Dear Folks,

I am so glad to be wrapping up this phase of the Capital Campaign and want to thank the ~100 visitors who have been working on this for the last year. We have worked so hard to try to give every family the opportunity to voice their opinion and directly ask their questions. We can be very proud of the effort that we have put into making this campaign a parish wide effort. Thank you for your time and commitment.

Also, included in today’s bulletin is our annual financial report. Thank you for your extraordinary support this year in both the Sunday offertory and the Capital Campaign. Your generosity is making possible the growth and expansion that we so desperately need to serve you. Please take the time to read the letter on the state of our parish.

Our parish golf tournament was a great day! Special thanks to Rorie Rossie, Ellen Kirk, Jennifer Duthie, Bea Snyder and Phil Rusciolli who all worked so hard to make the day a resounding success. Our Lord gets a nod of gratitude for the beautiful weather.

Hope to see you this afternoon @ 5 p.m. for the Animal Blessing in honor of St. Francis Assisi. We will gather on “new Church hill.” Hopefully this will be the last year we can do the blessing there, as we hope that by next October the new Church will be under construction!

pax,
fr mosimann

Sunday, September 27, 2009

Sunday Offertory Total $21,625.17
Building Fund $6,953.16
2,203 Families

Animal Blessing
Today
October 4
5:00 p.m.
On the hill beside Parish Center

All pets and their owners are invited to come to church to be blessed by Father Mosimann. When else can you bring your pet to church?
**This week At St. John’s**

**Sunday, October 4**
- 5:00 p.m.: Animal Blessing
- 7:00 p.m.: Bible Study Timeline

**Monday, October 5**
- 7:00 p.m.: R.C.I.A. (Room 1&2)
- 7:00 p.m.: Bible Study Hearts Afire (Room 8)

**Tuesday, October 6**
- 4:15 p.m. & 5:45 p.m.:Elementary Religious Ed
- 6:00 p.m.: El Coro
- 7:00 p.m.: Jr. CYM
- 8:00 p.m.: Schola

**Wednesday, October 7**
- 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study Hearts Afire
- 4:15 p.m. & 5:45 p.m.:Elementary Religious Ed
- 7:00 p.m.: Sr. CYM
- 7:30 p.m.: Choir

**Thursday, October 8**
- 10:00 a.m.: Bible Study Time Line
- 12:30 p.m.: Hillies Practice
- 4:15 p.m. & 5:45 p.m.:Elementary Religious Ed
- 7:00 p.m.: Jr. CYM
- 7:00 p.m.: Kantoirei
- 8:00 p.m.: C.Y.M. Worship band

Pray for the sick: Greg Blackburn, Terry Borkovic, Christiane Branche, Samuel Bukovac, David Burris, William (Skip) Carroll, William Cechak, Mr. and Mrs. Classick, Margaret Cooper, John R. Costa, Martha Criste, Francisca de Oliveira Machado, Diane Fairgrieve, Charles Joandies, Marilyn Kain, Anne Marsalek, Helen Martin, Eileen Matthews, Ed Mayr, Judy McNeil, Shirley Morales, Chrissy Neller, Judge Carlton Penn, Mary Pond, Mikaela Quattrini, Donna Reeves, Rob Rizzoni, Bill and Silvia Simmerman, Paul Troy, Father Gerald Pray for the military: The men and women serving in our armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan, and also those civilians whose work puts them in harms way especially.


Pray for the military: Lance Corporal Phillip Keffer, USMC stationed in Iraq near Kirkuk; CS3 Thomas M. Demarco, USS Decatur, CSSR, Navy; Spec. Joseph Weeren, US Army, stationed in Baghdad, Iraq; PFC Deborah Nauer, 70th Transportation Company, Al Asad, Iraq; Mathew Wright, son of Robert and Suzanne Wright, Baqubah, Iraq; First Lieutenant Rebecca Dunbar who is serving in Iraq; MSGT. Nancy West, USA, 261st, Signal Brigade Baghdad, Iraq; Commander Todd J. Severence, USN, deployed to Bahrain with Expeditionary Strike Group 2; Dave Luce, U.S. Marines deployed; USA Colonel James, L. Creighton Afghanistan, Cap. Chip Sell, Army officer deployed to Afghanistan.

**Ministry Contacts**

“Return your gifts to the Lord and Join a Ministry”

Altar Servers: Ken Tschida, 703-777-8581
Arimathean Group: Diane Morano, 703-779-2783
Eucharistic Adoration: Steve Kusterer, 703-779-9653
Knights of Columbus: Cliff Lapetoda, 703-779-8575
Ladies Auxiliary: Sue Patania, 703-779-8515
Lectors: John Bischoff, 703-737-0112
Money Counters: Tim Blue, 703-771-1924
Mothers in Faith: Becca Hanssen, 703.801.7462
Music: Lauri Hofstrom, 703-777-7847
Outreach: Wendy Wagner, 703-669-9317
Seniors Group: Mel Carpenter, 703-779-3574
Teams of Our Lady: Dave Beauchamp, 703-669-0866
Usher Ministry: Paul Modolo, 703-771-1479
Women’s Group: Karen Hayes, 703-669-1892

**Schedules for Week of October 10 & 11**

**Eucharistic Ministers:**
- Schedule unavailable

**Lectors:**
- 5:30 p.m.: Bourp, Forbes
- 7:00 a.m.: McCarthy, McMahon
- 8:30 a.m.: Castro, Boetig
- 10:00 a.m.: Cerimele, Chow
- 11:30 a.m.: Williams, Sewall
- 1:00 p.m.: Carpenter

**Servers**
- 5:30 p.m.: Rizzoni, Scanlan, Tschida, Tyrrell
- 7:00 a.m.: Bredice, Bretzel, Gavan, Gavan
- 8:30 a.m.: Connors, Haas, Klemm, Kuzma
- 10:00 a.m.: Stayrook, Stowell, Stowell, Stowell
- 11:30 a.m.: Buttarazzi, Davis, Irving, Irving
- 1:00 p.m.: Alexandre, Alfonso, Kusterer, Tolle

**Ushers**
- 5:30 p.m.: Romutis, Romutis, Steinkirchner
- 7:00 a.m.: Ange, Nauer
- 8:30 a.m.: Patania, Sacco
- 10:00 a.m.: Dix, Hogan, Romero
- 11:30 a.m.: Fischer, Grimaldi
- 1:00 p.m.: Cunningham, Rung

**HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM**

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God’s love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ’s love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

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**Readings for the Week**

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**RESPECT LIFE MASS**

Each month, the Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde, the Bishop of the Diocese of Arlington, leads us in a Saturday Morning Mass and prayer for the forgotten, the abandoned, the weakest and most vulnerable in our society. This month’s mass will be **Saturday October 17, 2009** at 8:15 a.m. at St. Rita Catholic Church 3815 Russell Rd. Alexandria, VA 22305 followed by a Rosary at: 2839 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

**Separated, Divorced? Widowed?**

Coping, a 6 week recovery program for separated, divorced, widowed individuals, begins on Sunday evening, October 18, 2009 from 6 - 8 p.m. at St. Phillips Catholic Church in Falls Church, VA and is designed to help people move ahead with their lives after the trauma of losing a spouse to separation, divorce or death. Cost is $5 per session, payable at the door.

For more information about Coping, call Gerri Ellenberger 703-670-4845 or Dave Bodek 703-729-1945 or email CopingRebuilding@hotmail.com

**Stress in Your Marriage?** - There is less than a week left to signup for Retrouvaille. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10’s of 1000’s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment, deep misery and even divorce. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on October 23-25 call 703 351 7211 or www.HelpOurMarriage.com

**Union Street Closing**

The East end of Union St. (at N. King St.) will close for construction of the Storm Water Management Project. This will happen starting Oct 5 and result in a two week closing. The sidewalk directly in front of the church will be dug up during this process and therefore the front door of the church will not be available, except as an emergency exit. The Union St. parking lot will be accessible from Wirt St. only. The work hours for the street crew are limited to 9AM to 3:30PM therefore they plan to work Saturday also. They will avoid disrupting a wedding or funeral when they are advised in advance. During this period the side door of the church will become the main entrance.

**Mass Intentions**

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**Respect Life Sunday**

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This wonderful event is planned for Saturday, February 6th at River Creek Club.

**Auction and Dinner Committee Meeting**

Thursday, October 8
7:00 p.m.

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OUTREACH CORNER

Announcements
Family Ministry Needs Volunteers: Do you have 1 hour per month to spend with CHILDREN living in the emergency Shelter for Families? If so, we need you - Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. It's easy, fun, and makes a difference!
For more information please contact Jill Thompson @ 703-669-3903 or jillbthompson@yahoo.com.

ProLife
40 Days for Life begins Wednesday, September 23 through Tuesday, November 2. Our parish will join with prolife groups throughout the country in an massive effort to help end abortion in our nation. During this period of time, we are asked to commit to daily prayer and fasting. We are also asked to give public witness. This we will do by participating in peaceful prayer vigil at the Amethyst Health Center for Women in Manassas, VA. Our dates to give witness are Friday, October 16, and Sunday, Oct 18. For more information, contact Andie Pearson at andie1962@aol.com or (703) 443-1967.

Recovery from Abortion
Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: October 16-18. For more information, call (703) 841-2504 or 888-456-HOPE. The website is www.arlingtondiocese.org/rachel All inquiries are completely confidential.

Life Quote
The first right of the human person is his life. He has other goods and some are more precious, but this one is fundamental - the condition of all the others. Hence it must be protected above all others. - Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (1974)

Outreach Contacts
Outreach Coordinator - Wendy Wagner, 703.669.9317
Fellowship Socials - Kathy Calhoun, 703.779.7921
Giving Tree - Kathy Fuller, 703.777.8385
Grief/Loss Support & Counseling - Teresa McCarthy, 703-777-8099
Homeless Ministry - Bob Fox, 703.777.0098
Immediate Needs - vacant
Ministry for the Aging - Joanne Seim 703-777-7567
Rita Ballou 571-426-2435
Prayer Shawl Ministry - Diane Reed 703-443-9419
Prison Ministry - Debora Lavin, 703.737.7690
Pro-Life Group - Joan Gorman, 703.723.7840
Special Projects - Wendy Wagner, 703.669.9317
Transportation Assistance - Wendy Wagner, 703.669.9317
Welcoming Calls - Mary Davis, 703.771.4203

CYM
October Events
Oct. 3-4: 9TH grade girls’ Confirmation Retreat, Mar-Lu Ridge,
11 am Sat. – 2 pm Sun.
Oct 18: SR – RALLY, O’Connell HS, Arlington – leave from St. John’s 10 a.m.
Oct 30: JR – Corn Maze, Temple Hall Farm, 7-9 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL RALLY – On Sunday, October 18, join us for a full-day Catholic youth festival that will feature the music of Superchick and Barlow Girl, Fr. Stan Fortuna, the comedic antics of the Skit Guys, and Mass with Bishop Loverde. Have fun with inflatables and rides, or sit in on the breakout sessions on a variety of topics. Registrations forms are in the rack in the vestibule. The cost is $25 (aid available). Forms are due Tuesday, Oct. 13.

JR. HIGH CORN MAZE – All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders invited to get lost in THE MAiZE at Temple Hall Farm from 7-9 pm on Friday, Oct. 30. Prizes will be awarded to groups that successfully navigate the moonlit corn maze. The cost is $8. Please submit permission forms and payment to the Youth Ministry Office by 5 pm, Thursday, Oct. 29.

Women’s Group
Review and Renew
Maureen Whalen of Our Lady of Hope parish will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, October 13. Mrs. Whalen will present the video, "Demographic Winter, The Decline of The Family."
All women of the parish are invited to join us for this groundbreaking film that will change the way you think about economics and children. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m., October 13, in room 1 & 2 of the parish center.
For more information contact Karen Hayes at 703-669-1892.

Open House
Please join the Paul VI Catholic High School Community at our annual Fall Open House on Sunday, November 1st from 1 to 4 PM. Explore the excitement and benefits of a Catholic Education. All 7th and 8th Graders are encouraged to attend with their families.

SPEAKING OF GOD
Almost everything said of God is unworthy, for the very reason that it is capable of being said.
—St. Gregory the Great
**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Arlington’s Western Regional Office in Leesburg, VA, offers a number of services to our community. There are now two offices in Leesburg: Social Services is now located at 12 Cardinal Park Drive, Suite 105, Leesburg, VA. Their telephone number is (703) 703-443-2481.

Services include:
- Limited emergency financial assistance for rent, water, gas and electric
- Limited emergency food assistance
- Information and referral to local agencies
- Holiday drives (coats, bikes, food and clothing)
- Feed the homeless 2x a week at the Loudoun County Drop-In Center

Outpatient psychotherapy and counseling services for individuals, couples and families will continue to be offered at the office located at 100 Dry Mill Road, Suite 102, Leesburg, VA 20175 on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays by appointment. Please contact Dr. Sheila Duston, Psy.D. Licensed Clinical Psychologist, at (703) 443-6693 to schedule an appointment. Services address such issues as:
- Marital and relationship problems
- Anxiety and depression
- Grief and loss
- Parenting
- Adolescent issues
- Life transitions

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**Music Ministry**

Get involved! St. John's Music Program offers many opportunities to volunteer in service to our parish community!

Offerings include, but are not limited to, those shown below. Contact Lauri Hofstrom, Director, at music@stjohnleesburg.com.

**TUESDAYS:**
- *Schola Cantorum:* all-male a capella ensemble focused on Gregorian Chant. Supports liturgies on Holy Days and certain occasions; when on a Sunday, usually at 7:00am.
- *el Coro Hispano:* mixed-voice choir and instrumental ensemble (various guitars, keyboards, light percussion). Supports the 2:30pm Sunday Mass in Spanish.

**WEDNESDAYS:**
- *Choir:* simply named, this is the largest and most present of all St. John's ensembles. SATB choir of all ages supporting the 10:00am Sunday Masses, all Holy Days and some Sacraments/Ritual Masses. Whole families are encouraged to participate -- bring the kids!

**THURSDAYS:**
- *Hildies:* Meets during the day from 12:30-1:30pm. All-female vocal ensemble, usually with piano/organ accompaniment. Supports funeral liturgies and certain Holy Days and special occasions.
- *Kantorei:* mixed-voice ensemble with guitar, bass guitar & keybd accompaniment. Supports the 8:30am Sunday Masses, and Holy Days.

**OTHERS:**
- *CYM Praise Band:* Very much like Kantorei (above), but with a special emphasis on Top 40 "Christian" music (in keeping with Roman Catholic theology). Meets as needed to support liturgies and special events taking place in the school-year calendar for the High School Religious Education program. Members are generally teens from the CYM Program.
- *St. John's Strings:* Our very own string trio (sometimes quartet) meets as needed to support liturgies on Holy Days, sacraments/ritual Masses and other occasions.

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**Attention Young Adults!**

All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to join the Our Lady of Hope Young Adults for theology lecture and discussion at Tapped In on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. at O'Faolain's Irish Pub in Sterling. Guest Speaker Michael Galdo, Music Director at OLH, will lecture on sacred music. For more information, contact Jenni at (703) 401-4440 or OLHYoungAdults@gmail.com.

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**Vocation Prayer**

Mary, Cause of our Joy, please obtain for us an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, so that our joy in receiving the Word of God and the Bread of Life may be brought to completion to the glory of the Blessed Trinity.

“Let the little children come to me; do not stop them.” Are you being called to bring others to Christ and His Kingdom as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Father Brian Bashista (703) 841-2514, or write: b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org.