

MARCH He Is Risen!

3 | 31 | 2024 EASTER SUNDAY



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 measure of
our love is to love
without measure.”*

- St. Francis de Sales

*“La medida
del amor es amar
sin medida.”*

- San Francisco de Sales

Easter Light

One of my favorite forms of painting has been mastered by three artists from different countries: Georges de la Tour of France, Rembrandt of Holland, and Caravaggio from Italy. In French, the style is *clair/obscur*, in Italian, *ciarro/oscuro* and in English, light/darkness. My apologies to the Dutch for not knowing the Dutch equivalent.

I think light and darkness are such appropriate and important themes for us at Easter. Jesus came into a world of darkness to be its light. In John's gospel, he tells us, but we preferred darkness. **The good news is that God does not allow darkness to win.** Even though this holy week is filled with the darkness of deception, false accusations, betrayal, denial, abandonment, great suffering, pain, and death and Jesus' own feelings of abandonment, even by his own Father, He remains faithful to tell us that light, love and life are victorious. They ultimately win is the Easter message.

As we have traveled through Holy Week and prepared for Easter, let us look at our own dark moments: maybe of sadness and fear, perhaps anxiety, maybe physical or emotional suffering and pain, perhaps abandonment, or betrayal or denial, any, and all of the darkness that can exist in this world.

Let us light a candle, or some candles, and turn off the lights to remind ourselves, that the light of Christ pierced through the darkness and continues to do that even in the midst of the darker moments of life. We know the end of the story, and that is a good ending. The ending of our story is that love and life win; light pervades over darkness, and we are called to be that light in our world. Happy Easter! Life, love, Easter win and not to let darkness take that victory from you.

Live, Jesus!

Fr. Matt

Luz de Pascua

Uno de mis estilos de pintura favorita ha sido dominada por tres artistas de diferentes países: Georges de la Tour de Francia, Rembrandt de Holanda y Caravaggio de Italia. En francés, el estilo es *clair/obscur*, en italiano, *sombra/oscuro* y en inglés, luz/oscuridad. Mis disculpas a los holandeses por no conocer el equivalente holandés.

Creo que la luz y la oscuridad son temas muy apropiados e importantes para nosotros en Pascua. Jesús vino a un mundo de oscuridad para ser su luz. En el evangelio de Juan, nos dice, pero preferimos la oscuridad. **La buena nueva es que Dios no permite que la oscuridad gane.** Aunque esta Semana Santa está llena de la oscuridad del engaño, las falsas acusaciones, la traición, la negación, el abandono, el gran sufrimiento, el dolor y la muerte y los propios sentimientos de abandono de Jesús, incluso por parte de su propio Padre, Él permanece fiel para decirnos que la luz, el amor y la

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Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

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

**Saturday, March 30, 2024–
Easter Vigil**

8:00pm For the Newly Baptized

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

+ Joseph Chung & Family

+ Paul Duggan

+ Carreras – Esteban Family

+ Brian Patrick Fimian

Chella Sejas

Monday, April 1, 2024

8:30am + Emil VanGre Them

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

8:30am + William M. Cordovilla

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

8:30am + Ana Maria

Cubides de Vargas

Thursday, April 4, 2024

8:30am + Rain Taylor Bachman

Friday, April 5, 2024

8:30am + Nicanor Cagaman &

Julita Cadiz

Saturday, April 6, 2024

8:30am For The OLGC Community

Sat. Apr. 6/Sun. Apr. 7, 2024

+ Rath Eversmeyer

+ Alice Buenaflor

+ Ed Zdancewicz

+ Mary Willhite

Chela, Kevin & Susan Seja

(SP. For the Birthday of)

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

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Sanctuary Candles are available on a weekly basis starting on a Sunday. To “light a candle for someone” indicates one’s intention to say a prayer for another person, the candle a symbol of that prayer.

For a donation of \$25, you may have the candle burn for a week in memory of a deceased loved one, for a celebration or for a special intention.

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.

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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



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Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this Easter Season, I reflect on how blessed we are as followers of Christ to live in a diocese that has been given abundant blessings. Our Risen Lord invites us to take those blessings and walk in newness of life as his sons and daughters, each and every day.

As we celebrate our 50th anniversary as a diocese, we are renewed in the joyful hope of witnessing and celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Now strengthened in this hope-filled faith, we can better respond to his call to witness to the Risen Lord with greater authenticity, to follow his commands, and willingly proclaim our faith and the truth of the Gospel boldly and lovingly.

By relying on God and trusting in his grace, may we strive daily to live in Christ Jesus, who rose from the dead, bringing a message of new life in him. Jesus Christ is risen today; he is victorious, and his victory is ours. For this reason, we sing 'Alleluia! Alleluia!'

Please be assured of a special remembrance in my prayers for you and your family. May Our Risen Lord shower his abundant blessings upon you at Easter and always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Burbidge".

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop of Arlington



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Pascua 2024

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Durante este Tiempo de Pascua, reflexiono sobre lo bendecidos que somos como seguidores de Cristo por vivir en una diócesis a la que se le han concedido abundantes bendiciones. Nuestro Señor Resucitado nos invita a tomar esas bendiciones y caminar en una vida nueva como sus hijos e hijas, día tras día.

Al celebrar nuestro aniversario no. 50 como diócesis, nos renovamos en la gozosa esperanza de ser testigos y celebrar la resurrección de nuestro Señor. Ahora, fortalecidos en esta fe llena de esperanza, podemos responder mejor a su llamado a dar testimonio del Señor resucitado con mayor autenticidad, a seguir sus mandatos y a proclamar gustosamente nuestra fe y la verdad del Evangelio con firmeza y amor.

Que, apoyándonos en Dios y confiando en su gracia, nos esforcemos cada día por vivir en Cristo Jesús, que resucitó de entre los muertos, llevando en él un mensaje de vida nueva. Jesucristo ha resucitado hoy; es victorioso, y su victoria es nuestra. Por esta razón, cantamos '¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!'

Por favor, tengan la seguridad de que los recordaré de una manera especial a usted y a su familia en mis oraciones. Que Nuestro Señor Resucitado derrame sus abundantes bendiciones sobre ustedes en Pascua y siempre.

Sinceramente en Cristo,

Mons. Michael F. Burbidge
Obispo de Arlington

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



¡CRISTO HA RESUCITADO... VERDADERAMENTE HA RESUCITADO!

Feliz pascuas de resurrección. Esta es la gran fiesta más importante del cristianismo, en la que Cristo ha hecho Pascua con nosotros. Él ha venido a dar ese paso, ese salto de nuestro pecado, nuestra esclavitud a la resurrección.

Cristo ha hecho saltar a toda la humanidad, pasando de la Muerte de la esclavitud de nuestros pecados a la Vida Resucitada.

**¡CRISTO HA RESUCITADO...VERDADERAMENTE HA RESUCITADO
Y NOSOTROS SOMOS TESTIGOS!**



Luz de Pascua *de la página 1*

vida triunfan. En última instancia, ganar es el mensaje de Pascua.

Mientras hemos viajado a través de la Semana Santa y nos hemos preparado para la Pascua, miremos nuestros propios momentos oscuros: tal vez de tristeza y miedo, tal vez de ansiedad, tal vez de sufrimiento y dolor físico o emocional, tal vez de abandono, de traición o de negación, todos y cada uno de ellos. Y toda la oscuridad que puede existir en este mundo.

Encendamos una vela, o algunas velas, y apaguemos las luces para recordarnos que la luz de Cristo atravesó la oscuridad y continúa haciéndolo incluso en medio de los momentos más oscuros de la vida. Sabemos el final de la historia y ese es un buen final. El final de nuestra historia es que ganan el amor y la vida; la luz impregna la oscuridad y estamos llamados a ser esa luz en nuestro mundo. ¡Felices Pascuas! Ganan la vida, el amor, la Pascua y no dejar que las tinieblas os arrebaten nos victoria.

¡Vive Jesús!

P. Mate

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada desde el Viernes Santo,
29 de marzo hasta el miércoles 3 de abril.

Annual Car Raffle

Remember to purchase your raffle tickets for a chance to win four 2024 vehicles from Ourisman Ford of Manassas (Ford Escape, Mustang, Ranger Truck and Bronco Sport). One \$5.00 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all four vehicles plus \$40,000 (including one for \$20,000) in cash prizes.

The raffle once again benefits OLGC parish and many other charitable causes throughout the diocese, as it has in the past.

We hope that you will support our efforts by buying or selling your tickets. Please make your checks payable to All Saints. Payments and unsold tickets may be returned to the parish office.



*Pictures are representative,
not particular vehicles being raffled.*



Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

Week of March 31-April 7, 2024

SUNDAY The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

MONDAY

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20 and 22;
Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-21;
Mk 16:9-15

SUNDAY Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2023—June 2024

	Jan 2024	Feb 2024
Offertory	166,808	203,468
Total Budgeted	200,665	180,930
Variance	(33,857)	22,538
YTD Received	1,326,717	1,530,185
Budget YTD	1,403,982	1,584,912
Variance	(77,264)	(54,727)

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.

April Collections

- 7 Oblates Annual Appeal
- 28 Catholic Home Missions

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

April 1 — 7

No School This Week--Easter Break
No Afterschool Clubs or Sports this Week

MONDAY

Offices Closed-Easter Break
Little Rock Scripture Study 10 - 11:30 AM Zoom

TUESDAY

Offices Closed-Easter Break
Tuesday Bible Study 9:45 - 11:45 AM Zoom

WEDNESDAY

Offices Closed-Easter Break
St. Vincent DePaul Society 7:30 - 9 PM DeSales Hall

THURSDAY

Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 - 11 AM SJC-Brisson Rm

FRIDAY

Adoration 9 AM - 3 PM Church
Coffee Social 9 - 10:30 AM DeSales Hall

SATURDAY

No Elementary CCF

SUNDAY

Donut Social	8 AM - 2 PM	DeSales Hall
Children's Liturgy of the Word	10 - 10:30 AM	Chapel
Adult Confirmation Class	11:15 AM - 12:45 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm
CCF-Emmaus	1 - 4 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm
Divine Mercy Sunday	2:30 - 4 PM	Chapel
Nightlife	6 - 8 PM	DeSales Hall
Jr. High CCF	6:15 - 7:45 PM	School



**YOUTH
MINISTRY
WORKCAMP
FUNDRAISER**

Nail Sale



Help us be the hands and feet of Christ!

Take a cross nail from the display in the Narthex and make the suggested donation (or anything you can). Your donation helps offset the cost for our high school youth group members and adult volunteers participating in Workcamp (a week-long service experience helping the less fortunate) this summer.



Scan the QR Code or drop-off Cash/checks payable to "Our Lady of Good Counsel" (Write "Workcamp" in the memo line). Donations may be dropped off at the Administration Building

Contact: Derek Rogers, Director of Faith Formation drogersolgcva.org

The Feast of the Divine Mercy + April 7

April 7th is Divine Mercy Sunday, a feast established by Pope St. John Paul II. The feast is a time when the entire Catholic Church is invited to celebrate God's mercy, as shown through the ministry and sacrifices of His Son, Jesus Christ. It is celebrated the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the octave of Easter.

As we approach the Divine Mercy Sunday, ever wonder what is the Divine Mercy? What do the two rays reflect and witness to his Mercy?

Jesus appeared to Sister Faustina Kowalska with rays radiating from His Heart. The two rays denote Blood and Water. As we prepare our hearts to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, please join with prayers as we work together to radiate the message of God's

mercy to a world so desperately in need of it.

Learn more about the Divine Mercy Devotion and place your innermost trust in Jesus, and permit him to fill you with the graces He so wants for all of us.

A popular devotion related to the Divine Mercy is to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every day at 3 o'clock to experience true trust, true peace, and true love. You can find the Chaplet online thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/praythechaplet.php

Although the Chaplet can be said anytime, Our Lord asked specifically that it be prayed at 3pm (the Hour of Divine Mercy, which is the hour that He died).

Sign up for the daily reflection at TheDivineMercy.org/dmdsignup.



*Lord, as You guided St. Faustina,
guide us in spreading
the message of Your mercy.*

CONGRATULATIONS

Alleluia

We welcome
Derek, Greg, Xintong,
Doreen, Jacqueline, Miriam,
Robert, William,
Layne, and Matthew
as they were received fully
into the Catholic Church
at the Easter Vigil.

May God continue to draw
you ever closer to Himself!



Alleluia! He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Our Lenten journey is complete. We began that journey on Valentine's Day and we have come from a place of fasting, prayer and almsgiving through the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, to the Resurrection and new life! The Paschal Mystery—the dying and rising we celebrate every time we participate at Mass. Every Sunday is a 'little' Easter, but today we are here with great joy and knowledge of our salvation! We see the lilies and plants and flowers and white vestments and Easter finery and know, as we experienced the relative starkness of Lent, that we are truly a Resurrection people!

It is a time to be grateful to the many people, staff and volunteers, who made these Lent, Holy Week and Easter Masses and services possible. None of this happens without hours of planning and execution. We thank them for their caring, service, and ministry to the OLG parish community.

We begin our Easter season where we continue to revel in the joy we feel today—let us remember to keep our Neophytes in our prayers. They are the eight people who received their sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil and are beginning their new life in the Catholic faith. He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Dr. Kathy DeJardin, Director of Music

Your Little One Belongs Here!



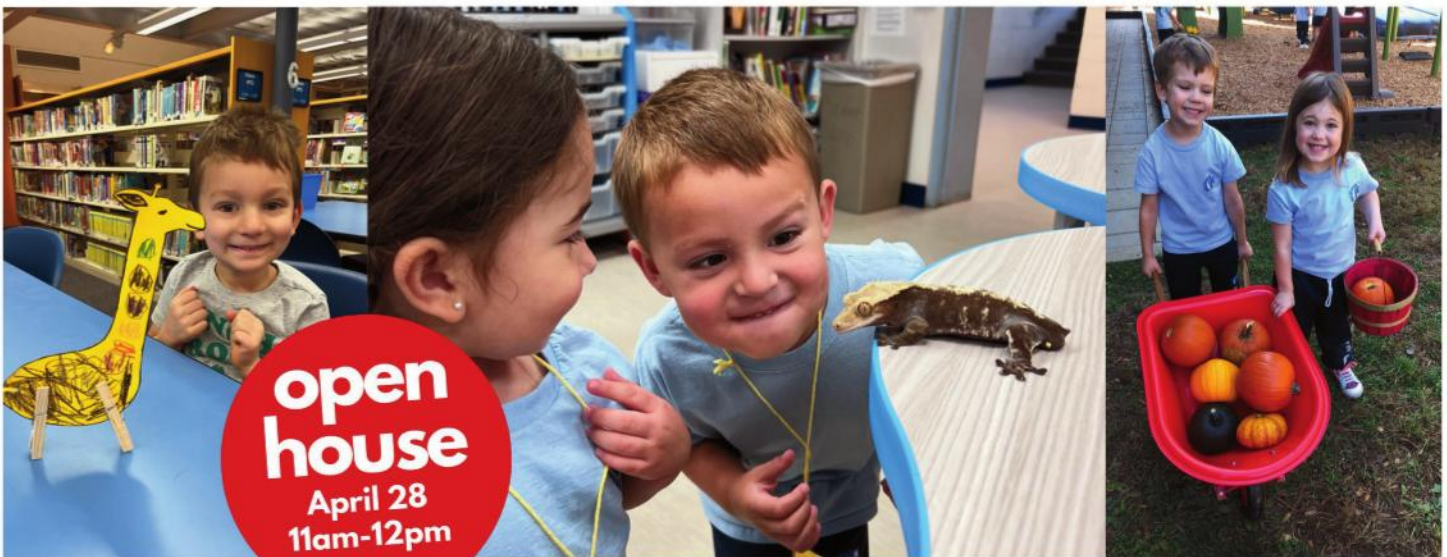
Our Lady of Good Counsel Preschool

offers a balanced approach to education, developing faith-filled, life-long learners through a developmentally-appropriate and play-based curriculum.

OLGC School, established in 1957, provides a Catholic education instilled with the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. The integration of religious truth and values with life is the focal point of the curriculum.

As part of its educational program, OLGC School strives for academic excellence, encourages appreciation of the fine arts, fosters self-respect and respect for all life, and attempts to develop responsibility for the total community.

There are currently a limited number of openings for the 2024-25 school year in Preschool, as well as Kindergarten and 2nd grade classes. For more information about OLGC, call our admissions team at 703.938.3600, or email admissions@olgcschool.org with any questions.



Providing a quality Catholic education in Northern Virginia for more than 60 years. We aspire to learn, live, love & serve in the Salesian spirit.

Senior Moments

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HAPPY EASTER!

May the glory of the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you! And may Christ, our Risen Savior, always be by your side to bless you most abundantly, and be your loving guide.

SEASONED CITIZENS' LUNCHEON

The next event for the seniors of our parish will take place on Thursday, April 18 at noon in DeSales Hall. It's "April BINGO!", featuring a fresh, Spring menu and one of your favorite games. To make a reservation, email seasonedcitizens@olgcv.com, call Dagny, 703.281.5525, or RSVP to bit.ly/Seasoned-Citizens-Apr2024. Please note that take-home meals are only available for homebound OLGC parishioners. Contact Heidi, heidilinksnyder@gmail.com, to make arrangements.



VIENNA THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

"The 39 Steps" is the Spring production scheduled for Fridays and Saturdays, April 19, 20, 26, 27 and May 3 and 4 at 8:00 pm at the Community Center. Matinees will

be on Sundays, April 28, and May 5 at 2:00 pm. This is a riotous mystery that will keep you entertained through to the death-defying finale. Tickets are \$16 and available at www.vienna.gov/webtrac or in person at the Center.

MEDICARE 101 AND SOCIAL SECURITY

This is a free seminar offered by Vienna Parks & Recreation on Tuesday, April 16 from 10-11:30 am at the Community Center. Come and learn how to choose a Medicare plan that's right for you, and find out how you can match the right plan to your needs and goals. Register with your WebTrac account for Activity # 441247-A1 or stop by the Center to do it in person.

PERSONAL HISTORY

This is a popular class that's offered periodically throughout the year. The new session will begin on April 4 and run on Thursdays through June 13, from 10:15 am-1:00 pm at the Community Center. It's a no-pressure class where you'll have the opportunity to write your life stories to share with your children, grandchildren, and future generations. It's easy, fun, and there's no formal critique of your writing. A \$5 cash donation is your only cost, paid in class to purchase coffee, tea, sugar, and creamer to be served during each meeting. Using your WebTrac account, sign up for Activity #442480-A1 or do it in person.

FYI

If your adult children are still living in your home, you've got plenty of company. A recent survey found 31% of Gen Zers live with a parent or family member, and another 25% say their rents are so high that they may have to move back in with their parents, according to the survey by Intuit Credit Karma. As for younger adults who can remain in their current housing, 20% say they depend on money from their family

to do so. (*Kiplinger's Retirement Report*)

NEW TRIPS

These are the last two trips for mature adults planned by Vienna Parks and Recreation for the Spring season. On Wednesday, May 15, you can visit Agecroft Hall, a 16th century gem in the heart of Central Virginia. While oceans separate England and Virginia, Agecroft Hall traveled on ships, trains, and a little luck from Lancashire to be reconstructed overlooking the banks of the James River in the 1920s. It now exhibits centuries of English daily life as a manor home. You'll have a fascinating docent-led combined museum and garden tour. A boxed lunch is included in the trip fee, which is \$95 for residents of Vienna, \$118 for everyone else. Activity #441239-A1. (Note: This trip requires a significant amount of walking, so wear sturdy shoes.)

The last trip is on May 29, a tour of the U.S. Capitol, led by a professional tour guide. Among the areas you'll visit will be the Rotunda, the Crypt, and National Statuary Hall. You'll also learn about the life of the artist Constantino Brumido, whose famous paintings are in the building. A premium lunch voucher for the Capitol Café is included in the trip fee which is \$56 for town residents, \$70 for everyone else. Activity #441240-A1. Use your WebTrac account to register for these trips, or stop by the Community Center to do it in person.

Elder Wisdom

"God doesn't require us to succeed. He only requires that we try."

(St. Teresa of Kolkata)

OLGC Spring Book Study: The Practice of the Presence of God

Our OLGC book study is back beginning Wednesday, April 10. This 5-week session will have us spend some time with Carmelite Br. Lawrence in *The Practice of the Presence of God*.

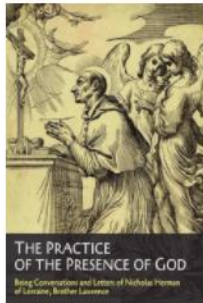
Through his conversations, letters, and maxims of how we should live, Br. Lawrence emphasizes the need to cultivate a sense of the presence of God in our soul and in our world.

All are invited to join fellow parishioner and adult catechist, Ann Marie Mack as we look to this spiritual classic for how to model our lives after Br. Lawrence, whose "little way" makes our burdens light and rejoices the heart.

Wednesday mornings,
April 10-May 8, 9:30 - 11 am
Fr. Brisson Room, St. Joseph Center

Reading the book is not required to participate in the class but for those wishing to have a copy of the book, a limited number of books have been pre-ordered [to ensure everyone has the same edition] and can be reserved through Ann Marie. Due to limited seating, registration is encouraged.

Contact Ann Marie at annmarie-mack@gmail.com.



Fish Fry Thanks to All!

Congratulations on yet another unbelievably successful OLGC fish fry! By almost all accounts, the 2024 fish fry was our most successful season, and we continue to fulfill the event's mission of creating an inclusive and fun event that brings together and strengthens the greater OLGC parish community.

This year's participation from across the parish was off the charts. We welcomed many rookies' to the volunteer ranks and had many more join us for food and fellowship the past six Fridays.

From my perspective, it is inspiring

to see so many of the OGs and other seasoned volunteers come back year after year with the same energy and commitment. It is equally inspiring to see new people feeling embraced by the community and coming back for more. But most inspiring (for me) is seeing the youth of our parish enjoying the event either as volunteers or just hanging with their friends on a Friday night at OLGC. They are creating positive memories that should carry forward for years to come.

Russ Weaver
Fish Fry Coordinator



Our Lady of Good Counsel's Gala of Eden April 20

Eden Corner

Dear OLGC Community Members,
We're so excited for the Annual OLGC Gala coming up on April 20. We would like as many OLGC families as possible to attend this year's Gala of Eden, which is about the unbroken fellowship of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

We wanted to send one last reminder that **ticket sales will close on March 31**. Almost 400 party goers already have their tickets, but we want to include as many community members as we can.

The Gala is a long-standing OLGC tradition dating back to 1994, to raise money for the OLGC community and to come together and have a good time. With the cancellation of the 2020 Gala due to COVID, the event's yearly run came to a halt. We are beyond thrilled to bring this opportunity for fellowship back to the OLGC community!

This year's event will be on **April 20 from 5 – 11:30 PM at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church**. There will be an open-bar cocktail reception, including silent auction, games and a raffle, a seated dinner and live auction, followed by more open bar, live music by the Tidewater Drive Band, and late night eats sponsored by Chick fil-A and Paisano's Pizza.

The event will feature games like "Bubbles & Bling" for a chance to win a diamond cross necklace, and "Heads or Tails" for a chance to win a staycation in Middleburg. The silent auction features OLGC Baskets donated by community members, donations from local businesses, OLGC teacher

experiences, and art created by your very own children at OLGC School.

As a reminder, this year's fundraising component of the Gala and Auction will be earmarked for—

- upgraded technology for the school's multimedia center;
- DeSales Hall renovations to the sound system and stage (directly impacting many fellowship events); and
- new laptops for each teacher at OLGC School, funded by proceeds from the Raise the Paddle.

Many have been hard at work in



recent months procuring donations, preparing auction items, reaching out to sponsors, creating gorgeous décor to make this event beautiful. Classrooms and parent volunteers have been hard at work on their auction art projects. We are so grateful for all of the support and involvement we have seen so far.

We hope to see as many as possible of you involved, so we **thank you for considering attending, donating, sponsoring, or volunteering**. We will accept donations as long as we can so do not hesitate to consider giving. **Please also check out our [Sign Up Genius](#) and consider volunteering!**

Pam Trimble, OLGC Fellowship & Events Coordinator

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First Holy Communion Retreat

OLGC recently had our First Holy Communion Retreat in preparation for the sacrament of the Eucharist. We were blessed with beautiful weather, and we are thankful for all the parents and volunteers who helped make this day a success.

Please pray for all the students making their First Communion in May!



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

'Ecumenical Future' Symposium to Honor Fr. John Crossin

The Washington Theological Consortium will host a symposium and panel discussion on "The Ecumenical Future," that honors the legacy of Oblate Father John Crossin, OSFS (1947–2023), on April 18 in Washington, D.C.



Father Crossin, a priest with the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and a national leader in ecumenical dialogue, died of cancer May 12, 2023, shortly after the publication of his latest book, *Moving into the Ecumenical Future: Foundations of a Paradigm for Christian Ethics*.

He ministered for many years in the Washington Metropolitan area.

The symposium will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine, 4250 Harewood Rd NE, Washington, D.C., after an Eastern Christian prayer service at 6:30 p.m. A Q&A session and reception, with reflections on Father Crossin's legacy, will follow the panel discussion.

Panelists for the symposium will be Dr. Timothy Sedgwick, Professor Emeritus of Christian Ethics at Virginia Theological Seminary (Episcopalian); Oblate Father Donald J. Heet, OSFS, Parochial Vicar of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Reston, Dr. Beverly Goines, Assistant Teaching Professor at Georgetown University, (Disciples of Christ), and Kathy Hope Brown, D.Min, Director of Pastoral Care at the Saint Luke

Institute (Silver Spring, MD).

The symposium is open to the public. Register on the WTC website (washtheocon.org). The symposium will be livestreamed; the video will be available following the event.

Since Father Crossin's passing, his family, together with his Oblate brothers and ecumenical colleagues, have joined together to honor his life's work. They have established the Crossin-Oblate Family Partnership. "This partnership works to continue the ecumenical dialogue to which John dedicated his life. I can think of no more appropriate way to honor John's lifelong commitment to uniting people through faith," said Father Jack Kolodziej, OSFS, Provincial, Wilmington-Philadelphia Province. This symposium is one of many efforts the partnership has supported in Father Crossin's legacy.



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