

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 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.

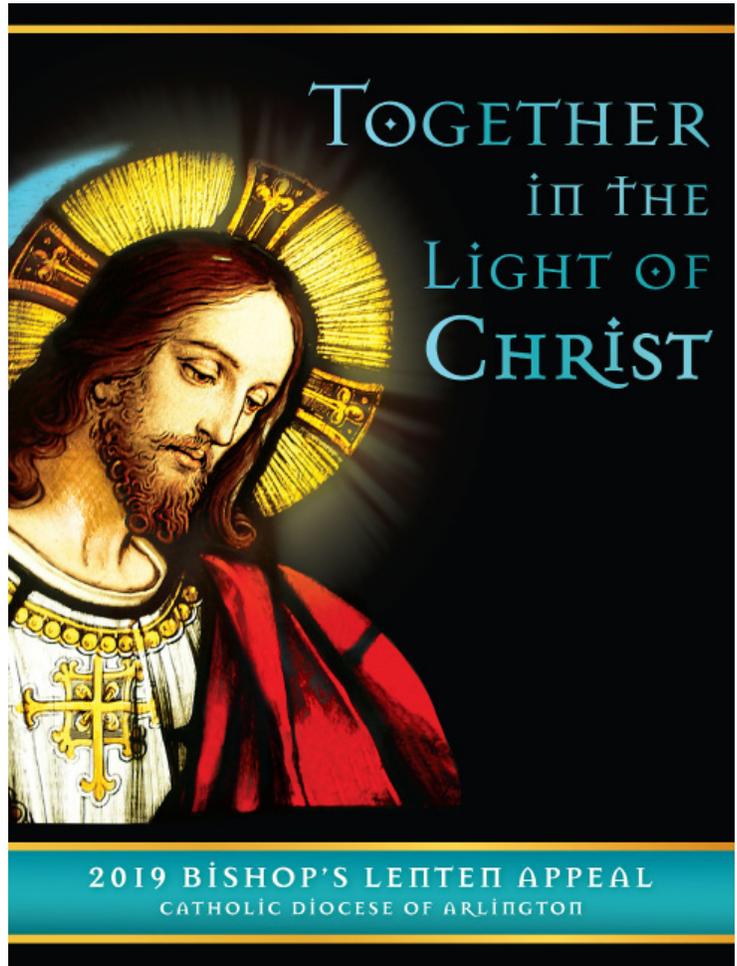
Sacraments

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 and the 7pm Mass, and ends with Benediction at 8:45am on Saturday.

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Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;
 but the greatest of these is love.
 — 1 Corinthians 13:13



Ash Wednesday – March 6
Mass Schedule
 6:30am – No music
 9am – Children's Choir
 5am – Cantor and Organ
 7am – Parish Choir

AN ONGOING MISSION

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?" Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter's son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street. Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all. In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.

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2018 charitable contribution letters were mailed out last week.
Please email Amy Harrison with any questions
a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org

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.

This Week

Sun., Feb. 3	<u>Adult Basketball</u>
Mon., Feb. 4	Ladies Auxiliary 7:30pm, Parish Hall
Tue., Feb. 5	<u>Women's Faith Ministry</u> 7:30pm, Rm. 201,213 <u>RCIA</u> 7:30pm, Room 107 <u>Catholic Social Justice class</u> 7pm, Rm. 206
Wed., Feb. 6	<u>TMIY</u> 7pm, Room 202 <u>Catholic Social Justice class</u> 10am, Rm. 206 <u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30am, Parish Hall
Thu., Feb. 7	<u>Rosary Group</u> 7pm, Church
Fri., Feb. 8	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am
Sun., Feb. 10	<u>Adult Basketball</u> 8:30pm

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

<u>Saturday, Feb. 2</u>	The Presentation of the Lord; First Saturday Father Escalante
9:00 am	
<u>Saturday, Feb. 2</u>	Vigil: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time + Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Oliveri
5:00 pm	
<u>Sunday, Feb. 3</u>	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time + George Paler, Jr. + Lea Biscardi
7:00 am	
8:30 am	
10:30 am	People of the Parish
12:15 pm	Cathleen Gruver
5:00 pm	Kerry Smith
<u>Monday, Feb. 4</u>	Weekday + Charles Wiley
9:00 am	
<u>Tuesday, Feb. 5</u>	Saint Agatha + Richard Daly
6:30 am	
<u>Wed., Feb. 6</u>	Saint Paul Miki and Companions Father Escalante
9:00 am	
<u>Thursday, Feb. 7</u>	Weekday + George Rung
6:30 am	
<u>Friday, Feb. 8</u>	Weekday Anthony Jasinski
6:30 am	
12:00 noon	Father Tewes
<u>Saturday, Feb. 9</u>	Weekday Father Mullaney
9:00 am	
<u>Saturday, Feb. 9</u>	Vigil: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time + Anthony Taffuri
5:00 pm	
<u>Sunday, Feb. 10</u>	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time + Florence Lazzaro + Ellen Fritz
7:00 am	
8:30 am	The Fitzgerald Family
10:30 am	People of the Parish
12:15 pm	
5:00 pm	Kelly Wakefield

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, February 2 5pm: Fr. Mullaney	Saturday, February 9 5pm: Msgr. Cregan
Sunday, February 3 7am: Fr. Mullaney 8:30am: Fr. Mullaney 10:30am: Msgr. Cregan 12:15pm: Msgr. Cregan 5pm: Msgr. Cregan	Sunday, February 10 7am: Msgr. Cregan 8:30am: Msgr. Cregan 10:30am: Fr. Mullaney 12:15pm: Fr. Mullaney 5pm: Msgr. Mullaney

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

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.

Below are the names of people along with the date of death from our parish since the time St. Francis de Sales became a parish in 1967. Scripture tells us to pray for the living and the dead.

Robert Francis Krill, February 26, 2016
Gertrude Heelan - February 24, 2014
Mary Mulvihill - February 7, 2013
John Hohenstein - February 6, 2013
Michael Mallen - February 21, 2012
Angelina Orndorff - February 28, 2012
Ines Carpenter - February 19, 2010
James Emmet Lanaghan – February 21, 2009
Jose Joaquin Vera Tudela – February 13, 2009
Janet Lorraine Law – February 7, 2009
Andrew Michael Wilson - February 6, 2009
Anthony Peter Giuggio – February 3, 2008
Carl Joseph Niederpruem – February 16, 2005
William Walter Wolf – February 14, 2004
Charles Edward Lloyd – February 16, 2003
Jerome Joseph Butts – February 21, 2003
Thomas Michael Moran – February 24, 2003
Katharine Myer Tormey – February 1, 1999
Mary Margaret Rust – February 11, 1999
Elizabeth Ann Clapp - February 17, 1998
Betty MacCampbell – February 6, 1996
Hillary Anne Scannell – February 10, 1994
Lucy Bartoldus – February 17, 1994
Judith Ann Gunnells – February 10, 1993
Vera M. Kurtenbach – February 16, 1986
Ferrell Taylor Williams – February 18, 1986
Elizabeth Wise S. Case – February 20, 1980
Robert J. Carruthers – Feb. 13, 1978
Ruby G. Leffingwell – Feb. 1, 1970

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



Our Military Members:

Major Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; Sgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, Capt. 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

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 Stodar, Edward Versprille, Nancy Anderson, Arthur Busher, Jim Duепен, 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/ and pick a date. Then just sign up at 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!

Men, Stir Up the Power Within!

All men in the Diocese of Arlington are invited to the 2019 Men’s Conference on March 9 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon. The conference is an annual gathering of more than 700 men in the diocese for a day of faith talks, Holy Mass and panel discussion with speakers and Bishop Michael Burbidge. This year’s theme is *Power Within: The Secret Strength of a Deeper Interior Life*. Speakers include Matt Birk, former football player for the Baltimore Ravens and an outspoken Catholic and pro-life advocate; and Fr. Donald Haggerty, former spiritual director of St. Mother Teresa’s nuns and author of best-selling books on the interior life.

To REGISTER, please go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.



Middle Schoolers **A**cting for **C**hrist
Praye**r** **A**ction **C**harity

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
following 5pm Mass

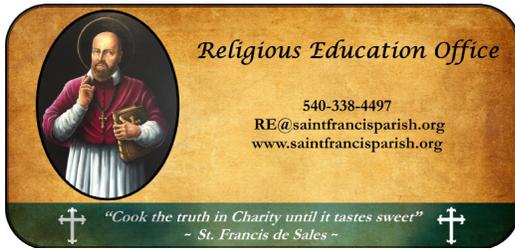
Join us for Game Night!
Please bring a game and a dessert

All Middle-Schoolers are automatically a part of our MAC-PAC and are always invited to join us for our fun events and service activities.

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.



Dear Religious Ed Families,
 Thank you for your patience and support during this time of transition in the Religious Education program. We may be without a DRE for some time, but we have a good solid RE program and terrific Catechists in place and we plan to proceed as always!! I will be away on vacation starting **Monday, January 28 through Tuesday, February 5**. There won't be anyone in the RE office during those nine days, with the exception of during class times. Classes will go on as scheduled, someone will fill in for me during those times. I will be back Wednesday, Feb. 6 ready to answer any emails!
 In the event of a bad weather on Sunday morning, Fr. Mullaney will send out an email saying that classes are cancelled. Week-day classes will follow the policy below.
 Thank you for your continued prayers!
 Janice Rees

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

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 on **Sunday, February 10** 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

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.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY — After all Masses during the weekend of February 2-3, we will be collecting donations to fund the meals that we prepare for the homeless shelter in Leesburg. Teen volunteers needed for just a few minutes after each Mass that weekend!

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.

5PM MASS – Every Sunday at 5pm, join us in the front 4 left rows to celebrate Mass together. All high school students are 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.

Celebration of First Reconciliation

February 12 – all Sunday classes

February 19 – Monday and Wednesday classes & Atrium
 A schedule will be emailed home a week prior to 1st Reconciliation 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

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3 AND FEBRUARY 10	
Sunday	<u>Grades 1st-8th Session 1</u> - 8:45am <u>Grades K-8th Session 2</u> - 10:30am
Monday	<u>Grades K-8th</u> - 4:45pm
Wednesday	<u>Grades K-8th</u> - 4:45pm

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 with any additional questions. Thanks for supporting our Troop, and our Parish!

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 or Pat Orender Theorenders@gmail.com



PRACTICAL APOLOGETICS
Equipping You for Tough Conversations

Thursday, February 7, 2019
4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Winchester, Parish Hall

"There are three pressing needs today in articulating our faith, especially to millennials and young people... We have to hit these questions head-on."

Bishop Michael Burbidge

Join fellow Catholics—including parents, volunteer catechists, young adults and teens—for an evening devoted to equipping you in your ability to articulate Church teaching on three of the top questions cited by Millennials and Generation Z youth for leaving the Church:

- Because science is truth, isn't faith a myth?
- Isn't all truth relative?
- If there is a God, why would he allow evil and suffering?

Through brief presentations, Q&A, and discussion, you will receive a succinct overview of the key arguments, resources, and responses. Practical Apologetics will boost your confidence and prepare you to naturally share your Catholic faith in any setting.



Steven Johnson is Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Arlington.



John Kruttschnitt is Coordinator for Adult Faith Formation for the Diocese of Arlington.



Dr. James Stotlar is Director of the Office of Divine Worship for the Diocese of Arlington.



VBS Kick-Off Meeting Postponed

The meeting planned for Tuesday, Feb. 5 has been postponed, and is rescheduled for **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 - Pauls Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth to be held week of

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 for contact info.

Friday Nite Fish Fry Volunteers

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. 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!!!

LIVE-IN NANNY POSITION

I am a single father and an active parishioner at St. Francis de Sales, seeking a live-in nanny to four wonderful boys. Ages 9, 6, 6 and 4; the boys are active in school, sports, community, and spending time with their friends in a wonderful neighborhood.

The role would require caring for the children, getting them prepared for school, meal preparation, assistance with homework, assistance getting boys to and from little league games/practices, and getting the boys ready for bed. Job opening is immediate. Candidates would need to be licensed/capable drivers and CPR Certified. Please send inquiries to Chris Stotlar at stotlar75@gmail.com.



Next Week is
Share Sunday

We serve
Catholic Charities

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/ 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 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 & Women are invited to:

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS

10-Week Group Retreat

Have you already done a consecration to Jesus through Mary?
Have you given Mary your "YES"?

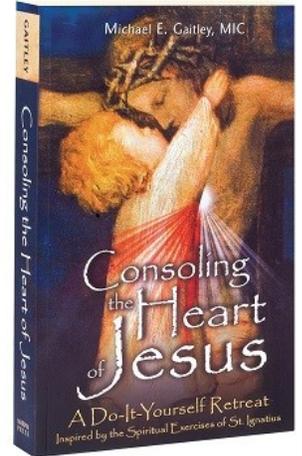
If so, you can continue to learn from this retreat. **Consoling the Heart of Jesus** Group Retreat continues where the 33 Days to Morning Glory Group Retreat left off: with the help of Mary, hearing the thirst of Jesus for our love and consoling Him with our love and trust.

Continue your small group experience with the retreat book (*Consoling the Heart of Jesus* by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC), Retreat Companion (workbook), DVD talks, and group discussion.

We'd like to offer a daytime and an evening session in March.
**Daytimes meet Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. beginning on March 13th.
**Evenings meet Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning on March 14th.

If you're interested in committing to this 10-week retreat, send an e-mail by February 28th to: ladiesaux11136@gmail.com or call 571-278-6700 with your name and contact information.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be purchasing the program for the retreat from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception so we need to know if you're interested in participating ASAP.



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, or visit us on the web at www.copingrebuilding.com.

CDU APOLOGETICS SEMINAR

The next apologetics seminar being offered by Catholic Distance University (CDU), **WHY DO WE NEED THE CHURCH?**, will help us share with others important reasons why we still need the Church today. Even though the clerical sex abuse and cover-up scandals are tragic and have damaged the credibility of the Catholic Church's witness, this does not negate the truth of the Church's divinely inspired teachings nor prevent us from finding true happiness in her service-oriented community and sacramental graces.

This online seminar from Feb. 4 - 25 will help us respond to the increasing numbers of people who are not affiliated with any religion, including those who were raised Catholic but no longer attend Mass. As such, this seminar provides an opportunity to strengthen the practice of our faith and learn valuable information for sharing with family, friends, and other Catholics who do not regularly attend Mass.

CDU's online seminars are accessible anytime at your own convenience. They include interesting and informative weekly readings and video clips, as well as an enjoyable blogging/discussion component. There are no recorded lectures that must be watched at a set time.

Cost is only \$30 for those of us in the Diocese of Arlington. Use promotion code CDU15ARLINGTON when enrolling to get this special subsidized rate.

For more information or to enroll, please see: <https://cdu.catalog.instructure.com/browse/continuingeducation/seminars/courses/theo-n042a-nsem>.

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 7m Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast: Sunday, February 3rd, the Knights of Columbus will have their first Sunday of the Month Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast will begin after the 7am mass and run through the end of the 10:30am mass. As before, the Knights accept free-will donations.

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
St. Francis Council #11136
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Parish Homeless Ministry

The Sign Up Genius for our monthly commitment at the Sisters of Charity Soup Kitchen, **Saturday February 9**, is ready for volunteering. To see how you can help, go to our website saintfrancisparish.org/homeless-ministry/ We appreciate any items you can provide from the list, as well as volunteers on site, ages 13 and up, accompanied by an adult please! All items should be left in the kitchen in St. Francis Hall, labeled and dated please, casseroles must be prebaked for us to reheat on site.

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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Ladies Auxiliary

Ongoing Events (All Ladies are invited!)



Sunday - 2/3/19 - 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 - 2/4/19 - **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!

Saturday - 3/2/19 - **Annual Women's Conference** is SOLD OUT! If you managed to get your ticket and want to carpool to Herndon, email ladiesaux11136@gmail.com. **A Healing Mass is being celebrated on Friday, March 1st at All Saints in Manassas. This is a FREE event but tickets are required - get your free ticket at www.arlingtondiocese.org/healing - click the blue button that says RSVP.

Monday - 2/18/19 - Thanks to all the ladies that joined in on the fun! We hope to see more of you next month at our Social Game Night! 7pm in the Parish Hall/church basement; email ladiesaux11136@gmail.com for details of what to bring.

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 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 to join the team.

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 and www.couragerc.net

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 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: