Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2019

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Welcome!

Please register and become part of our parish community. You may fill out a registration form in the parish office
during business hours.

Office Hours - M-F 8:30am-4pm

(Office closed between 12noon and 1:15pm daily)

Moving? If you are leaving the parish, please let us know by calling or dropping a note.

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5pm
Sunday - 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm
5pm (Mass with contemporary music)

Daily Masses

Monday and Wednesday - 6:30am and 9am
Tuesday and Thursday - 6:30am
Friday - 6:30am & 12 noon
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Adoration/Benediction

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12 noon Mass until 5pm. The Rosary is prayed at 12:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3pm.

Sacraments

Confessions:
Friday 10:30am; Saturday 8am and 3:30pm - Confessions are heard in Rooms 107 & 113 in Catholic Education Ctr
Sunday - one half hour before each Mass in the Chapel
Anytime by appointment

Matrimony: Parish couples planning to be married must make arrangements with the Office at least six months prior to the intended date of marriage.

Baptism: Baptisms are typically held on the second or third Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. Please note, dates are subject to change. Baptism class is the last Friday of the month at 7pm. Call the office for details.

Anointing of the Sick: We are privileged to bring Holy Communion and administer the Holy Anointing to the sick and homebound upon request. Please call the office to let us know your needs.

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December 29, 2019

Over all [other virtues] put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.
— *Colossians 3:14*

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, January 1
8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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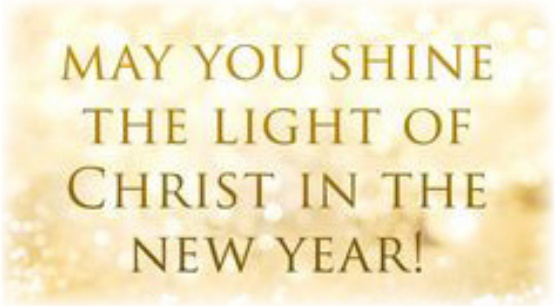

This Week

Sun., Dec. 29	Adult Basketball 8:30pm
Tue., Dec. 31	NO RCIA 7pm, Room 107
Wed., Jan. 1	NO TMIY
Thu., Jan. 2	Rosary Group 7pm, Church
Fri., Jan. 3	Children's Rosary 10am, Church
Sat., Jan. 4	TMIY 6:30am, Catholic Education Ctr.

Masses for the Week

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Saturday, Dec. 28	***The Holy Innocents***
9:00 am	Mass for the Unborn
Saturday, Dec. 28	***Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***
5:00 pm	Dr. Mark and Geralyn Clinton
Sunday, Dec. 29	***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***
7:00 am	Andrea Todd
8:30 am	Ross and Bridget Mentzer
10:30 am	John McPherson
12:15 pm	Vedrana Lidic
Monday, Dec. 30	***6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord***
6:30 am	+ Trey and Adele Bonuli
9:00 am	+ Fr. Gerry Creedon
Tuesday, Dec. 31	***7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord***
6:30 am	+ Fr. Michael Kelly
Wed., Jan. 1	***The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***
8:30 am	+ Edward Feighery
10:30 am	+ Encarnacion Colon
12:15 pm	+ Maureen Colville
Thursday, Jan. 2	***Saint Basil***
6:30 am	+ Caroline Murray
Friday, Jan. 3	***Christmas Weekday; First Friday***
6:30 am	+ Martha Skerl
12:00 pm	+ Joseph Arth
Saturday, Jan. 4	***Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday***
9:00 am	+ Luke Harvan
Saturday, Jan. 4	***Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord***
5:00 pm	+ Beatrice Talamantes
Sunday, Jan. 5	***The Epiphany of the Lord***
7:00 am	People of the Parish
8:30 am	+ Fernando Salcedo
10:30 am	The Fitzgerald Family
12:15 pm	+ Yun Young-Kun
5:00 pm	Max and Emilie Workman

The 2020 Religious Art Calendar's have arrived.
You can pick up your calendar in the Narthex after all Masses.

The Parish Office and Religious Education Offices will be closed ***Wednesday, January 1***

We wish all of our Parish Families a Very Happy and Blessed New Year!

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; 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 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Angel Wall

The "Angel Wall" will be a special place in the Narthex where the names of children of our parish who died before birth or any time before adulthood will be remembered. The Knights of Columbus have purchased the angel statue that will be placed where the Guadalupe picture is currently placed. It is a beautiful thing to remember the children, and a great comfort to so many parents and families. Contact Fr. Gould if you would like to memorialize your child in this special way. Remember to visit this wall from time to time, and say a little prayer for the babies and for their families, entrusting them to the mercy of our Dear Lord.

LOST AND FOUND

A piece of jewelry was found in one of the donation boxes.Please contact the Leslie Sheldon, Office Manager, at 540-338-6381 if you think this may belong to you. We also have an extensive collection of coats, etc., in our Lost and Found (hallway outside of narthex).

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

Our Military Members:
MAJ Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; Sgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, MAJ Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, LT Scott Cypher, Capt. Vincent Jovene, Capt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, SSgt. Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 1stLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, Capt.. Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Frankie Thyson
The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen,Mary Jane Arens, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez
The Deceased: Ellen Delaney, Daniel Duggan, Bud Nolan, Marilyn Cote, Michael Konopa, Renato Torrijos, Rosemarie Bighouse, John Robinson, Michele Mackey, Margaret Maykrantz, Fr. Edwin Thayer Tewes, Eleanor Szemborski, Zach Miller, Danielle Krill

Dear Folks,

Though this letter arrives in your December 29 Bulletins the publishing company asked me to submit the letter on the week before Christmas. It is hardly the time to thank all of those involved in the Christmas ceremonies. That will be next week.

With this letter we welcome our new Director of Religious Education. Mrs. Kim Livaudais. She and her husband, Dave, live in the area. I knew her many years ago when she graduated from UVA with a degree in education. She was born to the art of education and has her father, the doctor says, "She is good at it." She and Dave have four children and six grandchildren. For the last six years she has served as the DRE for St. Catherine the Great Parish in Great Falls, Virginia. We are glad to have her on board.

Please stay tuned for the events of January. January 24th is the Pro-Life March… the whole day long. The bus will leave the parish and head for the Mass with the Bishop at George Mason Field House. Yes, there will be a cast of thousands. Following the Mass the bus will head over to the March in Washington with a cast of hundreds of thousands.

The 24th also happens to be the Feast Day of St. Francis De Sales. At 5:30 PM the choir will offer a Vespers Service in honor of our patron saint. A potluck dinner will follow in the Knights Hall. What a day.

On Saturday January 25th, following the 5pm Mass Fr. Heisler and I will host an open house at the rectory for all the Non-Catholic spouses of the parish. Oh, OK, the Catholic spouse can join us as well. The gathering allows us to thank the non-Catholics for the support they offer their families in the sacramental life. How ironic, in the modern, illuminated culture we are quick to tell people what to do. Or ask them what to give. But few ever consider just saying "thank you."

This afternoon I was sent out to anoint a woman over in Hamilton who is in very poor health. Her husband of near 45 years, just home from heart surgery, sat by the bed and watched me offer the Sacrament of the Sick as well as the apostolic pardon. He, a non-Catholic, was most attentive to my duties. I told him the anointing forgives her sins and prepares her for heaven and the apostolic pardon pays the debts of her sins. I looked straight at him, man to man, on the opposite side of the bed, and told him his wife's father would be very proud of him because he kept the promise he made to him when he asked permission to marry the daughter… to take care of her. Than… I anointed him too. Merry Christmas to our Protestant spouses. Please join the priests and the beast (dog Rex) on the 25th. We will leave the light on.

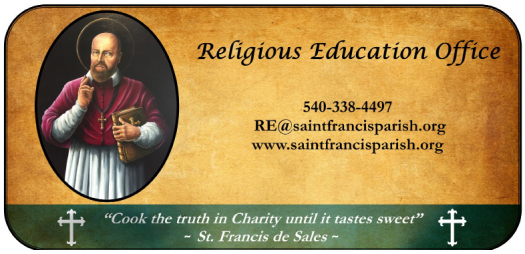
In the coming weeks Fr. Heisler will organize a training session with all the altar boys. A second session will be offered for the kids who would like to join the ranks… the rookies. In the coming Spring we will take the altar boys to Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and the young ladies who serve at the needs of the congregation each Sunday will visit one of the local convents. Stay tuned. Later, in the warm weather a trip for all the kids to go to a National's Baseball Game. Yes, please stay tuned.

Oh, and by the way, a few folks have asked about a Youth Group for the senior citizens. We will call it the, "Young at Heart." Please call me if you are interested. We can cover all the logistics. You can reach me at 703-626-8113.

In closing I wish to offer my heartfelt thanks to all of you who were involved with the recent installation of the, "Foolish Pastor." The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary set a magnificent feast. The choir, again, was impeccable. Bishop Burbidge turned to me during the post communion hymn and said the hymn reflected his Coat of Arms… "Walk Humbly With Your God." It was a wonderful day and I am so grateful for the kindness offered by all the parishioners. Let us pray for one another.

Collegiate Answer: The phrase Non Excidet is found on the Coat of Arms of St. Francis De Sales. It means, "He will not fail." God bless our collegians with the confidence in their studies that … He, God will not fail. He will remember you even when you don't remember Him.

Collegiate Question. A local question. What was the original name of Hamilton, Virginia and why was it changed? You better ask a native to the area.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Thursdays at 7pm, Starting January 30
Have you ever longed to visit the Holy Land and pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, walk the streets of Jerusalem, and peek into the upper room? I have always craved to make the Passion of the Lord brought to life in a profoundly moving way. I found a Bible study that will do just that! "No Greater Love",by Edward Sri. It is an 8-week study that will be like walking beside Jesus from Gethsemane to the Cross. There is an accompanying DVD filmed on location for us to view.
Interested? We have a wonderful gorup of women and we are always happy to welcome a new face. Email me at jeannelamana@gmail.com to register and receive instructions for purchasing the books we will be using. Looking forward to meeting you! visit our website saintfrancisparish.org/adult-religious-education-bible-study/womens-faith-ministry/ for more information.

ROMANS - THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION
Wednesdays at 7pm starting January 29
An 8-session program that examines Paul's letter to the Romans and provides historical context, highlighting the connections to Jesus and Christianity that Paul makes with the Old Testament. Provides an authentically Catholic, comprehensive, and simple way to understand the overarching theme of Romans--salvation. Explores the ways in which Jesus is the fulfillment of Israel's prophecies, which leads to the universal, "Catholic" family of God. Participants will learn Catholic teaching on salvation, how to explain salvation to non-Christians, what is required for salvation--faith or works, what Paul means by "works" not leading to salvation, how Christ's death changed their relationship with God, the meaning of the difficult passages in Romans, and how they can enter more deeply into Christ. (©2019)Cost for study materials is $28 and members of the same household can share materials. Scholarships are available. If you already have a workbook, just sign up and make that notation. If you would like to register for this bible study, please contact Janice Rees at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org or 540-338-4497.

BABYBOTTLE CAMPAIGN FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright offers caring and loving support to women and their babies. We can prepare for Jesus' birth through prayer and service for babies of our community. Fill your bottle with money that will be used to buy items needed to care for the babies as we would for Baby Jesus. ***Please continue to fill your baby bottles over the Christmas break!*** Return your baby bottle to your CCD class after the Epiphany in January. Birthright is very thankful for your participation and prayers.

Emily Glass Director of Youth Ministry
540-338-6381 or
e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org

MOUNT2000 – Mount2000 is a Eucharistic retreat for high schoolers, run by the seminarians at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. Experience Jesus and the Sacraments like never before! February 7–9, 2020 and registration is now open! E-mail Emily at e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org to register. Spaces are limited and registration ends on January 15.

YOUTH NIGHT – Join us on Sundays from 6:00-8:00 PM in room 213 for fellowship, food, and fun. Bring a friend!! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another. No Youth Night on Sunday, 12/29. See you on January 5th.

Inclement Weather Cancellations

Weekday: When Loudoun County schools are closed or have early dismissal, or cancel after-school activities due to inclement weather, Youth and Adult Religious ed and classes are cancelled.
Sunday Classes: Sunday morning cancellations will be posted on the website www.saintfrancisparish.org/, and emailed to families by 6:45am Sunday morning.

Sponsor/Confirmation Candidate Potluck Supper

Sunday, January 5 at 6pm
Our Lady of Victory Hall
Feast of the Epiphany!

Our Confirmation Potluck supper is an evening dedicated to food, faith and fellowship, and a great opportunity to bring the sponsors and candidates together in preparation for the upcoming Confirmation in the spring. ***Candidates and sponsors are strongly encouraged to attend this supper.*** This fellowship is an important part of their Confirmation preparation.
We understand that a sponsor may live out of state or may be unable to travel at this time, if that is the case, a parent of the candidate may attend in your place.
The candidate is requested to bring their favorite dish to share. Sponsors are our guests!
All are invited to attend the 5pm Teen Mass before the supper.
We look forward to seeing you.

Religious Education Calendar

WEEKS OF DECEMBER 29
NO CLASSES

WEEK OF JANUARY 5

Sunday	Grades K-8th Session 1 - 8:45am
	Grades K-8th Session 2 - 10:30am
Monday	Grades K-8th - 4:30pm
	RCIT - 6:30pm
Wednesday	Grades K-8th - 4:45pm

Session 14 - Put Your Sword into its Sheath

TMIY returns for the Spring Semester this week. It's a perfect opportunity to bring a friend.

This semester we will:

- Contemplate the mysterious Will of God and discover a Kingdom and battle "not of this world."
- Embrace our true identity as sons of the Father and heirs to His Kingdom.
- Experience the intimacy and secrets of a deep and personal friendship with Christ.
- Uncover the ultimate truth that sheds light on all things: God's own identity.
- Fight the good fight of faith to win an imperishable crown.

We start by taking a deeper look into the Garden of Gethsemane where we find Peter cutting off the ear of Malchus. A powerful new weapon will be handed to us from Heaven.

This opening session will set the tone for the semester so you won't want to miss it. See you there!

Knowing who you are changes everything.

"Take your share of suffering as A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to satisfy the one who enlisted him." - 2 Timothy 2:1-4

We meet in the Catholic Education Center on Wednesday from 7pm-8:45pm OR Saturday from 6:30am-8:15am. Each TMIY session stands on its own so you can join us at any time. Walk-ins are always welcome or you can register at sfdsmen@gmail.com

TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

People are needed to transport our parishioners to medical and non-medical appointments. Transportation requests are highly variable, so there is no requirement to commit to a schedule of availability. If you are available when called, you will be provided contact information so you can make the arrangements directly with the passenger. If you are not available, we'll contact the next name on the list!

Transportation to and from Mass may be more of a regular routine if both parties regularly attend the same Mass.

Please contact Leslie Sheldon, Office Manager, at 540-338-6381 if you would like to be a part of this important ministry.

Parish Homeless Ministry

Merry Christmas to all. As an entire church community, we led ourselves and gave so much time, love and foods to our brothers and sisters in need in such a big way. We have so much more we want to do! This year we tripled our volunteer count, added the Leesburg Soup Kitchen meal to our calendar (every 4th Thursday each month) and held a Blessing Bagging event, led by Bev Bryant, for a total of 300 bags to distribute to the homeless. We also organized a group named Gardening Angels to help at Squire Oaks Farm, who donated well over 1000 lbs of organic, fresh produce. Thank you Joanne Patton owner, and all of the helpers. Also, we formed a new group, led by Loudoun Valley student Noah Dize, named Helping Heroes, to organize the annual Holiday Party at the Leesburg Homeless Shelter. Thank you Heroes and all of your efforts, it was a wonderful party for the those residents. In addition to our commitment to the Anacostia Soup Kitchen meal (2nd Saturday each month) we provided 8 sets of baby layettes for the Unwed Mothers in the care of Sisters of Charity in Anacostia, donated Christmas lights and ornaments and helped decorate their houses. Many many thanks to everyone, wishing all a Happy New Year of 2020.

Please feel free to reach out to any of us

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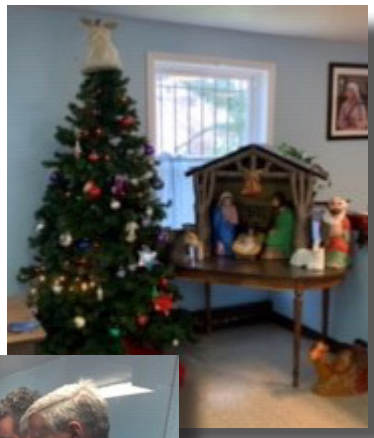

Dr. Bruchalski's Epiphany

Saturday, January 4, 7 pm
St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church
6720 Union Mill Rd, Clifton

Join Dr. John Bruchalski of Divine Mercy Care and Tepeyac OB/GYN as he reflects on the two meanings of Epiphany in his life. Hear about Dr. Bruchalski's own spiritual pilgrimage when his encounter with Mary and Christ helped him realize the harms of abortion and set him on a path to become the father of pro-life medicine. Free, but space is limited. Register at divinemercycare.org

Join us for The March For Life on Friday, January 24th! We will be leaving from St. Francis De Sales by bus around 7am. We will be going to the **Life is Very Good Morning Rally** and Mass including confessions at George Mason University. After Mass, our bus will take us to DC for the March. We expect to return back to Saint Francis by 5:30 pm. Tickets are $17 which include the Rally and Lunch from Chick-fil-a. Please make all checks payable to St. Francis de Sales Church. Please contact Carie Losinski at skigators@icloud.com or 703-673-6108 if you have any questions and/or to sign up and reserve your spot!

HOST THE PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

You can schedule to sign up for hosting the Pilgrim Virgin in your home. Go to saintfrancisparish.org/hosting-the-pilgrim-virgin/ and pick a date. Then just sign up at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org and pick up the statue in the narthex after the Sunday Mass you attend and return it no later than Saturday afternoon for the next person to host our Blessed Mother. Great blessings will come along your way when you invite Our Lady and pray the rosary in your home. She will not be outdone in generosity!

DIVINE MERCY'S MOTHER SAID: "Oh, how pleasing to God is the soul that follows faithfully the inspirations of His grace! I gave the Savior to the world; as for you, you have to speak to the world about His great mercy and prepare the world for the Second Coming of Him who will come, not as a merciful Savior, but as a just Judge. Oh, how terrible is that day! Determined is the day of justice, the day of divine wrath. The angels tremble before it. Speak to souls about this great mercy while it is still time for granting mercy. If you keep silent now, you will be answering for a great number of souls on that terrible day. Fear nothing. Be faithful to the end. I sympathize with you." (St. Faustina Diary 635)

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CATHOLIC CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020
7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Purcellville Fire Station
500 North Maple Avenue, Purcellville, VA
Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the Fire Station Training Room.

Make your lifesaving appointment today!
Visit: http://bit.ly/STFDSCC20200105 or call us at **1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372)** and use **Sponsor Code 3026** or contact **Charlie Baldi** at **(540) 751-1907** or **charliebaldi77@gmail.com**

INOVA Blood Donor Services

Donate and receive an Anniversary t-shirt*!

inovablood.org

Photo ID required. Please allow one hour for your whole blood donation or double red cell donation.

For more information about blood donation and preparation, please visit inovablood.org or call 1-866-BLOODSAVES (1-866-256-6372).

*While supplies last. Donors must complete screening process during the event to receive the giveaway.

UPCOMING LADIES AUXILIARY EVENTS:

Thank you everyone who joined in celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. We enjoyed a fun night of delicious food and fellowship. The evening would not have been a success without the many volunteers. Thank you!!!

Thank you all for a wonderful reception welcoming Fr. Gould. We have an awesome parish that came together in support of our new Pastor. Once again it would not have been possible without the tireless volunteer efforts. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Monday, January 6 Business Meeting - 7pm Rosary in the Chapel. We will meet in the Library of the Parish Education Center and beginning the meeting at 7:30pm. We will have a guest speaker who will talk about Our Lady of Guadalupe and an opportunity to go on a Mission trip to Mexico.

Saturday January 11 - Parish Education Center, OLVH (gym) from 10am-12pm we are hosting a Women's Self Defense class. There is a $10 fee for the class. This 2 hour introductory class will be taught by a female Grandmaster in the Martial Arts of Sho Bushido Jujitsu. Offered to ages 16 and older as well as 12-15 years old with a responsible adult present (adult does not have to participate). Please RSVP to ladiesaux11136@gmail.com to reserve a spot. There is a 50 person max. A waiver will be provided and required to be signed before participation.

Merry Christmas and wishes for a Blessed Happy New Year from the Saint Francis de Sales Ladies Auxiliary!

Feel free to send questions or comments to ladiesaux11136@gmail.com

Please Give to our Poor Box

Have you thought of practicing giving alms? Please remember to donate to our parish poor box located at the narthex. Proceeds help the needy people in our area. *"Give alms and everything will be clean for you"* (Lk 11:41).

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - DECEMBER 2019

The Future of the Very Young
That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

St. Francis Council 11136

PRAY EVERYONE HAD A BLESSED AND SAFE CHRISTMAS!!!

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: will be on Monday January 13, at 7:30 pm. Rosary in the Church at 7pm, all parishioners are welcome!!

FATHER GOULD'S INSTALLATION RECEPTION: Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary, all the Brothers and Parishioners who brought side dishes, crockpots, helped pull the pork, worked on the serving lines, put the chairs and tables away and cleaned up!!!!!! It was a great Parish event!!! Welcome Again Father Gould!!!!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR JANUARY: will be moved from January 5 to January 12.

COATS FOR KIDS: A Big THANK YOU !! to all who donated Coats. We couldn't have done this without the help of the entire Parish!! This was one of the best years we had at obtaining Coats for the kids in Loudoun County. We distributed approximately 400 coats to several LCPS, Mobile Hope, Catholic Charities and even our own SFDS Homeless Ministry!!

SWEATS FOR VETS: Look for the box in the Narthex replacing the one for Coats for Kids. We need new sweats in all Large and X-Large. The MAC-PAC will be assisting with this program also.

FREE THROW CONTEST: Set for Jan 20th Entry deadline Jan 15th See Blurb in Bulletin

IF YOU ARE A KNIGHT AND NOT GETTING EMAILS WITH UPDATES TO EVENTS AND PROGRAMS: Please contact me at the email below and let me know!!

WHY ARE YOU A KNIGHT? Be more than a Knight in name only. Contact GK Scott Grimard and tell me what it would take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community? Find out how you can be a part of the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. Discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Scott Grimard or Chancellor Rae Edmonson (raedmons@gmail.com) or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. Let your Light Shine.

May God bless you!

Scott Grimard, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136
Knights11136@gmail.com

The 2020 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship

will be held here on Monday, January 20 at 9am ("MLK Day") in Our Lady of Victory Hall and is open to all boys and girls, ages 9-14. Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2020. Entry forms can be picked up in person from Janice Rees in Our Lady of Victory Hall or can be requested by emailing sdevita@aol.com. A copy of your child's birth certificate must be submitted with the completed entry form to Steve DeVita at sdevita@aol.com or drop off the form and birth certificate copy with Janice Rees in the Our Lady of Victory Hall no later than Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 5pm. No walk-ins will be accepted. Winners will advance to the District level competition on Presidents Day Holiday in February anticipated to be at St. Theresa Parish, Ashburn.

INCREASE IN ADORATION HOURS

In the spirit of "Tap, Tap, Tap", we are working with Fr. Gould's encouragement and support to revive and expand the times offered for Adoration over the next few months and for the long-term. This will begin with evening hours added on all Fridays in December and (hopefully) increasing to overnight hours on First Fridays, and then all Fridays next month. This cannot be done and sustained without your help. Please also take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/R29JF7P so we can better assess overall interest and other specifics. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Donofrio at SFDS.Adoration@gmail.com.

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