



OUR LADY *of* GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mon-Sat - 8:30am; 9am on holidays
Saturday Vigil 4pm
Sunday 8am, 10am (online),
12pm (en español), 5pm
Live Stream: 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
welcome@olgcva.org

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.

October 5, 2025 | Respect Life Sunday

Changes

As the days grow shorter and the leaves begin to turn, we find ourselves entering another autumn. This season always seems to speak to the heart, reminding us that change is part of life's rhythm. Leaves fall, the air cools, and nature prepares for what lies ahead.

In recent days, our parish too has experienced change. With the departure of Fr. Matt, whom we hold with great affection and gratitude, our hearts feel the weight of transition. Yet, just as autumn is not the end of the story but a beautiful stage in God's design, so too are these changes in parish life opportunities for new growth. I invite you to keep Fr. Matt in your prayers as he enters this next chapter, just as he continues to hold us on his own.

I am deeply grateful for the welcome you have already extended to me. Like the trees that stretch their roots deeper in preparation for winter, we are invited to ground ourselves more firmly in Christ and in our life together as a parish family.

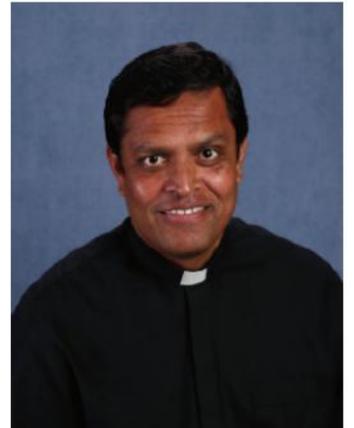
Let us embrace this season with faith, trusting that God is at work in both the falling leaves and in the unfolding chapters of our parish. May we walk together with open hearts, ready to see what new blessings the Lord will bring.

As St. Francis de Sales reminds us:

“Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day.”

In Christ,

Fr. Mathias Kumar, OSFS



Mass Intentions

Intentions de la Misa

olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/devotions/mass

Saturday, October 4, 2025 / Sunday, October 5, 2025

- † Saxon & Zdancewicz Families
- † Shelling & Van Lierde Families
- † Carmen & Julio San Clemente
- † Francisco Funes
- Cathy Colleli

Monday, October 6

8:30am † Mike Egan

Tuesday, October 7

8:30am † Florence P. Andrews

Wednesday, October 8

8:30am The OLG C Parish Community

Thursday, October 9

8:30am † Wendell Hodgkins

Friday, October 10

8:30am † Diane McAndrew

Saturday, October 11

8:30am † PoChe Siu

Saturday, October 11, 2025 / Sunday, October 12, 2025

- † Dick Daniels
- † Luis Vivanco
- † Brian Fimian
- † Guido J. Acurio
- In Thanksgiving for Joseph Bandodkar

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

- † Encarna Gómez Diez
- † Maria Aurora Rey Marquez

Please pray for those for whom candle are lit.

Church - In thanksgiving for the 50th birthday of Leslie Rivera Quiroz

Chapel - In loving memory for † Laura Guano

Our Lady - In loving memory for † Charles D McCoy Jr

SANCTUARY CANDLES

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.

CALENDAR

(Subject to change, updates and presider schedule at www.olgcva.org/about-us/)

Sunday	Oct. 5	Donut Social (after Mass)  Spanish CCF 11 am CCF Sundays 6:15 - 7:45 pm Nightlife 6 pm	De Sales Hall
Monday	Oct. 6	Our lady’s Quilters 11 am - 3 pm CYO Track & Field Evening Prayer 7 pm Middle School Youth Group	St Joseph Center School gates closed Chapel
Tuesday	Oct. 7		
Wednesday	Oct. 8		
Thursday	Oct. 9	Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 - 11 am	St. Joseph Center
Friday	Oct. 10	Open Mic Night	De Sales Hall
Saturday	Oct. 11	Elementary CCF 8:30 am Prayer in Mary’s Garden Confirmation Outreach: Winter Coat Drive	Mary’s Garden Church
Sunday	Oct. 12	Spanish CCF 11 am CCF Sundays 6:15 - 7:45 pm Nightlife 6 pm Outreach: Winter Coat Drive	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK/LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

For the Week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday** **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10
- Monday** Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11; Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday** **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**
Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 11:5-13
- Friday** Jl 1:13-15; 2: 1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday** Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28
- Sunday** **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS & TRAINING

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

WEEKLY & SECOND COLLECTIONS

Give with checks, cash envelopes, or online. faithdirect.net/VA875, or text amount to 703.810.7674.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION

- 10/05 Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- 10/12 Little Sisters of the Poor
- 10/19 World Mission Sunday
- 11/01 All Saints
- 11/09 Archdiocese for Military Services

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS

Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026		
	July	August
Offertory	219,499	207,991
Total Budgeted	185,000	175,000
Variance (un)favorable	34,499	32,991
YTD Received	219,499	427,489
Budgeted YTD	185,000	360,000
Variance (un)favorable	34,499	67,489

PARISH

Liturgy and Life: Faith

If you think of people with great faith, who do you think of? Mother Teresa? Nelson Mandela? These people had great faith and accomplished great things in their lives. But Jesus is reminding us that our everyday actions, done with love and prayer, are signs of our faith as well. This weekend our Song of Sending Forth, "A Living Faith," will call all of us, fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers, to share our faith with all around us and to remind us that: 'We will be true to you till death.'



Evening Prayer

MUSIC, REFLECTION, SCRIPTURE & PRAYER

Monday, October 6 at 7 pm in the chapel

WORD OF LIFE

"We are called to be signs of hope to all people, especially those whose goodness, value, and dignity are undermined. As members of the Body of Christ, we carry this hope with us as we continue Jesus' mission on earth... We have been entrusted with a message of hope for the woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant or for the man diagnosed with a terminal illness. At these challenging moments, we must bring God's presence, witnessing to His love, and inspiring a renewal of hope in those whose hearts are burdened." *Respect Life Reflection: "Life: Our Sign of Hope"*

Serving at the Altar: Training for New Altar Servers (Grades 4+)

Altar server training for new servers will be offered over four consecutive weeks: October 23, 30, November 6 & 13 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. in the church. This revised format allows students to learn step-by-step, practice in the church, and gain confidence in their role at Mass.

If your child is interested in altar serving, please complete a Ministry Information Form (<https://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/liturgical-ministries/ministry-form>) and sign up on SignUp Genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EA8A72EA7FC1-58910902-newaltar>) so we can determine the number of participants to expect. *Questions? Contact Cheryl Jones at cjones@olgcva.org.*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

We warmly invite parishioners to join the upcoming Eucharistic Minister training at OLCG. 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 the Church. Questions: Cheryl Jones, cjones@olgcva.org



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH 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 code the Tuesday prior. 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. <https://sugeni.us/e3nl>



WEDDING BANNS

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



BAPTISMS

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Antonio Khanh Moser Tran
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Join the Parish

[olgcva.org/about-us/register](https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/register)

Schedule an Event:

[olgcva.org/about-us/facilities](https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/facilities)

OLGC Funerals:

[olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals](https://www.olgcva.org/liturgy-worship/funerals)

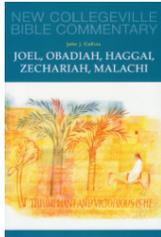
Add Item to Bulletin/Media:

[olgcva.org/about-us/communications](https://www.olgcva.org/about-us/communications)

FAITH FORMATION – www.olgcva.org/faith-formation

OCIA – Looking for Catechists

OCIA (formerly RCIA) prepares adults, teens, and children over 7 years old to become Catholic. We are seeking strong catechists to join the team and share the Faith. All Catechists be in good standing with the Catholic Church, and a solid understanding of Catholic doctrine, worship, Scripture, Tradition, and Church history. Support and training can be accessed through diocesan courses, workshops, institutes, conferences, and online offerings. Currently, OCIA meets on Sunday mornings from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, and we are hoping to expand our offerings of available days and times. *If you would like to learn more about this important role, contact Director of Faith Formation, Joe Flaherty, jflaherty@olgcva.org*



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.

PAINTBALL

at PEV'S

SAT, OCT 18

1:30PM-3:45PM

COST: \$50

GEAR AND PAINTBALLS INCLUDED



YOUTH MINISTRY For more information on Youth Ministry activities, email [Carmen clem@olgcva.org](mailto:Carmen.clem@olgcva.org)

High School and Middle School Dinners

Consider signing up for a night to provide dinner for our hungry teens. See the links below:

Sunday Nightlife Dinners: <https://sugeni.us/eWNW>

Monday Middle School Dinners: <https://sugeni.us/eWNd>

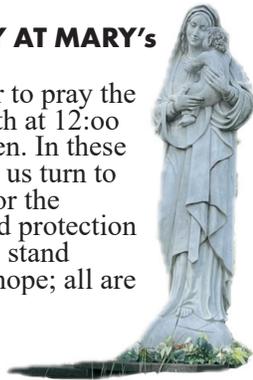
Calling playwrights of all ages!

We are looking for an original one act play to perform at this year's *Diocesan One-Act Festival* on February 7, 2026. All submissions are due October 31. We will also have two performances at OLGC on February 5th and 6th, at 7pm in De Sales Hall. Scan the QR code to view submission guidelines for your original one-act play.



PRAY THE ROSARY AT MARY'S GARDEN

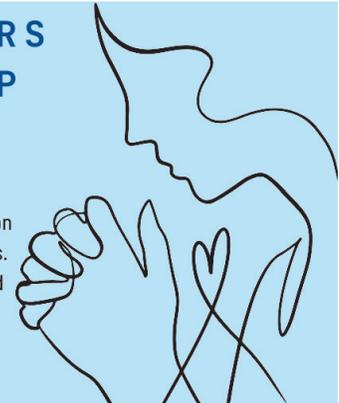
Let us gather together to pray the rosary on October 11th at 12:00 noon in Mary's Garden. In these challenging times, let us turn to the Blessed Mother for the healing, guidance, and protection of our country. Let us stand together in faith and hope; all are welcome.



SEVEN SISTERS PRAYER GROUP

PRAYER GROUP FOR OLGc 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.



OUTREACH – www.olgcva.org/outreach

WINTER COAT DRIVE



OCTOBER OUTREACH PROJECT: WINTER COAT DRIVE

The OLGC 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.

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE, Oct. 18 & 19

OLGC Parish will be conducting a non-partisan voter registration drive after all Masses on Saturday, October 18, and Sunday, October 19. As our bishops remind us, "In the Catholic Tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" Faithful Citizenship, No. 13. We urge you to register and vote in the upcoming election on November 4th. There will be tables at each exit with registration cards. If you are not registered or have moved recently, please take time to register.





BOOK FAIR WEEK

OLGC School's Book Fair is October 6-10, 2025! Support our school by purchasing the latest titles; there are books for all ages. OLGC's book fair is open online from October 6 to 10, 2025. Scan the QR code to browse and purchase with at the online bookstore on Bookworm Central. Your order will be sent directly to your home! *Thank you for supporting our school and encouraging your child's love of reading.*



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

Attending the House is the best 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 any additional questions you may have.

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 🍷

House League & CYO Basketball - Deadline to register is Oct. 14

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 at OLGC gym starting November 9. There will be a basketball clinic for House League participants on Oct. 12.

The CYO program is open to 6th – 8th grade OLGC school and CCF players to compete against other parish teams in Northern Virginia. Practices will be held once or twice a week with games scheduled at a variety of parish gyms, including at OLGC. Evaluations for CYO team formation will begin in mid-October and practices will begin soon thereafter. Games begin in November and culminate with end-of-season tournaments in late February (House League) and early March (CYO).

Visit the Basketball webpage for information and to register online or scan the QR code. Contact Eric Andres (EricNAndres@gmail.com) for further details or questions.



SAVE THE DATE



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL'S
ANNUAL SPRING GALA

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026
THE RITZ CARLTON, TYSONS CORNER

CALLING OLGC BASKETBALL REFEREES

OLGC House League Basketball is coming. This is a great way for you to help teach our 4th and 5th graders the proper way to play basketball, interact with adult coaches, and earn a few shillings for your time and mentorship. If you are a high school parishioner of OLGC and are interested in becoming a referee, please email Mark Hinnenkamp at mjhinnenkamp@gmail.com with your name and your interest in refereeing.



BE OUR NEXT GALA CHAIR!

Do you love bringing people together? Have a passion for planning unforgettable events? Want to make a meaningful impact on our OLGC community? We're looking for an enthusiastic, organized, and creative leader to serve as our 2026 Gala Chair!

Whether you're a seasoned event planner or just someone with big ideas and a heart for service, we want to hear from you! The 2026 Gala of Eden is on Friday, April 24th at the Ritz-Carlton in Tysons Corner. For those interested in taking a leadership role in Gala planning, or in getting involved, please email olgcvalgala@gmail.com

Earn Your Cub Scouts Religious Emblems



OLGC Cub Scouts from any Pack can earn a religious emblem award. Please get in touch with Jasmine

Hernandez by October 13 for more information.

JasmineAHernandez@gmail.com
703-216-7098

Check out our OLGC Golf Classic Swag Store!

We have custom designed a variety of golf-inspired, Wildcat & OLGC embroidered items to help support our fundraising efforts for Tuition Assistance at OLGC School. This store is not limited to those joining us on November 3rd! This is for our entire community to enjoy! Check in out and share the link with your friends! Please contact golf@olgcva.org with questions!

OLGC Golf Classic is November 3rd at Westwood Country Club



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 COMMUNIATIONS@OLGCVA.ORG OR TAG US ON SOCIAL MEDIA! THANK YOU FOR MAKING EACH EVENT A SUCCESS.

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@olgva.org



DOMINGO 27 EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO

Énfasis Sugerido

"Conviertan el regalo de Dios en una llama. El Espíritu que Dios nos ha dado no es un espíritu cobarde, es un espíritu que nos hace fuertes, amorosos y sabios. "

"¡Yo te digo, 'Violencia!' pero tú no intervienes. ¿Por qué me dejas ver la ruina; por qué debo ver la miseria? La destrucción y la violencia están ante mí."

Perspectiva Salesiana

En la madrugada de los actos terroristas del 11 de Septiembre del 2001 estas antiguas palabras del profeta Habakkuk se sienten como si hubieran sido escritas específicamente para nosotros. Nosotros hemos visto el rostro del mal. Nosotros hemos sido testigos muchos actos de odio y de violencia. Hay escombros catastróficos – humanos, materiales, emocionales, espirituales- a través de los cuales todavía estamos examinando hoy en día mientras que luchamos por encontrar formas para combatir y conquistar el terrorismo al rededor del mundo y lidiar con los asuntos que, en parte, contribuyen a que haya terroristas.

¿Qué debemos hacer?

Debemos reconocer la amenaza que el terrorismo implica no solo para nuestra nación, sino que también para las personas de todas las razas, las fes, y las culturas que buscan la paz, la justicia, la libertad y la reconciliación. Nosotros debemos dar los pasos necesarios para liberar a nuestro mundo de aquellos que promueven sus propias quejas o agendas a costa de vidas humanas.

Estos eventos son de la misma forma una llamada de alerta a un nivel más profundo y fundamental. Nosotros hemos sido retados a ver más claramente el rostro menos obvio y más sutil de la violencia y de la destrucción en nuestras propias vidas y en las vidas de nuestras familias, de nuestros parientes, de nuestros compañeros de clases y de nuestros colegas. Nosotros debemos enfrentar el resentimiento, el abuso, la adicción, el odio, los chismes y otras

actitudes/acciones que desgarran nuestras mentes, nuestros corazones, nuestras actitudes y nuestras acciones. Nosotros debemos enfrentar toda clase de pecados y de males que desgarran el tejido de quienes somos como hijos e hijas de Dios; quienes somos como comunidad; quienes somos como iglesia; quienes somos como país; quienes somos como ciudadanos del mundo.

Debemos identificar, enfrentar y conquistar todo aquello que atemorice la dignidad y el destino que Dios nos ha dado.

Para estar seguros, necesitamos revolver la llama de la indignación recta en nosotros y en los demás. Pero aun cuando este encendido de nuestro espíritu debe hacernos fuertes, también debe hacernos amorosos y sabios. Nosotros no podemos permitir que nuestros métodos para enfrentar la violencia y el odio se conviertan así mismo en una continuación del círculo de violencia y destrucción. Nosotros debemos responder, no reaccionar; debemos ser sabios, y no apresurarnos; debemos ser prudentes, no indiscriminados. Por encima de todo, el dolor que nosotros- y que los demás- pueden experimentar en la batalla para enfrentar el odio en todas sus formas debe ser motivado por, y convertirse en una visión de la justicia, la paz, la libertad y la reconciliación que sea más profunda, más grande, y más total para nosotros y para todas las personas.

Por encima de todo, el espíritu que debe ser encendido y que debe arder dentro y en medio de nosotros no debe tener origen en el miedo. Francisco de Sales nos recuerda que, ahora más que nunca, nosotros debemos, "hacer todo por medio del amor y nada a través del miedo."

Que Dios, incrementemente e inflame su espíritu dentro de nosotros. A medida que enfrentamos los muchos rostros del terrorismo (los que son obvios y los que son más oscuros) que Dios nos haga – y nos mantenga- fuertes, amorosos y sabios.

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.olgva.org

Clases en inglés en línea para adultos

Caridades Católicas está organizando grupos de conversación en inglés para adultos en línea. Escanee el código QR para inscribirse. Horario: Lunes y miércoles de 7-8:30 p.m. Duración: 15 octubre al 17 diciembre Precio: \$50 *La fecha límite para inscribirse es el 10 de noviembre 2025. También se ofrecen cursos de ciudadanía en línea. Las clases comenzaron el 2 de septiembre, pero aún hay plazas disponibles. Escanee el código QR para inscribirse. Horario: Martes y jueves de 9:30-11:30 o 7-9 p.m. Duración: 2 septiembre al 18 diciembre Precio: \$125



PALABRA DE VIDA

"Estamos llamados a ser signos de esperanza para todas las personas, especialmente para aquellas cuya bondad, valor y dignidad se ven socavados. Como miembros del Cuerpo de Cristo, llevamos esta esperanza con nosotros mientras continuamos la misión de Jesús en la tierra... Se nos ha confiado un mensaje de esperanza para la mujer que tiene un embarazo inesperado o para el hombre a quien se le diagnostica una enfermedad terminal. En estos momentos difíciles, debemos llevar la presencia de Dios, dando testimonio de Su amor e inspirando una renovación de la esperanza en aquellas personas que tienen el corazón agobiado". *Reflexión de Respetemos la vida: "Vida: nuestro signo de esperanza"*

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

October 5, 2025



SEASONED CITIZENS!

– “Viva Italia” is this month’s theme for the luncheon for Our Lady of Good Counsel senior parishioners, and will take place at noon in DeSales Hall on Thursday, October 16. The Sunshine Band will entertain you and the menu is sure to please your palates! There’s no charge, but reservations are required: RSVP at <https://sugeni.us/e334>, email seasonedcitizens@olgcva.org, or call Dagny, 703.281.5525. Note that meals are only available for homebound OLGC parishioners. Email Heidi, heidilinksnyder@gmail.com to make arrangements. Please do this in a timely fashion to allow for planning and shopping. No reservations will be accepted after Sunday, October 12, so make yours soon.

The Book Swap Table will again be open to accept your donations of recent used books, and for selecting something to take home. As well, any unused greeting cards and blank notes you may wish to donate to Greeting Card Outreach may be dropped off at the sign-in table. Thank you for your generosity at last month’s luncheon when more than 500 cards were donated! Questions? Contact Valerie, 703.677.4267.

HEARING SCREENINGS – On October 20 from 10 am-3 pm, Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons will be offering free 30-minute hearing screenings in the Vienna Community Center to determine if you’ll need a hearing test. No hearing aid sales are involved. To schedule an appointment, call 703.255.7801.

VIENNA THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS – “Becky Nurse of Salem,” is a dark comedy and a look at how times have changed. Presented in the Community Center, - performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays, October 17, 18 24, 25, 31 and November 1 at 8:00 pm. Also Sunday, October 26, and November 2 at 2:00 pm. Recommended for ages 16 and up; tickets are \$16. More information at www.viennava.gov/theatre.

HALLOWEEN ON THE GREEN – Vienna Parks and Recreation invites you to come to this annual celebration on Saturday, October 11, 10:30 am-12:30 pm on the Vienna Town Green. Bring the grandkids for activities which include a spooky craft, games and prizes, goodies to eat, and a chance to decorate your own pumpkin. This is a free event. Call 703.255.7842 for weather updates. For more information, call 703.255.6360 or email lisa.shackelford@viennava.gov

SCAM AND FRAUD PREVENTION – Nobody is immune to being scammed. In this free presentation, you’ll learn about the different types of scams, how we’re affected by them, the nationwide and local impacts of fraud, and how to protect yourself. Come to the Community Center on Monday, October 13, 10-11 am to hear updates about this important subject. Kimberly Vallejos from Fairfax County Department of Consumer Affairs will be the presenter.

AGING IN PLACE – Can you age in place or do you need to move? With a host of new technologies, products, and services it’s more viable for people to stay in their homes longer. This free presentation focuses on such areas as home modification and services available to age in place and is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 10-11 am at the Community Center. Let them know you’ll be there for this and/or the class above: 703.255.6360.

FYI – Do you ever wonder what the generational labels are and their meaning? We hear so much about them these days. Curiosity got the best of me; I’d like to share what I learned: There’s “The Greatest Generation,” which includes those born between 1902-1927, known for their legacy of resilience. Next come “The Silent Generation,” 1928-1945, known for their cautious pragmatism. I think most of those who are reading this fall into that category. Following are “The Baby Boomers,” 1946-1964, pushing post-war prosperity. After these come “Generation X,” 1965-1980, showing off their independent spirits. Next are the “Millennials,” also known as “Gen-Y,” 1981-1996, driving the digital revolution. Then there’s “Generation Z,” 1997-2012, who pushed the rise of social media. Finally, there’s “Gen Alpha,” 2011-2024, considered to be “the modern youth.”

I find it interesting to see the links between these generational labels and various times in the history of our nation. But I don’t think knowing this is going to help me remember who’s who when I read about them in the newspaper! The good thing is I’ve now got a cheat sheet!

Elder Wisdom - *Sometimes, the only way the good Lord can get into some hearts is to break them.*

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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>

John Paul the Great High School will hold its Fall Open House on Sunday November 2, 2025 from 1-4pm. This year's Open House will be fun for the whole family! Learn more about our rigorous college-preparatory curriculum, competitive athletics, inspiring visual and performing arts, and abundant extracurricular opportunities! We look forward to introducing you to our unique Bioethics program as well as our beloved House System and robust Special Services! Meet students, faculty, and coaches to learn more about the programs you love. RSVP Today! Use the following link to RSVP: https://jpthegreat.fsenrollment.com/portal/new_inquiry

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 click on admissions, 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, VA22314
Bishop Ireton offers a challenging academic curriculum and robust opportunities in sports, arts, clubs and STEM. Together with its community of families, Bishop 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 any questions.

St. Martin de Porres Senior Center call for Volunteers

Catholic Charities St. Martin de Porres Senior Center (SMdP) is looking for volunteers with various opportunities. SMdP provides services to prevent isolation of seniors and promote their wellness, independence, and happiness. Volunteers are needed for breakfast and lunch; activities, arts and crafts, exercise instructor, computer/tech instructors, nutritionist, and more opportunities listed online at <https://www.cdda.net/seniorservices>. Center hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Flexible schedules based on availability. SMdP is located at 4650 Taney Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22304. Contact maria.mellor@cdda.net; phone: 703-751-2766.

Catholic Charities is offering online English & Citizenship courses for adults.

Registrations are open. Class Days: Monday & Wednesday/ Tuesday & Thursday Class Times: 9:30-11:30 a.m./ 7-9 p.m. Schedule: August 11—December 18, 2025/ September 2—December 18, 2025. Cost: English: \$200; Citizenship: \$125 Scan the code to register today! For questions, call (571) 208-1572 or email ewd@cdda.net



Mass for Respect Life Month and Persons with Disabilities

October 12 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at [Holy Spirit Catholic Church](http://www.holyspiritcatholicchurch.org) (8800 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA)
Join Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge and families across the Diocese of Arlington for this annual Mass for Respect Life Month and Persons with Disabilities. Come give thanks to God for the blessings that our brothers, sisters, and children with disabilities bring to our lives!

This yearly Mass celebrates disability awareness for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the need for us to provide opportunities for them to reach their full potential through inclusive education and meaningful employment throughout the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Porto Charities will host a light breakfast after the Mass where you can enjoy fellowship.



CRUSADER AFTERNOON

Christendom College invites you to attend her Crusader Afternoon on Columbus Day, October 13, from 1-4 PM. Visitors will get a chance to learn more about an education for Wisdom steeped in the Catholic intellectual tradition by hearing from Christendom’s leadership, touring campus, and meeting personally with Admissions Staff. This afternoon event is perfect for anyone with the day off of school who’s interested in learning about the Diocese of Arlington’s only Catholic School recommended by the Cardinal Newman Society’s Guide for Choosing a Catholic College.

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Para obtener mas información, visita serraclubarlington.org.

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We invite you to join us! For more information, please visit serraclubarlington.org.

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OCT 31 – NOV 2

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Father John Riley will lead and serve in this endeavor at the San Damiano Retreat Center. Cost is \$299 and financial assistance may be available. For more information email Fr. Riley at retreat@sacredheartwinchester.org or go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/retreat-events

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The Little Ones Jim Burrow

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The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” But the Lord said, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and be planted in the sea’; and it would obey you.” Lk 17:5-6



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