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21ST 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

Summer Office Hours

Mon - Thu 9am - 4:30pm,

Fri 9am - 1pm

Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

*“Reputation is rarely
proportioned to
virtue.”*

- St. Francis de Sales

*“La reputación rara
vez se relaciona con
la virtud.”*

- San Francisco de Sales

Fall Formation

As we move into fall, there are many opportunities to increase your knowledge and understanding of our faith, and to move toward a deeper relationship with our Lord.

Programs are available for all ages, either through structured curricula or informal Bible and book study. Take a look at the many offerings and consider signing up for something this fall.



FAITH FORMATION
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

FOR CHILDREN

Catholic Christian Formation (CCF)—The mission of Our Lady of Good Counsel’s CCF program is to proclaim Christ’s message and help students apply it to their lives to foster community, prayer, worship, and the desire to serve the Lord.

Children in Kindergarten through 6th grade meet Saturdays 8:30 or 10:30 am. 7th and 8th graders meet Sundays 6:45 pm with a few Monday night meetings. If you are interested in enrolling your child in CCF, please contact Jackie Madden at jmadden@olgcva.org. Registration for this year closes on October 1.

First Eucharist and First Reconciliation—1st Communion/Confession preparations begin in the 1st grade and continue throughout the 2nd grade year, with the sacraments received in the 2nd grade.

Confirmation—Confirmation preparations begin in the 7th grade and continue throughout 8th grade, with the sacrament received in the 8th grade.

Emmaus Formation: Eucharist Preparation—Children in grades 3-8 who have received formal religious education in previous grades and are still in need of the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation can be registered in this sacramental formation. To register, please contact Amy MacKinnon at amackinnon@olgcva.org.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word—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.

FOR YOUTH

OLGC Youth Ministry is an opportunity for young people in Junior High or High School to combine their catholic identity with fun events and practical application, and to grow their faith in a welcoming environment. We offer fun events throughout the year.

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Mass Intentions/ Intenciones de la Misa

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

Sat. August 24/Sun. August 25, 2024

+ Joseph Zator
+ Stella Garrison
+ Saul Martinez
+ Guido Acurio
+ Hilda Lopez

Monday, August 26, 2024

8:30am Gerard Gabys & Carmel
Brosnan Gabys

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

8:30am + Robert Renkiewicz

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

8:30am For the OLGC faculty, Staff &
Students

Thursday, August 29, 2024

8:30am For World Peace

Friday, August 30, 2024

8:30am + Edward O'Laughlin

Saturday, August 31, 2024

8:30am + V.J. Xavier

Sat. August 31/Sun. Sept. 1, 2024

+ Paul & LaVerne Brumbaugh
+ Frederick Bogar
+ Leo & Austin Lowe
+ David Dziedzic
+ Suham Younan

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

+ Jeanette Cleary
+ David M. Davenport, brother of
+ Brian Davenport, brother-in-law of
Fran Davenport
+ Antonia Henriette Frost
+ Leonel José Estrada Martinez

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

Church In Celebration of
Beatriz Murgueitio

Chapel Miracles

Our Lady For World Peace

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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Información en español Maria Romero 703.896.7419 welcome@olgcv.org

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Finance Council (Regina Stranix) FinanceCouncil@olgcv.org

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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/Devotional Candles: olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

Evening Prayer

OLGC has a beautiful tradition of sung Evening Prayer the first Monday of every month, September through June. At 7pm, in the Church, all are invited to gather and fulfill Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1). Through this prayer we sanctify the day by praising God and offering prayers of intercession for the needs of the world. Evening Prayer gives thanks for the day just passed and makes an evening sacrifice of praise to God. We begin with a hymn, followed by the singing of Psalms, a

scripture reading and reflection, a short responsory is recited, the Canticle of Mary is sung, followed by intercessions, the Lord's Prayer, a concluding prayer and dismissal, and a closing hymn. The service lasts about a half hour and is a peaceful way to give thanks and praise to God as you conclude the first day of the week.

The first Evening Prayer of the season will be on September 9 because of the Labor Day holiday. We hope to see you there.

Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

OLGC Music Ministry would like to become a part of your life this Fall. All our music ensembles are ready to welcome you with open arms! We love new music ministry members. Whether you sing or play an instrument, answer the call to become a member of the OLGC Music Ministry! As St. Augustine said, "Singing is for the one who loves." Please come up after Masses or email kdejardin@olgcv.org



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

Monday, September 16th 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 OLGC community.

If you are interested in attending the training session, please complete and submit a Ministry Information Form found on the OLGC website: olgcv.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form by Sunday, September 15th. For additional information and/or questions, please contact Cheryl Jones at cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com.



Thank you, thank you, thank you!

OLGC's Respect Life committee would like to thank the OLGC community for their contributions to the Diaper Drive. Our volunteers collected more than 10,000 diapers, 10,000 wipes and \$715.50! The help pregnancy Center was overjoyed to have this assistance.



Welcome New Staff



Please join us in welcoming **Tom Darcy**, our new IT Support Technician. Tom has been working in IT support for five years with a focus on customer service and desktop support. Tom converted to Catholicism two years ago, and he is excited to work for and learn more about our parish. Fun fact about Tom, he likes to dry age beef and cook in his spare time!



Joining Tom is **Alex Donovan**, our new IT Support Intern. Alex has been with OLGC for two years assisting with ECAP after school. He is thrilled to become part of an IT team and looks forward to working with Nate and Tom to support OLGC. Fun fact about Alex, he enjoys playing soccer and loves pink frosted doughnuts with sprinkles!

Fall Formation *from page 1*

FOR ADULTS

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)—For those in our community who have not been baptized or who have received little formation in the Catholic Faith and are still in need of Eucharist and Confirmation, we offer the OCIA. Participants journey in community as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

We also have OCIA-C adapted for children (2nd grade and above). Any families or individuals wishing to participate, please contact Amy MacKinnon at amackinnon@olgcv.org.

Bible and Book Study

September Book Study

We will read *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle, S.J., in which he writes movingly and humorously about his experiences with gang members in the Los Angeles ghetto. Tuesday evenings, September 3, 10, 17 and 24, 7 - 8pm in the Brisson Room. RSVP to Cheryl Jones: cheryl.mcmillan.jones@gmail.com.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Eleven-week Bible study on *Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come* on Tuesday mornings at 9:45 am by Zoom. In-person meet & greet Tuesday, September 10 at 9:45 am in DeSales Hall, then weekly by Zoom beginning September 17. To register and get Zoom access, contact Fran Davenport at bwdavenport@cox.net.

Little Rock Scripture Study

The Book of Job is among the most intriguing books of the Bible, dealing with the trauma of evil befalling good Kathleen O'Connor's book, *Job*, on Zoom on Mondays from 10 to 11:30 am beginning on **September 9**. Contact Mike Plett at mike.plett1@gmail.com to join and receive Zoom invitations.

Join Scouting Night

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

Friday, Sept. 6th,
5:30-7:30PM at
Glyndon Park in
Vienna. Enjoy pizza,
launch air rockets
and try more fun
activities! We invite
all interested families
to join us to learn
more about the Cub

Scouts and how this great program can benefit your children in grades

K-5. In addition to outdoor activities like camping and hiking, Cub Scouts builds self-confidence, fosters civic and national pride, and strives to develop acceptance, generosity, and kindness through our motto, "do your best!"



OLGC Youth

High School Nightlife

Grades 9-12
Sundays 6:00-8:00pm
starting September 8

Ministry

Middle School Mondays

Grades 6-8
Mondays 6:00-7:30pm
starting September 9



Check out our website for more info!

Senior Moments

Marge Van Lierde
Gittkagirl@gmail.com
571.831.3951



FYI: MEDICARE VACCINES

The Inflation Reduction Act has succeeded in encouraging more Medicare recipients to be vaccinated, according to data released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Beginning January 1, 2023, the law eliminated cost-sharing for all recommended adult vaccines covered under Part D. A significant increase was noted in the numbers of Medicare enrollees who received the shingles and T-dap vaccines over recipients in 2021. About 6.5 million received the new RSV vaccines, which were added to the Medicare recommended list last June. (*Kiplinger Retirement Report*)

THE POWER OF "YES"

Recently I came across a presentation I made in 2013 at OLGC at the request of then-OSFS Deacon, Brian Zumburum. I spoke of the role of the laity in the life of the church, specifically about liturgical ministry. In preparing the presentation and reflecting on my experiences, I realized that every time I said "yes" to an invitation to serve, my life changed for the better. This was especially true when a priest asked me to be a Eucharistic Minister. My response was "Oh, my gosh, no, I'm not worthy!" To which he responded "Oh Marge, nobody's worthy!" (I said yes.)

All of which brings me to urge you to consider saying "yes" to the recent invitations to join the Liturgical Ministry here at OLGC. If lectoring or distributing Holy Communion are too intimidating for you, there are other places you're sorely needed. Other areas to consider are the Music Ministry, the Altar Guild, Funeral Ministry, Wedding Coordinator, Children's

Liturgy of the Word, Sacristan, and Hospitality Ministry. Many of these duties are carried out on a rotational basis. To see a complete description of each, visit olgcva.org and click on "Liturgy and Worship." You may also call Cheryl Jones, 571.230.0458 for additional information.

Being involved in the life of the church through ministerial service will nurture your own life as a Catholic, strengthen your spiritual life more than you imagined, and will help build community, which is so valued here at Our Lady of Good Counsel. Most of us are not too old to participate in this work of the church. Being involved also gives us purpose, which is an important element of happiness. So often, when we say "yes," we come away with much more than we've given. And that's an amazing feeling!



PICKLEBALL FESTIVAL 2024

There's still time to register for this event the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia is planning on Tuesday, September 17 from 4-7 pm. All the action will take place at the Worldgate Athletic Club & Spa, 13037 Worldgate Drive in Herndon. All levels of play are welcome! Refreshments will be served, there'll be a Mocktail Bar, a Silent Auction, a Raffle, and a Golf Simulator Lounge! Register at scnova.org/event/pickleball-festival-2024 or call 703.281.0538. Proceeds will support the SCNOVA mission of enriching the lives of older area adults.

Elder Wisdom

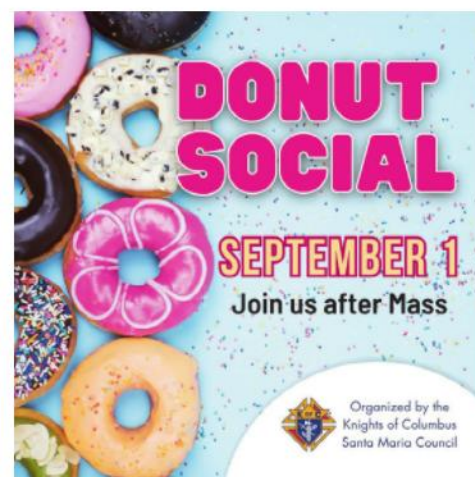
"I have chosen to be happy because it's good for my health." Voltaire

The Gift of Time

If you feel that you have a gift to offer—to be with the elderly, go to the homebound and/or a nursing home, OLGC invites you to share that gift by participating in homebound ministry. God will reward you with grace and blessings. When you go and visit them and see the joy you bring to them, that is an everlasting joy that will remain with you.



Please reach out to Maria Romero at welcomes@olgcva.org or by calling 703.896.7419, if you are interested in visiting the homebound, a nursing home, or just want to follow along and see how rewarding this can be.



Readings for the Week/ Lecturas de la Semana

Week of August 25–September 1, 2024

SUNDAY Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21;
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

MONDAY

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY Memorial of Saint Monica

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY Memorial of Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5;
Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY Memorial of The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mk 6:17-29

FRIDAY

1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

SUNDAY Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27;
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monthly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2023–June 2024

	May 2024	June 2024
Offertory	170,887	186,931
Total Budgeted	171,598	114,500
Variance	(711)	72,431
YTD Received	2,136,683	2,323,614
Budget YTD	2,254,294	2,368,794
Variance	(117,612)	(45,181)

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

- 9/1 Catholic University
- 9/8 Religious Ed-CCF
- 9/15 Mission Co-op Plan Appeal
- 9/29 Special Kids-Special Needs

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

August 25–September 1

SUNDAY	OLGC Adult Softball	1 - 5 PM	Lower Field	25
MONDAY	CYO Track Practice Preschool Students Begin Full Days Quilters	11 AM - 3 PM	SJC-Brisson Rm	26
TUESDAY	Hot Lunch Ordering Opens OLGC Adult Softball Back to School Night–Middle School	8 AM 6 - 8:30 PM 6:30 - 8:30 PM	Lower Field	27
WEDNESDAY	BSA Troop 976 meeting OCIA Pre-Catechumenate Class	7 - 8:30 PM 7 - 9 PM	Counsel Rm SJC-Brisson Rm	28
THURSDAY	Back to School Night–Grades K-5th	6:30 - 8:30 PM		29
FRIDAY	Early Dismissal (No ECAP) Welcome Back Wildcats Day for Grades K-8			30
SATURDAY				31
SUNDAY	Donut Social Children's Liturgy of the Word	8 AM - 2 PM 10 - 10:30 AM	DeSales Hall Chapel	SEPT 1

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH

Gift/Grocery Card Collection for CHO

On September 14 and 15, CHO (The Committee for Helping Others) will be collecting gift cards to major local grocery stores (Giant Food, Target, Walmart, Aldi, Lidl & Safeway) and monetary donations.

Gift cards are distributed at our Christmas Store in December to help families stretch their grocery budget and provide presents for their older children. CHO has helped 150-240 families (700-800 individuals) at its Christmas Store each year for the last five years. OLGC has always been a generous contributor.

CHO is a local interfaith nonprofit that provides food, clothing and emergency financial services to neighbors in need.

We need volunteers to gratefully accept donations that weekend. To help out, go to bit.ly/2024-CHO-card-volunteers.

Contact Anne Moran Hamisevicz, amoranelm@gmail.com, with questions.



GOOD THINGS HAPPENING @ OLGC SCHOOL

OLGC Is One of America's Healthiest Schools!

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, OLGC has been named one of America's Healthiest Schools for 2024 by Alliance for a Healthier Generation. We are one of 879 schools recognized across 30 states for supporting the health and well-being of students, staff, and families.

Awarded schools are recognized in a number categories. OLGC was recognized for:

- Cultivating Staff Well-Being, *presented by Kaiser Permanente*
- Increasing Family & Community Engagement, *presented by Kohl's*
- Implementing Local School Wellness Policy
- Bolstering Physical Education & Activity
- Enriching Health Education
- Supporting School Health Services

See the full list of schools at healthiergeneration.org/2024-awardees.



CYO Tennis Registration

CYO Tennis

All School & CCF students grades 4-8

Registration Opens August 22



Calling all 4th–8th grade student athletes! Join our co-ed CYO tennis team. Registration is now open. There will be evaluations on Monday, August 26 (5-7pm) at Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043. Open to OLGC School and CCF students.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

VIRTUS training required. Coach, assist with practices, or line judge during Sunday matches (1pm & 3pm). Make it a great season for our players! Contact: Ashley Binkowski ashleybinkowski@gmail.com



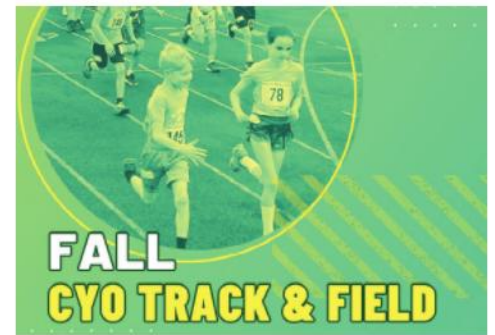
Teachers and staff are ready for a year of faith-filled learning at OLGC!

School Hot Lunch Orders Open August 27

Hot Lunch orders open August 27. This year we will alternate offering Chick fil-A, Baja Fresh, Anita's burritos and Tony's pizza on most Thursdays. September 26 is the first hot lunch of the school year. Hot lunch orders close on September 13. Watch the Wildcat Weekly for details. The Hot Lunch program does not include the preschool students.



NVJCYO Fall Track & Field



Calling all Runners! Join OLGC's award-winning Track & Field Team! OLGC School and CCF students 3rd - 8th grade are invited to join. Participants compete in the NVJCYO Track & Field Meet.

OLGC has a highly knowledgeable coaching team with years of experience in the sport. Visit olgva.org/fellowship/athletics/track-field to learn more.



BELoved!
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

Información Parroquial en español

Preguntas o sugerencias, ofrecer misas, pedir oración durante la misa por recién fallecidos, funerals, comuníquese con María 703.896.7419, mromero@olgcv.org



Amado!
NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL BUEN CONSEJO

MINISTERIO DE VISITA AL CONFINADO EN CASA

Todos tenemos dones que Dios nos ha dado. Ya sea que cante, toque un instrumento, cocine, lea, o haga voluntariado, etc. Utilizar los dones que Dios le ha dado a cada persona, es seguir la voluntad divina.

Ministerio de Cuidado



¿Ha sentido usted el llamado de servir a los demás?

Si siente que tiene un don que ofrecer (estar con personas mayores, ir a un asilo de ancianos o visitar personas confinadas en cama), entonces se encuentra en el buen camino. Nuestra Señora del Buen Consejo lo invita a participar en el ministerio de Visita al Confinado en Casa. Este ministerio es un apoyo a personas incapacitadas que no pueden venir a misa. Cuando vaya a visitarlos verá la alegría que les produce.

Comuníquese con María Romero al correo electrónico, welcome@olgcv.org o llamar al 703.896.7419 para inscribirse.

No necesita experiencia. La parroquia ofrece entrenamiento. Por favor considere este ministerio de compañerismo que bendice a los vulnerables de nuestra comunidad.

REFLEXION SALESIANA

Vigésimo primer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, 25 de agosto

En el Evangelio de hoy Jesús nos urge a que sigamos siendo fieles a Él, y a que continuemos viviendo en el “espíritu que nos da la vida”. Al respecto San Francisco de Sales dice lo siguiente:

Nuestro Salvador vino al mundo para recrear a la humanidad. Cuando vivimos en el Espíritu de Jesús trascendemos de nuestra vida común y corriente para empezar a vivir una vida más excelsa. El amor divino nos colma de tal manera, que somos como estrellas cuyo brillo ha sido eclipsado completamente por la luz del sol. Dios vive en nosotros, y nuestro único deseo es unir nuestra voluntad a Su Voluntad.

Para seguir progresando en nuestra vida en el Espíritu de Jesús, antes que nada, debemos aceptarnos a nosotros mismos con todo y nuestras imperfecciones. No se den por vencidos, sean pacientes. Esperen y prosigan en el cumplimiento de sus actividades diarias llenos de júbilo. Hagan todo lo que se les ha enseñado con un espíritu de gentileza y fidelidad. Desarrollen un espíritu de compasión. Una vez hayamos sembrado y regado debemos comprender que el desarrollo de esos árboles, que representan nuestras buenas inclinaciones y hábitos, queda en manos de Dios. Es por esta razón que debemos esperar para poder obtener los frutos de nuestros deseos, y de nuestra labor, de manos de la Divina Providencia.

No se dejen perturbar si se dan cuenta que no logran progresar como deseaban. En el momento en que tomamos la decisión de vivir una vida sagrada, la totalidad de

nuestra existencia queda destinada a convertirse en una prueba práctica. Permanezcamos en paz; esforcémonos por lograr que la calma reine siempre en nuestros corazones. De nosotros depende que podamos cultivar bien nuestras almas, y debemos asistirles fielmente en dicho empeño. Pero en lo que se refiere a tener una cosecha abundante, dejemos esto al cuidado de nuestro Señor. El trabajador jamás será responsable por una mala cosecha, a menos que él o ella no hayan sembrado el campo con el cuidado necesario. Nuestra dependencia constante en Dios nos asegura que estamos plantados sólidamente donde Él desea que estemos.



No me cabe la menor duda que nuestro Salvador los lleva siempre de la mano. Si en algún momento tropiezan, es sólo para recordarles que si sueltan Su mano la próxima vez van a caerse. Para aquellos de nosotros que amamos y tenemos esperanza en Dios, nuestra debilidad no es tan grande como Su misericordia.

(Adaptación de los escritos de San Francisco de Sales)



DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Paul VI Catholic High School Applications are Live!

Paul VI looks forward to welcoming your family to their caring Catholic community, where they inspire the extraordinary in one another.

Please visit www.paulvi.net/admissions to learn more about the application process and how applicants can spend a day at PVI to learn more about the school.

Please reach out to the Enrollment team at admissions@paulvi.net with



any questions you may have. Paul VI looks forward to welcoming you to their community!

An Invitation to Widows

If you seek a deeper commitment to Christ, while remaining in your daily life of family and work, there is a group known as the Community of Our Lady of the Resurrection, an international association of widows who have made a commitment to Christ, to pray for families and couples, and to explore our individual missions. We live out of a spirituality which holds that "Love

is stronger than death", and to quote 1Cor 13:8, "Love never fails."

Join us for an information session, including refreshments, at 12:30 pm, on September 20 at St James Rectory, 905 Park Ave, Falls Church.

Please contact Sandy Crowley to find out more; 703.893.0017 or thecrowleys1@aol.com

Volunteers Needed for Fall 2024!

St. Mark English as a Second Language (ESL) Program is seeking volunteers to participate in our in-person Fall Term. We need experienced teachers and classroom aides to 'welcome the stranger' and provide a program where adults from all ethnic and religious

backgrounds can learn English and acclimate better to life in the U.S.!

For additional information on classes, email stmarksesl@gmail.com or see the website at www.stmarkesl.org. For more information about volunteering, call Monica at 703.980.9380.

Order of Malta Cycling Event to Benefit the Sick and Poor

The Order of Malta Northern Virginia Region is holding its first-ever Mercy Ride for the benefit of Catholic Charities Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic.

Mercy Ride organizers are seeking riders, donations, sponsorships, and non-riding volunteers to help operate the event. The Mercy Ride will take place on Sept. 14 at 7:00 am. Riders choose between three

routes, depending on their abilities—7-mile, 20-mile, or 35-mile. All three routes will start and finish at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Riders each commit to raising at least \$250 in private donations sponsoring their ride.

For more information or to sign up, please go to mercyride.org.

Contact: mercyrideinfo@gmail.com

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LIVESTREAM EVENT:

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Thursday, September 5 | 12:30pm

St Ignatius of Loyola Retreat

Friday, September 6 | 5:00pm

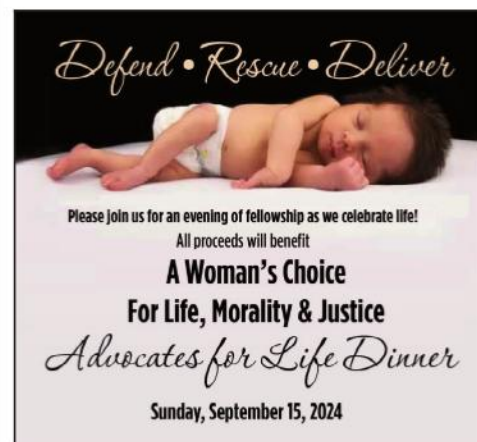
Respect Life Conference 2024

Saturday, September 7 | 9:00am

Life-Giving Wounds: Ministry for

Adult Children of Divorce

Friday, September 13 | 6:30pm



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Advocates for Life Dinner

Sunday, September 15, 2024

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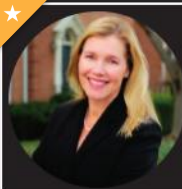
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