



Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

12319 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904

Sunday, October 12, 2025 Ordinary Time: Twenty-eighth Sunday

Today's Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17 Psalm 98 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19



We see in today's Gospel that when Jesus healed people, he required the person's collaboration. "Pick up your mat and walk" or "Stretch out your hand." In this case, "Go show yourselves to the priests," which was the standard protocol, the priest would examine the person to validate the healing. As the lepers were on their way to see the priest, their healing occurred. When we ask God for help, we are also asking, "Lord, what do you want me to do?" In so doing, we are called to heed his direction, and some form of healing will ensue.

The Second Collection next week October 18/19, the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time will be for our ADW World Missions

Schedule of Masses next weekend - October 18/19 the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Fr. Andrew Wakefield

Sunday 7:30 a.m. - Fr. Andrew Wakefield

9:00 a.m. - Fr. Johnson John

11:30 a.m. - Fr. Andrew Wakefield

Daily Mass:

Monday-Friday - 7:00 & 8:30 a.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m.

Baptism: Parishioners are asked to call the Parish Office and speak with our Director of Faith Formation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday: 4:00-4:45 p.m.

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

Phone Numbers:

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Rooted in Tradition ~ Led by the Spirit

2025 Prayer Intentions for the Holy Father

October - For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Parish Directory

Please call the Parish Office to contact our Staff.

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church:

www.sjbssparish.org

SJB Athletic Ministry:

www.sjbathletics.org

Mass Intentions (October 13 - October 19)

Monday 9:00 - Larry Ehorn (B. Chang)

Tuesday 7:00 - All Souls in Purgatory (A. Hernandez)

8:30 - Kevin Carter (J. & P. Young)

Wednesday 7:00 - Dimitri Vassiliou (Parents)

8:30 - Pichada DeJesus -L- (Peach)

Thursday 7:00 - Gabe Lombard (Franny)

8:30 - Martin Young (J. & L. Mullican)

Friday 7:00 - Janet Civitate (Sister)

8:30 - Adele Canup (Friends)

Saturday 9:00 - Sam Stanton (C. Cook)

5:00 - Debbie Creel (J. Creel)

Sunday 7:30 - Parishioners

9:00 - Rev. Glen Willis (B. Chang)

11:30 - Dimitri Vassiliou (S. & J. Sklamm)

Parish Clergy

Rev. Andrew Wakefield

Pastor

Rev. Johnson John, CMI

In Residence

Msgr. Michael Mellone

In Residence

Deacon James Gorman

Permanent Deacon

Deacon Ed McCormack

Permanent Deacon

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chapel Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. when the Parish Office is Open

Adoration in the Chapel - Extended Hours

Adoration will take place every Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. when the Parish Office is open. Additional Adorers are welcome during this time. Signup sheets will be available outside the Chapel on Thursdays during Adoration.



October Collections

October 11/12 - Community Fund

October 18/19 - ADW World Missions

October 25/26 - SJB Building/Maintenance

****Bulletin Deadline****

October 26 Bulletin & Website deadline

Thursday, October 16, at 9:00 a.m

Send Bulletin announcements to

sjbbulletin@sjbssparish.org

Send Website announcements to

kbrown@sjbssparish.org

Community Sunday/Community Breakfast

Join us in the Gym after the 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Masses for a Community Breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome.





Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Taste of Haiti Festival last Saturday, in support of our Sister Parish St. Pierre in Baradères, Haiti. We were pleased to be joined by Fr. Chandeaur Bélanton, a graduate of the schools at St. Pierre, and we shared a message from the parish's new pastor Fr. Jhonson Charlotin. The Festival was a wonderful event of Haitian food and culture, and my deep thanks to our Haiti Committee volunteers who made the event possible. Thank you, as well, for your generosity to our 2nd Collection for St. Pierre, which we will take up again during Lent, although you are always welcome to contribute to our Sister Parish throughout the year.

Sharing our blessings invites us into a spirit of gratitude for God's goodness. Our Eucharistic Feast, our central act of worship as Catholics, is an expression of gratitude ("eucharist" comes from the Greek word for "thanksgiving.") Attending and participating in Mass is our highest expression of thanks for what God has done in our lives, for in the Mass, we give thanks to the Father, through Christ, for the gift of His creation and our redemption. As we listen to God's Word and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, we have an opportunity to recognize that everything we have is from God and without Him we would have nothing. Our Eucharistic Feast calls us to be mindful of our blessings, and strengthens us to understand how we may share those blessings with others. We find the nourishment of our souls in the Eucharist, and like the Samaritan leper who returns to Jesus, falls at His feet, and thanks Him, we fall at Christ's feet in every Mass, grateful for the gift of His merciful love!

As the new academic year has begun, we continue to see more and more families joining us for Mass, which is a tremendous blessing, and we want our parish to be a

place of welcome for all who desire to know the Lord! Just a reminder for all of our new families that we do have restrooms available both behind the sanctuary (where there is a TV mounted in the hallway on which the Mass is streamed, if you need to step away with a child during the Mass), as well as restrooms available across from the Chapel in the Kazista Center (our office building next to the Church). The front foyer of the Church, inside the front glass doors, is also a place where you may bring a child during the Mass if you need a quieter, less crowded spot. And please invite your children to draw a picture or write a message of something they are grateful for to God using our Pew Art Cards (available at the entrances to the Church), and place the cards in the collection baskets.

I also write this week to remind all of our families with children in grades 1st-8th who are in need of religious education that our Sunday morning Religious Education program has begun, as have our sessions for the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) and Order of Christian Initiation for Teens (OCIT). Please contact our Director of Faith Formation Eddie Argauer at dre@sjbssparish.org for enrollment information.

Finally, all women of the parish are invited to join us for a special faith formation opportunity designed specifically for women, *Walking with Purpose*, which begins on Saturday, October 18, at 10:15 a.m. in the Kazista Center. This popular and dynamic women's Bible Study program combines personal study and small group discussion, connecting our Catholic faith with the everyday challenges of daily living. Build new friendships, study the Scriptures and grow in your faith - Come walk with a purpose! Please email dre@sjbssparish.org for more information.

God bless you!

In Christ,
Fr. Andrew

Remember in Prayer those who have died

Tigist Berhe, wife of Ermias Berhe and mother of SJB school students Joanna and Kaleb Ermias;

Geternet Kebede, husband of Mimi Yenefanta and father of SJB school student Meron Getenet;

Meg Frank, former parishioner and widow of Robert J. Frank; and

Mary Kinnecome, former parishioner.

Columbus Day Parish Office & School Closure

The Parish Office and School will be closed for the Columbus Day Holiday on Monday, October 13. There will be only one Mass at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 13.

Faith Direct eGiving is now ParishSoft

ParishSoft is now handling the Faith Direct eGiving. Please watch your emails for explanations from ParishSoft. ParishSoft is the software where your weekly contributions are entered and accumulated.

Pax Christi Meeting - Sunday, October 12

Pax Christi-St. John the Baptist members will meet this morning, October 12, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be in the Large Conference Room of the Kazista Center.

You are invited to join us, as we seek peace in imitation of the nonviolent Jesus. Through prayer, study and action we address current issues of justice and peace. At this meeting we will focus on immigration concerns and a gospel response. Some members will share personal experiences. In last Sunday's bulletin, Father Wakefield reprinted Cardinal McElroy's September 28 homily on being a neighbor to the immigrants in our midst.

Pax Christi-St. John the Baptist is part of Pax Christi USA, the national Catholic peace movement. For more information, please contact Ronnie Fellerath-Lowell at 301-890-1686 or vmfny@aol.com.



SJB Health Fair

Sunday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Gym
Join us for a day dedicated to your health and well-being!
The Health Fair will feature:

- Hearing & Vision Screening
- Heart Disease & Diabetes Information
- Nutrition Tips
- Home & Fire Safety
- Health & Wellness Resources
- Home Care & Community Resources

Take charge of your health and discover helpful resources for you and your family. Everyone is welcome!
We look forward to seeing you there!



SJB School Position Available

St. John the Baptist is looking for someone to help supervise children in the school's after-care program from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on regular school days and from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. on half-days. Child-protection certification is a requirement. Experience working with children is a plus. Contact the principal at brian.blomquist@sjbsilverspring.org if you are interested.



SJB School News - Upcoming Events

Students and parents gathered for a fun-filled evening at SJB's annual Family Flix Night, enjoying Lilo & Stitch on the big screen last week. A beloved school tradition, this event invites students to bring blankets, pillows, and friends to relax on the field and enjoy a movie under the stars. Laughter echoed across campus, memories were made, and everyone enjoyed delicious food and drinks. Hosted by the 8th grade and the Home School Association, the night also served as a fundraiser for upcoming 8th-grade events. Thank you to all the volunteers and families who helped make the night a success!

We loved coming together as a community for this event and look forward to connecting again at these upcoming October activities:

- Oct. 14-17: Baby Supply Drive
- Oct. 18: Cornhole for Adults (6-10 p.m.)
- Oct. 25: Trunk or Treat for Kids (1-4 p.m.)
- Oct. 31: School Halloween Parade

Together, through events like these, we continue to grow in faith, strengthen our bonds, and celebrate the spirit of community that makes SJB so special.

SJB School Collects Used Printer Cartridges

If you have used printer cartridges of any kind, please consider donating them to the School. The School will earn a couple dollars for each cartridge recycled. Used cartridges may be dropped off at the School or Parish Office. Thank you for your support.



Athletic Ministry Cornhole Tournament

Mark your Calendar for our SJB Cornhole Tournament next Saturday, October 18, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m. This is a fundraiser for our Athletic Ministry. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.sjbathletics.org/events/sjb-cornhole-tournament-sponsored-by-the-athletic-ministry>.



Trunk-or-Treat

The Athletic Ministry will be hosting Trunk-or-Treat on Saturday, October 25, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the SJB parking lot. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.sjbathletics.org/events>. Please contact Ryan Martin, 08ryan10@gmail.com, with questions.



Boy Scout Program at SJB

SJB's Boy Scout Troop has openings available for boys age 11+. Meetings are weekly on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Lyon Center with monthly camping and other outdoor activities on weekends. Scouting is a year-round program that teaches boys about wildlife, outdoor skills, cooking, first aid, emergency preparation, good citizenship, leadership, plus many more life skills.

Come and visit at any troop meeting to learn about Scouting at SJB or email Hank Keegan hankeegs@yahoo.com for further information.



Youth Chorale - All Parish Youth Welcome!

"Do you love to sing? Are you interested in becoming a better singer? Think about joining our Youth Chorale! We are looking for any singers 4th grade and up! We take students of all musicianship skills, whether you are learning to sing or have many years of experience! We will meet Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the church and sing at Mass the 2nd Sunday of the month! Please reach out to keegan.brush@sjbsilverspring.org for more information or complete the QR code to sign up! Thank you!"



Morning of Remembrance

Please join the SJB community and Bereavement Ministry as we come together to remember loved ones during the Mass of Remembrance Saturday, November 1, at 9 a.m. The names of those who have died within the last year will be read aloud and a candle will be lit in their memory.

Stay after Mass for a small reception, offering fellowship and a chance to share stories and support one another. Please contact Anna Moretti at morettia310@gmail.com for more information about the Bereavement Ministry or if you would like any resources about grief support in our area.



Faith Formation

Eddie Argauer, 301-622-1122, dre@sjbssparish.org

Baptismal Preparation Class

The next Baptismal Preparation Class will be Tuesday, November 4, at 7 p.m. Classes will meet in the Large Conference Room of the Kazista Center. This class will highlight the significance of Baptism and prepare parents for this grace-filled sacrament. Please RSVP to the Director of Faith Formation, Eddie Argauer, at dre@sjbssparish.org or call the Parish Office at 301-622-1122.



2025 - 2026 Faith Formation

Faith Formation Classes (Sunday School classes) have begun. Please contact Eddie Argauer with any questions, dre@sjbssparish.org or 301-622-1122.



Altar Servers Needed

For students in grades 4 and up, please consider becoming an Altar Server to serve at Sunday Mass. Please contact Eddie Argauer, dre@sjbssparish.org or 301-622-1122.



Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Bring Jesus to others as a Eucharistic Minister at SJB. We are in need of more people to distribute holy communion, so do not be afraid! For more information, contact Eddie Argauer at dre@sjbssparish.org or call 301-622-1122.

Angel Friends

Expecting More Twins in October

- Our SJB team, which supports women facing crisis pregnancies, has taken on a new mother, Janelle, and she is expecting twins in October. You may recall that Bezenjie is also expecting twins in October. While we believe we have enough baby gear for both moms, we are in need of more diapers and wipes.
- Please keep Rebecca in your prayers. Rebecca had a difficult pregnancy before giving birth to Zariyah Reign in August, and she's dealing with some ongoing medical issues.
- If you have other items to donate, or you are interested in learning more about Angel Friends and the Gabriel Network -- perhaps consider joining the SJB team -- please contact Jeff and Crystal Vinson (cryspyfry@gmail.com and jeffvins@gmail.com).

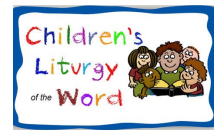


Signup to Receive Flocknotes

Fr. Andrew sends his weekly message and the Sunday Bulletin via Flocknote. If you would like to receive Flocknotes, please register by visiting www.flocknote.com/sjbcatholicchurch. Thank you.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will meet in the Kazista Center Large Conference Room and Chapel on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for children ages Kindergarten to Grade 4. The Children's Liturgy of the Word will be Sunday, October 19. Please contact Eddie Argauer, eargauer@sjbssparish.org, with any questions or if you would like to help.



Walking with Purpose (WWP)

The wildly popular Walking With Purpose program is a women's only Bible study that meets women right where they are, hands them a cup of coffee and transforms their hearts. Trust us. This may be your best YES ever. Discover how the Gospels are deeply relevant to your relationship with God and your everyday life while building great relationships at SJB! WWP will lead you to that safe place where you are unconditionally loved, baggage and all. This 6-week program begins Saturday, October 18, at 10:15 a.m. in the Kazista Center's Conference Room. For more info, please contact Rai Howell at Marian.Howell@sjbsilverspring.org.



SJB Walking with the Word - New Sign-in!

SJB Walking with the Word will meet Saturdays in the Lyon Center 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Please join our Zoom Meeting with this new meeting location, meeting ID and password.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83988932139?pwd=bxgbuapgPOIntX5Nfu4Y8xTqZkEVnT.1>

Meeting ID: 839 8893 2139

Passcode: WWTW

For more information, please contact Jeff Hafner at jeff.hafner@aol.com, 703-203-4319.

Scam Emails/Messages

Scam emails have been sent to SJB parishioners in Fr. Andrew's name. Please note that Fr. Andrew will not send an email or a text message requesting money or assistance. To verify the legitimacy of an email, please look at the sent email address. If the sent email address is from anything other than awakefield@sjbssparish.org, simply delete and do not respond. If you have any questions regarding the legitimacy of an email or text, please call the Parish Office, 301-622-1122.



SJB Eco-Ministry Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation

This fall Catholic organizations across the United States are coming together to launch Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation, a nationwide movement to encourage individuals and communities to embark on pilgrimages during the 2025 Jubilee Year – which marks both the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's *Canticle of the Creatures* and the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' groundbreaking *Laudato Si'* encyclical. Wherever these pilgrimages take place, they all share the same mission: to restore our relationship with God, with each other, and with the Earth, and to cultivate a renewed commitment to caring for creation.

We invite you to join our SJB Eco-Ministry group for a Pilgrimage of Hope for Creation walk through the Paint Branch Trail (Martin Luther King Jr. Recreational Park [off Jackson Road]) on Saturday, October 18 (rain date: 25). The trail is beautiful and close to our parish (about 5 minutes away).

We will gather in the parking lot at SJB immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, October 18, drive to Paint Branch Trail and begin our walk. The Trail is paved and naturally shaded. We will stop for an occasional prayer and reflection. No need to complete the entire trail. Walk with us for any distance you deem appropriate for yourself.

What to wear and bring? Dress for the weather. Wear comfortable shoes, and bring a reusable water bottle, bug spray, mobile phone – and children!

Join us for an enchanted and prayerful “walk in the woods” as we celebrate and give thanks for the gift of creation.

All encouraged! All wanted! All welcome!

For information regarding the above, please contact Bill Dinges 301-388-2472 or Dinges@cua.edu.

THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S.



Would you like to learn English for free?

Learn English in a friendly, supportive environment and build your confidence! Classes are open to all levels of learners, which will include speaking, reading, and writing lessons. Now through

December 20, 2025, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at St. John the Baptist School Library, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20904 English Classes available for Spanish, French, Vietnamese, and Amharic. Please contact Liz Castillo 402-681-0286 to register.



Our Lady of Fatima

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima, The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division - "The Blue Army" invites you to Rosary, Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Precious Blood of Jesus Chaplet, and Brown Scapular enrollment Saturday, October 13, at 1:00 p.m. in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Avenue, DC. For more information, please call 301-949-5710.



33rd International Week of Prayer & Fasting

Nine days of prayer and fasting from November 15 – 23, 2025. The Opening Day of Prayer will be on Saturday, November 15, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave NE, Washington, DC, with Mass at noon, Eucharistic Adoration, the Rosary, Confessions, and speakers. Please register at www.iwopf.org or call 703-707-0799. This is a FREE event; however, online donations are welcomed to help support our ministry.

C4 Chili Cook Off & Family Fun Day - FREE

Who: Hosted by C4 (Colesville Council of Community Congregations) an Interfaith Organization that SJB has been supporting since 1968



What: Kids Games – Cake Walk - Free Chili - Hot Dogs - Bingo for Prizes and More!

When/Where: Saturday October 18, 2025, from 2-5 p.m. at Transfiguration Episcopal Church (C4 member congregation) at 13925 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Interested in being a Chili Cook Off Contestant or just having fun? Please call Alyssa at 301-599-2108 ext. 313, visit the website at www.c4clothescloset.com or email contact@c4clothescloset.com

Call for C4 Volunteers

October is SJB's Month to Staff the Clothes Closet. If you have been thinking about doing some volunteer work, now is your chance!! The C4 Clothes (and Baby Closet) is just up the street at 14015 New Hampshire Ave, Silver Spring, MD. If you have some free time on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday mornings between 9 and 12 noon, we will find a job that “fits” your skills and ability. We offer free clothing, baby supplies, and household items to needy families who reside in Montgomery County.

If you are interested in helping or need help yourself, please call 301-599-2108 ext. 313, visit the www.c4clothescloset.com or email contact@c4clothescloset.com.



Coats for Kids: October 1 to December 31

Each year the SJB Knights of Columbus Council provides new winter coats to kids in need through donations to C-4, the Colesville Council of Community Congregations. Last year, for the first time, parishioners were invited to participate in this by making a tax-deductible contribution, and the outstanding generosity of parishioners enabled over 100 needy kids to have a new coat for Christmas! Please consider participating again this year. Checks payable to St. John the Baptist Church with "Coats for Kids" in the memo line may be mailed to the church, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring MD 20904; dropped off at the Parish Office; placed in the offertory basket at Mass; or dropped off at a Saturday Food Drive or Community Breakfast/Sunday. Please help the Knights of Columbus help kids in need!



SJB Food Drive

The next St. John the Baptist Knights of Columbus Food Drive will be Saturday, October 18, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Drop off will be at the Lyon Center parking lot behind the church (canned or boxed dry foods only, please). *Please be careful to exclude any expired items from your donation.* Donations will be transported to the St. Camillus Food Pantry. Cash or check donations (payable to St. John the Baptist with "Food Drive" in the memo line) are also welcome! Thank you.



Knights of Columbus Scholarships

The Maryland State Council High School Scholarships: The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship. Please visit: [Frederick M. Gossman Application - https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025_26_GossmanApplication.pdf](https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025_26_GossmanApplication.pdf)

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship. Please visit: [William J. O'Brien Application https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025_26_OBrienApplication.pdf](https://kofc-md.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025_26_OBrienApplication.pdf)

For additional information please visit <https://kofc-md.org/high-school-scholarships/>.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St Raphael Catholic Church Conference - 240-688-6829 - Intake

If you or someone you meet need financial help for utilities, housing, food, or other needs, please call the phone number above. If no one answers, leave a message, giving your name and phone number, repeating the phone number a second time. You will receive a call from one of their members within 24 hours. If you don't receive a return call in 24 hours, please call again to make sure the message wasn't missed.



Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

The Knight of Columbus Council 11106 will hold its annual Membership Drive at each Mass today, October 11 & 12. The Knights of Columbus (KofC) is a dynamic Catholic fraternal organization for men that focuses on family, charitable activities, community service, and youth engagement. A major thrust of our activities is directed at involving the members of the entire family. Any man who is a practicing Catholic, 18 years of age or older may apply for membership at www.KofC.org/joinus or scan the QR code. Use promo code BLESSEDMCGIVENEY. Brother Knights will be available after Mass and at Community Breakfast to answer questions.



Box of Joy Collections until November 2

"Make Dreams Come True for Children Who Wish for Just One Gift."



The SJB KofC Council warmly invite you to participate once again in the Box of Joy program, a powerful opportunity to bring hope and joy to children living in extreme poverty. In 2024, our Maryland State Knights and Ladies Auxiliaries united to bless over 5,908 children around the world, many of whom received their very first Christmas gift thanks to your generosity. Let's do it again and aim even higher!

The boxes will be available at the community Breakfast / Sunday and/or Food Drive events and will be collected back between now and October 25.

What Goes in a Box of Joy? Each box is packed with love for a boy or girl in one of three age-groups (2-4, 5-9, or 10-14). Suggested items include small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, clothing & accessories, and useful items.

Once collected, they will be sent to Cross Catholic Outreach in Florida to be inspected, add a rosary and the story of Jesus, and shipped to children in need. A \$9 donation per box is required to cover shipping and processing. Additional information can be found in the brochure included in the box.

Community Sunday/Community Breakfast

After the Sunday 7:30 & 9:00 a.m. Masses

- Every Sunday Coffee and Donuts will be available for free.
- The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays will be "Community Breakfast" where the Knights will prepare eggs/pancakes/etc. that folks can purchase as a fundraiser to support the various charitable projects of the Knights.
- The 4th (and 5th, if there is one) Sundays will be "Community Sunday" with just free coffee & donuts. Thank you for supporting our Knights of Columbus.



October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Violence at home hurts! You are not alone. During the past difficult year many families suffered abuse at home. Now is the time to protect yourself and those who count on you for safety. If you experience any form of abuse, help is available. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence visit: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

Archdiocese of Washington Opportunities

Interested in sharing your talent and skills with the church? The Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) is looking for faith-filled employees to fill key positions at our Pastoral Center:

Chief Development Officer/Secretary for Stewardship:

This role will be responsible for creating, implementing, and overseeing a comprehensive Stewardship program focused on promoting a culture of gratitude, generosity, and active participation in the life of the Church. This role will be a part of the senior leadership team and will assist parishes in integrating Stewardship Principles while providing resources and guidance.

Clergy Care Coordinator: This role will be responsible for providing support to our priests in the areas of health and wellness as health care advocacy when navigating medical care. This role will support the physical well-being of the

clergy community while respecting the values of the Catholic Church.

Archdiocesan Coordinator of Justice and Peace: This role will serve as a pastoral resource to support parishes in their outreach, advocacy, education, and service initiatives. This role will work with parishes in providing support and theological resources.

Archdiocesan Coordinator of Life Issues Ministry: The archdiocese is hiring a Coordinator to serve as a unifying and strategic resource in the coordination of support to pastors, Parish communities, Catholic faithful and organizations within the archdiocese in their mission to defend life from conception to natural death.

For more information on these positions, please visit the ADW Career Site, <https://adw.org/about-us/resources/career-opportunities/>

Around Town

Come and See – Taste Program

Looking for ways to grow closer to Jesus and learn more about our Faith? The TASTE Program (a Catholic Women's ministry) offers dynamic weekly speakers and small group discussion at St. Mary of the Mill in Laurel. Women from 60+ parishes have attended. For more information, please visit <https://www.tasteprogram.com/>.

No Greater Love: Catholic Retreat for Women

Saint Andrew Apostle Catholic Church, 11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD, is offering a Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 18, led by Father Tom Czek, OFM, Conv. You are warmly invited to a special time of grace, reflection, and community, an invitation to greater intimacy with Jesus through Mary, with the help of Saint Maximilian Kolbe. Cost is \$25. For more information and to register, visit <https://standrewapostle.org/womens-ministry>. Please register by, today, October 12.

Jubilee Walking Pilgrimages

The Archdiocese has designated several churches in the area as Jubilee Pilgrimage sites. Pilgrims of Hope for Creation will be offering several walking pilgrimages to visit them this fall. Distances range from 4 to 11 miles. The October 25 pilgrimage route is very close to our church. Some pilgrimages also repeat in October and November. Visit <https://sites.google.com/view/jubilee-walking-pilgrimages> for information and to sign up or email Daniel Marcin at dsmarcin@gmail.com with questions. Jesus was a pedestrian!

Gabriel Network Job Opportunity

The Gabriel Network is seeking a Church Teams' Mentor at Gabriel Network. This is a full-time, in-office position (with some remote flexibility) based in Crofton, MD. The role follows a Monday-Friday schedule with occasional evenings and weekends for events and trainings. The Mentor serves as a liaison between Gabriel Network and its partner churches throughout Maryland and the DC area, cultivating strong, intentional relationships with coordinators, volunteers, and church leaders to empower them in serving pregnant mothers in need. Key responsibilities include supporting and growing volunteer teams, overseeing onboarding and training, ensuring compliance with background and child protection requirements, and equipping churches with the resources, tools, and encouragement necessary to strengthen their ministries. For more information, please contact Angelica Jorgensen at: Angelica.Jorgensen@gabrielnetwork.org.

Aging & Wellness Fair

Aging & Wellness Conference Saturday, October 25, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with the Resource Fair until 2:00 p.m. in the Founder's Hall, at Our Lady of the Visitation Parish, 14139 Seneca Drive, Darnestown, MD 20904. Light refreshments and raffle basket full of goodies available. This is a free conference sponsored by the Veronica's Veil Outreach Center which focuses on aging, wellness and staying connected. For more information, please contact Erin Iturriaga at eiturriaga@vvoutreachcenter.org.

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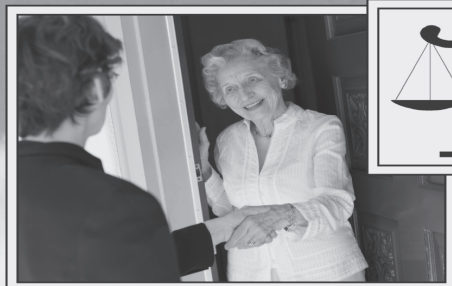


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