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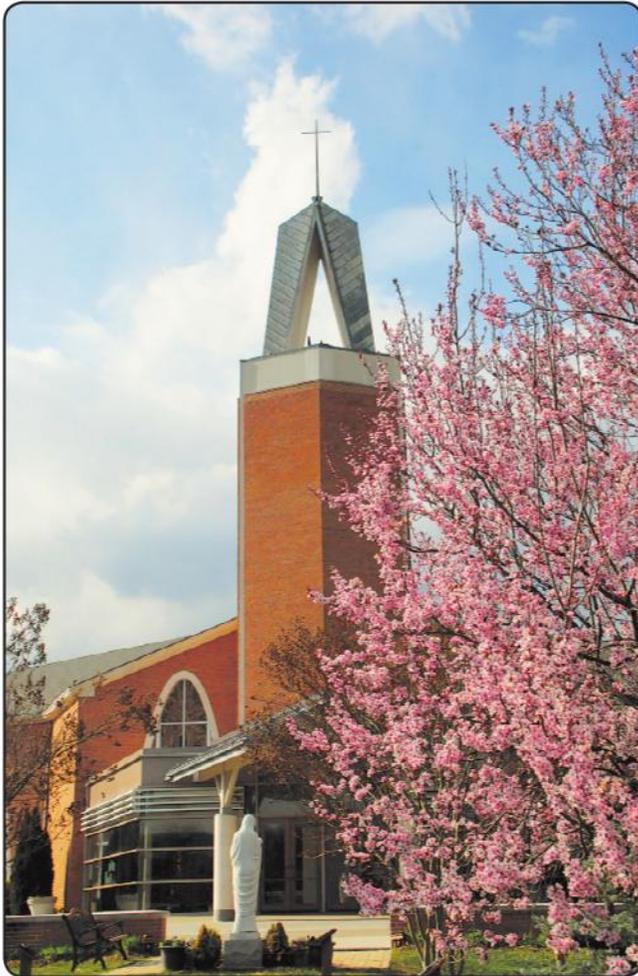
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"Participation in Christ's Body and Blood does nothing less than transform us into that which we consume. We bear in soul and body Him in whose fellowship we died, were buried, and are risen" St. Leo the Great



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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submissions are due in writing on **Friday at Noon, one full week** prior to publication. If a holiday occurs during the week, the deadline is the prior Thursday at noon.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
1:00 pm (en español), 5:00 pm

Weekdays 6:15 am and 9:00 am
(Saturday 9:00 am only)

Holy Days Consult Inside of bulletin

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday after the 6:15 and 9:00 am Masses
Friday 7:00 pm
Saturday 3:30 pm
or anytime by appointment

HOLY HOUR

Friday 7:30 pm

BAPTISMS

Sunday at 2:30 pm. Offered weekly. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements. Parents must attend a preparation class.

MARRIAGES

Couples wishing to be married **MUST** contact a parish priest at least six months prior to the wedding date.

HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Please notify the Rectory so that hospitalized or homebound parishioners can receive the pastoral care of the Church.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you live within our parish boundaries and have not as yet registered, registration forms are available in the church vestibule.



Dear Friends,

October has been declared Respect Life Month by the bishops of the United States. As Catholic Christians and as citizens of this great nation we are called to a renewed dedication to the belief that all human life is sacred. Not only is the welfare of our community protected and advanced by the increased awareness of the intrinsic value of each human person, the eternal salvation of our souls depends upon it. We are all familiar with parable of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus. The rich man passed by the poor man Lazarus day after day yet remained unmoved in sentiment and action. For such callousness, or maybe even just inattentiveness, he was judged unfit for eternal happiness.

In the face of so many discouraging events and attitudes in our world and closer to home it is easy to give up. The Prophet Habakkuk writes: "How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord." The Lord does indeed listen and in fact He speaks. He is telling us that we are the instruments He uses to bring about His Kingdom. We are, as members of the Body of Christ, the instruments He employs to establish a more peaceful and just society. He calls us to be not only "believers" but "doers" - Not only to believe in an intellectual or abstract way the notion of the dignity of the human person but to let that belief guide and form our every action from the way we interact on a daily basis with family, friends, and coworkers, to how we consider the social issues facing our community, and to how we make our prudential judgments regarding for whom we vote.

Pope John Paul II was aware of the magnitude of our responsibility: "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.' We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life. (#28)... It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop." (#101) *Pope John Paul II - The Gospel of Life*

Our bishops too have unequivocally stated that "The failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the 'rightness' of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community. If we understand the human person as the 'temple of the Holy Spirit' -- the living

house of God -- then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. ... All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house's foundation. These directly and immediately violate the human person's most fundamental right -- the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand." *Living the Gospel of Life - A Challenge to American Catholics #23*

We examine our own hearts and actions this month mindful of the Lord's merciful understanding of our weakness. We ask for the strength and humility needed to speak the truth and to live consistently in our lives the fullness of what is revealed to us concerning the dignity of every person. I recommend to all the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website -- www.usccb.org. Here you will find links to helpful resources to learn more and to discern more fully the voice of Christ as it pertains to the many "life issues" of our time.

In Christ,

Rev. David A. Whitestone



SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

Have you been stressed when you had a power outage due to the weather? The stress has tripled for those on limited low income. Food may have spoiled, but, there are no additional funds to buy the perishables again for the month. Let's work together to collect grocery cards for disaster relief and case management needs. Let's bless and help relieve the burdens. Please drop off your gift cards to the rectory.

Scouting for Food (Sat. Nov. 10) Volunteer Opportunities:

Calling High School Youth who need service hours! Let's bond together with others for our annual Scouting for Food Event! Get on the list now to receive your information packet.

We need 2 adults for morning refreshments, and 2 adults for light lunch shifts to help provide nourishment to re-energize the team throughout the day.

Contact: tammysimpson.stleos@gmail.com. Subject Line: SFF

Energy Fuel Assistance Applications will be soon opening up in Fairfax County on Tuesday, October 9. Website: dss.virginia.gov

Fairfax County Services for Older Adults Resources Line:
703-324-7948. M - F, 8am - 4:30pm.

Please make checks payable to:
ST. LEO SOCIAL MINISTRY

Your generosity is truly appreciated!!



Next Faith and Food : November 5th!

Please join us on Monday, November 5th for an evening of fellowship and lively discussion over dinner (appetizers on us!) at P.J. Skidoos. Father Whitestone will lead our discussion. Appetizers will be served at 7:00pm followed by the talk at 7:15pm. Be sure to bring your friends! All ages are welcome!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a process for bringing into the Catholic Church both those who have never been baptized & those who were baptized in a non-Catholic church. RCIA is also the way for adult Catholics who have never been confirmed to prepare for the final Sacrament of Initiation, Confirmation. We invite any adult who would like to join the Catholic Church, be confirmed, or who is simply interested in learning about the teachings and customs of Catholic Christianity to come and join us. While classes are part of the process, RCIA is more than a class; it is a gradual introduction to the customs, beliefs, practices, and devotions of Catholicism. There is no obligation, only an opportunity to learn! **RCIA 2018 has begun! Classes are Tuesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM in the Guadalupe Room.** There is no need to register in advance. Registration will take place in class.

Adult Confirmation: Adults who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2018 need to attend the **RCIA classes on Tuesday evenings**, Classes continue through Easter 2019. Adult Confirmation will take place in the Spring of 2019.

Please contact Carolyn Smith, Director of Adult Faith Formation: 703-273-7277 or carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com.

The St. Leo's **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** is held Thursdays at 7:00 pm, in the **St. Matthew Room**. We are studying the theology of St. Paul and his *Letter to the Philippians*. Bring a Catholic edition of the Bible and come join us! We will use reading, discussion, and video lectures by Dr. Tim Gray on St. Paul. Questions? Contact Norma Jo Shore at 703-978-3361 or shore3361@aol.com.

Classes on **Bishop Robert Barron's** newest study program, **THE MASS**, is held on **Fridays, at 9:45am in the Parish Hall, St. John Room**. There is no charge for this study. If you wish to buy the guide, the cost is \$25.00. No need to pre-register. Questions? Please contact Carolyn Smith at carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-5369.



The Extraordinary Form Traditional Latin Mass at Saint Leo's will be celebrated at 7:00 pm on: October 11 and 25, November 29, and December 13, 2018. All are welcome!

Liturgy of the Word



Monday	Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday	Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Lk 11:1-4
Thursday	Gal 3:1-5 Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13
Friday	Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26
Saturday	Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28
Sunday	Wis 7:7-11 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

MASS INTENTIONS

October 8 through October 14, 2018

Mon.:	6:15 Joseph & Rose Cesarini
	9:00 Neil Carol
Tues.:	6:15 Special Intention
	9:00 Mary Dzama
Wed.:	6:15 Special Intention
	9:00 Gregory Altieri
Thurs.:	6:15 Ed McCarty
	9:00 C. Robert Dauer
Fri.:	6:15 Hector Cortes
	9:00 Tan Binh Nguyen
Sat.	9:00 Nicholas Boschi
	5:00 Jose Gregorio Hernandez
Sun.:	7:30 Special Intention
	9:00 For The Parish
	11:00 Laurice Cannon
	1:00 Jorge Bonilla
	5:00 Chuck Conaty

In addition to the regular schedule of Masses, Mass has been offered for the following intentions: Thanksgiving, Susan Collins, Special Intention, Rosemary Morrow, Carlos Jaramilla.



We ask you to please remember those in need of our daily prayers .

Please also remember in your prayers the repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially, Donald Bain and Jan Daddario.

BAPTISM CLASS IS MANDATORY at Saint Leo. The next class is Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Saint Matthew room. Please call the Rectory office at: 703-273-5369 to register.



Low Gluten Hosts are available for those who need them. Please inform the sacristan before Mass begins.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We need a kindergarten catechist for the Monday class (4:45 pm-6:00 pm). Please call Toni Haaland at 703 273-4868 if you are interested and able to teach our children.

There will be **no Religious Education classes on Sunday, October 7 and Monday, October 8** due to Columbus Day.

There will be a **CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING** for all parents who have children who will be confirmed in the **fall of 2019**. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm in the school gym**. We will be giving you important information about your child's preparation for Confirmation.

There will be a **First Communion Parents Meeting** for all parents who have children who will receive First Communion in the **spring of 2019**. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm in the school gym**. We will be giving you important information about your child's preparation for First Communion.



Youth Ministry: Known Fall 2018 Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL:

Ever wondered what personality and prayer have in common? Join us for SNL this Sunday, October 7 from 6-8:15pm in the Guadalupe Room. Come for a delicious home cooked dinner, small groups, and a talk on Personality Prayer Types! New folks always welcome!

FRESH Krispy Kreme Donuts will be for sale following the Sunday Masses on Sunday, October 7. All purchases and donations will help send our High Schoolers to Catholic Heart WorkCamp in Richmond this Summer.

We will be attending the RALLY on Sunday, October 21, 11am-8:30pm at Bishop O'Connell High School. Cost \$25. Open to all 9th-12th grade students. Mass with Bishop, special guest speakers, inflatable games pizza and more! Forms online, **DUE October 18**.

Middle School:

Thursday Takeovers Oct 11

Questions about fall events? Email Melissa at : stleosyouth@gmail.com. For permission forms, schedules and more, check out our website: www.stleosyouth.com. We are also on Twitter, so follow us at [@stleosyouth](https://twitter.com/stleosyouth)!

MASS FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES

Homeschool families are invited to celebrate **Mass with Bishop Burbidge at Holy Trinity Parish on Friday, October 19, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.** You are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch for your family after the Mass. A light reception of beverages and desserts will be provided.

SAINT LEO THE GREAT CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Saint Leo the Great Catholic School community leads by the example of Jesus, with respect and compassion for all, to foster faith and academic growth.



Visit our school and learn what makes us a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



PreK-8th Grade applications for the 2018-2019 school year are available in the school office. You may stop by to pick one up during school hours (7:30 am until 3:00 pm) or access forms on our website at: www.saintleothegreatschool.org/Admissions

Please call the school office to make an appointment for a tour 703-273-1211 ext. 645.



Financial Aid packets available upon request.

PLEASE NOTE: Saint Leo parishioners receive preferential status in Pre-School through eighth grade applications. In-parish families must be registered.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR COLLECTION October 27/28

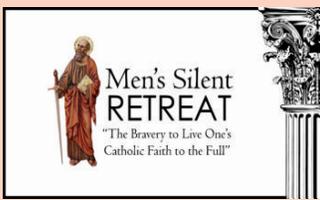


During the weekend of October 27th & 28th, 2018, a second collection will be taken to help the **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR**, who have been caring for the aged poor in the state of Virginia for 144 years. Their home in Henrico, VA provides care for the aged regardless of race, color, nationality, or creed. The Sisters will be present at all the Masses to explain their mission and to ask for your support. They go out to the community to beg for the needs of the Home. They count on your generosity to continue their work of mercy as much as you can count on their grateful prayers for you and your loved ones. You are invited to visit the web site – www.littlesistersofthepoorvirginia.org.

SUNDAY TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

The Diocese of Arlington, in partnership with the Archdiocese of Washington, produces a weekly Sunday TV Mass filmed in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Viewers can watch the TV Mass Sundays from 10:30-11 AM on the DCW50 network. It is a wonderful opportunity for Mass and Spiritual Communion for those members of our Catholic family who are ill and unable to be physically present for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy. Please visit: www.arlingtondiocese.org/tv-mass.

Catholic men in the Diocese of Arlington are invited to a 3-day silent retreat, from **Friday, October 19-Sunday, October 21, 2018** at **San Damiano Retreat Center in White Post, VA**. The theme of this year's retreat is "The Bravery to Live One's Catholic Faith to the Full" and will feature Rev. Roger J. Landry of the Diocese of Fall River, Massachusetts. Fr. Landry works for the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the UN and writes articles for the National Catholic Register. To register, please visit: arlingtondiocese.org/retreatformen



BISHOP O'CONNELL HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY, OCT. 14, 1-4 P.M.

Bishop O'Connell High School is hosting an Open House, where families are invited to learn more about the Catholic high school experience. Visit renovated science and engineering labs, learn more about the curriculum, meet teachers, administrators and coaches, and chat with current students. No RSVP necessary. **Presentation begins at 1 p.m. in the auditorium.** For more information, visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call 703-237-1433. Bishop O'Connell High School is located at 6600 Little Falls Road in Arlington.

SIMBANG GABI BAKE SALE

The Filipino-American Association of St. Leo will hold another Bake Sale on Sunday, Oct 14th after the 9am and 11pm masses. Filipino baked goodies and delicacies like egg rolls and pansit will be available for purchase. All sale proceeds will be used for this year's Simbang Gabi Mass and reception, scheduled on Saturday December 15. For more info on how you can help at the Simbang Gabi and the upcoming Bake Sale, please contact Marvin Muhat at marvin.muhat@gmail.com or call (703) 226-9924. Thank you for your generous support!

SAINT LEO MOMS GROUP- All Moms welcome! Ministries include morning playgroup, meals for moms, Bible study, mom's night out, and book club. For details, email Erin Spicer at stleomoms@gmail.com. Meetings every Tuesday in the Guadalupe Room following the 9 am Mass.



Religious Freedom and the U.S. Justice System

Please join us on Sunday, October 21, 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Vienna for a thought-provoking journey through the various cases currently being litigated in the U.S. justice system that have a direct or indirect impact on all Americans' right to religious freedom. The lecture will be given by Mr. Mark Rienzi, President of Becket, a non-profit, public interest legal and educational institution that specializes in protecting religious freedom.

FATHER DIAMOND COUNCIL Events & Calendar



MEETINGS – 2nd and 4th TUESDAYS 8:00 PM in the K OF C Hall

- 10/8 - 7:15 Bingo @ Fairfax Nursing Center **Columbus Day**
- 10/9 - 7:30 Rosary - 8:00 Meeting
- 10/12 – 7:00 PM Supporting Honor Flight N.E. Tenn. @ Fairfax Marriot
- 10/13 - 8 AM Rosary to End Abortion Fairfax Fall Festival Concessions

****** COMING EVENTS *****

October 21— Family Breakfast @ Hall after 7:30 and 9:00 Masses – all invited

Giant, Shoppers Food Warehouse & Safeway Food Cards for sale – at KofC Hall weekdays at 3:00 PM or call Larry Novak 703-978-6137

Join the Knights– **Contact Mark Walther @ 703-766-5054** or go to www.kofc.org/joinus

2018 Christmas Spectacular! Radio City Music Hall



The Knights of Columbus, Father Diamond Council, are providing a bus trip to New York City for the **2018 Christmas Spectacular** at Radio City Music Hall on **Wednesday, 12 December 2018**. We will depart St. Leo's at **7:30 A.M.** and arrive at Rockefeller Center about noon. The schedule allows for lunch, sightseeing and shopping before the show. The "**Rockettes**" performance begins at **5:00 P.M.** (90 minutes). Our bus will depart New York City immediately after the show—arriving St. Leo's about 11:30 P.M. Cost: **\$120 per person**; includes: theater ticket, bus transportation, coffee and doughnuts. Please make checks to: Checks "**Knights of Columbus**;" note on check for "Christmas Spectacular."

For Reservations and questions, please contact Joe Gesker: jgesker@verizon.net; home: 703-435-4811; cell: 571-606-3317



FREE ORGAN RECITAL

*All St Leo's parishioners, families, friends are invited to a free organ recital by organist Carlos Ibay at **All Saints Catholic Church in Manassas, VA on Friday, October 19, 2018 at 7:30pm**. No reservations required. This recital is the first of the 2018-2019 All Saints concert series showcasing the versatility of the King of instruments. A small reception will follow after the recital.*

PRISON MINISTRY WELCOME HOME PROGRAM

Catholic Charities Welcome Home Re-Entry Program seeks Volunteer mentors to serve as role models and guides to formerly incarcerated/recently released individuals. Help to welcome them home, connect them to available resources, and provide positive, caring support so that they can successfully return to the community. Background check, training, and ongoing education required. Contact Sally O'Dwyer, sodwyer@ccda.net

Day of Prayer & Healing: An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion on Saturday, October 13, 2018. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at [888-456-HOPE](tel:888-456-HOPE) (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org. Register early, space is limited: Registration Deadline is Friday, October 5th.

TELL STATE LEGISLATORS ASSISTED SUICIDE IS WRONG!

Legislators have requested a study about whether physician-assisted suicide should be legal in Virginia, after which policy recommendations will be made. A public comment period has begun, and they need to hear from you now! Assisted suicide—among other things—would put many people at risk, especially the disabled and those suffering from depression; provide insurers with a financial incentive to cover assisted suicide rather than more expensive treatment; and break our trust in doctors, who should strive to heal & alleviate pain, not kill their patients. Don't miss your opportunity to submit pre-drafted public comments today at: bit.ly/VCCassistedsuicide. **Please sign up for the Virginia Catholic Conference advocacy network at: www.vacatholic.org.**

ESCUELA DE HOMBRES SAN JOSÉ

El grupo de hombres se reúne cada primer y tercer jueves del mes en el salón Guadalupe a las 7:00 pm. Para mayor información hablar con Valerio Delgado, tel. 571-353-5448.



COMUNIÓN DE ENFERMOS—Por favor, llame a la rectoría si usted o un miembro de su familia están enfermos o no pueden asistir a misa los domingos. En el primer viernes de mes Fr. Whitestone, Tipton, llevarán la comunión a los enfermos y celebrarán la unción a los enfermos que no pueden salir de casa. Los domingos los ministros extraordinarios de la comunión llevan la comunión a los enfermos y a los que no pueden salir de casa. De nuevo, por favor llame a la rectoría si quisiera una visita de los sacerdotes y recibir la comunión en su casa.



Hora Santa: El grupo de oración de la parroquia los invita a una Hora de Adoración delante del Santísimo normalmente todos los últimos sábados del mes.

Grupo de Oración Sábados 6-8:30pm, Salón de Nuestra Sra de La Guadalupe. Alma Coreas: 571-212-1369.

EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA 2018-2019

No Habrá clases de Educación Religiosa el Domingo 7 de Octubre y el Lunes 8 de Octubre debido a que es el día de Cristóbal Colon.

Habrará una **Reunión sobre la Confirmación para los Padres** que tienen niños que se van a confirmar en el **Otoño del 2018**. La reunión será el **Miércoles 10 de Octubre a las 7:00 pm en el gimnasio de la escuela**. Les estaremos dando información importante acerca de la preparación de sus hijos para la Confirmación.

Habrará una **reunión de Primera comunión para los padres** que sus hijos recibirán la Primera Comunión en la primavera del 2019. La reunión se llevará a cabo el **Miércoles 24 de Octubre a las 7:00 PM en el gimnasio de la escuela**. Les estaremos dando información importante acerca de la preparación de sus hijos para la Primera Comunión.

HORARIOS E INFORMACIÓN SANTAS MISAS

Español: domingos a la 1:00 pm

Inglés: sábados—5 pm (Vigilia), domingos—7:30, 9, 11:00, 5pm

Para programar eventos en la Parroquia, contáctese con Beatrice: bszele@stleofairfax.com.

Para preguntas sobre el ministerio, los sacramentos o para reunirse con un sacerdote, consulte el sitio web o llame a la rectoría en cualquier momento. Las secretarías que hablan español están programadas: lunes, martes y jueves de 4 a 9 pm., los miércoles de 8 am. a 4 pm., y los sábados de 9 am. a 2 pm.

Confesiones en español: Los mismos días de la parroquia (martes, viernes y sábado) más los domingos de 12:00 p.m. a 12:30 p.m.

Bautizos: Preparación- Llamar a Carlos Cea: 703-836-2139

Matrimonio: Todo Católico que desee contraer matrimonio debe contactar la parroquia por lo menos seis meses antes del evento. Para mayor información comunicarse con Diacono Jose Lopez 703-825-1983

Las clases de convalidación matrimonial serán del 8 de septiembre al 20 de octubre, 2018, en el salón San Juan (St. John) de 6:30 pm a 9:00 pm. Para mayor información, llamar al Diácono José López.

Sacramentos para Estudiantes de Secundaria: Llamar a la Oficina de Jóvenes al teléfono 703-591-6089, ó email a stleoyouth@gmail.com.

Grupo divina misericordia. Colaboran con los sacerdotes en el ministerio de los enfermos, visitándolos y orando con ellos. Contacto Gilma Orozco (571-238-6634).

Programa "Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos" (RCIA) El programa RCIA comenzará el 16 de septiembre a las 10:30 am en el salón San Juan. Este curso es para aquellos adultos (18 años o mayores) que les falta recibir los sacramentos de Bautizo, Comunión o Confirmación. Las clases toman lugar todos los domingos hasta Mayo del próximo año. El programa es gratis pero deben registrarse. Para mayor información llamar a Sandra Solares, 202-696-0867.

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