St. John the Baptist
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

12319 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904

Schedule of Masses
(March 10/11)
5:00 - Fr. Ochu
Dcn. Gorman

Sunday
7:30 - Fr. Rodriguez
9:00 - Fr. D'Souza
10:30 - Fr. Nitz
Dcn. McCormack
12:00 - Fr. Willis
Dcn. McCormack
5:00 - Fr. Brault

Daily Mass
Monday - Friday
7:30 & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday - 8:30 a.m.

Baptism
Parishioners are asked to call the Parish Office for the times of the monthly liturgical celebrations and to arrange for classes.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 4 - 4:45 p.m.
& after daily Masses.

Marriage
Parishioners requesting a marriage date must have been registered in the parish for six months.

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Sunday, March 4, 2018 **Lent: 3rd Sunday**
Today's readings: Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

(We depart from reading the Gospel of Mark, and turn to John for three weeks, reflecting the privileged place of John in the earliest Lenten lectionary.) The focus of today's Scripture is the word and wisdom of God that brings fullness of life. The first reading outlines God's covenant law in the Ten Commandments. They are not only foundations of a personal relationship with God but also speak to contemporary issues of social justice, rejection of idols, full devotion expressed in worship and prayer, and respect for the person, and rights of the neighbor.

In the Gospel, Jesus trashes the tables of the money changers in the temple who are "making my Father's house a marketplace." Religion can be corrupted by power and wealth. Pope Francis often speaks of "the idolatry of money" which fosters the income inequality, and the structural sins of our economic system. Recently he even exhorted retired prelates of the Church to live more simply.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' prediction of the resurrection. Jesus presents a value system that will deliver people from the bondage of greed and bottomless self-regard. In their place, Jesus wants to build a new kind of temple – in our hearts.

A temple that idealizes and radiates compassion, embodies service and promotes the highest regard for those who cannot fend for themselves.

Next week's readings: Lent: 4th Sunday
2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

Lent - 2018

Archdiocese of Washington Lenten Food Drive

Don't we provide an opportunity to donate food for the poor at every weekend Mass? What is different about this food drive?

Yes, we do collect food for the poor weekly, and the baskets of food are brought to the altar with the regular collection baskets. The bags we use this week show our participation in the effort of the whole Archdiocese. Food returned next week will be sent to the Food Pantries at St. Camillus – the usual recipient of our weekly donations. Items not accepted by St. Camillus will go to Mid-County United Ministries.

There is Always a Place for You at St. John's

Week-at-a-Glance

Sunday, March 4
9:00 a.m. - Children's Liturgy of the Word - Chapel
10:15 a.m. - Faith Formation Classes - School
10:15 a.m. - Catholicism 101 - Library
10:30 a.m. - Children's Liturgy of the Word - Chapel
2:00 p.m. - Catholic Spiritual Teaching - Kazista Center
6:00 p.m. - Intramural Volleyball - Gym
6:00 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting - Lyon Center

Monday, March 5
9:00 a.m. - Book Study - Kazista Center
6:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Troop 1441 Mtg. - Lyon Center
7:30 p.m. - Training for Eucharistic Ministers - Church

Tuesday, March 6
6:00 p.m. - Arts & Academics - Judging - Gym
7:00 p.m. - Athletic Ministry Board Mtg. - Kazista Ctr.
7:30 p.m. - Meditation - Chapel

Wednesday, March 7
9:15 a.m. - Spiritual Talks - Kazista Center
3:15 p.m. - Children's Choir Rehearsal - Kazista Center
6:15 p.m. - Girl Scouts Brownies/Daisies - Lyon Center
6:30 p.m. - "The Light is On" Confessions - Church
7:00 p.m. - Catechist Meeting VI - Library
7:00 p.m. - RCIA for Children - School Study
7:00 p.m. - Arts & Academics Viewing - Gym

Thursday, March 8
9:30 a.m. - Bible Study - Kazista Center
4:30 p.m. - Living Stations Choir Rehearsal - Kazista Center
7:00 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Meeting - Lyon Center
7:30 p.m. - Traditional Choir Rehearsal - Church
7:30 p.m. - Bible Study - Kazista Center
7:30 p.m. - Basketball Recognition Night - Gym

Friday, March 9
9:00 a.m. - Adoration - Chapel
11:00 a.m. - Leisure Club - Lyon Center
2:15 p.m. - School Stations of the Cross - Church
6:00 p.m. - Lenten Supper Talks IV - Lyon Center
7:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday, March 10
9:00 a.m. - Sodality Meeting - Kazista Center
9:30 a.m. - Lenten Spiritual Retreat - Lyon Center
10:00 a.m. - Legion of Mary Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m. - Polish School - Rm 2, 3, 4, 5 - School

Bulletin Deadline

March 18 Bulletin & Website deadline
Friday, March 9 at 9:00 a.m.
Send Bulletin announcements to
sjbbulletin@sjbcatholicchurch.com

Send Website announcements to
socialconcerns@sjbcatholicchurch.com

Mass Intentions (March 5 – March 11)

Monday	7:30	- Henny Teeter (Mac & Steve)
	8:30	- All Priests -L– (T. Wohleber)
Tuesday	7:30	- Megan O'Connell –L- (T. Sonnino)
	8:30	- Charles Peschel (E. Flynn)
Wednesday	7:30	- Emily & Jeff Warnock –L- (T. & B. Wohleber)
	8:30	- June LeDrew (Gramlich Family)
Thursday	7:30	- Private Intentions
	8:30	- Theresa Mansfield (R. Miller)
Friday	7:30	- Private Intentions
	8:30	- Seamus Roles (J. Roles)
Saturday	8:30	- Mariaelena Chichester (J. & S. Sklamm)
	5:00	- Charles & Carl Sapienza (M. Zagami)
Sunday	7:30	- Private Intentions
	9:00	- Ramon Fernandez (N. Fernandez)
	10:30	- Parishioners
	12:00	- Andrew & Isabel Michaels (Family)
	5:00	- Private Intentions

Parish Staff

Rev. Y. David Brault	Pastor
Rev. Tony D'Souza	Associate Pastor
Rev. Glen Willis	Weekend Associate
Rev. Austin Charles Ochu	Weekend Associate
Rev. Eliot Nitz	Weekend Associate
Rev. Nicolás Rodriguez	Weekend Associate
Deacon James Gorman	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Ed McCormack	Permanent Deacon
Brian Blomquist	Parochial School Principal
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Marie Ferman	Director of Youth Ministry
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Leisure Club St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

St. John's Leisure Club will meet on Friday, March 9 at 11 a.m. in the Lyon Center. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Glen Willis. A traditional luncheon will follow, catered by the Renaissance Chef. Entertainment will include Fr. Willis on guitar and Irish dancing by students of the Culkin School. ALL ARE WELCOME. The cost is $20. Deadline RSVP for caterer is March 6. *Please mail checks (payable to **St John's Leisure Club**) to:* Jack Sherman, 3148 Gracefield Road, #309CL, Silver Spring, Md 20904, 301-384-8071, jsherman00@aol.com Questions? Call Sylvia Lynch, 301-622-2182, kevinsylvia1@verizon.net or Patricia Egan, 301-384-6001, pat.gannon.egan@gmail.com.

New Hampshire Avenue Clean-up

Now that Lent is here, maybe try a new ministry, Eco Ministry. Join us to help keep God's creation beautiful for all. We need assistance for a 1 mile clean up on New Hampshire Ave. on Saturday, March 10. Please meet at 9:15 a.m. in front of the church. Trash bags, gloves & reflective vests are provided. Rain/snow date will be March 17. For more info. contact Dave Pettit at 301-622-5051.

Pax Christi at SJB

You are invited to join us on Monday, March 12, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in St. John the Baptist School Library. Pax Christi–SJB is part of Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace movement. For more information, contact Ronnie Fellerath-Lowell at 301-890-1686.

Year-End Statement

If you would like a year-end statement from St. John the Baptist Parish, please call our office, 301-622-1122. Faith Direct will be sending statements directly to participants.

Your Parish Gifts

Last Week's Offertory **$ 11,540.00**

These figures do not include donations made through Faith Direct, which are reported once per month.

Next Week's Altar Servers - March 10/11

5:00 p.m.	- Malits Family
7:30 a.m.	- Cici Thomas
9:00 a.m.	- Angelina & Bella Calis
10:30 a.m.	- Adrian & Amanda Anthony
12:00 p.m.	- Crystal & Destiny Tongele
5:00 p.m.	- Anthony Cho & Ryan Rozario

The Light is ON for you!

How are your Lenten Commitments going? Looking for a way to kick start your Lent? You are invited to renew your relationship with the Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. On Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 8 p.m. through Lent, the doors of St. John the Baptist are open and *The Light is ON* for YOU! This year you can find Lenten resources and view all the confession times across the region by using the NEW Confession Finder Map at theLightisON.org.

Calling Liturgical Dancers (4th grade through High School)

We are seeking dancers who will lead the assembly in the celebration of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Rehearsals times to be determined.

Please note, the Mass time commitments during Holy Week:

Holy Thursday: 6:45 – 9:00 p.m.
Good Friday: 6:15 – 9:30 p.m.

If interested, please contact Michele Gibbs, michelegibbs305@yahoo.com

Legion of Mary Meeting

The Legion of Mary will hold its weekly meeting on Saturday, March 10, at 10 a.m. in the School Library. The Legion of Mary is the largest international apostolic spiritual ministry of lay men and women called by Our Blessed Mother to serve the Pastor. We have been blessed to receive many parishioners who are ready to serve Our Blessed Mother. Please feel free to attend the meeting even if you were not present at the Information Session. Please contact Emily Calis at 301-787-6811, if you have any questions.

It's Fast and Easy

Do you use your phone to pay for everything? Now you can use your phone to support our Church by scanning the Lenten bookmarks in the pews. The QR code is linked to Faith Direct. You may give a one-time donation or create an account for giving. Why not give it a try – it's easy!

Children's Area during Mass

There are times when children have too much energy during Mass and babies have a need to cry. When that happens, we wish to remind everyone of our special area where Mass can be viewed on the TV and children can have a little more freedom to be themselves. This area is in the hallway between the Church and the Gym.

Social Concerns

Cynthia Norris, Director, 301-622-1122, social concerns@sjbcatholicchurch.com

Share the Cross - Lent 2018

The following Catholic Social Teaching principle lists ways in which we help those in need and build community at SJB. Each item is labeled on a cross and found on the wooden cross at the foot of the altar in the Church. Items with an * are new this year. All donated items listed will be collected on March 17 and 18 in the Gym, ***except the Food Drive which will be March 10 and 11.***

The crosses are color coded as follows:

Call to Family & Community & Participation	Yellow
Care of God's Creation	Green
Dignity	Orange
Human Rights and Responsibilities	Red
Preferential Option for the Poor	Blue
Solidarity	Purple

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

"The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

"Your true character is most accurately measured by how you treat those who can do 'Nothing' for you."
Mother Theresa

What can you do?

- Donate **$25 to Meals on Wheels** to provide a meal for a week for a homebound member of our community; volunteer to help transport meals to homebound clients.
- Donate to the **McCarrick Center Medical Clinic** (formerly known as the Spanish Catholic Center Clinic):
  Money to purchase **critical vaccines, medical supplies, diabetes medication and equipment**;
  $5 and $10 Target or CVS gift cards to **buy low-cost generic formulary prescription drugs**.
- Donate to **Shepherd's Table**:
  toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, soap, deodorant, and lotions;
  men's and women's new socks; rain gear: umbrellas and ponchos.

* *Volunteer* at **A Simple House of Sts. Francis & Alphonsus** http://www.asimplehouse.org

- Donate to **C-4 Baby Closet**:
  disposable diapers (12 lbs or more), baby lotion, baby shampoo, toddler socks
  Queen and/or King size sheets and large towels to C4 Clothes Closet for needy families.

Maryland March for Life – Monday, March 12 in Annapolis.

Ready to be a voice for the vulnerable in Annapolis? Join us for the 40th annual Maryland March for Life. **Pre-March Youth Rally** at 4:30 p.m. with pizza and more! Mass at 5:15 p.m. in St. Mary's church, 109 Duke of Gloucester Street. March begins at 6:30 p.m. with a rally on Lawyers Mall featuring special guest speaker, Roland Warren, President and CEO of Care Net. Free Chick-fil-A dinner at mixer back at St. Mary's at 8:00 p.m. **SJB Knights of Columbus offering free rides. Please contact Joe Peters on or before Wednesday, March 7, to guarantee a ride. (Text/Cell: 301-351-2481; transportation_joe@yahoo.com)**

St. John the Baptist Catholic Community
2018 LENTEN SUPPER TALKS

Come to the Lyon Center to observe the Lenten fast by sharing a simple supper of soup and bread. During the meal, we listen to a presentation on a topic related to the social concerns of our Church. This year's theme is **"Finding Jesus Everywhere."** Our goal this year is to increase our members' commitment to scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, and action. Each evening begins with a free, simple supper of soup and bread at 6:00 p.m. The presentation starts about 6:20 p.m. followed by questions and ending at 7:30 p.m.

March 9: ***Finding Jesus among Muslims: How Our Catholic Faith Calls Us to Dialogue & Action***
Today, our Muslim brothers and sisters face suspicion, prejudice, and discrimination. As Catholics what can we do to help? Author ***Jordan Denari Duffner*** will give an overview of Islamophobia, talk about how our Catholic faith calls us to stand with Muslims, and share ideas for interfaith dialogue and action in our daily lives. Afterward, there will be a book signing where attendees can purchase copies of Duffner's new book.

Speaker Jordan Denari Duffner is a Catholic voice on Muslim-Christian relations and Islamophobia. She is the author of "Finding Jesus among Muslims: How Loving Islam Makes Me a Better Catholic." An associate at the Bridge Initiative, where she previously worked as a research fellow study Islamophobia, Jordan is pursuing a PhD in Theological and Religious Studies at Georgetown University, studying Islam and Christianity.

Jordan has published articles in numerous outlets, including The Washington Post, TIME, America, and Sojourners. Her research on Muslin-Christian relations has been covered widely in Catholic News outlets, and she frequently provides commentary on Islamophobia for the media. Her 2016 piece on Islamophobia in Living City won a 2017 Catholic Press Association First Place Award for best interfaith and ecumenical coverage.

March 16: ***The Call to Justice: Health Care as a Key Component***
Dr. Susan Pankratz, the Clinical Director of the McCarrick Center Medical Clinic of Catholic Charities in Wheaton, MD, will explore Biblical and personal reflections on justice and human rights as they relate to health care; consider a human rights approach to fighting poverty, and the implications for health care policy; look at a specific example of mission-centered health care.

Share in Hope by Feeding the Poor

On March 10 and 11, our collection will go to the St. Camillus Food Pantries. Please bring to Mass one or more items of **non-expired,** nonperishable food.

Here's a list of suggested items:

- Box Cereal, Oatmeal in canisters (not packets)
- Infant Baby Food: Infant Rice or Oatmeal Cereal, Similac-blue label, jarred fruit, vegetables, and dinners
- Canned meat: tuna, salmon, chicken
- Canned items: milk, peaches, pineapple, soup, tomatoes, corn, peas, green beans, carrots
- Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers
- Rice, Beans: dried & canned
- Mac & Cheese, Pasta, Pasta Sauce
- Sugar or Sugar Substitutes
- Hot beverages: coffee, tea, hot chocolate, Coffee Creamer
- Spices: Salt, Pepper, Vegetable Oil
- All-purpose flour; Masa Harina flour

Did you know?

Poverty Statistics in our Community:

Food insecurity is the state of being without consistent, reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

In Montgomery County, 7% of the County's population is estimated to be food insecure (77,780). Children are especially vulnerable to families' economic status. Nearly 13.9% of the County's children are estimated to be food insecure, representing 33,000 children. The total number of food insecure children is higher than any other County in the state.

Seniors, children and the disabled are likewise vulnerable, as access to healthy foods and lack of exercise have led to the dire prediction that children born in the 2000s have a shorter life expectancy than their parents.

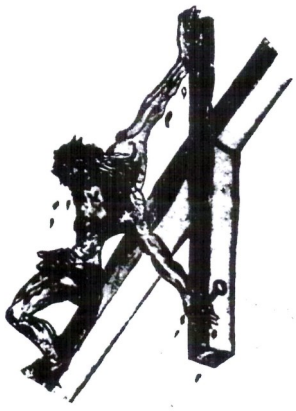
Exerpts from: *A Food Secure Montgomery What we know now and what we can do, A 5-Year Strategic Plan*

Pick up your shopping bag after Mass today.

Mystical Word

L.J. Milone, Director of Adult Faith Formation

To help America regain some of its normalcy after the September 11 terror attacks, President Bush told citizens to go shopping. The mayor of San Francisco at that time printed shopping bags with the US flag and the motto "America's Open for Business." Shopping, consuming, and economics are the foundations of our society. The importance we give to the economy reveals how much it preoccupies us and, in turn, how much our personal financial welfare preoccupies us. We can get down-right petrified when it comes to financial insecurity. We want a strong economy because that means our personal economics are more secure. The economic values of conventional American society are, in the end, all about the ego and its needs for self-preservation. This is where our bourgeois culture gets trapped. We absolutely need the Gospel truth regarding our economic lives.



Jesus, in a rare show of anger, cleanses the Jerusalem temple of merchants and money changers. Warning! This is a very dangerous memory! The Gospel, again, is the story of Jesus being reduced to nothingness, which is the antithesis to the story of conventional society and its worship of the free market. The Gospel, this story of Jesus' reduction to nothing, is dangerous. It threatens and disrupts empire and the imperial ego on which empire is based, which is the economic status quo of rich getting richer and poor getting poorer. We remember this story by living it. As disciples we must follow Jesus to the cross and also be reduced to nothingness. One area where the Gospel sucker-punches us is the economy. How the country, our state, our town, and our families fare economically is a central concern for us. It is the single major issue when it comes to how people vote. Jesus throwing out the money changers should signal that God does not want us to make it such a central concern.

Our whole society rests on the system of buying and selling. Ours is a consumer culture, gobbling up the earth's resources at a terrifying rate. The story we tell ourselves as everyday Americans is that consumerism, unbridled capitalism, and the system of buying and selling is what's really important. We plan days around shopping. A trip to the mall becomes an outing, even if we don't really need to buy anything. We prefer politicians who grow the economy. Corporations get tax cuts under the presumption that will help them create jobs. Our everyday decisions are often based on money.

The Gospel of reduction to nothingness disrupts business as usual. The status quo can never satisfy the disciple of Jesus. The status quo typically reflects the interest of the powerful and the rich. The story of Jesus is dangerous to the rich and powerful because it causes us to remember the victims of history. Naturally, these are the victims of those who have risen to wealth and power. Therefore, the disciple of Jesus, like Jesus, must reject the status quo by pointing out our cultural idolatry. We worship the economy. What is worse, our religion tends to reinforce this worship! Sometimes, the church preaches a Gospel of abundance that baptizes the neoliberal agenda of letting the market rule. Such a strategy inevitably oppresses the poor and destroys the earth by plundering its resources to increase the wealth of the already-wealthy.

We reject this status quo by allowing the Gospel to disrupt our own economic lives. The Gospel, if we really open ourselves to it, will devastate us. The Gospel of God harangues us about our buying practices. Where do you spend your money? How do you spend your money? Is that spending consistent with the reigning God who comes to clear out the whole system of buying and selling from the temple? Is it consistent with the blessing Jesus pronounces on the poor? Is your economic life aligned with the command to sell what you own, give it to the poor, and follow Jesus?

The Gospel disrupts our economic lives by calling us to voluntary poverty, or, a simple way of life. Possessions possess us. Our homes quickly fill up with clutter. We buy and we consume. We keep getting more stuff. Here's an alarming observation: we may be able to gauge how much we love God by how much stuff we own. The more stuff we own, the less we love God. If we own a lot of things, we give our attention to them. We have to maintain them. We might own something for our personal enjoyment. We also might own something that is useful. Or, we may simply be buying things at a higher rate than we can maintain, use, or enjoy. Whatever the reason, possessions tend to possess us and God gets forgotten. Jesus is quite radical when it comes to possessions: sell what you own, give it away to the poor, and come follow me along the path of being reduced to nothingness.

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Mystical Word - continued

Voluntary poverty is a significant way we follow Jesus into the reduction to nothingness. One way to start living this Gospel virtue is to begin, in a slow, contemplative manner, to declutter our homes. We can take one room of our homes at a time and remove, sell, or throw out five items a day, for instance. Pairing down our lives economically means letting go of our personal resources. So, it makes sense to start with the many physical things we own. What can we give away? Even more radically, do we need all our cars? Do we need a large house? What privileges can we give up?

In what ways can we give up our personal political priorities and place the needs of the poor above our own? In this regard, we can look at how our government budgets tax revenue. We can work with organizations like NETWORK, a Catholic social justice lobby, to make sure the poor are a priority in the federal budget and that the many federal programs for the poor are cultivated justly. If the goodness of a society is judged by how it treats the poor, then our society does not appear to be good.

Voluntary poverty is not about being destitute on the streets but minimizing our personal property to be in solidarity with the poor, to conserve the earth's resources, and, ultimately, to refocus our lives on God alone. As a Gospel virtue, it means we take seriously Jesus' constant warning about wealth, riches, and privilege. It means we throw the money changers out of the temple of our souls, because this obsession with economic growth has infected our very consciousness. Divine happiness and love then appear in our souls, and from there society will be transformed.

What can you do for St. John's?

How about considering joining our ministry of hospitality? A minister of hospitality (greeter) is someone who welcomes parishioners and newcomers as they enter the church for Mass. It is easy. Come 10-15 minutes prior to Mass and stand by the front doors and say hello to those who enter. Maybe you could try it for Lent? If you are interested just start saying hello on Sunday. For more details please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your consideration to be the person who answers the call to welcome the stranger.

2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on Sunday, June 17, at 2:00 p.m.at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the Parish Office to register. Names of jubilarians need to be provided to the Parish Office by Monday, April 16.

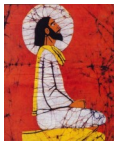
Faith Formation Ministry

L.J. Milone, Director, 301-622-1122,
adultdre@sjbcatholicchurch.com

Catholic Spiritual Teaching

This is a class on Catholic Spirituality led by L.J. Milone which involves participants in question and answer formats, group discussion, and spiritual practices. All are welcome. Sundays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (except holiday weekends) in the Large Conference Room of the Kazista Center.

SJB Christian Meditation Group



Tuesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m., in the Chapel
Come any Tuesday evening to experience the ancient practice of Christian meditation, to hear lively talks, and to experience a spiritual community. No previous experience necessary. All are welcome.

Spiritual Talks

Wednesdays, 9:15 - 10:45 a.m., Kazista Center. Come any Wednesday morning for informal talks on spirituality and its eminently practical nature. There are also opportunities to watch DVD presentations by Richard Rohr, Anthony De Mello, Thomas Keating, and others.

It's That Time of Year...

With Flu Season in full swing, keep in mind:
■ During the *Our Father* it is not required that parishioners hold hands with one another. A smile or nod to acknowledge those standing next to you is just as friendly.
■ At Communion time it is optional to accept the Cup. If you receive the host, you have received the real presence of Christ, both Body and Blood.

The St. John the Baptist Rosaria House

— is making progress and move-in time is getting close. Anyone interested in joining the informal committee to help with the Rosaria House, please contact Mary Lynne Boss at ml4boss@aol.com or 443-822-2660.

"Sharing the Joy of Love in Marriage and Family"

Pope Francis has raised up to greater heights a renewed emphasis in accompaniment in his exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. With this pastoral letter, Cardinal Wuerl is calling the church of Washington to deeply engage as missionary disciples to accompany families with the Good News of the Gospel on marriage and family. For resources and to read *Amoris Laetitia* and Cardinal's pastoral plan please visit: http://adw.org/amorislaetitia/.

Youth Ministry

Marie Ferman, Director, 301-622-1122, youth@sjbcatholicchurch.com

Youth Group meets today, March 4, at 6 p.m. in the Lyon Center.

Mark your calendars

2018 Archdiocese of Washington Coed High School Dodgeball Tournament Saturday, April 14, 12:00-4:30 p.m.

- Teams of 5 (must have at least two girls and two boys to start each game!)
- Let me know if you're interested in forming a team!
- Tournament at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church in Rockville
- 5:00 p.m. Mass to follow

Youth Group meets next week, March 11, at 6 p.m. in the Lyon Center.

SJB School News

Spring is in the air! Many fun events are coming up here at SJB! Join us for these activities:

Stations of the Cross: March 9 and March 23 at 2:15 p.m. in the Church.

Spring Show: April 25, Matinee at 1 p.m.; April 26 & 27, Evening Show at 7:30 p.m. in the Gym.

Band Concert: May 17, Matinee at 2 p.m. and Evening, at 7 p.m. in the Gym.

May Crowning: May 9 at 10 a.m. in the Church.

Lent is a special season and the second graders are working on keeping their Lenten promises. Our little ones will be preparing for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation as well as First Communion. Furthermore, they will be learning about Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday in preparation for the celebration of Easter in April. The students will also participate in making Resurrection Rolls after learning and acting out the Easter Story. It is important to remember the reason behind the season!

Youth Softball Registration

SJB Softball registration is now open for SJB students and parishioners. SJB Athletics participates in CYO Girls Softball for 10U, 12U, and 14U. This season, SJB Athletics is partnering with Burtonsville Athletic Association (BAA) to field SJB baseball teams for Grades K-8.Learn more and register at www.sjbathletics.org.

Around Town

Way of the Cross

The Middle Atlantic Coalition Against Modern Slavery (MACAMS) on March 12 will host its annual Way of the Cross with reflections on the sufferings of Jesus and all who suffer from trafficking. The Stations will be held at St. Camillus Catholic Church at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the St. Francis Room. St. Camillus is located at 1600 St Camillus Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20903. For further information contact Charlotte Cook, 301-512-9428.

Part-time Housekeeper and Cook.

St. John the Evangelist Church, Silver Spring, MD has an opening for a part-time Housekeeper/Cook. It is four days a week. The hours are 12 noon-6:00 p.m., about 25 hours a week. The duties of the position include cleaning the Rectory and Offices, laundry, ironing and cooking. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 301-681-7663, send resume to frjcalis@aol.com or come to the Office at 10103 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20902 to complete the application.

Spring Seafood Dinner

Holy Angels Church, 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue, MD, is have a Spring Seafood Dinner on Sunday, March 11, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The dinner includes crab balls, steamed spiced shrimp, fried oyster, fried chicken and more. Come enjoy a bake sale, crafts, and a raffle. For more information or to purchase advance tickets, please call 301-769-3332.

World Meeting of Families 2018

The Archdiocese of Washington Office of Family Life will participate in the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Dublin, Ireland, August 21-25, 2018. The 11-day Pilgrimage will occur from August 17 to August 27, 2018, and will include visits to Knock Sanctuary, Kylemore Abbey, Cliffs of Moher, Bunratty Castle & Fold Park and a cruise on Lough Corrib. This major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives. For registration, please visit http://adw.org/wmof2018.

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