

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Welcome to St. John's Church

Mass Schedule

Sundays:

5:00pm (Saturday Vigil)
7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:00pm
12:30pm (Spanish)

Weekdays:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30am
Monday - Friday: Noon
Wednesday: 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sacraments

Confession:

Monday-Friday, 8:30am
Monday-Friday, 6:30pm
Saturday, 8:30am & 3:30pm

Baptism:

Saturdays at 10:00am
Parish membership is required and an instructional class is required for parents.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made at least six (6) months in advance. Parish membership is required.



JANUARY 21, 2024 ~ THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

January 22 - 28, 2024

MONDAY JAN 22

Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:30am +Mary Chiappone
12:00pm End to Abortion in USA

TUESDAY JAN 23

*Weekday / St Vincent, Deacon
St Marianne Cope*

8:30am +Patrick Duffy
12:00pm Felice Litterio

WEDNESDAY JAN 24

St Francis de Sales

8:30am +Bernice Brown
12:00pm +Eileen Criste
7:00pm +Tim McMahon

THURSDAY JAN 25

Conversion of St Paul

8:30am Ryan & Cara
Hathaway & Family
12:00pm +Charles Martin Nassif

FRIDAY JAN 26

Sts Timothy and Titus

8:30am +Dora Plumstead
12:00pm +Charles M Nassif

SATURDAY JAN 27

Weekday / St Angela Merici

8:30am George & MaryLou
Swanburg

SATURDAY VIGIL

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm +Beverly Elmquist

SUNDAY JAN 28

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

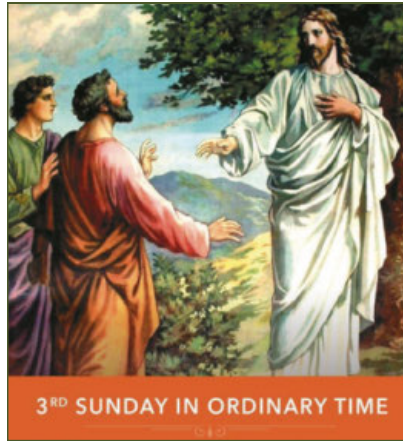
7:00am Harold Wells
8:30am Richard & +Susan Bill
10:30am Parish Family
12:30pm +Edward Stoff, Sr
5:00pm +Robert Hambleton

CONFESSION TIMES

Monday - Friday:
8:30am and 6:30pm

Saturday:
8:30am & 3:30pm

JANUARY 21, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. Mk 1:19-20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/
Mk 1:21-28

Keep in Touch

Sign up to receive St John's email updates
by going to <http://eepurl.com/djz4OT> to subscribe.
www.sjtb.org

Second Collection

The Second Collection on Jan 27/28
will be for the Church in Latin America.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JAN 20/21

5:00pm	Jason Kasevich, Cedric Schmiedicke
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Adam Reeves
8:30am	Max & Dominic Kelly, John & Andrew Mavretich, Declan & Christopher Uhlenkott
10:30am	Edmund & Thomas Brugger, Xavier & Levi Uhlenkott, Desmond & Duncan Stewart, Jude & Jaxton Fusaro
12:30pm	Leobardo Reyes, Juan Aviles, Geovanni Miramontes
5:00pm	Finn Sweeney, Brendan Purciel

Call the parish office if you'd like to volunteer as an altar server (age 10+), lector or usher. Thank you!



ST JOHN'S STAFF

- Rev. Daniel Gee**
Pastor, fathergee@gmail.com
- Rev. Tom Shepanzyk**
Parochial Vicar
firtom@sjtb.org
- Rev. Michael Duesterhaus**
Parochial Vicar, frmrd@sjtb.org
- Deacon Rafael Goldsmith**
Permanent Deacon
- Deacon Mark Jerge**
Permanent Deacon
- Deacon Gerald Solitario**
Permanent Deacon
Gerry.solitario@arlingtondiocese.org
- Patty Sonak**
Administrative Assistant
- Karen Pondo**
Parish Secretary
- Tina Furtado/Michelle Bodoh**
Parish Secretaries
- Phil Rexrode**
Facilities Manager
- Dr. Jeffrey M. Alban**
Director of Music & Organist
- David Wallace**
DRE/Business Manager

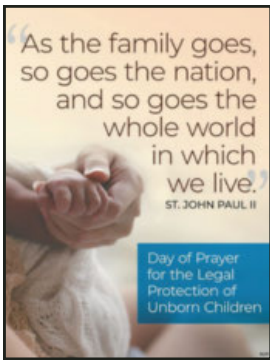
Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00am-Noon & 1:00pm-4:00pm
540-635-3780 (phone)
540-635-2683 (fax)
stjohns@sjtb.org (email)

Parish Membership
Welcome! Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Church. Please notify the office when you are moving outside or within the parish and if your contact information is changing.

Hospitalized & Homebound Parishioners
Please notify the office if a parishioner is hospitalized or homebound that they may receive the pastoral care of the Church.

Bulletin Deadline
Tuesday of the previous week at 10:00am. All announcements must be in writing or sent via email.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion.

On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, and we praise God for the great opportunity state and federal legislators now have to protect pre-born children. While God, in His mercy, ended the

nearly fifty-year nationwide regime of abortion on demand, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to pre-born children. So, great prayer and advocacy is very needed.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates **January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance**, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children":

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

For resources and prayers go to www.usccb.org/january-22

WorkCamp 2024

The annual diocesan WorkCamp will take place June 24-27 to make homes safer, warmer, or drier. Free home repair is offered in Warren, Clark and Fredrick Counties. If you or someone you know is in need of home repairs, call 703-841-2559 for more information or apply at www.arlingtondiocese.org/wcapply. See pages 8 & 9 for more details.



WORKCAMP 2024: CONTRACTORS NEEDED

WorkCamp is a week-long service opportunity for youth of our Parish to serve those in need throughout the Diocese. We are seeking people with home repair and maintenance skills who are willing to commit some of their time and talents to teaching young people and improving the lives of fellow Virginians in need. Visit arlingtondiocese.org/workcamp for more information.



Renewed in Christ: Reflecting His Light to the World

Join Catholic men from around the Diocese for a day of prayer, fellowship and reflection. Keynotes include: Fr. Daniel Mode, Chaplain of the United States Coast Guard, and Jonathan Reyes, Senior Vice President of Evangelization and Faith Formation for the Knights of Columbus. Saturday, March 2, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon, from 8:30am - 2:30pm. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confession, coffee, and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15 a.m. Cost is \$65 until February 1, 2024, \$80 after February 1, 2024. You may register at arlingtondiocese.org/men.

Behold, I Make All Things New

Join women from around the Diocese for an opportunity to be inspired, to connect with likeminded women and to raise our voices together in prayer. Our 2024 gathering will be feature the awe-inspiring reversion story of Patricia Sandoval and a powerful presentation by Sr. Mary Madeline Todd, O.P. about the true dignity and vocation of every woman. Saturday, March 9, from 8:30am - 2:30pm. Sign-in begins at 7:30am with confession, coffee, and pastries. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Burbidge at 11:15am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon. Cost is \$65 until February 1, \$80 after. February 1, 2024 Register at arlingtondiocese.org/women.

Welcome to St. John's Church!

If you're new or passing through ~ or if you've been a parishioner of St. John's all your life ~ we're so glad to have you as part of our parish family! If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, check out Catholic Answers (catholic.com), Word on Fire Ministries (wordonfire.org), and New Advent (newadvent.org).



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arlingtondiocese.org/email



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

Annual Diocesan Retreats

Vocations Awareness

Notice carefully how the process took place through those years of desert learning, because it is the same with you and me. God must break through several hard, exterior barriers in our lives before He can renovate our souls. His persistent goal is to break through to the inner person. As David acknowledged, "Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom".

Psalms 51:6

God finds...

- **pride**, and uses the sandpaper of obscurity to remove it ever so gradually.
- **fear, dread** of our past, **anxiety** over our present, and **terror** over what may lie ahead – and uses the passing of time to remove that fear.
- **resentment**, and breaks it down with solitude...we gain perspective, release cherished rights, and let go of expectations that held us hostage.

Finally, He gets down to **basic habits of living**, penetrates our inner person, brings discomfort and hardship to buff away that last layer of resistance so He might renovate us at the very core of our being.

Jesus walked through the desert first...you can be sure He will never, ever forget or forsake the one who follows Him across the sand.

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Arlington Diocese

"Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men."

Is the Lord calling upon you to cast a wider net with a vocation as to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Fr. Michael Isenberg at (703) 841-2514 or michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

Vocational Discernment Retreat for Men

For men (ages 18-50), Friday-Sunday, Feb 16-18. Cost is \$150 and includes overnights and all meals. For more information or to register, contact Fr. Michael Isenberg (see above). Deadline February 5.

Lights-Camera-Action

FIAT Day with the #MediaNuns

Calling high school girls to join the Daughters of St. Paul for an afternoon of media reflection, fun, and prayer. Sunday, February 25, 1-5 p.m. at Pauline Books & Media in Alexandria. Deadline to register: February 19. Space is limited, visit www.ArlingtonDiocese.org/FIAT or contact the Office of Vocations, vocations@arlingtondiocese.org or 703-841-2514.

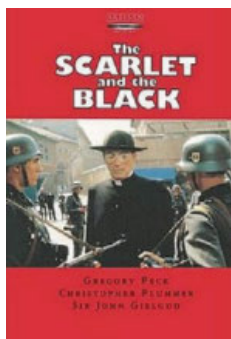
Vocation Retreat with the Nashville Dominicans

March 7-10, 2024 for young women who are discerning their vocation and to explore the life and charism of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia. To register Contact Sr. Mara Grace, the vocation director, at 615.256.0147 or through email at vocation@op-tn.org. Space is limited and an interview is necessary.

Activities & Events

Save the Date!

The SJTB Senior Group is sponsoring a movie in Fr Ruehl Hall:



The Scarlet and The Black on Saturday, March 16 at 1:00. The 1983 movie stars Gregory Peck and Christopher Plummer and was based on J. P.

Gallagher's book, The Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican. The film tells the story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, a real-life Irish Catholic priest who saved thousands of Jews and escaped Allied POWs in Rome. See page 7 for more details.

The Trini-Tea

Come to a Ladies' Tea Party benefitting the SOLT Sisters Motherhouse Campaign on Jan 27th from 11am - 1pm at the Shenandoah Valley Golf Club. Special Guest speaker: Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT www.solt.net/trinitea See website for more details.

Lenten Soup Nights

Lent comes early this year: Feb 14, and our Lenten Soup Nights take place every Friday beginning Feb 16. Make plans to join your fellow parishioners for a simple meatless meal in Fr Ruehl Hall. Volunteers will be needed to donate soup and serve. Free will offering. Proceeds go to St. John's Social Outreach programs. Stay tuned for details.

Virginia March for Life 2024

Feb 21, 2024, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Richmond, 1000 Bank St, Richmond, VA



Chelsea Academy Open House

Come see if Chelsea Academy is right for your family at our Open House on Feb. 15, 4-6pm. Chelsea is the Shenandoah Valley's full day K-12 Catholic school. Chelsea is a place where faith, friendship, academics, and adventure are the heart of the education experience. Chelsea is an independent school officially recognized by the Arlington Diocese. The Open House will be held at our new campus, 1190 Progress Dr., Front Royal, VA. www.chelseaacademy.org

Married Couples!

Is winter starting to get you down and you find yourself getting a little edgy with your spouse? Perhaps you deserve to get away to renew your relationship. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and get rid of the blahs.

For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for "Virginia" or your desired location. Feel free to contact Mark and Cathy Stangler at 703-378-4150 or mstang1987@aol.com with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:
January 26-28 Myrtle Beach, SC
March 1-3 College Park, MD
April 12-14 Herndon, VA

Donate Your Vehicle to St. John's

If you are interested in donating your vehicle to St. John's Church, please go to www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/SJTB.html

Ongoing Activities

SJTB Seniors Group

Meets every third Saturday in Padre Pio Hall from 9:30-11:00am.

The Women of Saint John's

Monthly activities for women parishioners aged 18 and up. Email thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com

Young Adults of St. John's

In your 20's or 30's?
Follow event info on FB [@youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist](https://www.facebook.com/youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist), IG [@st_johns_young_adults_va](https://www.instagram.com/st_johns_young_adults_va) or to join the e-news-letter email youngadultsofstjohnthebaptist@gmail.com

That Man Is You

Saturdays 6:30am FRH

RCIA classes

Mondays 6pm Frassati Hall

Youth Group—Mondays 7-8:30pm—Fr. Ruehl Hall—next meeting Jan. 22nd. (twice monthly)

The Divine Office (Lauds)

Mon-Sat at 8:10am in main church

Vespers (Evening Prayer)

1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month, 3:30pm in main church

Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Prayed after 8:30am Mass M-Sat.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays 6:30pm – PPH

Junior Legion of Mary

Thursdays 4:30-6:30pm – PPH

Children's Holy Hour

Thursdays 3:00-4:00pm

Little Flowers

Monthly meeting for registered girls in grades 1-6
4-5:45 FRH Sept-May

Flame of Love Rosary

Mondays after the noon Mass





**DIVINE
 MERCY
 SAID:**

“Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death.



Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy.” St. Faustina Diary 687) (St. Faustina Diary 1521) (Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception)

Exemplification of New Members:

The Knights of Columbus Council #7771 will hold an Exemplification Ceremony for new members on Saturday, January 27, from 11:00 AM to 12 Noon at the Adoration Chapel. All First- and Second-Degree Knights are also invited to attend to advance to the Third Degree. Contact the Council's Membership Chairman, Leo Carling (540-631-7555), to be included in the ceremony. Spouses and family members are welcome to attend. A reception will be held in Padre Pio Hall immediately following. RSVP to Leo Carling at the number above.

Super Bowl Sub Sales Return: Stop by the tables after all Masses on the weekend of February 10-11 and get one or two of the Knights of Columbus world-famous Super Bowl submarine sandwiches! Two sizes – Super Size for \$20 and Half Size for \$12. Watch the bulletin for more details.

SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, January 27:

Exemplification Ceremony, 11:00 a.m., Chapel

Sunday, February 11:

Super Bowl Sub Sales following all the weekend Masses.

Contact us: Grand Knight John Stieb, 703-755-5345, or gknightjs@gmail.com. Field Agent Cory Cook, 703-665-1388, or cory.cook@kofc.org.



Day of Prayer and Healing

After Abortion Retreats: A Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2024. These group healing events are held in a private and peaceful setting, in English and in Spanish, based on the Entering Canaan model (2 separate retreats, in 1 location). There will be an opportunity to hear from a past participant and others who have found healing. You are not alone. Take the first step. For confidential inquiries, please contact Project Rachel Ministry: (703) 841-2504 or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Altar Guild	Marlene Lundberg, 635-0541	Outreach Committee	outreach@sjtb.org
Church Flowers & Decor	julie.thedaughter@protonmail.com	Parents' Support Group Children w/Special Needs	Winnie Ehlinger, 636-1688 Laurie Adams, 540-683-1767
Divine Mercy for the Dying	mbodoh@sjtb.org	Prayer Chain	Marlicia Fernandez, 622-2637 setonmom@gmail.com
Dominicans Third Order	Rene Bergeron 540-664-1186 rene.l.bergeron@gmail.com	Prison Ministry	Chris Manion, 540-635-9166
Eucharistic Adoration	adoration@sjtb.org	Religious Education	David Wallace, 540-635-3780
Fasting Brothers	tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net	RCIA	Parish Office, 635-3780
Flame of Love	Boots Sargis bootssargis@yahoo.com .	Seven Sisters	tracy.terwilliger@comcast.net
Lectors	Mary Kay Moose, 635-7628	Saint Johns Athletics	www.saintjohnsathletics.com
Legion of Mary/Adults	Andrew Armstrong, 540-631-4620	That Man is You!	Forest Selby 703-268-3554
Legion of Mary (Juniors)	Viviano Rodriguez, 559-347-4585	Vocations Liaison	Cindy Rhodes, 443-440-0121 sjtbvocations@gmail.com
Little Flowers (Gr. 1-6)	littleflowersofsjtb@gmail.com	Youth Drama Club	www.stjohnsdrama.org
Meals for New Moms / Postpartum Support	thewomenofstjohn@gmail.com	Front Royal Pregnancy Center	(540) 635-6181 frontroyalpregnancy.org
Music & Choirs	Jeffrey Alban, 635-3780		abortionpillreversal.com

For full list of ministries, go to www.sjtb.org or call the parish office for specific inquiries.

PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril	Laura Fusto	Judy Ratigan
Nellie Adkins	Gary Garcia	Manuel Reyes Avila
John Alsberry	Paul Gerrick	Shoana Riccio
Allison Andrews	Michael Greco	John William Rice
Brenda Bailey	Eileen Hawkins	Mary Alice Rice
Rozie Baker	Nancy Heywood	Maggie Roberts
Dianne Boen	Billy Hooten	Gabbi Rodgers
Rose Britain	Norman Hunt	Elaine Ryan
Elijah Carino	John Janaro	Judy Samborsky
Mary Ann Carlson	Erik Jurek	Dan Schneible
Tony Casarotti	Donald Kerns	Mary Shaffer
Joseph Centrella	Susan Kirby	Sophie Shannon
Jorge Daniel Chang	Peggy Leonardi	Sophie Sheppard
Dominique DeClue	Maureen Lewis	Wendy Stout
Linda Donahue	Manuel Reyes Martinez	Tammy Souza
Clara Anne Duda	Carol B. May	Anee Stanford
Al Dudeck	Laura McMahon	Deby Stears
Ignatius Ehlinger	Edward Meinsen	Mary Ellen Sullivan
Kathy Elar	Marie Miller	Judith Thompson
Maggie Elliot	Peter Monfasani	Karen Waldron
Ned Farinholt	Barbara Ann Orozco	Kathy Winkle
Mike Ferris	Kris Pondo	John Yarborough
Tahlia Fernandez	Carmela Rao	Geneve Yarborough

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of
MAGDALENA O'NEILL

Active Military Prayer List

Esther Alger	Jasmine Frank	Chris Reinhard
Brady Anderson	Dustin Goard	Michael Reuwer
Colin t. Barrett	Kristina Grdina	Anthony Reyes
Jeffrey Bayne	Steven Gregg	Jose Reyes
Mark Belton	Benjamin Gregory	Lxex Robles
David Berry	Jonathan Hamilton	David Rogers
Stephen Bill	Steven Held, Jr.	Alex Rojas
Heather Bill-Blanchard	Daniel Heywood	Bobby Saxon
John Bowes	Peter Hickson	Truman Sayre, Jr.
Shannon Brugh	Erik Hickson	David Schmitt
Joseph Buono	David Kelleher	Forest Selby
Paul Buono	David Larsen	Paul Shannon
Ben Cabreva	Glen Lash	Andrew Shorter
Christian Carino	Timothy Marra	Richard Skelton, Sr.
Hannah N. Christman	Joseph Marsch	Devon Smith
Nathan T. Christman	Christine Marsch	Timothy Smith
Sean Conroy	Matthew Mooney	Sean Smith
Robert Cooke	Emma Morgan	Keegan J. Thomas
Kevin Corella	Clement M. O'Reilly	Brian Tilley
Rory Crooks	Daniel Nejja	Jamie Troutman
Vince E. Cruz	David Parnes	Manuel A. Vicente
Trey Dusseault	Justice M. Parrott	Kieran Vieira
Matthew Farrall	Jason Pettingill	Samatha Wilkinson
Parker Feiring	John C. Price	Michael Wood
Zachary Francis	Jason Pugh	Mark Zepeda

Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2023

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

St John the Baptist Seniors Group

In cooperation with St John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church

Presents

“The Scarlet and the Black”

Date: March 16, 2024 / Time: 1:00pm

Place: St John the Baptist Church lower lever (Fr Ruehl Hall)

This movie was produced in 1983 and runs 2 hours. It tells the story of **Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty**, a Vatican official in 1943-1945. It's based on a true story.

Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty (Gregory Peck) is a courageous Irish Priest working in the Vatican during the Nazi occupation of Rome. He devotes his time and energy hiding refugees, downed pilots, Italian Resistance families, escaped prisoners and allied POW's from the Nazis while building a network of hundreds of people who help him with his efforts. His diplomatic status in a Catholic country prevents **Colonel Kappler (Christopher Plummer)** from openly arresting him, but Monsignor O'Flaherty's activities become so large that the Nazis decide to assassinate him the next time he leaves the Vatican.

Seating is limited. Tickets are required.

Tickets are available thru: stjohnsseniorsgroup.ludus.com or the parish office. Donations accepted.

WorkCamp

FREE HOME REPAIR PROGRAM IN
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA



FREDERICK COUNTY • CLARKE COUNTY • WARREN COUNTY



YOUTH & ADULT VOLUNTEERS WILL SERVE THE
WINCHESTER, VA AREA WITH THE GOAL OF MAKING
HOMES WARMER, SAFER, AND DRIER

WORK IS PERFORMED ON
JUNE 24-27, 2024
SERVING ANYONE IN NEED

- Wheelchair Ramps
- Windows
- Deck Repair
- Flooring Repair
- Mobile Home Roof Sealing
- Painting
- Stair Repair
- Roof Repair
- & MORE**



FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO APPLY:

CALL:
(703) 841-2559

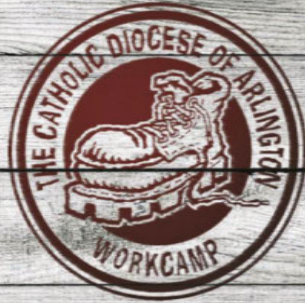
VISIT
arlingtondiocese.org/wcapply

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON'S WORKCAMP PROGRAM

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR HOME REPAIR IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16



Diocesan WorkCamp is only one week each summer but preparations begin 14 months before that. There is a significant need for financial donations to help cover the rising costs of building materials. We also need many adult volunteers prior to WorkCamp and during the week. Please consider supporting WorkCamp and the young people of the Diocese of Arlington.



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Youth, Campus, & Young Adult Ministries
200 North Glebe Road, Suite 540
Arlington, Virginia 22203

Tel: 703-841-2559

Fax: 703-807-2032

WorkCamp@arlingtondiocese.org
www.arlingtondiocese.org/WorkCamp

*Your generous contributions to the Bishop's
Lenten Appeal make WorkCamp possible.*



WorkCamp is...

Since 1990, the Catholic Diocese of Arlington has had the privilege of sponsoring a one week high school youth WorkCamp for repairing and improving residences in rural counties within the Diocese. WorkCamp has assisted hundreds of residents in the Blue Ridge/ Piedmont, Northern Neck, and Spotsylvania areas.

Warmer, Safer, Drier

The focus of the work during the week is to make residents' homes warmer, safer, and drier. A few examples of the work we perform include building wheelchair ramps, replacing windows, installing new doors and floors, and replacing roofs. Smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors are installed in each home that needs them.

Community Support

Local social service agencies, churches, and other community organizations recommend the projects to us. A "doable" project for us must be within the WorkCamp area of expertise, financial resources, and time frame. Over \$300,000 of supplies, materials, and food are purchased in the region each year to support this program.

No Strings

There is no cost to the resident. In an effort to respect the privacy and dignity of those we serve, we do not institute income eligibility requirements. We are eager to serve all who are in need regardless of religious affiliation, race, physical ability, or income level.

Volunteering

Approximately 800 high school teens from the Diocese are divided into crews of five and perform work closely supervised by dedicated adult leaders and volunteer contractors. Those volunteering as contractors are adults who have expertise in home repair and may include licensed contractors. Each young person must finance his or her participation by raising approximately \$500 through group fundraising activities at their home churches. We also need volunteers to serve at our homebase facility throughout the week of WorkCamp.

Contact your parish WorkCamp Stakeholder if you would like to volunteer at WorkCamp!

Sharing

A key element of WorkCamp is the interaction the young people have with the residents throughout the week. On the last day of WorkCamp, the residents are invited to join the crew that worked on their house for lunch and to share the experience of the week. This Celebration Day takes place at the WorkCamp homebase.

Homebase for WorkCamp is usually a local school made available through the generosity of the local school district. The teens and adults eat and sleep at homebase and attend programs in the evenings designed to strengthen their spirituality and share the day's experiences.

One Week in Early Summer

WorkCamp is usually the first week after schools in the DC Metro area begin summer break. Groups arrive early on Saturday evening. After a Sunday of team building and (more) safety training, the crews fan out on Monday morning for four days of repair and improvement to the homes in the surrounding communities. On Friday, we prepare to greet the residents for Celebration Day!



Prayer Vigil for the Unborn

Please join the St. John's Young Adults and the St. James Young Adults in Falls Church in one hour of prayer for the end of abortion. Followed by lunch and fellowship.



February 3, 2024

(Recurring event on First Saturdays)



Falls Church Healthcare Center



10:30 - 11:30 AM



Departure after the 8:30 Mass at St. John's. Look for Rose or Robert if you would like to carpool. Hope to see you there!

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