



SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST



DECEMBER 29, 2024 | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Did you not know that I must
be in my Father's house?

LUKE 2:49

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday | 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m.,
and 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday | 6:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Saturday | 8:30 a.m.

Confessions

During Advent | Monday—Friday | 7:00 p.m.

Saturday | 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Sunday | 30 minutes before Masses

OUR CLERGY

Rev. Charles Smith, Pastor

Rev. Brian McAllister, Parochial Vicar


Rev. Nicholas Blank, Parochial Vicar

Don Libera, Deacon


J. D. Williams, Deacon


Ken Galvin, Deacon

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK – DECEMBER 29, 2024

Monday 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Thursday 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28

Friday 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Saturday 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42

Sunday Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Merry Christmas

From all of us here at St. John the Evangelist Church and staff, we wish you a joy filled Christmas!

Holy Year

The Jubilee will begin with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter’s Basilica by Pope Francis on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, and will continue through the celebration of the Epiphany in Rome on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Bishop Burbidge will celebrate the opening of the Holy Year on Sunday, January 5, 2025, at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More at 11:00 a.m. All are invited to join Bishop Burbidge for this special Mass, which will begin in Burke Hall with the collection, followed by the “pilgrimage to the Cathedral” and the “entrance into the Cathedral” with the Holy Year Cross.



A plenary indulgence may be obtained during the upcoming Holy Year by making a pilgrimage, piously visiting a sacred place, or performing a work of mercy and penance. The indulgence is subject to the usual conditions: sacramental confession, reception of Holy Communion, prayer for the intentions of our Holy Father, and total detachment from all sin, including venial sin.

Additional parish locations designated by Bishop Burbidge as “Jubilee Sites” to gain the indulgence throughout the Holy Year are:

1. The Basilica of Saint Mary, Alexandria
2. Corpus Christi, Aldie
3. Our Lady of Hope, Potomac Falls
4. Saint John Bosco, Woodstock
5. Saint John the Evangelist, Warrenton
6. Saint Patrick, Fredericksburg
7. Saint Paul Mission, Hague

Our own parish in Warrenton has been designated as a “Jubilee Site.” An indulgence may be received by those who make a pilgrimage to any sacred Jubilee site and participate in a Mass; a Liturgy of the Word; one of the major hours from the Liturgy of the Hours (Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, or Evening Prayer); devotional prayers such as the Way of the Cross, the Rosary, or the Akathist hymn; or a penance service that concludes with sacramental confession.

The indulgence may also be obtained by piously visiting a Jubilee site and participating in Eucharistic adoration and meditation for a suitable period of time, concluding with an Our Father, a Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary.

“Then he took a cup, and offering thanks he gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.’” — Matthew 26:27-29

Oremus pro invicem,

Fr. Charles Smith



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

A Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31

Wednesday, January 1

Mass Times

Mass Times

7:00 p.m. Misa en español

6:30 a.m.

Vigil

8:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

7:30 a.m. † Natividad M. Ladoces
 9:00 a.m. Bill Anzenberger
 10:45 a.m. Nicholas Hunter
 12:30 p.m. † Leo & † Verna McClure
 5:00 p.m. † James & † Marta Florin

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

6:30 a.m. † Pete Shiner
 8:30 a.m. † Stanley & † Ethel Fogelberg

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

6:30 a.m. Richard Arentz
 8:30 a.m. † Chi Chi La Plate Duprey
 7:00 p.m. Ana Guerrero
 (Spanish)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

6:30 a.m. St. John's Parishioners
 8:30 a.m. Rico & Betty Colegrove
 12:30 p.m. † Catherine Bartlinski

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2ND

6:30 a.m. † Elizabeth Scallon
 8:30 a.m. † Len Cleary

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3RD

6:30 a.m. Albrigo Family
 8:30 a.m. William Breen

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH

8:30 a.m. La Rotta Family
 5:00 p.m. † Patricia Puskas
 7:00 p.m. † La Familia Terán
 (Spanish)

ADORATION

Wednesday 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
 Thursday 9:00 a.m. — Saturday 8:15 a.m.
 We invite parishioners to commit to a weekly hour of Adoration. If you feel called to spend time with our Lord and can help fill a regular hour, please prayerfully consider signing up. For more information, contact Christy Williams at adorejesusatstjohns@gmail.com or 540-272-0028.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary
 Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.
Children's Holy Hour
 Wednesdays, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Divine Mercy Holy Hour
 Fridays, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Miraculous Medal Holy Hour
 Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Teen Holy Hour
 Fourth Tuesday of the month 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

For all inquiries, call 540-347-2922 during office hours. For sacramental emergencies outside office hours, call the same number and follow the prompts.

Baptisms

Baptism preparation classes are required for first-time parents. Contact us to schedule a baptism.

Marriages

Marriage preparation should begin at least six months before the wedding date. Reach out for more information.

Sick Calls

To arrange a visit for the homebound or request anointing of the sick, please get in touch.

Pray for the Ill & their care givers

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| Victoria Ashwell | David Morrow | Raymond Russel Sr. | Stanley J. |
| Judith Burke | Jeffery Williams | Patricia Cameron | Woronowicz |
| Virginia Osting | Kate Keating | Roger Hamel | |
| Joyce Wilkerson | Theresa Heenan | Jason Laposay | |
| Vi Kolonay | Beverly Dwyer | Mary Schmitz | |
| Elizabeth Esquivel | Dan Lubkowski | Anna Cavioli | |


Pray for our Active Military Personnel

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| U.S. Air Force: | U.S. Army: | U.S. Marine Corps: | U.S. Navy: |
| 2nd Lt. Shelby Rosenberg | Capt. Dan Koehr | Capt. Paul M. Pechie | Fr. Lt. Sean Koehr |
| 2nd Lt. Matthew Zieg | 2nd Lt. Andrew Colegrove | LCpl Aiden Curley | Lt. Brendan Koehr |
| SSgt Nicholas E. Meding | | LCpl Noah D. Lenky | Lt. Patrick Koehr |
| SSgt Kateri Buser | U.S. Coast Guard: | LCpl Andrew Wiles | Lt. Jacob Schwind |
| A1C Isaac Buser | PO Samuel Catts | LCpl Alex Zeamer | Lt. j.g. Ryan Schwind |
| Col Francis X. Buser | CDR Mark A. Whisenant | PFC Carla Saldana | PO Samuel Thomas Moore |
| | | Cpt. Troy Dentel | |
| | | Cpt. Izzy Dentel | |

Pray for the recently deceased

Nancy Neuman
 John Barry Hayhurst

Names of the sick will be listed for four weeks. Names of active duty military personnel will be listed for six months. If you would like to add or reinstate a name to the list, email bulletin@sjesva.org.

 **Holy Father's Prayer Intention for December**

For pilgrims of hope
 We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / FAITH FORMATION

There will be **no Religious Education classes December 29-30** due to the Christmas holiday. Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Confirmation 2025

Forms C1–C15 are past due! Check the deadlines at the top of each form and submit all paperwork to the parish office as soon as possible. Delays may impact the Sacrament timeline.

Required documents: Submit your **Birth Certificate** and **Baptismal Certificate** to the parish office.

Confirmation Retreat: Saturday, January 4th in Trinity Hall (Snow date: Saturday, January 10th). Begins after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Interviews: Scheduled after the Confirmation Retreat. Review the Q&A to prepare!

Confirmation 2026

Submit Forms C1–C4! These forms are required to start receiving emails about volunteer opportunities. If you haven't turned them in yet, please return them to the Religious Ed Office immediately.

Missing a packet? Contact the RE Office to request one.

First Penance



Retreat: The First Penance Retreat for all 2nd graders and RCIC 2A will take place on **Sunday, January 5th, from 1–3 p.m.** in Trinity Hall (Snow date: January 12).

Sacrament of First Penance: Scheduled for **Saturday, January 25th, at 10:15 a.m.** in Mercy Hall (Snow date: February 8).



SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul serves those in need in our community through assistance, offering support, resources, and hope to individuals and families facing challenges. Your generosity makes this vital ministry possible—please consider making a donation to help those in need.

Our Help Line Number: 540-270-6774

For Pantry Assistance: 540-718-2031

For more information on our ministry, please contact Art Fairweather 240-405-8602.

OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY



For more information, contact the Youth Director at youthdirector@sjesva.org.



High School Girls' Grotto (Home-Ec Club)

Young ladies are invited to join us for crafting, cooking, girl-chats! We meet every 1st and 3rd Monday afternoons at 4–6 PM in the Youth Room! Our next meeting will be **Monday, January 6th!**

Wednesday Youth Group

We're excited to see our group growing as more high schoolers join us for weekly meetings! These gatherings take place on Wednesdays from 6–8 PM in the Youth Room, featuring food, fellowship, engaging discussions, and concluding with Adoration and Confessions during the parish Holy Hour. Stay up-to-date on our events by subscribing to our e-newsletter. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 8th**. Don't miss out—we can't wait to see you there!

High School Guys' Group

Join us on most **Thursday evenings from 7:00–8:30 PM!** Weather permitting, we'll meet at the School Pavilion or in the Youth Room, wrapping up with Adoration in the church. Don't miss out on sports, games, fellowship, and faith-filled fun! Contact Fr. Nicholas to sign up for text updates and stay informed.

Middle School Youth Group

Mark your calendars! Our next monthly meeting is on **Friday, January 10, 2025 from 7–9 PM** in Trinity Hall. All 6th–8th graders are welcome as we kick off the new year with the ENVISION Program: *Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers*. Let's make it meaningful, let's make it awesome—don't miss out!

Dead Theologians Society (DTS)

Join us every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 6–8:30 PM in the Youth Room as we explore the inspiring lives of Saints who have given everything for our faith. Our next meeting is on **Sunday, January 12th**—see you there!

Work Camp 2025

The next mandatory participants meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 14th** at 7–8 PM. Mark your calendars! For more information contact Dan Foes at dfoos@tnesolutions.com.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings,

Happy Advent! Continued prayer to you and all members of our parish community.

If you know anyone that might be interested in learning more about Catholic education at Saint John the Evangelist, please have them contact Maggie Ostrich at mostrich@sjesva.org or by phone at 540-347-2458. You can also reach me at tmacdonald@sjesva.org.

We will hold our annual Catholic Schools Week **Open House on Saturday, February 1, from 9 to 11 a.m.** in Trinity Hall. If you are unable to attend, individual tours can be arranged upon request. Current families are asked to confirm their enrollment plans for the 2025-2026 school year between Monday, January 6, and Friday, January 17. This will help us determine the number of openings available in each grade level before the Open House.

Let us continue to pray, learn, and serve... the vulnerable and less fortunate.

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic School



Open House

February 1, 2025
9:00-11:00 AM



• sjesva.org
• 540-347-2458

• mostrich@sjesva.org
• 111 John E. Mann St.
Warrenton, VA 20186

RSVP:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/1QCOA4EA4A928A7FFCF8-53756529-saint#/>

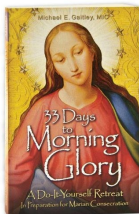


MARRIAGE MINISTRY DAY RETREAT

All married couples are invited to a special day retreat on **Saturday, January 11th** in Mercy Hall. The retreat begins with Mass and includes an inspirational talk about praying with your spouse, adoration, and lunch. Take time to reconnect with God and your spouse as you prepare for the new year. Breakfast and lunch are included. Register by **January 3rd** using the link provided: <https://www.onesimplifiedforms.com/StJohnWarrentonVA/os-kcXrOuka>. Don't miss this opportunity to grow spiritually and strengthen your marriage!

A New Year's Resolution You Can Keep

Transform your work, marriage, family, and life this New Year by learning the quickest, surest, and easiest path to holiness! Join us on **Saturday, January 4, at 10 AM** to begin a 33-day preparation for Marian Consecration. Over six weekly meetings, we'll follow the teachings of four Marian giants—St. Louis de Montfort, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Pope John Paul II—to grow closer to the Heart of Jesus through Mary. Meetings will be held Saturdays from **10 AM to 12 PM** in the Youth Room of the Parish Office. A book and workbook are required and can be purchased at shopmercy.org. For more information, contact Mary Bowes at dochearing@yahoo.com.



MARRIAGE MINISTRY




COUPLES' DAY RETREAT

Begin the new year by connecting with your spouse and God. Join us for a day of Mass, adoration, an inspiring talk, and time with your spouse! Continental breakfast and lunch are included!

JANUARY 11, 2025 **8:30 AM-2PM**
MERCY HALL

\$25/COUPLE Register and pay at this QR Code or drop off a check at the Parish Office. Questions? Call Pam Bishop 571-344-1313





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COUNCIL 5561
WWW.VAKOFC5561.ORG

Upcoming meetings and activities

- 8 January | 7-8 PM** – Knights Holy Hour
 - 9 January | 6:00 PM** – Social Gathering for the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary in Mercy Hall
 - 9 January | 7:30 PM** – Ladies Auxiliary Meeting in Mercy Hall
 - 11 January | 9:15–11 AM** – COR Men’s Group in Knights Chambers
 - 12 January** following 7:30 and 9 AM Masses – Parish Breakfast in Mercy Hall
 - 16 January | 7:00 PM**– Council Officers Meeting in the Knight’s Chambers
 - 18-19 January** after Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning Masses – Chili Sales in Church Plaza
 - 23 January | 7:30 PM** – Council Business Meeting in the Knight’s Chambers
- Catholic men are invited to engage in a wide range of faith, family, and community service activities. If you are interested ask a Knight, [visit us online](#), or email 5561.gk@gmail.com.



Ancient Order of HIBERNIANS
Irish · Catholic · American

If You’re of Irish Descent, We Should Meet!

- Men:** Join us at O’Brien’s at 7:00 p.m. on the **first Tuesday** of the month.
 - Families:** Join us at O’Brien’s for live Irish music & fellowship at 6:00 p.m. on the **last Sunday** of the month.
- The AOH is recruiting Catholic men 16 years and older of Irish birth or descent for the newly formed Culpeper-Warrenton Division. With a proud tradition of supporting the Catholic Church since the 16th century, the AOH invites men from St. John the Evangelist and Precious Blood Parishes to join us in faith and good works for our communities. For more information, please contact Dennis MacMinn at dennis.macminn@gmail.com.

COR Men’s Group



ALL men of the parish, ages 18 and over, are invited to participate in our Cor gathering hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Council 5561. Cor, meaning "heart" in Latin, is also the root word for Courage. The Cor Meeting exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity.

When: Every second Saturday of the month

For more information, please contact our Council’s Evangelization and Faith Formation Director at: 571-421-5466, or raymondpayette@gmail.com.

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Looking to Get Involved?

Getting involved in parish ministries is a wonderful way to deepen your faith, serve others, and build meaningful connections within our church community. Whether you feel called to **Liturgical Ministries** (like Altar Servers, Lectors, or Choir), **Outreach Ministries** (like the Food Pantry or St. Vincent de Paul Society), or **Community Groups** (like the Knights of Columbus or Women’s Groups), there’s a place for you to share your gifts and make an impact.

Visit sjeva.org/get-involved to learn more about our ministries, connect with ministry leaders, and find your way to serve. Together, we can strengthen our parish and grow in faith!

Misa en español

Sábados a las 7:00 p.m.

Confesiones

Miércoles a las 7:00 p.m.

Sábados a las 9:00 a.m. y 4:00 p.m

30 minutos antes de cada misa de fin de semana

Adoración

Miércoles a las 9:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.

Jueves comienza a las 9:00 a.m.

y concluye el sábado a las 8:00 a.m. (sin interrupción durante las noches del jueves y viernes)

Para más información, siga nuestra página de Facebook:
facebook.com/SanJuanelEvangelista





PAREJAS RETIRO DE DÍA

Comience el nuevo año conectándose con su cónyuge y con Dios. ¡Únase a nosotros para un día de misa, adoración, una charla inspiradora y tiempo con su cónyuge! ¡Desayuno continental y almuerzo incluidos!



**11 DE ENERO
DE 2025**



**8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
SALÓN DE LA
MISERICORDIA**

\$25/PAREJA

Regístrese y pague con este código QR o deje un cheque en la oficina parroquial. ¿Tiene preguntas? Llame a Loly a 571-254-7633



MINISTERIO DE MATRIMONIOS



Hora Santa Bilingüe por las Vocaciones Hispanas Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros a orar por más vocaciones de nuestras comunidades hispánicas, y por el sacerdocio, la vida consagrada y la perseverancia de todas las vocaciones. Patrocinado por el Club Serra de Arlington. Sábado, 25 de enero de 2025, 11:15 AM, Iglesia Católica Cristo Redentor, 46833 Leesburg Pike, Sterling Virginia, 20164. El Club Serra de Arlington está formado por católicos de todas las edades y de todos los ámbitos de la vida que promueven las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida consagrada, apoyan a los sacerdotes en su ministerio sagrado y ayudan a los demás miembros reconocer y responder en sus propias vidas al llamado de Dios a la santidad en Jesucristo y a través de Espíritu Santo. Para obtener mas informacion, visita serraclubarlington.org.

Hora Santa Bilingüe por las Vocaciones Hispanas
en la Iglesia Católica Cristo Redentor

**SÁBADO, 25 DE ENERO
11:15 AM**

Ofrecida por el sacerdocio, la vida consagrada y la perseverancia de todas las vocaciones.

¡Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros!

Patrocinado por El Club Serra de Arlington



"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph serves as a model of love, faith, and obedience. Just as Jesus was guided by His Father's will, so too can we be guided in our marriages by God's love. Reflect on how your family life mirrors the faith and devotion of the Holy Family. Strengthen your commitment to each other by nurturing a deeper relationship with God.

TIME APART RETREAT

Fri., January 10, 2025 to Sun., January 12, 2025

Our Lady of Czestochowa
Ave Maria Retreat Center
Doylestown PA

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist invites you to a spiritual retreat opportunity where you will be introduced to the Church's rich heritage of praying with the Sacred Word of God, as well as praying the universal prayer of the Catholic Church, the Liturgy of the Hours.



The OLME spiritual Time Apart retreats include daily Mass, an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the gift of an atmosphere of silence, as well as ample time for prayer and reflection before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Registration visit: olme.org/events

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS

Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day!



For more information or to register, go to WWME.org, click "Apply" and search for your desired location. Feel free to contact Donald and Helen Dudley at 757-690-1369 or donald.helen.dudley@wwme.org with any questions. Here are a few upcoming experiences:

January 7-February 18, virtual (Tuesday evenings)

January 21-February 2 Myrtle Beach, SC

March 7-9 Rehoboth Beach, DE

March 14 -16 Jessup, MD and Ocean City, NJ

March 21-23 Emerald Isle, NC

TRANSFORMATIVE RETREAT WITH IMMACULÉE ILIBAGIZA

Experience a day of healing, hope, and spiritual renewal with Immaculée Ilibagiza, Rwandan genocide survivor and acclaimed Catholic author, on **Saturday, January 18th** at St. Leo's Parish. The retreat begins with Mass at 7:45 a.m. and concludes at 4:15 p.m. Immaculée will share her powerful testimony of faith, recounting her time of prayer and survival while hiding in a bathroom during the Rwandan genocide. The retreat will be held in both the gym and the church and includes opportunities for Mass and confession. Bring a friend and receive a discounted rate when you sign up together! To participate, please register on Immaculée's website at Immaculee.com

Inquiries: Jeanne Costello at jmdays2@gmail.com or 571-213-0318.

Please do not contact the parish office for retreat information.

We look forward to sharing this extraordinary day with you!

Fairfax, VA Retreat
with **Immaculée**
JANUARY 18, 2025
ST. LEO THE GREAT
3700 Blenheim Blvd.
Fairfax, VA 22030
Info: **Angelle** angelle@immaculee.com
Jeanne 571-213-0318

REGISTER NOW >



TORCH Drama Club News

Join us on **Friday, January 17th, from 7–9 PM** in Trinity Hall for our January workshop!

High school students (ages 16+) interested in being part of our spring production, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, are encouraged to attend. This workshop will give you a sneak peek at what’s in store, including singing, dancing, and important schedule details. Don’t miss it!

For more information, visit torchdramaclub.org.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Greetings, friends. As highlighted in the November 13, 2024, statement by Bishops Burbidge and Knestout (SJTE Bulletin Nov 24), pro-abortion members of the Virginia House are advancing their radical abortion agenda for 2025. If HJ1 passes both chambers in 2025 and 2026, it will appear on the November 2026 ballot to add a "right to abortion" at any stage to Virginia's Constitution.

“...our deep engagement in decisions that go to the heart of who we are and what we value must continue with determination and zeal.”

Let's unite to stand against HJ1 with two key steps:

Step One: On January 29, 2025 attend the Virginia Pro-Life Day Advocacy Morning in Richmond to meet with your legislators asking them to stop this pro-abortion amendment and to further pro-life policies. Register at vaprolifeday.org.

Step Two: On April 2, 2025 attend the 7th Annual Virginia March for Life where thousands will Rally and March at the Capitol Building in Richmond. Join us to march against the abortion amendment, and be a bold witness for life! Registration will be available shortly.



ST JOHN’S HOME EDUCATORS

Considering Homeschooling?

Explore the benefits of homeschooling with support from a vibrant Catholic community! Visit sjhehomeschool.com to learn more about St. John Home Educators, a group dedicated to helping families provide a faith-filled, flexible education for their children. Discover resources, events, and guidance to start or enrich your homeschooling journey.

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL FUN!

Whether you're new to homeschooling this spring semester or a seasoned homeschooler, Mayflower Homeschoolers is here for you! Build lasting friendships for your kids, teens—and yourself—through our weekly à la carte activities. These include social events, religious programs, academic enrichment opportunities, and even a graduation ceremony.

Mayflower Homeschoolers is a Roman Catholic homeschool support group under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima, with multiple chapters to serve your needs.

Learn more and join us at mayflowerhomeschoolers.org!

NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2025!



Chesterton Academy of St. Thomas Aquinas is now enrolling students for the 2025-2026 academic year! We offer a classical education in the Catholic tradition focused on developing strong minds, virtuous character, and leadership skills.

For more information contact us at admissions@chestertonsta.org or visit chestertonsta.org

Bulletin Submissions: Submissions are due nine days prior to the Sunday of publication. Pulpit announcement requests for the following Sunday are due by noon Thursday. Email bulletin@sjesva.org.

KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFO UP TO DATE!

As we approach the end of the year, we kindly ask all parishioners to ensure our records are accurate by updating your email and mailing address using the link below.

If you have not been contacted by Parish Giving since we transitioned last December, please take a moment to update your information through the link.

For any questions, please reach out to Kandace in the business office. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

sjeva.org/parish-giving-info-update

If you can't update your contact information online, please complete this form, cut it out, and return it to the parish office.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Street: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____