

— APRIL 22 —

# EARTH DAY

— How will you give back? —



Pope Francis' (2015) encyclical, *Laudato Si [Be praised my Lord]* challenges each of us with a call to conversion and action in regards of taking on the task of caring for our common home – the world. He reminds us of our biblical call to live in right relationship and to cooperate with God's design for our world. He states that "Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home (#13). The question at the heart of the encyclical is: "**What kind of world do you want to leave to those who come after us?**" (#160).

**EARTH DAY PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you for this beautiful planet. Bless it and keep it safe from harm. We pray for the protection of the animals, the soil, air and water. May we care for all you have made. Help us to love the Earth as you do. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Let us keep a place for Christ in our lives, let us care for one another and let us be loving custodians of creation.

Pope Francis

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, April 18**

6:30 a.m. + Ted Cahalane by Patrick & Jen Cahalane & Family  
8:00 a.m. + Jane Grillo by The Grillo Family

**Tuesday, April 19**

6:30 a.m. - The Conversion of Sinners  
8:00 a.m. + Genevieve Ewell by Chris & Zion McKinney

**Wednesday, April 20**

6:30 a.m. - Eileen Cahalane by Kenny & Mary Miller  
8:00 a.m. + Ann Cornett by The Metcalfe Family

**Thursday, April 21**

6:30 a.m. + Juan Julio Roman by The Arce Family  
8:00 a.m. + Catherine Reilly by The Harrigan Family

**Friday, April 22**

6:30 a.m. + Paul McGuiness by The Lewis Family  
8:00 a.m. + Ramon Diaz by José Diaz

**Saturday, April 23**

8:00 a.m. - Albert & Jennifer Ragunton's Wedding Anniversary by Cris Beltran & Family  
5:00 p.m. + Terence Francis Dugan by The Rother Family  
**Sunday, April 24**  
7:00 a.m. + Thomas & Dorothy Campenni by William & Kathleen Campenni  
8:30 a.m. + Rev. Michael Smith by Betty Smith  
10:00 a.m. + Claudio Romales by Ivy Romales  
11:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish  
1:00 p.m. + Patrick Fultz by Michael & Suzan Fultz  
3:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass  
5:00 p.m. + Martin Argueta by His Loving family



**In Baptism** we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church, and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. With this in mind, we welcome these children of God who were baptized on April 10, 2016:

Ryan Patrick Bilodeau son of Alan & Melissa;

Emily Nila May Canby daughter of Adam & Amy

**New Altar Server Training:** Training for interested rising sixth graders and older began in April! Please join us. The dates are April 18, April 25, and May 2 in the church at 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. It is mandatory to attend all three training sessions. If you are still interested but have a conflict at this time, please let Mrs. Kirby know. Call Mrs. Kirby to sign up at 703-880-4302.



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# EASTER Blessings

Peace and good! As we celebrate the Easter Season and Jubilee of Mercy, let us continue to pause to reflect upon God's gift of mercy. What exactly is mercy? Pope Francis offers the following insights and reflections on the virtue of mercy.

I think we too are the people who, on the one hand, want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. And Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think — and I say it with humility — that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy. (Homily on March 17, 2013)

It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! ... Oh, I am a great sinner! All the better! Go to Jesus: He likes you to tell him these things! He forgets, He has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, He kisses you, He embraces you and He simply says to you: Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more (Jn 8:11). (Homily on March 17, 2013)

God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish. (Easter *Urbi et Orbi Message* on March 31, 2013)

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple, yet powerful and grace-filled. It is that God loves us – all of us. May we have the courage to proclaim, "My Lord and my God!"

Father Tom, TOR

References:

Francis. (2013, March 31). Easter *Urbi et Orbi Message*. Vatican.

Francis. (2013, March 17). Homily. Vatican.

**The Parish staff wishes to thank the following parish ministries:**

We thank the **Parish/School Office and Facilities Staff** for their planning and preparation for celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. We also thank **Bishop Loverde and Father Wagner** for being with us for this celebration for the youth of the parish. Know that we appreciate your ministry to the parish.

We thank the **Parish/School Office, Facilities Staff, SJS Students and Friars** for their participation in the **parish recycling programs**. As we celebrate Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, know that the parish community continues to study and review ways to embrace the care of creation.

We thank **our staff and parishioners who minister as musicians, cantors, and choir members**. A special thanks to the individuals who minister at the **Sacrament of Marriage and the Masses of Christian Burial here at the parish**. Know that we appreciate the sharing of your time, talent, and treasure with the parish community.

We thank **our parishioners** for their support of the **Parish Facility Fund Collection**. Your contributions assist us in maintaining and caring for our parish buildings and grounds. Know that we are grateful for your support.

## Save the date!

Father Beiting Appalachian Mission drive  
This spring's drive will be Saturday,  
May 14th from 8:00 AM until noon.

Plan on donating those spring clean out items you no longer use. Those less fortunate will appreciate what you don't need. Furniture, toys, food, building materials, household goods and non-perishable food are most welcome. Keep an eye on the bulletin for further updates and for pick up instructions if you have some large items. Thank you on behalf of the poor in Louisa, KY. For more information, see the sign above the poor box in the back of the church or go to <http://www.fbamc-ky.org>.

**Collections: The weekend of April 9-10**  
**Offertory \$21,606 plus Faith Direct \$14,058**

**Thank you for your continued support and kind generosity.**

Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined in a sincere love for our fellow human beings and unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.

Pope Francis  
Laudato Si: On Care For Our Common Home



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**“What kind of world do you want to leave to those who come after us?” (#160).**

The parish/school community continues to deepen their awareness of “caring for our common home – the world.” We share with the parish community a few of the ways in which we have been “caring for our common home.”

### Recycling:

- 32,000 lbs. of paper, missalettes, cardboard, plastic and glass (416 cubic yards each year)
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Batteries
- Ink and printer cartridges
- Bottle water/water fountain – to date the school has one bottle filler and it has saved over 16,351 plastic bottles
- Bottle water/water fountain – two bottle fillers will be installed in the school over the summer months
- Bottle water – the parish office and school uses water coolers and filtered water in order to save from using individual plastic bottles of water
- Flowers/plants as much as it is possible

### Lighting:

- LED light replacement – to this date there have been 276 90Watt par lamps with 17WATT LED lamps. An estimated savings of 80% of energy cost. Total savings per year of over \$10,000.00 per year over incandescent bulbs.
- Church altar flood lights have been replaced and has saved 82% in energy cost.
- Gym lights will be replaced this summer and should be a savings of over 75% in energy cost.
- Church and the older section of the school are part of the light replacement plan in progress.

### Environment and ecology projects:

Addition of a Green House to the school.

These are a few ways which we as a parish community are caring for our common home – the world.

Father Tom, TOR



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: PRACTICES AND MASSES

### For 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Special Sacraments (English)

**Practices:** Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
and Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

\*For the parents convenience, The Ladies' Society will be selling Communion items, i.e., ties, veils, rosaries, First Communion gifts etc. while these practices take place.

### First Communion Mass in English

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Please report to your child's regular classroom first for Practices and Mass. Special Sacraments students report to the Religious Education Office. We will process to church.

### For Sunday's Classes (Spanish)

**Practices:** Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. -3:00 p.m.  
(Hall C/Cafeteria)  
and Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### First Communion Mass in Spanish

Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Please report to your child's regular classroom first for practices and Mass.

Afterwards we will process together to the church.

## REMINDER:

### Religious Education Registration 2015-2016

Registration materials for Religious Education classes for the 2016-2017 school year will be available at by the end of April. Registration materials for next year's session will go home with each student through their Communication Folder. Please check your child's Communication folder for this important information. Registration materials will also be found in the Religious Education office, Parish office and on our website – [www.sjcherndon.org](http://www.sjcherndon.org).

### LAST DAY OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

(Sat.) April 30<sup>th</sup>, (Sun.) May 1<sup>st</sup>, (Mon.)  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and (Tue.) May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Blood Drive is TODAY, Sunday, April 17, 7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Walk-ins accepted. Contact Paul Mich at [SJCBloodDrive@aol.com](mailto:SJCBloodDrive@aol.com). Please support this Knights of Columbus sponsored event.



### **Early Bird Registration open for the 2016 Men's Society Annual Golf Tournament**

The event will take place on Friday, June 10, 2016 at Herndon Centennial. Golf is open to all men, women and friends. Format is captain's choice/best ball. Prizes will be awarded for top 3 teams as well as skill prizes and a chance to win a 2016 Lexus with a hole in one! Tons of door prizes available to win! Registration is \$115/per golfer prior to May 27th. Cost is \$125 after. For more information, call Tom Madden, 703-674-9566 or go to: <http://www.sjcherndon.org/mens-society-1>.



### **THANKS TO OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

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## COMING SOON!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Joseph Parish



There are only three more positions to fill for St. Joseph's Vacation Bible School!

Our VBS will be Monday, June 27th through Friday, July 1st from 9 AM to 12 NOON. We most likely will be using Hall C "the cafeteria", the school's music and art rooms, and the 6th grade wing.

Games & Outdoor Activities (leader)  
Music and Choreography (leader)  
2nd & 3rd Grade (assistant)

I especially would like to highlight the Music Coordinator's position. We will be projecting professional made DVD videos on a huge screen or wall with children and adults dancing and singing the songs with the words also on display.

The Music Coordinator would only need to teach the "moves" to the music and be the "head cheerleader" to guide and inspire them. No musical experience necessary. It will be a lot of fun!

If anyone is interested in being the Music Coordinator or any other valuable position we still have available please email at [rruiz@sjcherndon.org](mailto:rruiz@sjcherndon.org).

**SIGN UP NOW FOR "THE WOMEN'S MAY DINNER:  
BE SURE TO GET YOUR RESERVATIONS!  
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS FUN TIME, GOOD  
FOOD, DRINK AND FELLOWSHIP!  
CALL NOW!**

Ladies Night Out - May 19, 2016  
Piero's Corner Restaurant  
Franklin Farm Shopping Center  
Herndon



Cost: \$34 per person, includes appetizers, salad, entrée, nonalcoholic beverages, dessert, tax and gratuity. Reservations are required!

**All women of the parish are invited to attend.**

For more information or to make a reservation, call Mary Kirby at 703-481-6189 or email: [mary1k@aol.com](mailto:mary1k@aol.com). Please RSVP by May 16th.

**St. Joseph Ladies' Society** - Please join us for our last meeting of the year, Thursday, April 21st. at 7:30 p.m. Before our meeting at 7:00 p.m. we will be packing lunches for the Dranesville Elementary Backpack Lunch Program. Volunteers are always needed. Come and hear more about our upcoming events.

## THE YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER “Revolving Our Lives Around Christ”

**Work Camp Meeting, Sunday April 17th:** There is a **mandatory** Work Camp meeting on Sunday, April 17th from 6-8 p.m. in parish hall C. All Work Camp attendees must be present for the meeting. Dinner will be included. For more information, please contact Mr. Jim Roewer at [jim.roewer@verizon.net](mailto:jim.roewer@verizon.net).

### Work Camp 2016: St. Joseph Parish Youth Need Your Help!

Are you a person with basic home repair and maintenance skills? Have you ever painted a house or built a deck? Are you a professional contractor? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please consider putting your skills to use at Work Camp!

Work Camp is an annual week long service opportunity for youth of our parish to serve those in need throughout Northern Virginia.

We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to share these skills teaching the youth and helping improve the lives of those in need in our diocese. Work Camp 2016 will be in Spotsylvania County, June 27 - 30, 2016.

If you are able to volunteer your time and skills to help Work Camp please contact Jim Roewer at 703-437-4811.



### SJS News:

This week our Student Council officers and reps sponsored a fundraiser for *The Race for Hope* to benefit brain tumor research. The race will take place May 1st and will benefit the team Eagles for Hope.

Best wishes to our SJS Science Fair winners as they advance to the diocesan level competition at Paul VI High School on Saturday, April 16th.

SJS is now accepting applications for K-7th Grades.

Please contact our Admissions Coordinator, Mrs. Mary Lewis at **703.880.4315** for application information.

We welcome families to make an appointment for a tour to see firsthand what makes our school special and observe our professional staff, our creative 21st century learners and our state of the art facilities.



**Kraków in the Capital:  
World Youth Day Celebration for Young Adults #wydDC**

On July 30, 2016, join thousands of young adults from across the region at Kraków in the Capital, a daylong World Youth Day experience in DC. Visit Washington, experience Kraków and encounter Christ through: polish food and music, bilingual talks from Bishops and national speakers, a visit to the National Holy Door of Mercy, adoration, confession, Stations of the Cross, late night concert and more! Sign up to the first to hear updates on speakers and sponsors by texting 'wydDC' to 84576 or signing up online at wydDC.org. Registration began Divine Mercy Sunday (April 3rd).

**IT'S COMING NEXT WEEK!!! . . . THE BABY BOTTLE DRIVE** to benefit HOPE in Northern

Virginia & the St. Joseph Respect Life Ministry is quickly approaching. Your donations will support a pro-life culture and help provide many of the material goods families depend on such as cribs, car seats, high chairs, clothing, diapers and formula. Take an empty baby bottle after Mass on April 23/24 – fill it with coins, bills or checks and return it to Mass on April 30/ May 1. HOPE provides pregnancy counseling and assistance to women of all ages. For questions, please contact Peggy Bauer (703) 435-2294 of the Respect Life Ministry.



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE III**

David F. Denmon & Bridgid Fish Powell  
Edwin Delgado & Isabel Cañas  
Daniel Chevalier & Jaime Grimes  
Robet Sivilli & Arielle Hollick  
Jose Eduardo Cuyuch & Oseny Marilu Castillo  
Tebros Iyob & Enuma Ezenwa  
Thien Nguyen & Lisa Huynh  
Dan O'Donnell & Alexa Streb  
Chris Waters & Nico James  
Tim Claro & Jennifer Westcott  
Francisco Orellana & Ana Luz Rivas  
Jonathan Henriquez & Didi Valasquez  
George Galego & Linda Wansi

Flowers on the altar this weekend were donated by Mary Franz & Doug Hale in celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony. We congratulate Mary & Doug on their wedding.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**Sunday, April 17**

**PTO Donut Sunday (HALL C)**

**7:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - K of C Sponsored Blood Drive (HALL B)**

- 10:00 a.m. - Preschool CCD (SCH)
- 1:30 p.m. - Religious Education Classes [Spanish] (SCH)
- 1:30 p.m. - Young Adult Mtg. [Spanish] (Rm. 217)
- 6:00 p.m. - Work Camp Mtg. (HALL C)
- 5:00 p.m. - Prayer Group [Spanish] (Rms. 212-215)
- 6:45 p.m. - Great Adventure Bible Series [Acts]] (Rm. 210)
- 7:30 p.m. - Adults Only BB (GYM)

**Monday, April 18**

- 10:00 a.m. - Moms Bible Study (Rms. 216-217)
- 4:30 p.m. - New Altar Server Training (CH)**
- 7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal [Spanish] (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. - **Religious Education Classes (CCD) Grades 5-8 (SCH)**
- 7:00 p.m. - BSA Troop 913 Committee Mtg. (Rm. 208)

**Tuesday, April 19**

- 7:00 a.m. - Men's Society Prayer Group (Rm. 210)
- 8:30 a.m. - Little Messengers Co-Op (Rms. 214-217)
- 1:15 p.m. - Bible Study [The Mass] (Rm. 210)
- 6:30 p.m. - CS 913, Tiger Den (Rm. 212)
- 7:00 p.m. - Religious Education Classes (CCD) Grades 5-8 (SCH)**
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIA [Spanish] (Rm. 205)
- 9:30 p.m. - Men's BB (GYM)

**Wednesday, April 20**

- 5:30 p.m. - CS 913, Den 8 (Rm. 212)
- 6:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Seton Mtg. (Rms. 214-215)
- 7:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration (CH)**
- 6:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Rms. 216-217)
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIA [English] (Rm. 209)
- 7:00 p.m. - Adult Confirmation Class (Rm. 208)
- 7:00 p.m. - Adult Catechism [Spanish] (Rms. 212-213)
- 7:00 p.m. - BSA Troop 913 Mtg. (HALL C)
- 7:00 p.m. - Adult Confirmation Class (Rm. 208)

**Thursday, April 21**

- 6:30 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Rms. 216-217)
- 7:15 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal (CH)
- 7:00 p.m. - St. Joseph Ladies Society Backpack Brigade (Rm. 205)
- 7:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Ladies Society Mtg. (Rm. 205)
- 7:30 p.m. - St. Joseph Men's Society (Rms. 214-215)

**Friday, April 22**

- 9:30 a.m. - School Mass (CH)
- 6:15 p.m. - Adult Bible Study (Rm. 205)
- 9:30 p.m. - Men's BB (GYM)

**Saturday, April 23**

- 9:00 a.m. - RE First Communion Rehearsal (CH)**
- 9:00 a.m. - Religious Education (CCD) Classes Grades K-4 (SCH)**
- 9:00 a.m. - Spanish Legion of Mary (Rm. 214)
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions (CH)