will be offered this Fall. To learn more about Elderlink programs, including dates and times of the classes, please contact the Elderlink intake line, 704.324.5374, or visit FairfaxCounty.gov/FamilyServices/olderadults/elderlink.

Locally, check out the catalog for the Vienna Community Center for similar classes. Some of these may involve a fee.

BEACON 50+ EXPO

This is a free annual event sponsored by the Beacon Newspaper held at Springfield Town Center on Sunday, October 15 from noon to 4 pm. Then it'll be available again on Sunday, October 22 from noon to 4 pm at the Silver Spring Civic Building and will feature a Keynote Conversation with

Tony Perkins, News4 Anchor. There will be exhibitors and resources, health screenings, flu/Covid vaccines, giveaways, and door prizes available at both locations. For more information, visit beacon50expo.com.

FAIRFAX COUNTY FARMERS MARKETS CONTINUE

If the hot summer weather prevented you from visiting local farmers markets as often as you wished, don't worry! These county markets will continue through the Fall, most running through November, with a few continuing to December.

On Wednesdays, Oak Marr Farmers Market is open at the Oak Marr Rec Center, 3200 Jermantown Rd. in Oakton from 8 am– noon until November 8. On Saturdays, the Reston Farmers Market is open at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Wahington Plaza in Reston, open 8 am-noon. Final day is December 2. While there are others, these county markets are closest to our area.

The extended farmers market season is a great opportunity to enjoy local Fall produce, including apples, greens, pumpkins, and winter squash. Several locations are also hosting Fall harvest festivals featuring live music, free hot cider, and activities such as pumpkin painting. These Fall harvest festivals will take place at market locations at Oak Marr on October 11 and McLean Farmers Market on Friday, October 13, both from 8 am-Noon.

Elder Wisdom

A friend is the one who walks in when everyone else walks out.



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Area High School Open Houses

St. Paul VI Catholic High School

St. Paul VI Catholic High School, Chantilly, VA invites families to learn more about our caring, Catholic community where we inspire the extraordinary in one another. Visit our website www.paulvi.net/admissions to learn more. Save the date for our fall Open House on Sunday, October 22, 2023 from 1 - 3 p.m. There is bus service to and from OLGC to PVI every school day. Reach out to our Enrollment Management team at admissions@paulvi.net with any questions you may have.



Bishop O'Connell High School

Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 1 between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Find out how the school's Catholic mission is integrated across the curriculum, visit science and engineering labs, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current students. For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call 703-237-1433. Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.



Upcoming Diocesan Events

Visit arlingtondiocese.org/all-events for details

St Ignatius of Loyola Retreat
Friday, September 29 | 5:00pm

2023 Eucharistic Congress
Saturday, September 30 | 9:00am

Day of Prayer and Healing
Saturday, September 30 | 9:00am

Walk4McKenna

Fr. Horace McKenna, S.J. walked the streets around Capitol Hill bringing food, comfort and spiritual wisdom to his neighbors. We honor him by walking through the neighborhood he served.

Join us on September 30 at 8:00am, virtually or in person, to honor Fr. McKenna's life and legacy. Our dedicated supporters and donors are the reason we can continue to serve men experiencing homelessness and neighbors who experience food insecurity.

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