

# Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time      February 10, 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-4:30pm  
(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.

## Sacraments

**Confessions:** Friday 10:30am  
Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; and anytime by appointment  
Confessions are heard in Rooms 107 & 113 in Catholic Ed. Ctr.

**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:** The Sacrament is celebrated each month on the second and third Sunday at 1:30pm. 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.

## Sunday Masses

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

## Daily Masses

Monday and Wednesday - 9am  
Tuesday and Thursday - 6:30am  
Friday - 6:30am & 12 noon;  
First Friday - 12 noon & 7pm  
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.

First Friday - Adoration follows the 12noon Mass until the 7pm Mass

## 5TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME February 10, 2019

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send?  
Who will go for us?"  
"Here I am, "I said, "send me!"  
- *Isaiah 6:8*

### GOD'S SUMMONS

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said aloud. Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isaiah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me."

We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything.

What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger?

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### Ash Wednesday – March 6

#### Mass Schedule

6:30am – No music

9am – Children's Choir

5am – Cantor and Organ

7am – Parish Choir

## Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - February 3                   \$ 11,456  
2nd Collection -Diocesan Newspaper         \$ 1,458

YEAR TO DATE                                         \$ 629,076

This week's 2nd Collection - Parish Center Debt Reduction  
No 2nd Collection next week

## This Week

Sun., Feb. 10     **MACPAC** 6pm, Our Lady of Victory Hall  
                      **Adult Basketball** 8:30pm  
Mon., Feb. 11     **Knights of Columbus** 7:30pm, Parish Hall  
Tue., Feb. 12     **Women's Faith Ministry** 7:30pm, Rm. 201,213  
                      **RCIA** 7:30pm, Room 107  
                      **Catholic Social Justice class** 7pm, Rm. 206  
Wed., Feb. 13     **Catholic Social Justice class** 10am, Rm. 206  
                      **TMIY** 7pm, Room 202  
                      **St. John Bible Study**, Room 205  
Thu., Feb. 14     **Rosary Group** 7pm, Church  
Fri., Feb. 15     **TMIY** 6:30am  
Sun., Feb. 17     **Adult Basketball** 8:30pm

## Masses for the Week

+ *deceased*

Saturday, Feb. 9

9:00 am

Saturday, Feb. 9

5:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 10

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Feb. 11

9:00 am

Tuesday, Feb. 12

6:30 am

Wed., Feb. 13

9:00 am

Thursday, Feb. 14

6:30 am

Friday, Feb. 15

6:30 am

12:00 noon

Saturday, Feb. 16

9:00 am

Saturday, Feb. 16

5:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 17

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

### Weekday

Father Mullaney

**Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Anthony Taffuri

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Florence Lazzaro

+ Ellen Fritz

The Fitzgerald Family

People of the Parish

Kelly Wakefield

### Weekday

George Rung

### Weekday

Gene Belger

### Weekday

+ Richard Riesdorff

**Saints Cyril and Methodius**

+ Neal Brown

### Weekday

+ Bre Payton

+ Chancie Monastero

### Weekday

+ Stephen D'Elia

**Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Stanley Szemborski

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

+ Stelvio Zannoli

+ Robert Fox

Franklin Hurd

+ Deceased members of the Butts and

D'Elia families

People of the Parish

## Mass Celebrant Schedule

**Saturday, February 9**

**5pm:** Msgr. Cregan

**Sunday, February 10**

**7am:** Msgr. Cregan

**8:30am:** Msgr. Cregan

**10:30am:** Fr. Mullaney

**12:15pm:** Fr. Mullaney

**5pm:** Msgr. Mullaney

**Saturday, February 16**

**5pm:** Fr. Mullaney

**Sunday, February 17**

**7am:** Fr. Mullaney

**8:30am:** Fr. Mullaney

**10:30am:** Msgr. Cregan

**12:15pm:** Msgr. Cregan

**5pm:** Msgr. Cregan

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;

Lk 6:17, 20-26

## 2019 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

At the end of January many of us received a mailing regarding the 2019 Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA). The theme for the 2019 BLA is "Together in the Light of Christ." After reflecting upon the blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this important appeal that funds many programs and ministries that serves thousands of people in our diocese. Together, through the BLA, let us renew our personal commitment to furthering the Lord's work in our diocese.

## Overnight Eucharistic Adoration

Our parish will not be hosting overnight Adoration on 1st Fridays for the time being. Adoration will start after 12noon Mass and continue until Benediction before the 7pm Mass.

## Mass Intentions

Most often we think of offering a Mass for someone who is deceased. There are occasions, too, such as anniversaries, birthdays, and special events or intentions that are nice to remember with a Mass. These Mass requests are printed in the bulletin and offered up with the prayer of the faithful. Stop by the office with any request you may have.

**WELCOME**

We warmly welcome new parishioners who have joined St. Francis de Sales during the month of January

### Round Hill

Charisma & Todd Quinney

### Lovettsville

Richard & Mary Seal  
Paul & Leah Gieri, Isabella and Siena

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, Cpl Zachary Gingras, LT Scott Cypher, Cap. Vincent Jovene, 1st Lt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, A1C Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 2dLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, LT 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, Zach Miller, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller

**The Deceased:** David Young, Philippe Laffitte-Smith, Shannon Stotlar, Edward Versprille, Nancy Anderson, Arthur Busher, Jim Dueppen, Dorothy Gessner, Ellen Delaney, Daniel Duggan, Bud Nolan, Marilyn Cote

## \*\*\* PARISH WISH LIST \*\*\*

• **Donate to our new Ambo (Pulpit)** You are invited to donate any amount for the new Ambo (Pulpit) and be a part of the "Book of Life Circle." Donations of \$1k or more will give you the option to add a dedication to our future Memorial Wall to be displayed in the narthex. We need \$35k for this important part of the sanctuary where we hear the Word of God proclaimed. As of November 2, 2018, we have received \$23,000. (See July 30, 2017 Shepherd's Notes re the Ambo.)

• **"Pipe Organ" donation**—Help us pay for the church organ that was installed in April 2017. We have received \$48,810 & now owe just \$68,890 for this beautiful organ!

• **Hosting the Pilgrim Virgin statue sign up**—You can schedule to sign up for hosting the *Pilgrim Virgin* in your home. Go to [saintfrancisparish.org/hosting-the-pilgrim-virgin/](http://saintfrancisparish.org/hosting-the-pilgrim-virgin/) and pick a date. Then just sign up at [j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org) and pick up the statue in the chapel 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!

The 2019 Arlington Diocese Men's Conference

# POWER WITHIN

The Secret Strength of a Deeper Interior Life

Saturday, March 9, 2019  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
St. Joseph Catholic Church  
750 Peachtree Street  
Herndon, VA 20170

\$55 through February 1  
\$65 after

**REGISTER:**  
[arlingtondiocese.org/men](http://arlingtondiocese.org/men)

**MATT BIRK**  
Former "Center" for the Baltimore Ravens

**REV. DONALD HAGGERTY**  
Author of *Conversion, Contemplative Hunger and Contemplative Provocations*

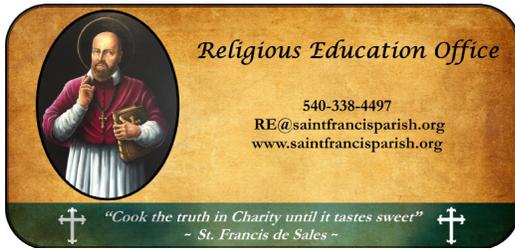
**MOST REV. MICHAEL F. BURBIDGE**  
Bishop of Arlington  
Celebrant and Homilist for Mass

Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life  
(703) 841-2550 | [familylife@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:familylife@arlingtondiocese.org)

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS -FEBRUARY 2019

### Human Trafficking

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



## Celebration of First Reconciliation

**February 12** – all Sunday classes

**February 19** – Monday and Wednesday classes & Atrium  
 A schedule has been mailed out with your child's scheduled time slot, between 4:30pm and 6pm. If you know in advance you need a certain time slot, please let me know in advance.  
 - Janice

## 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 emailed to families by 6:45am Sunday morning.

**4th Grade Catechist needed!** We are looking for a 4th Grade Catechist, Monday at 4:45-6pm to finish out the school year. If you are able to volunteer please contact Janice at [j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org)

## BLESSING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

Everyone is invited to be a participate in this project for our Homeless Ministry! Let's try to make 100 hundred bags! The bulk of the bags will be given to the homeless organizations we are in contact with as part of our ministry. You can also take bags to keep in your car and give to the needy people you may run into. Think about what you would want if you were broke and living on the streets ... These are suggestions, bring whatever you can:

- chapstick • packages of tissues*
- rain poncho • toothbrush and toothpaste • comb • trail mix*
- peanut butter crackers • granola bars • packs of gum*
- beef sticks/beef jerky • bandaids • hand sanitizer • baby wipes*
- Hand and feet warmer packets • thermal socks and gloves*
- fast food or Starbucks gift cards*
- anything else you can think might be good to add!*

Bring your items to the Our Lady of Victory Hall **TODAY** at 12pm for a "**Group Bagging**"! We'll keep working until all the bags are filled. 7th and 8th graders can earn service hours by accumulating these items. You can still participate if you can't be here on the 10th

by making your own bags at home and bringing them when you come to class, or dropping off loose items by the 10th. Anyone can participate.



Emily Glass Director of Youth Ministry  
 540-338-6381 or  
[e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org)

**HUGE THANK YOU!** – Huge thank you to our entire parish community for your generous participation in last week's Souper Bowl collection for the Loudoun County Emergency Homeless Shelter!! Thanks to our amazing community, we raised enough money to fund dinners for our monthly trips to the homeless shelter for the entire year. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

**TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING** – On Sunday, February 17th from 6:15-8:00 PM in the old parish hall, there will be a meeting for all teens who are interested in coming to Workcamp 2019 in East Bank, WV (June 30 – July 6.) All current 8th-12th graders are invited! Please note that all teens who plan to attend Workcamp must attend teen Workcamp meetings. \$150 deposits (checks made out to St. Francis de Sales) are currently being accepted to reserve a space at Workcamp. Deposits can be paid at the Feb. 17th meeting.

**WORKCAMP INFO MEETING FOR FIRST-TIME TEENS AND PARENTS** – On Wednesday, February 13th from 7:00-8:00 PM in Room 213 of the Education Center, there will be a Workcamp information meeting for all teens and parents who are new to Workcamp. We will discuss the who, what, where, when, and how of Workcamp and the preparation process. We encourage attendance even if you are just considering Workcamp.

**HOMELESS SHELTER** – On Monday, February 11th, high schoolers are invited to help cook for the homeless shelter from 4:30-6pm in the Education Center kitchen.

**SPRING RETREAT** – Save the date! The Spring Retreat will be held March 15-17th at Brethren Woods in Keezletown, VA. E-mail [e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org](mailto:e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org) to sign up by March 10. Spend the weekend in the mountains with your friends! Come grow in your relationship with Jesus, take a break from the craziness of life, and have FUN! \$45 per person. ALL high schoolers welcome!

**YOUTH NIGHT** – Join us on Sundays from 6-8pm for fellowship, food, and fun. Bring a friend!! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another.

**BIBLE STUDY FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS** – Join us at Market St. Coffee on Wednesdays from 5-6pm for Bible study.

## Religious Education Calendar

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10 AND FEBRUARY 10

Sunday	<a href="#">Grades 1st-8th Session 1</a> - 8:45am
	<a href="#">Grades K-8th Session 2</a> - 10:30am
Monday	<a href="#">Grades K-8th</a> - 4:45pm
Wednesday	<a href="#">Grades K-8th</a> - 4:45pm

### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17

Sunday	<b>NO CLASSES</b>
Monday	<b>NO CLASSES</b>
Wednesday	<a href="#">Grades K-8th</a> - 4:45pm

## **Bishop Burbidge responds to Governor Northam's extreme abortion comments**

Since the beginning of the Virginia General Assembly session on January 9, we have witnessed the introduction of extreme abortion legislation culminating in an attempt to pass a law similar to what New York recently passed. This bill rightfully failed—but I am, along with so many people of good will, distraught that this bill was introduced in the first place. It could have paved the way for babies to suffer a violent and gruesome death moments before birth and could have been harmful to women.

My hope is that this bill failed because the elected officials of the state legislature recognized that it was an evil and impermissible offense to human life and our collective decency. Abortion of a baby in the final stage of pregnancy borders on infanticide. Our governor, however, may be willing to cross that border and go even farther. In a staggering admission, Governor Northam stated that after an infant is delivered, the mother and the family should keep the baby comfortable, resuscitate the child “if that’s what the mother and the family desired,” and “a discussion would ensue.” This attitude—and the bill that was defeated this week—reflects a new level of deep-rooted animus against the inherent goodness of every child. The governor’s statement and this bill demonstrate how far abortion advocates are willing to go in taking the life of a precious child.

This is a critical moment in the life of our Church and our society. I call on the faithful and people of good will to advocate for the right to life of all people, including the unborn and those children whose lives are at risk even during the process of birth. In Virginia, with the assistance of the Virginia Catholic Conference, we must make our views known to our elected officials on all issues where the right to life is at stake.

Through the Diocese of Arlington, we continue to offer assistance to expectant families in need and those who are suffering after an abortion. Families who need help should contact the diocesan Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life: [arlingtondiocese.org](http://arlingtondiocese.org)

*To learn more about the failed abortion legislation as well as other extreme public policy proposals before the Virginia General Assembly, read the most recent Voter Voice Post (published 1/30/19) by Jeff Caruso, Executive Director of the Virginia Catholic Conference: <https://vacatholic.org/voterveice-post/?vvid=1123>*

## **NEW WAY TO SERVE - AUXILIARY USHER PROGRAM**

In order to better facilitate our Masses and assist and greet our Mass goers, the Parish has an Usher Ministry. The Usher ministry currently is in need of additional members and anyone who is interested should contact Joh Metrey. It is realized that some people's schedules prohibit them from committing to attending a particular Mass on a regular basis and are not able to serve as ushers. For people in this situation, a new program, the Auxiliary Usher Program, is being initiated. The Auxiliary Usher Program will allow those who want to serve, but whose schedules prevent them from committing to a regular Mass, to serve as usher when they are available. If interested and for additional details on this new program, please contact Jon Metrey [jon.metrey@gmail.com](mailto:jon.metrey@gmail.com) or Pat Orender [Theorenders@gmail.com](mailto:Theorenders@gmail.com)

## **VBS Kick-Off Meeting**

The first planning meeting for VBS is *Wednesday, February 20*. If you are interested in learning about or participating in this summer's VBS please join us at the meeting! If you cannot come to the meeting, but are still interested, please call or email the RE office. This year's theme is ATHENS - Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth to be held week of July 8-12

## **Calling all Irishmen !**

Want to learn about your heritage, serve your community, and have a little fun ? The Loudoun division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is welcoming new members. The AOH is an Irish-American Catholic organization that promotes Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. Visit our website [www.aohloudoun.org](http://www.aohloudoun.org) for contact info.

## **Friday Nite Fish Fry Volunteers Needed!!**

Our Friday Nite Fish Fry Team is getting ready to gear up! If you would like to be on the team of volunteers, email Joe Shray at [joeschray@icloud.com](mailto:joeschray@icloud.com). Help is needed preparing on Friday mornings and/or serving Friday afternoon. Consider joining this fun ministry and get a purple tee-shirt! You'll get hooked!!!

## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Give your spouse the gift of a special Valentine. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend teaches a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Mar 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, VA and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: [RenewMarriage-VANorth.org](http://RenewMarriage-VANorth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org) or 703-646-1521.

## **Cooke Tavern Soups**

### **American Heritage Girls Soup Sales**

Our American Heritage Girls Troop 962 will again be selling delicious Cooke Tavern Soups after all Masses on Feb 9th/10th and Mar 9th/10th in the Narthex. The soup mixes are preservative-free, salt-free, and non-GMO, and are made from all natural ingredients. Many of them are gluten free as well. They are wonderful to have on hand during Lent, and make great gifts! Prices are \$8 each, or 4 for \$30. Checks are accepted after Masses. The soups may also be purchased via credit card at Fish Fry Fridays (Mar 15 and 22). You may also place orders through individual Troop members. Contact [TCAHG962@gmail.com](mailto:TCAHG962@gmail.com) with any additional questions. Thanks for supporting our Troop, and our Parish!

## ORGAN CONCERT AT ST. FRANCIS

Friday, February 22, 7pm — join Music Director, Michael Galdo, and organ students for an evening of organ music. Reception to follow. Free will offering goes to support music ministry and pay for the organ.

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAISE

St. Francis de Sales' group of dedicated people of prayer, is on its third decade of service. The faithful team of seniors and the homebound pray fervently for the needs of our parish with amazing results. We are currently inviting anyone interested in joining our team to contact Angela at the St. Francis de Sales office (please designate Ministry of Praise on e-mail). Those who wish to have concerns prayed for may write their prayers and slip them into the Ministry of Praise box attached to the wall in the Narthax. You can also visit our webpage at [www.saintfrancisparish.org/prayer-requests/](http://www.saintfrancisparish.org/prayer-requests/) and fill out the form and send the request on-line.

## Sign Up For the Diocesan E-Newsletter!

Receive special video messages from our bishop, learn about unique opportunities to get involved, and be the first to know the news about our Diocese — straight to your inbox. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/CDASignup>

## Pilgrimage to IRELAND

Take this opportunity to accompany our own Father Mullaney on a 10-day pilgrimage to the Emerald Isle. Tentative dates are scheduled for October 1-11. Highlights of the trip may include a tour of the Shrine of Knock where Our Lady, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist appeared in 1879, the Cliffs of Moher, Blarney Castle, Trinity College with its Book of Kells in Dublin and much more.

For further itinerary and cost information, please contact Mary and Chris Miller at [Emarym0304@gmail.com](mailto:Emarym0304@gmail.com) or at 760-622-9177.

A beloved family heirloom pyx went missing after the 8:30am Mass on December 9. It is 4 cm in diameter and about 2 cm deep. It is gold in color with some red decoration on top. If you have any information about the whereabouts of this cherished item, please call the church office, 338-6381; Betty Gingras, 1 410-838-5692; or Kathleen McCuiston, 338-8094.

Couples, Singles, Men and Women are invited to:

## CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS 10-Week LENTEN Retreat

A devotion to the Sacred Heart by Fr. Gaitley.

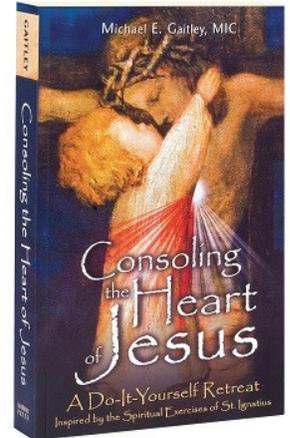
This retreat will give you:

1. Greater awareness of God's infinite mercy
2. How we can give Him joy
3. Shows us the way to console His heart by accepting His love and trusting in Him completely

Starting the 2nd week of LENT:

- \* Wednesdays at 10am beginning on March 13th
- \* Thursdays at 7pm beginning on March 14th

If you're interested in this 10-week Lenten Retreat, please contact us by February 27th!  
Email [ladiesaux11136@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesaux11136@gmail.com) or call 571-278-6700 with your name and contact



**SEPARATED? DIVORCED? WIDOWED???** The Rebuilding Program sponsored by the Diocese of Arlington Office of Marriage, Family, and Respect Life helps people of all faiths who are separated, divorced, or widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine week program starts Sunday, February 24th and meets Sunday evenings 5:30 - 8pm at the St. Martin De Porres Center in Alexandria. Topics include adaptation, grief, anger, self-worth, openness, love, and relatedness. For more information email [facilitator@copingrebuilding.com](mailto:facilitator@copingrebuilding.com), or visit us on the web at [www.copingrebuilding.com](http://www.copingrebuilding.com).

## COUNSELING OFFERED AT SFDS

**Jennifer Barry**, LCSW from Catholic Charities' Family Services will begin taking appointments offering Individual, Family or Couples Counseling on Wednesdays at St. Francis de Sales. Jennifer is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please contact Family Services at 703-425-0109.

Initial consultations are available without charge at both St. Francis on Wednesdays and St. Theresa in Ashburn on Thursdays. If you are interested in scheduling a consultation with Jennifer, please contact her at 703-772-4022.

**COURAGE** a group that assists individuals with same-sex attractions to live chaste lives according to the teachings of the Catholic Church, meets in the Diocese of Arlington. Meetings are for men and women and strict confidentiality is maintained. For more info: [courage@arlingtondiocese.org](http://courage@arlingtondiocese.org) and [www.couragerc.net](http://www.couragerc.net)

Project Rachel Post  
Abortion Healing Ministry: 888-456-HOPE or visit:  
[www.helpafterabortion.org](http://www.helpafterabortion.org).

Gabriel Project Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:  
866-444-3553 or [info@helpforpregnantwomen.org](mailto:info@helpforpregnantwomen.org)

## St. Francis Council 11136 news

**Next Council Meeting:** Our next council business meeting will be on Monday, February 11th, at 7:30pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!



**Share Sunday Collection the Weekend of February 9/10:** As a reminder to everyone, our Share Sunday Collection is the second weekend of each month. Please bring to church any non-perishable food in boxes and cans. Thank you for your monthly support of this project.

**Why Are You A Knight?:** Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, the community and the world. Contact GK Tracy Beglau and tell me what would it 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. With nearly 2 million members and growing, discover how the Knights can support you, your family, your faith and your community. Contact GK Tracy Beglau or Chancellor Scott Grimard (scottgrim86@gmail.com), or look for any man wearing a Knights of Columbus name badge. The needs are many, but the laborers are few.

May God bless you!

Tracy Beglau, Grand Knight  
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## Parish Homeless Ministry

We are looking at other ways to help the Homeless population closer to home, and there are many. This is one to consider, Religious Ed is sponsoring a Group Bagging on **Sunday, February 10** at 12pm, at Our Lady of Victory Hall, all ages can participate in this important event. Some of the Homeless Shelters provide a hot dinner and overnight shelter to those in need, but send them out the next morning with no ability to provide them breakfast. Our bags can help so much if they contain a drink (juice box or small water), a protein bar, some trail mix, peanut butter crackers, a fruit cup, (this will fit in a quart bag). The guests can take these with them as they leave the shelter, and it will help hold them until their dinner. Many stores sell these items in small sized servings perfect for our bags. Other items, listed in the January 20 bulletin, are also welcome. Maybe a handwritten prayer or note of support in each bag? Bring what you like to the Group Bag, or you may choose to make these at home and bring to us assembled for distribution. As a parish of many hands, this could be big! Thank you in advance!



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*Be diligent in serving the poor. Love the poor, honor them as you would Christ himself.* —St. Louise de Marillac

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Please contact us if you have any questions to be added to our mailing list.

## Ladies Auxiliary

Ongoing Events (All Ladies are invited!)



Monday - 2/18/19 - Join us for our **Social Game Night!** 7pm in the Parish Hall/church basement; email [ladiesaux11136@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesaux11136@gmail.com) for details as to what to bring. We're playing LCR - bring \$3 in quarters!

Sunday - 3/3/19 - **Cake Walk Fun during the Pancake Breakfast** - Join the fun and win some yummy treats! \$1 per round per player - children and adults can play!

Monday - 3/4/19 - **Monthly Business Meeting** - 7pm Chapel for the Rosary, 7:30pm Parish Hall (church basement) for the meeting. Join us to find out what the Ladies Auxiliary is doing in & for the Parish Community and come see how you can be a part of it!

Tuesday - 3/5/19 - **SHROVE TUESDAY - PASTA DINNER** - in the Parish Hall (church basement) - \$5 per person; kids 5 & under are free; adult beverages sold separately. E-mail [ladiesaux11136@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesaux11136@gmail.com) to let us know you're attending and how many are in your group. Since this is our first time hosting Shrove Tuesday, we need to have a count for food preparation.

### ON-GOING - Funeral Reception Helpers Wanted!

We're creating a team to handle this very special task! If you can help set-up, break-down, decorate, prepare food, etc. please let us know so we can add you to our team! Email [ladiesaux11136@gmail.com](mailto:ladiesaux11136@gmail.com) to join the team.

## Diocesan Resource Page on Recent Events

**Available** The Catholic Diocese of Arlington website

includes a resource page where parishioners can access information regarding the recent events affecting the Church. Read the policies on child protection and responses to the crisis from Bishop Burbidge and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at [www.arlingtondiocese.org/](http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/)

## GIVE A PINT ON ST. PATRICKS DAY

Our last blood drive was cancelled because of inclement weather. Sorry. I hope "you all" were not terribly inconvenienced. Our next blood drive is Sunday, **March 17, St Patty's day**. So please wear your green but donate your red blood. For those that signed up for the past cancelled drive I will put you in for the 17 March Drive at the same appointment time. Should you wish make any change to the next drive email: [charliebaldi77@gmail.com](mailto:charliebaldi77@gmail.com).