

Sentinel 8-16-18

Don't forget to pick up your weekly bulletin as it contains a special letter from our bishop Richard.

The news out of Pennsylvania this week has shaken all of us and prompted many questions. I spent many hours on Tuesday night and into early Wednesday morning reading the disturbing details of the attorney general's report. To help you better understand my feelings, and to offer some guidance and reassurance to our faithful, I am issuing the attached pastoral letter to be shared as a bulletin insert.

The letter will also be posted on our diocesan website and placed in our weekly diocesan e-mail, DioNotes, which will be distributed to parishioners.

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Natural Law, God, and Human Dignity

All are welcome to attend a presentation by Robert P. George on "Natural Law, God, and Human Dignity", this Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 7 PM, at St. Anne Catholic Church, 350 Euclid Ave., Bristol, VA. Professor George is McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence and Director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals & Institutions at Princeton University. He is the author of a number of books and many articles and essays. Professor George's presentation is sponsored by the Buechner Institute of King University.



MINISTRIES DAY 2018

The diocesan Office of Christian Formation is sponsoring a *Ministries Day* on Aug. 18th from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM at **All Saints Catholic Church in Knoxville**. This event is open to **ALL** who share the Catholic Faith: Parents, Student Youth Leaders, Coordinators of Youth Ministry, RCIA Teams, Adult Educators, Liturgy & Ministry Teams, DREs, Catechists/Assistants, etc. Over 20 individual workshops will be offered, including a Spanish tract – something for everyone! Cost is \$25. Sessions are first come, first served. Workshop descriptions and registration forms are available on the diocesan website or in the church office.

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Announcements from the Parish Nurse

- Our next **Blood Drive** will be this Sunday **August 19th** from 9am to 230pm. Walk-in's are welcome! **There is a critical low on O-Negative blood!!** Please consider donating and help save a life!!
- I am in need of **Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers** and a volunteer to take **blood pressures** at our monthly blood pressure clinic on Saturdays after 5pm mass. Please contact me if you are interested.
- Statewide **PURPLE OUT DAY** is September 14th this year in support of those struggling with **Alzheimer's** disease. If you would like to buy a t-shirt to show support you can buy one here for \$11:
https://www.agpestores.com/targetonemarketing/groupproducts.php?prodgroup_id=22603&prodgroupbypass=true&utm_source=2018+-+Purple+Out+Day+-+1+Month+Away&utm_campaign=Purple+Out&utm_medium=email. All proceeds will go to **Alzheimer's Tennessee**. The last day to order a shirt will be August 29th! Let's turn our community purple and **make Alzheimer's a memory!**

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