## 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.



#### **MASS INTENTIONS** February 5 - 11, 2024

#### **MONDAY FEB 5**

Saint Agatha

8:30am Derek & Christina

Carlyle & family

Brandie Palmer-Hirsch 12:00pm

#### **TUESDAY FEB 6**

Saint Paul Miki & Companions +Zsuzsa Ungari 8:30am 12:00pm +Dr. Gene Luther

#### **WEDNESDAY FEB 7**

Weekday

8:30am Regina Dhanagom

12:00pm +George Elliot

7:00pm +Magdalena O'Neill

#### **THURSDAY FEB 8**

Weekday / St Jerome Emiliani / St Josephine Bakhita

8:30am Winnie Rose Howerton

Fr. Duesterhaus 12:00pm

#### **FRIDAY FEB 9**

Weekday

8:30am Monica Townsend

12:00pm Fr. Tom Shepanzyk

#### **SATURDAY FEB 10**

Saint Scholastica

8:30am Augustine Pennefather

#### **SATURDAY VIGIL**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Rick VanCuren 5:00pm

#### **SUNDAY FEB 11**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+John & Sheila Reilly 7:00am

8:30am Greg Townsend

Parish Family 10:30am

Nancy Heywood 12:30pm

5:00pm +Bernard Pegis

#### **CONFESSION TIMES**

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

Saturday: 8:30am & 3:30pm

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

brokenhearted

**FEBRUARY 4, 2024** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/

Mk 7:31-37

Sat Feb 10

PPA Valentines Dance

See bulletin board for details and dress code

Next Sunday, Feb 11

Knights of Columbus

will be selling their famous Super Bowl Subs

after all the Masses.

6:30-9:30pm FRH

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/

Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/

Mk 1:40-45

#### 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 Feb 10/11 will be for Religious Education..

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR FEB 10/11			
5:00pm	Jason Kasevich, Cedric Schmiedicke		
7:00am	Greg Bauer, Elijah & Jeremiah Hambric		
8:30am	Joseph Burghardt, Michael Stahl, Matty & Jack Akers, John Lazarus & Victor Davis		
10:30am	Dominic, Andre & John Criste, Jimmy & Jack Stanford, Samuel & Ben Meza		
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!



#### **2024 LENT**

Lent comes early this year - Ash Wednesday is February 14th. St. John's Lenten schedule will be posted in next week's bulletin or can be found on our website: www.sjtb.org.

#### **Lenten Soup Nights 2024**

Our annual Lenten Soup Nights return beginning on February 16th. Six nights of delicious soups, pasta and sides. Donations will support St. John's Social Outreach programs. **Volunteers are needed** for soup and pasta making, serving, setup/clean up: please contact Cathy Remmers at remmers66@gmail.com. See flyer on page 9 for more details.

#### **OUR Linden Nuns**

The nuns at St. Dominic's Monastery in Linden are within our parish boundaries. They are praying for us and we should pray for them and assist them as best we can. The Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery organize their



annual fundraising event for the nuns on Laetare Sunday.

## The Laetare Benefit Supporting the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery on Sunday, March 10, 2024

The Most Rev. Michael Burbidge and members of the Host Committee cordially invite you to attend a benefit for the Cloistered Nuns of St. Dominic's Monastery. The Laetare Benefit is our annual fundraising dinner for the nuns of Linden. As cloistered nuns, they depend on the charity of the people of God for their existence. They have needs for everyday items such as food and healthcare, and are building a Chapel at the Monastery. Please show your support and join us for a reception, dinner, and auction which will be held on Sunday, March 10 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Virginia. Seating is limited. **RSVP by February 23, 2024.** Tickets are \$200 each and table sponsorships are available. Cocktail attire. Please send a check payable to Friends of St. Dominic's Monastery,

508 N. Payne Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, or to purchase tickets online through Faith Direct, please point your camera at the QR code or visit https://forms.ministryforms.net/embed.aspx? formid=bb08b838-0e6b-4411-8f03-b9f86c405951 For more info, please contact: friendsofstdominicsmonastery@gmail.com

For other needs/donations go to: www.lindenopnuns.org/how-to-help



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#### **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.



#### 2024 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL (BLA) BEGINS!

Behold, I make all things new The 2024 BLA Commitment Sunday is next weekend! Once a year we are asked to make a pledge to support the work of our diocesan programs and ministries which provide services that no parish could provide on its own We are asking every family to participate to help our parish make our goal. By participating in the BLA, we renew our commitment to the Lord with a response to His call to serve our

brothers and sisters. You may go online to make a donation at: www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla or scan the QR code.

#### **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.

#### Donate Your Vehicle to St. John's

Help out St. John's by donating your vehicle. Go to www.vehiclesforcharity.org/Donate/SJTB.html

#### **Vocation Awareness**

Intrinsic to our vocation, our hearts were made to give and receive love, when open to love but met with something else, a wound results.

- Abuse, ridicule, or injury
- Abandonment, being ignored/dismissed.

The heart responds by protecting itself and creating beliefs:

- not worthy of love, stupid or incapable
- certain situations are dangerous beyond the scope of what happened
- form judgements about those who hurt us, or even an entire segment of the population, e.g., "That person is out to get me," or "All men are untrustworthy".

Next, we make vows – decisions to protect ourselves to ensure we are safe from being hurt again. We incorrectly assess that we have moved beyond the possibility of it reoccurring to us.

Finding and healing wounds must come in the context of a relationship with God, mediated by a good friend or spiritual director. Healing comes through prayer, renouncing our wounds, allowing the Holy Spirit to restore us.

God who loves us wants us to be free. But he won't force us. He won't heal our wounds without our permission and cooperation. Let's let him get to work.

Resources: "Restore the Glory" podcast, "The Anatomy of a Wound." (Episodes 12-16) and Be Healed.

#### **Sacred Heart Rugby Club**

Attention all boys 7-15 years old. Coming to Front Royal in March is youth rugby. Our program is aimed at getting you trained in all aspects of rugby. Be part of a game that so many young men have fallen in love with - a game of tradition and character. Registration will begin mid February. For more details contact info@sacredheartrugby.com

#### LORD STRETCH OUT YOUR HAND TO HEAL!

You are invited to witness Jesus' desire to heal his people. The afternoon will include a period of worship, a teaching, Eucharistic Adoration and Healing Prayer ministry with Fr. Jason Lewis, MIC. Sunday, February 11, 2024 from 2:30pm to 5:30pm at St Agnes Church, 1910 N Randolph St, Arlington, VA. Don't miss it! You'll be home in time for the game!

#### **RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

Arlington Diocese

#### World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated in in parishes over the weekend of February 3-4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Could God be calling you to spread his Word and his love as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact Fr. Michael Isenburg at 703-841-2514 or michael.isenberg@arlingtondiocese.org

#### **Lights-Camera-Action FIAT Day**

Calling high school girls to join the Daughters of St. Paul for an afternoon of media reflection, fun, and prayer. Sunday, February 25, 1-5pm at Pauline Books & Media in Alexandria. Deadline to register: February 19. 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

#### Annual Diocesan Men and Women's Retreats

Registration is now open!
St Joseph Church, Herndon
8:30am - 2:30pm
Mass with Bishop Burbidge
Men's Retreat: March 2 Register
at arlingtondiocese.org/men
Women's Retreat: March 9 Register at arlingtondiocese.org/women
Save \$15 by registering early.

#### 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.

Deadline to apply for home repair is 2/16.

#### Our Lady of Champion Academy Informational Meeting

Our Lady of Champion Academy (opening Fall 2024) is a new classical hvbrid homeschool academy. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday. February 15th at 7:15pm in Padre Pio



Hall. Please come to learn more! Applications are currently being accepted. Please see: www. ourladyofchampionacademy.org

#### **PPA Valentines Dance**

Saturday Feb 10 6:30-9:30pm FRH See bulletin board for details.

#### 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, IG@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 FRH (2xMonth)

#### 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

## **Christendom College Open House**

Christendom College will be hosting its first open house of the semester on February 24. Visitors will hear from our president, Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, sit in on a sample class, and learn about Christendom's unique mission. Come and see why Pope St. John Paul II said, "Christendom College is doing a great work for the Church." Visitors may sign up at www.christendom.edu/openhouse.

#### **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. Free On-Site Babysitting Available!

www.chelseaacademy.org

#### **Mayflower Homeschoolers**

Mayflower Homeschoolers (MH) for Catholic homeschool social support for all ages! For more information www.mayflowerhomeschoolers. org. Based in Warrenton, VA.

#### 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. Tickets required, but free. Tickets are available at the parish office or stjohnsseniorsgroup.ludus.com

#### Knights Corner John Carrell Jenkins Council #7771 www.kofc7771.org

#### **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. Cash or card accepted.

Join the Knights!

The Knights of Columbus John Carrell Jenkins Council 7771 here at St. John The Baptist is more than 200 members strong. Our common bond is our devotion to the Catholic Faith and our brotherhood in Christ. We have joined together to help one another become better Catholics, better husbands, better fathers, better providers for the financial protection of our families and better citizens here in Front Royal. Contact Grand Knight John Stieb at 703-755-5345, or Council Membership Chairman Leo Carling at 540-631-7555 for more information.

#### **Firewood Project:**

The Council helps parishioners who rely on firewood to heat their homes. If you would like to help or if you know of a parishioner in need, please contact Leo Carling (540-631-7555).

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.

#### **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

## DIVINE MERCY SAID:

"...My heart is even more wounded by their distrust after a fall. It would be less painful if they had not experienced the



goodness of My heart."
(St. Faustina Diary, 1532)
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#### **FORMED**

A great resource for Lent! www.formed.org Parish Code: OBKRGW



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
<b>Dominicans Third Order</b>	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

#### PRAYER LIST

Gabby Abril Nellie Adkins John Alsberry Allison Andrews Brenda Bailey Rozie Baker Dianne Boen Rose Britain Elijah Carino Mary Ann Carlson Tony Casarotti Joseph Centrella Jorge Daniel Chang Dominique DeClue Linda Donahue Clara Anne Duda Al Dudeck Kelly Duvall Ignatius Ehlinger Kathy Elar Maggie Elliot Ned Farinholt Mike Ferris Tahlia Fernandez Laura Fusto

Gary Garcia Paul Gerrick Michael Greco Eileen Hawkins Nancy Heywood Billy Hooten Norman Hunt John Janaro Stephen Jerome Erik Jurek Donald Kerns Susan Kirby Peggy Leonardi Maureen Lewis Manuel Reyes Martinez Carol B. May Laura McMahon Edward Meinsen Merridee Michelsen Marie Miller Peter Monfasani Barbara Ann Orozco Kris Pondo Carmela Rao

Judy Ratigan Manuel Reyes Avila Shoana Riccio John William Rice Mary Alice Rice Maggie Roberts Gabbi Rodgers Elaine Ryan Judy Samborsky Truman Sayre, Jr. Dan Schneible Mary Shaffer Sophie Shannon Sophie Sheppard Robin Spencer Wendy Stout Anee Stanford **Deby Stears** Mary Ellen Sullivan Judith Thompson Karen Waldron Kathy Winkle John Yarborough Geneve Yarborough

#### Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of

#### ED ZWERSKI KERRI McAFEE

#### **Active Military Prayer List**

Esther Alger Brady Anderson Colin t. Barrett Nick Barton Jeffrey Bayne Mark Belton David Berry Stephen Bill Heather Bill-Blanchard John Bowes Shannon Brugh Joseph Buono Paul Buono Ben Cabreva Christian Carino Hannah N. Christman Nathan T. Christman Sean Conroy Robert Cooke Kevin Corella Rory Crooks Vince E. Cruz Trey Dusseault Matthew Farrall Parker Feiring

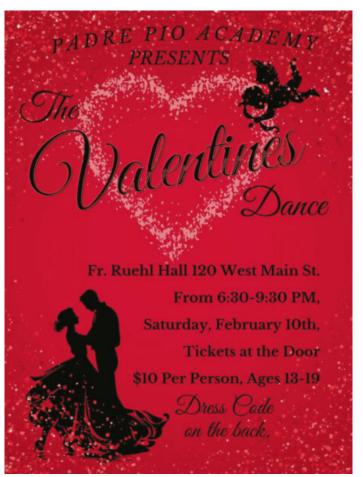
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Jason Pugh Chris Reinhard Michael Reuwer Anthony Reyes Jose Reyes Lxex Robles David Rogers Alex Rojas Bobby Saxon David Schmitt Forest Selby Paul Shannon Andrew Shorter Richard Skelton, Sr. Devon Smith Timothy Smith Sean Smith Keegan J. Thomas Brian Tilley Jamie Troutman Manuel A. Vicente Kieran Vieira Samatha Wilkinson Michael Wood Mark Zepeda

#### Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2023

#### FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.







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# Lenten Soup Nights!



We come together as a community for fellowship and a simple meal - all in an effort to raise funds for the many parish outreach programs helping those in need around us.

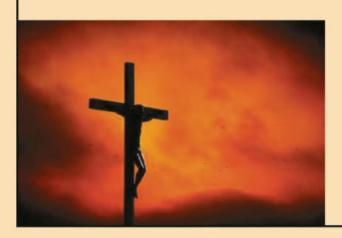
#### How it Works

Give a good will offering at the door, take a seat and enjoy as much soup, pasta, bread & desserts as we have to offer.

As always, volunteers are needed for this to be a success.

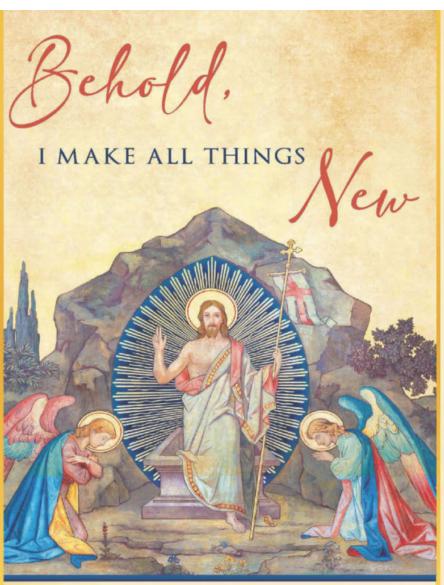
If you can make soup/pasta/sides, help serve, set up or clean up, please contact Cathy Remmers at remmers66@gmail.com or 540-551-6484. For youth volunteers ages 10-16 please contact Valerie Clark at divinemercy1@yahoo.com.

~ Stay tuned for a special Mexican Night and Fish Fry Night ~

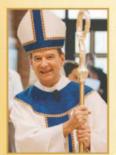


Join us! Every Friday in Lent: February 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22 4:30 – 6:30pm in Fr Ruehl Hall

> Stations of the Cross at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm (Spanish)



#### A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BURBIDGE



We are now in the third year leading to the celebration of our diocesan 50-year Golden Jubilee, which we will celebrate in August 2024.

In this Jubilee year, the theme for the 2024 BLA is "Behold, I make all things new." The celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our diocese moves us to a profound sense of thanksgiving for the gifts that God has provided, especially his grace and mercy.

I ask you to consider prayerfully a sacrificial pledge to this year's BLA. During this special time of preparation for our Jubilee year, may our Lord renew our hearts and lives and fill us with his peace.



## 2024 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

## THE BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL: GOUR GIFTS AT WORK IN OUR DIOCESE!



The Office of Youth, Campus, and Young Adult Ministries' RALLY had more than 1,000 people participate (the most ever!) in this day of faith and fellowship! RALLY is designed to help students deepen their relationship with Christ and love for the Church by participating in a large Catholic celebration with hundreds of their peers.



There are 40 men currently studying for the priesthood, who - God willing - will one day serve in our parishes.



Over 1,500 people across the diocese attended the Diocesan Family Festival to enjoy music, food and an outdoor Mass with Bishop Burbidge.



Gabriel Project provided prenatal care and support for 507 pregnant mothers in need!



Catholic Charities continues to meet the increase of requests for rent/mortgage and utilities assistance, groceries, and mental health counseling. The St. Lucy Food Project fulfilled more than 59,165 requests for assistance, distributing over 3.4 million pounds of food last year.

The Diocese of Arlington will celebrate our 50-year Golden Jubilee in August 2024. In the last 5 decades, BLA-funded programs and ministries have fed the hungry, ministered to the sick and elderly, engaged



the youth in their faith, ordained priests and deacons and reached out to evangelize to the larger community. In this our last year of preparation for the joyous celebration, we are inspired with the desire to share what we have received from our Lord, especially by carrying out corporal and spiritual works of mercy.



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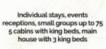
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