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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon-Sat - 8:30am; 9am on holidays

Saturday Vigil 4pm

Sunday 8am, 10am (online),

12pm (en español), 5pm

Mass Online: www.olgcva.org/live

Chapel open for prayer

Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm

Confessions Saturdays 9:00am

or by appointment

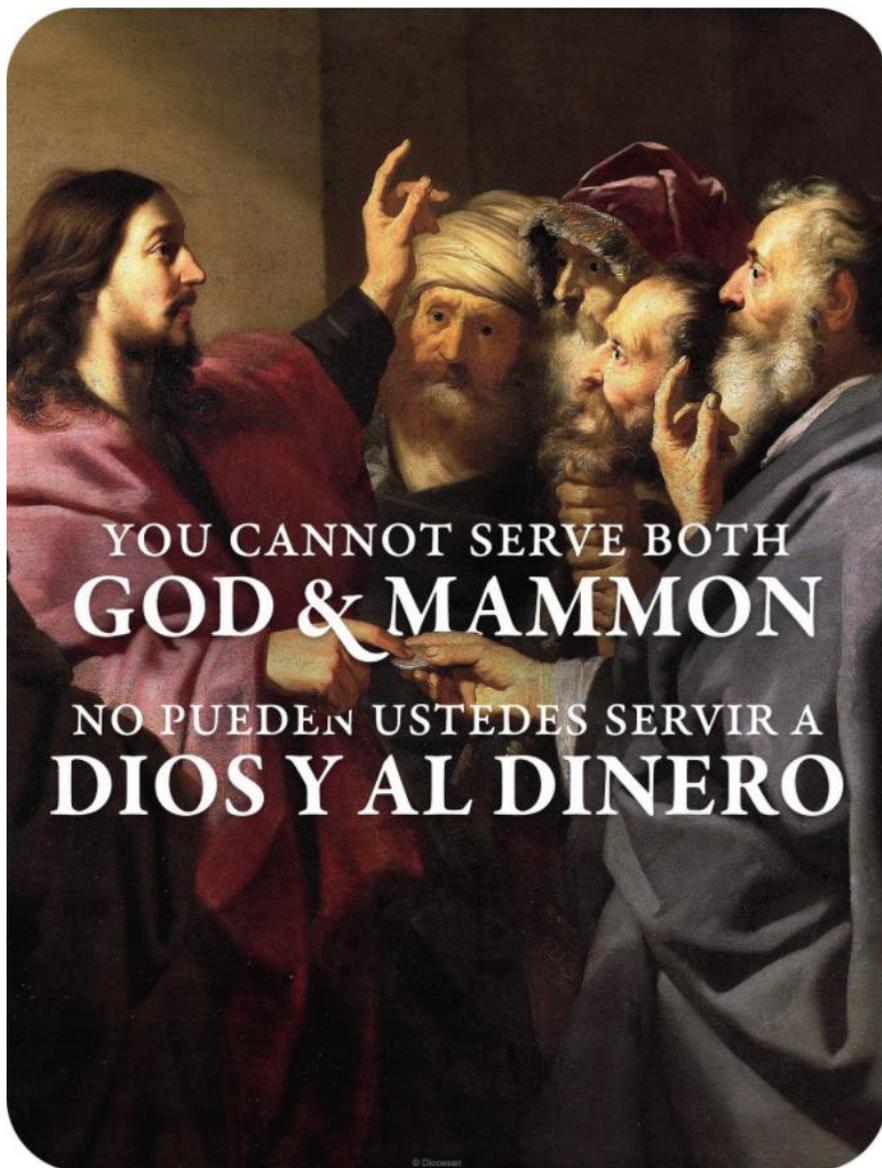
Parish Office Hours

Mon - Thu 9am - 4:30pm,

Closed 12-12:30pm for lunch

We, as members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, strive to be witnesses 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.

September 21, 2025 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



**MASS INTENTIONS/
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA**

Presider schedule available at:
www.olgcva.org/about-us/calendar

**Saturday, September 20, 2025 /
Sunday, September 21, 2025**

+ James & Jerry Reilly
+ Brian Fimian
+ Alfredo Pestana
+ Emma Alcayoga
The OLGc Parish Community

Monday, September 22
8:30am + Salomon Jimenez

Tuesday, September 23
8:30am + Michael Shea

Wednesday, September 24
8:30am The OLGc Parish Community

Thursday, September 25
8:30am + Michael J, Beaton

Friday, September 26
8:30am + Nelson Bucnaflor

Saturday, September 27
8:30am + Luis Lozada

**Saturday, September 27, 2025 /
Sunday, September 28, 2025**

+ Nicolas Tarquino
+ Roberto M. Rodriguez, Jr.
+ Joseph B. Belen
+ Olga Ordoñez
The OLGc Parish Community

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

+ Zenaida Gomez
+ Wilma Lane
+ Diana Vegas

Please pray for those for whom candles are lit.

Church— For volunteers who
Chapel— For the gift of peace
Our Lady— For all who suffer

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

Sunday, September 21	Mass 10:30 am Fall Fest 11:30–4 pm Nightlife 6-8 pm	
Monday, September 22	Our Lady’s Quilters 11 am–3 pm CYO Track Practice	St. Joseph Center School gates closed
Tuesday, September 23	Tuesday Morning Bible Study 9:45 am Girl Scout Religious Emblems Information Meeting 7 pm	Zoom St. Joseph Center
Wednesday, September 24		
Thursday, September 25	Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30–11 am	St. Joseph Center
Friday, September 26	High School Swing Dance 7 pm	De Sales Hall
Saturday, September 27	Confessions 9-9:30 am Tamil Mass	
Sunday, September 28		

CELEBRATING A GOLDEN OR SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

If you were married in 1975 or 2000, please join Bishop Michael Burbidge for the 2025 Mass for Jubilarians to be celebrated on Sunday, October 19th at 2:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington, VA. A registration form is available at the welcome desk. **Please complete and return to the parish office BEFORE September 25th or contact the parish office to register.**

For more info, visit <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/event/marriagejubilee/>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

For the Week of September 21, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13
Monday	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab,13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

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 olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/candle to light a candle.



PARISH INFORMATION

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER AT OLGCG?

Not sure? Do you receive emails from OLGCG? Are you getting the weekly offertory envelopes or contributing to Faith Direct? If not, please register with us or update your information so we can serve your needs. There are many benefits to registering as a Parishioner at OLGCG. With your records on file, we can fulfill the requirements necessary for your sacramental rites, Letters of Good Standing, Sponsor Eligibility Certificates for Baptism/Confirmation, enrollment in OLGCG School and Religious Education programs, and provide tuition assistance if needed. Please complete the registration form online: <https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/register>. Alternatively, you may also contact John League at records@olgcva.org for assistance with registration or updates.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

We warmly invite parishioners to join the upcoming Eucharistic Minister training. This sacred ministry offers the privilege of sharing the Body and Blood of Christ with our parish family at OLGCG. Please follow this link to complete and submit a Liturgical Ministry Form: <https://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form> Training Date : **OCTOBER 15th at 7 pm in Church** Questions: Cheryl Jones, cjones@olgcva.org

DIOCESAN MINISTRY FORMATION WORKSHOPS FOR EMHCs

Each year the Diocese of Arlington hosts in-person Ministry Formation Workshops for Eucharistic Ministers. Your attendance at one of these workshops is required if you are a:

1. New candidate for EMHC;
2. Recently-trained EMHC who has not yet attended a workshop; or "Seasoned" EMHC for whom it's been ten (10) or more years since having attended a workshop.

Attendance at a workshop does not take the place of Eucharistic Minister training at your home parish but rather, provides additional church doctrine information that enhances and compliments your ministry. Follow this link to register: <https://www.arlingtondiocese.org/divine-worship/liturgy-workshops/>.

Upon completion of attending a workshop, please email Charles Fulghum (minschedule@olgcva.org) and Cheryl Jones (cjones@olgcva.org) to let us know which workshop you attended in order that we may maintain accurate records. Thank you.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AFTER THE 8:30AM MASS.

Adoration occurs in the Church on the first Friday of the month from September - May after the 8:30 am Mass and continues until 12 pm. Please sign up for a Holy Hour using the link. We prefer to have at least two people signed up for a Holy Hour. If you sign up online you will receive a reminder of your time slot 2 days before Adoration. Sign up: <https://sugeni.us/ebrc>



WEDDING BANNS

<https://www.olgcva.org/sacraments/matrimony>



BAPTISMS

Baptisms are generally celebrated on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month at 10:00 am.

<https://www.olgcva.org/sacraments/baptism/>

- Join the Parish: olgcva.org/about-us/register
- Schedule an Event: olgcva.org/about-us/facilities
- Mass Intention Request: olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass
- OLGC Funerals: olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals
- Add Item to Bulletin/Media: olgcva.org/about-us/communications
- Faith Formation/OCIA/Adult Sacraments jflaherty@olgcva.org
- Finance eclomera@olgcva.org
- Records records@olgcva.org
- Información en español welcome@olgcva.org
- Society of St. Vincent DePaul (Linea de Ayuda) svdp@olgcva.org
- Homebound/Ministry of Care: welcome@olgcva.org
- OLGC School Admissions rsok@olgcvschool.org
- Music Kathy DeJardin kdejardin@olgcva.org
- Liturgy Cheryl Jones liturgy@olgcva.org
- Youth Ministry Carmen Clem clem@olgcva.org
- Child Protection Liaison cmoan@olgcva.org
- Advancement/Annual Giving advancement@olgcva.org
- Events & Fellowship ptrimble@olgcva.org
- Respect Life/Gabriel Project betstim@gmail.com
- Knight of Columbus Santa Maria Council #4654 www.knightsvienna.org
- Counseling Catholic Charities Consejería Caridades Catolica 703.425.0109

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

- 9/21 Special Kids/Special Needs
- 10/05 Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- 10/12 Little Sisters of the Poor
- 10/19 World Mission Sunday

Our Lady of Good Counsel	
FY26 Monthly Collections	
Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026	
	July
Offertory	219,499
Total Budgeted	185,000
Variance (un)favorable	34,499
YTD Received	219,499
Budgeted YTD	185,000
Variance (un)favorable	34,499

CALLING PLAYWRIGHTS OF ALL AGES!

OLGC youth ministry is looking for an original one act play to perform at the Diocesan One Act Festival this year. All submissions are due October 31. Questions? Email Carmen Clem clem@olgcva.org

PATHWAYS TO PEACE

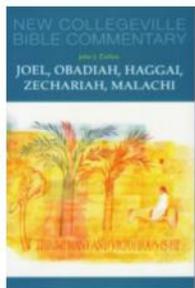
Looking for a deeper sense of calm and joy? Join us this October for a four-week spiritual enrichment series designed to help you live with greater peace and happiness each day. Guided by our facilitator and adult catechist, **Ann Marie Mack**, we'll explore mindfulness practices rooted in God's love and the wisdom of our Catholic faith. Drawing from *Creating True Peace* by Thich Nhat Hanh and the spiritual treasures of our own rich history of the Church, you'll discover simple, faith-filled ways to nurture inner peace, deepen your relationship with God, and share Christ's peace with others. All are welcome! Take this step toward a more centered, joy-filled life in Christ.

📅 **When:** Tuesday evenings, October 7, 14, 21 & 28

🕒 **Time:** 7:00–8:30 p.m.

📍 **Where:** Brisson Room, SJC

To ensure adequate seating, please email Cheryl Jones at cjones@olgcva.org if you plan to attend.



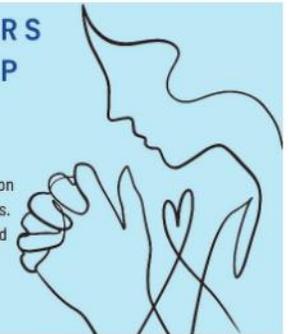
LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

The first six prophets are the pre-exilic Amos, Hosea, Micah, Nahum, Zephaniah, and Habakkuk who condemn corrupt leadership, injustice to the poor, and worship of false gods while offering the unfailing promise of a faithful and forgiving God. The second six are the post-exilic Joel, Obadiah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi who speak with immediacy to the generation that was responsible for writing down the Hebrew Scriptures and founding Judaism as a religion, not just an ethnic identity. The study will be on Zoom on Mondays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am throughout the school year beginning on September 8. Please contact Mike Plett at mike.plett1@gmail.com for further details.

SEVEN SISTERS PRAYER GROUP

PRAYER GROUP FOR OLGCI PRIESTS

Join over 1,000 women in the Arlington Diocese praying for our parish priests. Pray one hour a week on a designated day. For more information, please contact Bernadette Songer at bdeely16@gmail.com.



Youth Ministry Dinner

Bring a homecooked meal or order out for the OLGCI youth ministry! We have high school and middle school events!

Please bring allergy friendly foods (no nuts!)

An approximate headcount will be given to you the week leading up to your selected date.

MS Monday Dinner Sign-up



HS Sunday Nightlife Dinner Sign-up



EMAIL CARMEN CLEM clem@olgcva.org WITH ANY QUESTIONS



OUTREACH

WINTER COAT DRIVE

The OLGCI Coat Drive is October 11-12, before and after all Masses. We are accepting donations of clean, gently used, or new, winter coats. There will be collection boxes inside the narthex. Coats are distributed to our local neighbors through various outlets. Please only donate puffer, ski, or other winter coats. Please consider volunteering to help sort the coats. Adults and youth welcome. Sign up for a shift here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E44AAAB2BA31-58580152-copy#/>

WINTER COAT DRIVE





BLESSED BASIL

In honor of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, the Botany Club share basil plants with our teachers. Fr. Matt joined a recent meeting to bless the plants before they were delivered to the teachers. Basil is traditionally associated with this feast day. These basil plants were propagated from the basil growing in the club's garden. Botany Club is one of many after school and extra-curricular activities offered at OLGC School to enrich the student experience.

SAVE THE DATE: OLGC School Open House November 16th, 11 – 12:30 pm

Attending the Open House is the best way to meet our teachers, administrators, current students and parents. Tours are given at both the Preschool and Kindergarten - 8th Grade School. No prior registration is needed. Please reach out to Admissions@olgcschool.org with any additional questions you may have.

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS & TRAINING

If you are interested in volunteering with children, you are required to have training. If you are volunteering for the first time, you need to fill out a request form: www.olgcva.org/outreach/serve/volunteer-children to start the process.

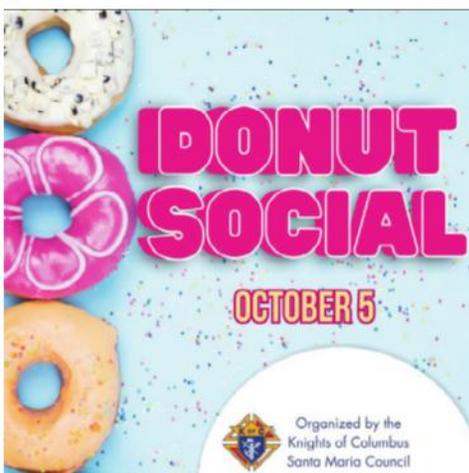
FELLOWSHIP—www.olgcva.org/fellowship/

SAVE THE DATE



October 25th 5 – 9 PM, De Sales Hall

Adults Only 🍷 Childcare 🍷 Live Music
🍷 German Fare 🍷 Costume Contests 🍷



Organized by the
Knights of Columbus
Santa Maria Council

GIRL SCOUT RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS INFORMATION MEETING

Come to an informational meeting on September 23, 2025 from 7 pm - 8 pm in the Saint Joseph's Center to learn about the Girl Scout Religious Emblems your Girl Scout can earn this year. For more information, email Trina Longo at trinalongo@gmail.com.

SWINGING WITH PURPOSE AT



THE 24TH ANNUAL OLGC GOLF CLASSIC

Do you own a business?
If so, sponsorships are available
(and some with golf spots!)

OLGC invests in significant tuition assistance for our families who desire a Catholic education for their children but are faced with financial constraints. This year, the need is greater and our goal is to raise \$70,000 to continue this critical part of our mission.

Did you capture a memorable moment with your family at Fall Fest or Bingo Night? We'd love to include them in the next Bulletin issue. Email your pictures to communications@olgcva.org or tag us on social media!

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@olgcva.org



CATEQUESIS / FORMACIÓN EN LA FE:

Bautizos de niños mayores de 6 años, catequesis de niños, estudiantes de secundaria (high school). Comunicarse con Jackie Madden 703-896-7415 o jmadden@olgcva.org

REGISTRACIÓN EN LA PARROQUIA:

Para recibir una carta de padrinos, preparación sacramental, bautismo, catequesis, matrimonio, una carta de recomendación para inmigración o recibir nuestros correos electrónicos semanales, debe de estar registrado en la parroquia por lo menos tres meses, entre otros requisitos. Para registrarse visite nuestra página web www.olgcva.org

¿ESTAS CELEBRANDO TUS BODAS DE ORO O DE PLATA ESTE AÑO?

Si te casaste en 1975 o 2000, únete al obispo Michael Burbidge en la Misa de Jubileos Matrimoniales, que se celebrará el domingo 19 de octubre a las 2:30pm en la Catedral de Santo Tomás Moro en Arlington, Virginia. Contacta a tu parroquia para inscribirte no más tardar del 25 de Septiembre. Para más información, visita arlingtondiocese.org/marriagejubilee. Este evento forma parte de la celebración del Jubileo de Familias, Abuelos y los Mayores.

DOMINGO 25 EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO (SEPTIEMBRE 21, 2025)

El Evangelio de hoy nos dice que las personas que viven en función de sí mismas, y de sus necesidades, son calculadoras con sus amistades. Los cristianos por otra parte, deben enfocarse en ser confiables y servir a Un Sólo Amo. He aquí algunos de los pensamientos de San Francisco de Sales con respecto a la amistad:

La existencia y la continuidad de la verdadera amistad requiere que exista una comunicación estrecha entre los amigos. Cuando sentimos gran estimación por aquellos a quienes amamos, abrimos nuestro corazón a su amistad de tal manera que sus inclinaciones, buenas o malas, puedan entrar en nosotros. Cuando una abeja cualquiera sale en busca exclusivamente de miel, al succionar,

sin saberlo, también absorbe las cualidades venenosas de la planta de la cual ha sacado esa miel. Nuestro Señor nos ha dicho que debemos ser buenos banqueros y cambistas. No reciban dinero mal habido junto con el buen dinero. Esto quiere decir, no se comprometan con ningún tipo de amor que sea contrario al amor de Dios.

Es cierto que debemos amar a nuestros amigos a pesar de sus culpas. Aun así, la verdadera amistad requiere que compartamos lo bueno, no lo malo. Quienes buscan oro en un río lo hacen tamizando la arena que van dejando depositada en la orilla. Del mismo modo aquellos que comparten una buena amistad deben remover la arena de las imperfecciones, y no permitir que estas entren en sus almas.

La verdadera amistad reside en el corazón, donde el amor de Dios ocupa el lugar principal. Por lo tanto esa amistad está cimentada en el amor de Dios, y esto garantiza que durará por siempre. Esa amistad anima, ayuda, y aconseja a los amigos que hagan buenas obras. Cuando dos personas transitan por un camino resbaloso se apoyan la una en la otra para evitar caerse; eso mismo ocurre con la amistad que es genuina. Esta nos

mantiene a salvo y nos ayuda ante los muchos peligros que debemos enfrentar. Esta no permite que el amigo perezca ante la maldad sin antes tratar de ayudarlo y de encaminarlo por la senda del bien, porque la amistad genuina sólo puede sobrevivir entre las verdaderas virtudes. Es buena, santa y sagrada. ¡Qué bueno es amarnos y apreciarnos los unos a los otros en este mundo, del mismo en que lo haremos, eternamente, en la vida próxima!

CALLED
una conferencia para jóvenes adultos

Sábado, 20 de septiembre de 2025
Hyatt Regency Reston

¡El Obispo Burbidge invita a todos los jóvenes adultos (19-35)!

Presentación Principal de Emma Hickman
Misa con el Obispo Burbidge
Presentación Principal de Harry Marquez

Presentaciones - Cena - Música en Vivo y Baile - Cuidado de Niños Gratuito

Presentado por la Oficina de Ministerios de Jóvenes, Campus y Jóvenes Adultos

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SENIOR MOMENTS— Marge Van Leirde (Gitkagirl@gmail.com 571.831.3951)

SENIOR MOVIE DAY – The next free movie for seniors will be on Wednesday, September 24 at Look Cinema in Reston Town Center. The feature is “The Ballad of Wallis Island” (2025,) a warm British comedy/drama. It’s a story about an eccentric lottery winner who lives on a remote island and tries to make his fantasies come true by getting his favorite musicians to perform at his home. Starring are Tom Basden and Tim Key. Doors open at 9:00 am. Free coffee, juice, and donuts are provided and door prizes are distributed prior to the movie at 10:00 am. Park in the Green or Blue garages for validated parking.

CARFIT EVENT - This is an educational program that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their vehicle “fits” them. It’s an individualized personal instruction to educate drivers on how to best position themselves by adjusting the car’s safety features to maximize their safe driving experience. CarFit uses a 12-point checklist to verify the driver’s awareness of the car’s safety features and operator controls. It’s performed on the owner’s vehicle. A trained

technician will work with each participant to ensure they “fit” their vehicle properly for maximum comfort and safety. A CarFit check takes approximately 20 minutes to complete. This event is free for those aged 55+ and is sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation. It will be held in the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department parking lot on only one day, October 1 from 10:00 am-12:50 pm. You must have a reservation. Please call the Community Center for more information and to reserve your spot, 703.255.6360.

BREAKFAST BUFFET – Come and enjoy the all-you-care-to-eat breakfast buffet on Sunday, September 21 at the American Legion Post 180. Serving from 8 am-noon. It’s located at 330 Center St. N., Vienna. The extensive menu offers blueberry pancakes, omelets, sausage, and bacon among the many selections. Adults pay \$12 and children under 12 are \$5. Proceeds are used for children, youth, and veteran projects.

MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY – Come to this free

seminar at the Vienna Community Center on September 25 from 10-11:30 am. You’ll learn how to choose a Medicare plan that’s right for you, and to find out how you can match the right plan to your needs and goals. Presenters are Sharon Arcado of Innovative Insurance Group and Gary Wong, CFP at Edward Jones. Call to reserve your spot: 703.255.6360.

REDUCING, REUSING AND RECYCLING PROPERLY - This is a popular topic these days, as we try to take better care of our world. This is another free class for seniors held at the Community Center on September 25, 2-3 pm. Recycling and doing it correctly has become a puzzle, with mixed messaging and information making it difficult to know how to do it correctly. Mala Persaud, owner of Trace-The Zero Waste Store in Vienna, will give a brief presentation about the reduce-reuse-recycle hierarchy, answer your questions, and help you along the journey to living more sustainably. Call the Center to let them know you’ll be there, 703.255.6360.

ELDER WISDOM – “Life is about not knowing, having to change, taking the moment, and making the best of it without knowing what’s going to happen next.” (Gilda Radner)

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DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

8TH GRADE TESTING REQUIRED FOR PLACEMENT IN FOUR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

8th grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT). The date, time and locations are listed below.

TEST DATE: Saturday, November 15, 2025

TEST TIME: 8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon **FEE: CONTACT HIGH SCHOOL**

TEST SITES: Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria—Bishop O'Connell High School, Arlington —St. Paul VI High School, Chantilly —Saint John Paul the Great High School, Dumfries

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS: Any 8th grader attending public school, non-Catholic private schools or Catholic schools outside the Arlington Diocese.*

REQUIREMENTS: Students must register on-line on the high school's website. The registration must be completed on-line by **the high school's registration deadline**. The testing fee should accompany the registration.

*For students who are prevented from taking the test on November 15, 2025, there will be an additional testing date as noted: Saturday December 6, 2025 HSPT at **BI, DJO, PVI** and **JPG** (Snow Date – December 13, 2025)*

Test Time: 8:30 A.M. - 12 Noon FEE: Determined by high school

This test is required for placement in these four high schools: Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, St. Paul VI High School, Saint John Paul the Great High School

**Note: students who attend parish schools in the Diocese of Arlington take the same test at their school site.*

PALESTRINA 500, FEATURING ARS GRATIA POPULI

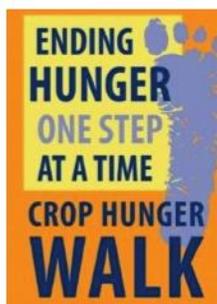
On September 28 at 3:30 pm, Ars Gratia Populi, a local professional vocal ensemble of six singers, presents the music of Renaissance master Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina. This year marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of this most eminent member of the Roman school of polyphony, whose music has been described as perfect art, ars perfecta. The program features the Renaissance master's as-yet unrecorded Missa Tu Es Petrus for six voices. Come enjoy this perfect art sung beautifully in the vibrant acoustic of the Cathedral. Date/Time: September 28 at 3:30 pm Location: Cathedral of St. Thomas More, 3901 Cathedral Lane, Arlington, Virginia

MASS IN OBSERVANCE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

The Office of Marriage, Family & Respect Life and Catholics for Family Peace invite you to a Mass in Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on October 4th at 4:30 pm. Our Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, will be the principal celebrant and homilist at Holy Mass. All are welcome! For more about Catholics for Family Peace and how Catholics care, go to www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org.

AFTER ABORTION RETREATS: A Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025. This group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries and registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@hclpafterabortion.org.

RETIROS DESPUES DE ABORTO PROVOCADO: Un Día de Oración y Sanación para mujeres que han experimentado un aborto provocado tomara acabo el sábado, 26 de abril de 2025. Estos eventos de sanación en grupo se hacen en un ambiente privado y tranquilo, en inglés y español, basado en el modelo "Entrando a Cana"(2 retiros separados en 1 ubicación). Habrá una oportunidad de oír de participantes pasados y otras que han encontrado la sanac



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Please join Vienna's Annual CROP Hunger Walk for hunger relief sponsored by local churches throughout the country. The Walk is on Sunday, October 5. On-site Registration begins at 12:30; the Walk begins at 12:45. The Walk takes about an hour through Vienna for about 3 miles, beginning at Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 Maple Avenue East. A shorter route is also available. Water and light snacks are provided.

You or your family, business, or other organization, can participate by walking or donating. Three quarters of the funds raised goes to Church World Service (a hunger relief nonprofit), and one-fourth to the Committee for Helping Others (CHIO), which provides a food pantry and emergency assistance to local residents. For more information, to donate, or to register online to walk, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/viennava>

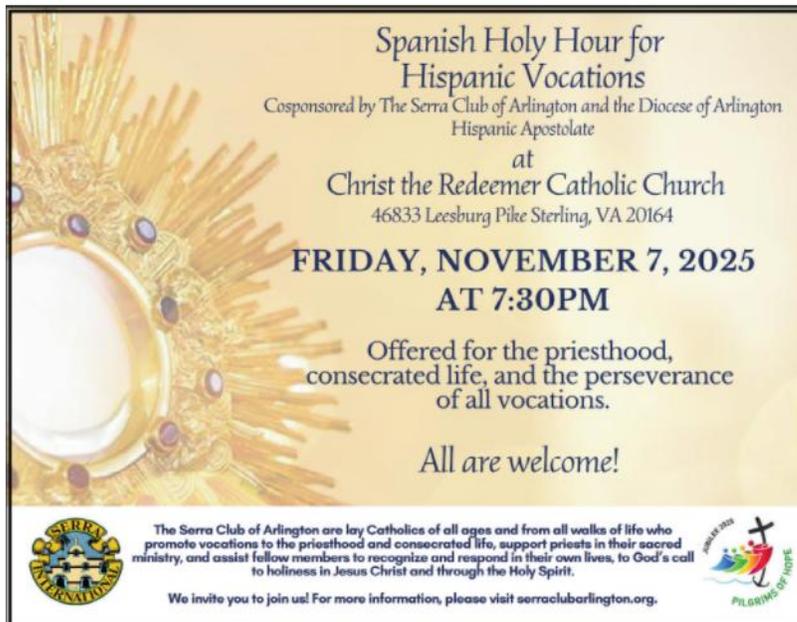


CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Bishop O'Connell High School will hold its annual Open House for current 7th and 8th grade families on Sunday, October 5, 2025 from 1-3pm. Use the following link to Register: <https://www.bishopoconnell.org/admissions/open-house>

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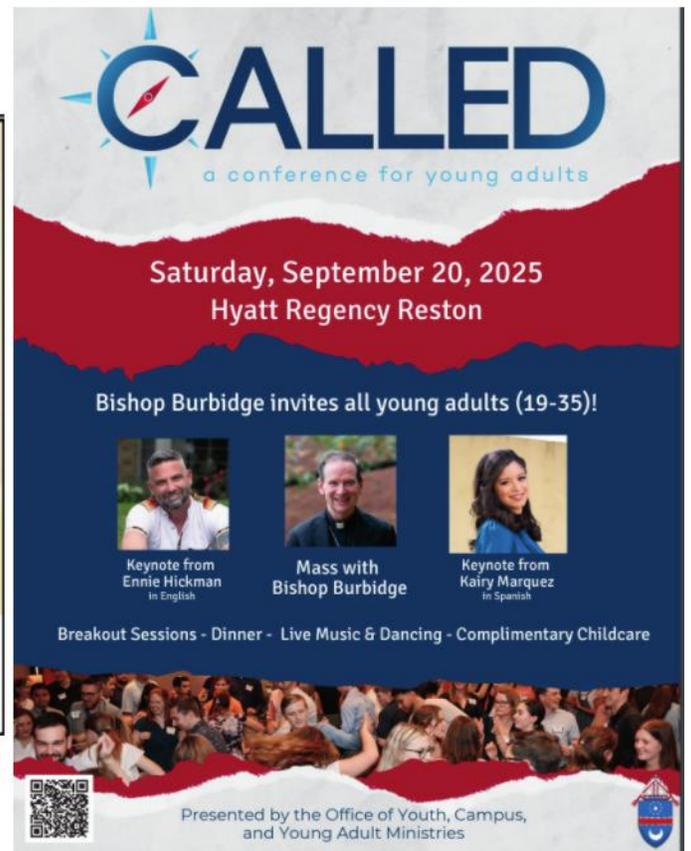
Bishop Ireton High School will hold its annual Open House for prospective families on Sunday, October 19, 2025 from 1-3pm. Arrive any time between 1pm -3pm to explore Bishop Ireton and learn more about the school from faculty, administrators, students and coaches. Please visit www.bishopireton.org and click on admissions, visit and inquire to RSVP. Bishop Ireton High School is a catholic, coed, college preparatory high school serving grades 9-12 in the Diocese of Arlington. Located just outside of Old Town, Alexandria, at 201 Cambridge Rd., Alexandria, VA 22314 Bishop Ireton offers a challenging academic curriculum and robust opportunities in sports, arts, clubs and STEM. Together with its community of families, Bishop Ireton provides students with the foundation and relationships for a lifetime of success, helping to ready the next generation to be exemplary and ethical leaders in an ever-changing world. Please email admissions@bishopireton.org with any questions.



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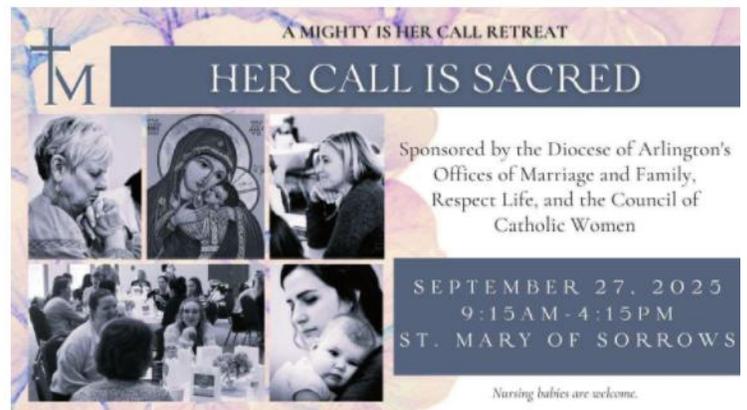
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