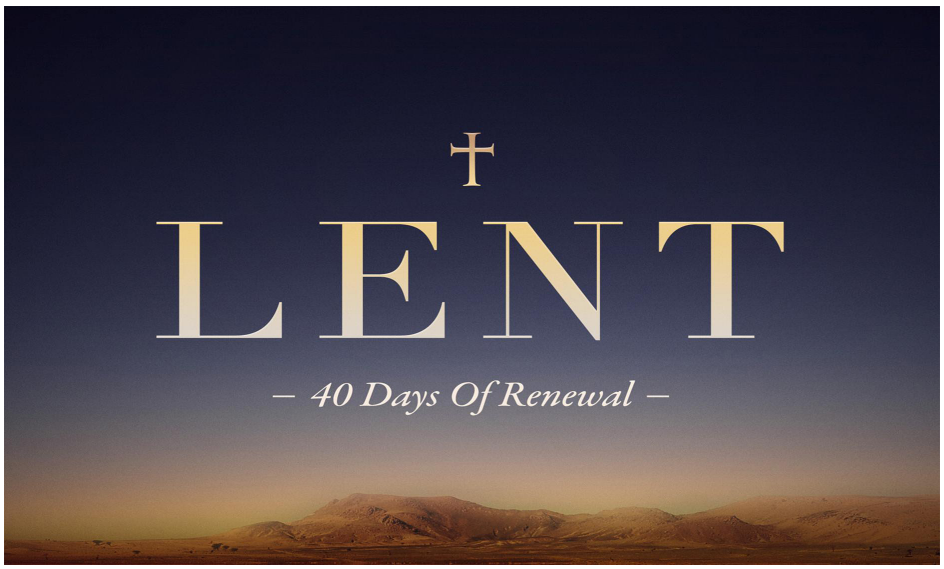
Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

1st Sunday of Lent March 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

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The word is near you, in your mouth
and in your heart.
- Romans 10:8

Fridays in Lent

Friday Lenten Fish Fry 4:30pm-7:30pm
Stations of the Cross 7:30pm
First Friday Stations of the Cross follow the 7pm Mass

Each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Arlington will have Confessions available every Wednesday, evening from 6:30pm-8pm. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament or have been away for some time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. Learn more at www.the-light-is-on.org. Confessions will continue to take place in the Catholic Education Center, Rooms 107 and 113

Abstinence

Every person over 14 years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence. ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed on all Fridays within the season of Lent.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

This Week

Sun., March 10	Adult Basketball 8:30pm
Mon., March 11	Knights of Columbus 7:30pm, Parish Hall
Tue., March 12	Women's Faith Ministry 7:30pm, Rm. 201,213
	RCIA 7:30pm, Room 107
	Catholic Social Justice class 7pm, Room 206
Wed., March 13	Catholic Social Justice class 10am, Room 206
	TMIY 7pm, Room 202
	St. John Bible Study, Room 205
	Living Life in the Spirit 7pm, Chapel
Thu., March 14	Rosary Group 7pm, Church
Fri., March 15	Padre Pio Cenacle - after 12noon Mass
Sat., March 16	TMIY 6:30am
Sun., March 17	Adult Basketball 8:30pm

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, March 9	***Saturday after Ash Wednesday***
9:00 am	Carolyn Woodland
Saturday, March 9	***Vigil: 1st Sunday of Lent***
5:00 pm	+Nicola and Francesca DiBenedetto
Sunday, March 10	***1st Sunday of Lent***
7:00 am	+ Deceased members of the Butts and D'Elia families
8:30 am	Kathy Borowski
10:30 am	+ Dominick and Esther Grande
12:15 pm	Renee Hancher
5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday, March 11	***Lenten Weekday***
9:00 am	+ Yvette McCann
Tuesday, March 12	***Lenten Weekday***
6:30 am	Noah Magin
Wed., March 13	***Lenten Weekday***
9:00 am	Victims of Sexual Abuse and Misconduct
Thursday, March 14	***Lenten Weekday***
6:30 am	+ Neal Brown
Friday, March 15	***Lenten Weekday***
6:30 am	+ Aaron Dem Janes
12:00 noon	+ Donald Stanley
Saturday, March 16	***Lenten Weekday***
9:00 am	+ Gabriel Stocks
Saturday, March 16	***Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Lent***
5:00 pm	+ Marilyn Cote
Sunday, March 17	***2nd Sunday of Lent***
7:00 am	+ Neal Brown
8:30 am	Beth Creighton
10:30 am	+ Claude Flagg
12:15 pm	People of the Parish
5:00 pm	John Thomas Krebs

Mass Celebrant Schedule

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

Saturday, March 16
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Sunday, March 17
7am: Msgr. Cregan
8:30am: Msgr. Cregan
10:30am: Msgr. Cregan
12:15pm: Fr. Mullaney
5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - March 10	$ 11,479
2nd Collection - Parish Debt Reduction	$ 2,301
YEAR TO DATE	$ 712,593

This week's 2nd Collection - Black and Indian Missions
Next week's 2nd Collection -Maintenance Fund

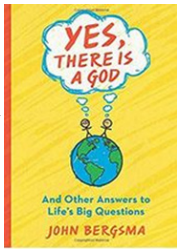
St. Joseph Celebration

Tuesday, March 19th – 7pm Mass and Vespers with the Parish Choir and the Children's Choir. 8pm Reception to include desserts, breads, and drinks for the whole family to enjoy in the Parish Hall. Please contact m.galdo@saintfrancisparish.org if you would like to bring food to the reception.

Adoration – Every Friday – HELP NEEDED!

Adorers are needed every Friday from 1 pm – 5 pm, and every first Friday of the month from 1 pm – 7 pm. Currently we are not getting two adorers to sign up for every hour. Anyone is welcome to just "stop in" to adore, but we also need to have two adorers who are scheduled and committed to show up. Please email adoration@saintfrancisparish.org if you would like to help in this important ministry of prayer.

Lenten Book and Author to Speak at Saint Francis May 9



Dr. Bergsma will speak at our Parish after Easter on Thursday, May 9th at 7pm at the Parish Center to reinforce what we learned from his book and how to keep all our loved ones faithful Catholics. Please sign up by emailing Janice Rees at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org.

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, Michael Konopa

Seniors Luncheon

We are looking for a new person who would like to take over as host of the Senior Luncheons that are held the last Tuesday of each month in the Parish Hall. We would like to acknowledge and thank Debra Perdue for the many fine meals she has prepared for the seniors for the past several years! If you would like to know more about the luncheons, please contact Debra at buddysp@verizon.net.

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 this weekend 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 (March 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!

2019 BISHOP'S LENTEN APPEAL

Together in the Light of Christ

Together in the Light of Christ. The Bishop's Lenten Appeal is critical to our diocesan needs and we are asking every household in our parish to support this appeal to the extent that they are able. The BLA funds many programs, services and ministries that serve people in need and furthers the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Let us join together to do the Lord's work – works that touch the lives and souls of thousands of people. Thank you!

Attention Teachers!

The Catholic Homeschool Resource and Support Ministry (CHRSM) at St. Francis de Sales in Purcellville has had a wonderful first year of inception with over 150 students joining us for classes. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the 2019-20 school year and include offerings from toddler to high school.

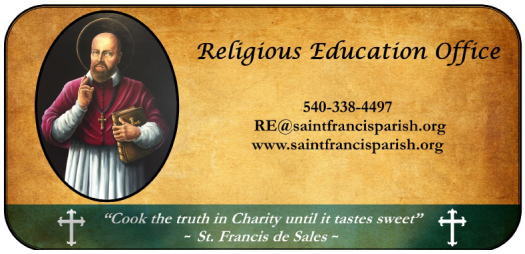
We are currently in need of TEACHERS for the following classes:

- Latin (elem, middle and high school levels)
- Art (elem, middle/high school levels)
- PreK/K class (ages 3-5)
- Theology (high school level)
- Hands on Science (ages 5-7)
- Physical and/or Earth Sciences (Middle School level)

If you are interested in sharing your teaching talents within this faithful, young Catholic community, please contact CHRSM directors at: sfchrsm@gmail.com. Thank you!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS -MARCH 2019

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities
That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



MAC-PAC Karaoke scheduled for tonight has been cancelled!

CONFIRMATION REMINDERS

Confirmation Retreats - please let the RE office know which retreat your son or daughter will attend. Retreats are March 30 and April 6 from 4-11pm.

Sponsor Eligibility forms were due March 1.

• If your Confirmation sponsor is a registered member of Saint Francis de Sales, and meets the qualifications of a sponsor, you will need to fill out the Sponsor Eligibility Form, bring it to the Parish Office and present it to Father Escalante, and sign it in his presence. You can email him at countryparishpriest@gmail.com to make arrangements to meet.

• All sponsors from other parishes need to fill out our form, present it to their pastor, and have it signed and returned to the RE office.

Sponsor's Personal letter to Candidates were due February 18. Please follow up with sponsor that they sent their letter to the RE office.

***Candidate's* letter to the Bishop** will be mailed out on April 8th, please get your letter to the RE office by then. Archbishop Broglio reads them all!!! I will only be sending him one package of letters, please be sure it is in on time.

$55 Sacrament Fee is due March 1.

Classroom Aide Needed

We are in need of a one-on-one aide, preferably a teenager, for a child in a 4th grade class on Sunday at the 10:30am Session. Please contact Janice at j.rees@saintfranciparish.org

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.

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

TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING –The next Teen Workcamp Meeting is on March 24th from 6:15-8pm in the old parish hall. This meeting is for all current 8th-12th graders. 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 due to reserve a space at Workcamp. Please bring them to the Parish Office or Education Center office during business hours. We can also take your deposits at Youth Night.

ADULT WORKCAMPER MEETING – There will be a Workcamp meeting for all adults attending Workcamp on Thursday, March 14th in room 213 from 7:30-9pm. Please contact Emily Glass if you are an adult interested in coming to Workcamp or if you have any questions.

SPRING RETREAT: Come as You Are– Save the date! The Spring Retreat will be held March 15-17th at Brethren Woods in Keezletown, VA. E-mail Emily 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION RETREATS –We are looking for 10 teens to help out with the 8th grade Confirmation retreats on Saturday, 3/30 and Saturday, 4/1 from 4-11 PM. You can do one or both retreats! It's easy, fun, and an awesome opportunity to help others grow in their faith.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday - Friday, July 8-12
9am-12noon

We have many opportunities for adults & youth volunteer.
Please visit our VBS website for all of our volunteer opportunities and Volunteer Sign-Up Form
www.saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school/

Registration for VBS will begin 1st week in May

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF MARCH 10 and 17

Sunday	Grades 1st-8th Session 1 - 8:45am
	Grades K-8th Session 2 - 10:30am
Monday	Grades K-8th - 4:45pm
Wednesday	Grades PreK, 1st-8th - 4:45pm

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 John 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, contact Jon Metrey jon.metrey@gmail.com or Pat Orender Theorenders@gmail.com

Join us on a SPECIAL PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Register now to join Father Mullaney October 1-11, 2019 on a very special journey to the Emerald Isle of IRELAND. Here's a taste of what we'll see: Glendalough, Smithwichs Brewery, The Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle, Dingle Peninsula, Blasket Center, the Cliffs of Moher and Kylemore Abbey. We'll have a cruise on Killary Bay and have time at the important Shrine at Knock where in 1879,an Apparition of Our Lady, Joseph and St.John the Evangelist appeared on the church gable. We'll visit Croagh Patrick, Clonmacoise and have a city tour of Dublin seeing Trinity College, St.Patrick's Cathedral and have a tour the Jamesons Distillery. It's spiritual and fun pilgrmage! Included in the $3,250 price: Roundtrip flights from Dulles Airport; airline taxes and fuel surcharges; deluxe bus transport; nine nights in 1st Class hotels, Breakfast daily and six dinners; all entrance fees; Daily Mass and ALL tips. More info can be found at www.gtrpilgrimage.com, or Chris Miller at Emarym0304@gmail.com or at 760-622-9177

Yearly Men's Discernment Retreat

Give God a weekend! Held annually over Palm Sunday weekend (April 12-14), this is a great opportunity for prayer and discernment, confession, talking with priests and seminarians, and preparing for Holy Week. Cost is $60 and includes overnights and all meals (financial assistance is available if needed). Retreat starts Friday at 6:30pm and concludes Sunday after lunch. Deadline to register is Friday March 29. More information at www.arlingtondiocese.org/Yearly-Discernment-Retreat-Men/

Yearly Women's Discernment Retreat

Could Christ be calling you to the religious life? Take a step to find out at the annual discernment retreat for women, June 14-16. The retreat will be led by religious sisters, and will focus on giving you tools for your discernment, as well as personal prayer time, opportunities for confession and spiritual direction, and the chance to socialize with the sisters and the other women as well. Cost is $60 and includes overnights and all meals (assistance is available if needed). Deadline to register: Friday June 1. More information is at www.arlingtondiocese.org/Yearly-Discernment-Retreat-Women/

Discernment Camps: Quo Vadis for High School Boys and FIAT for High School Girls

Sign-ups are underway. These camps fill up quickly. Please see www.arlingtondiocese.org/Quo-Vadis-Summer-Discernment-Camp/ or www.arlingtondiocese.org/FIAT-Summer-Discernment-Camp/ or last week's bulletin for more details.

Lenten Friday Nite Fish Fry

Starts March 8, 4:30-7:30pm

Pre-orders can be emailed (use form on saintfrancisparish.org/friday-night-fish-frys/ or phone in at 540-338-6381 by 3:30pm on Friday
Discount for those here who come before 5:30pm or after 7pm.

- **Fried Fish Sandwich or Fish Platter** - $11
  choice of coleslaw and baked potato (russet or sweet) or french fries
- **Grilled Cheese Sandwich** - $4
  applesauce and cookie
- **Extra Fries or Baked Potato** (russet or sweet) - $2
- **Mozzarella Sticks** w/ marinara sauce - $6
- **Cannoli** - $2
- **Chocolate Éclair** - $3
- **water, lemonade, sweet tea** – free
- **Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite** - $1
- **Beer** (Miller Lite, Yuengling) - $3
- **Wine** - $4

CHECKS ACCEPTED
(make check out to St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church)
All proceeds benefit the building fund

American Heritage Girls Diaper Drive collection for Birthright

Our American Heritage Girls Troop 962 will be conducting a Diaper Drive for the Leesburg Birthright throughout Lent. There are collection boxes for your donations in the Narthex and in the Religious Education building. All items should be new.
Items needed are:
+ Size 3 and 4 diapers,
+ baby wipes,
+ baby wash,
+ new onesies size 0-3,
+ diaper rash cream

DONATE BLOOD.

Every 2 seconds someone needs a blood transfusion.

St. Francis de Sales Blood Drive

Sunday, March 17, 2019
7 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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

Make your lifesaving appointment today!
Visit **http://bit.ly/StFrancis0317** 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**

Photo ID Required. Allow one hour for donation.

INOVA Blood Donor Services

Give Local. Save Local.

Ladies Auxiliary

Ongoing Events: *(All are invited to most events, not just ladies!)*

Thank you to everyone that helped make our first Shrove/Fat Tuesday - Italian Dinner a HUGE SUCCESS!! We thank all the families for coming out and celebrating with us and helping us start the Lenten Season. We look forward to letting the good times roll again next year!!

* Wednesday, 3/13 at 10am & Thursday, 3/14 at 7pm - Consoling the Heart of Jesus - 10 Week Lenten Retreat begins - email us if you're still interested!

* Monday, 3/18 - Social Game Night at 7pm in the Parish Hall (church basement) - All adult ladies are invited to join us for a night of socializing and fun!

* Tuesday, 3/19 - St. Joseph Reception - 8pm - more details to come

* Monday, 4/1 - Business Meeting - Rosary in the Chapel at 7pm& Meeting at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall - come learn what the Ladies Auxiliary has planned for the upcoming months, Homeless Ministry will be a guest speaker to see how we can work together, join us and help the parish.

If you have questions, comments or conconcerns about any of the activities above, please e-mail us at ladiesaux11136@gmail.com.

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat for Women

An Entering Canaan Day of Prayer & Healing for women who have experienced abortion will be held on Saturday, April 6th. Come begin your healing journey and experience God's hope and mercy. You are not alone. There is hope. There is healing. For more information and confidential registration, please contact Project Rachel Ministry at 888-456-HOPE (4673) or info@helpafterabortion.org.

Offering Spiritual Acts of Mercy for Those Hurting from Abortion: Abortion leaves living wounded in its wake. Would you consider offering a Spiritual Bouquet on behalf of the women attending our Day of Prayer for Women on April 6? Spiritual Bouquets and/or Letters of Encouragement may be submitted by email to info@helpafterabortion.org up to 1 day prior to the retreat. For more information please visit: www.helpafterabortion.org or call (703) 841-2504.

Project Rachel
Post Abortion Healing Ministry:
888-456-HOPE or visit:
www.helpafterabortion.org.

Gabriel Project
Pregnancy Assistance Ministry:
866-444-3553 or
info@helpfor pregnantwomen.org

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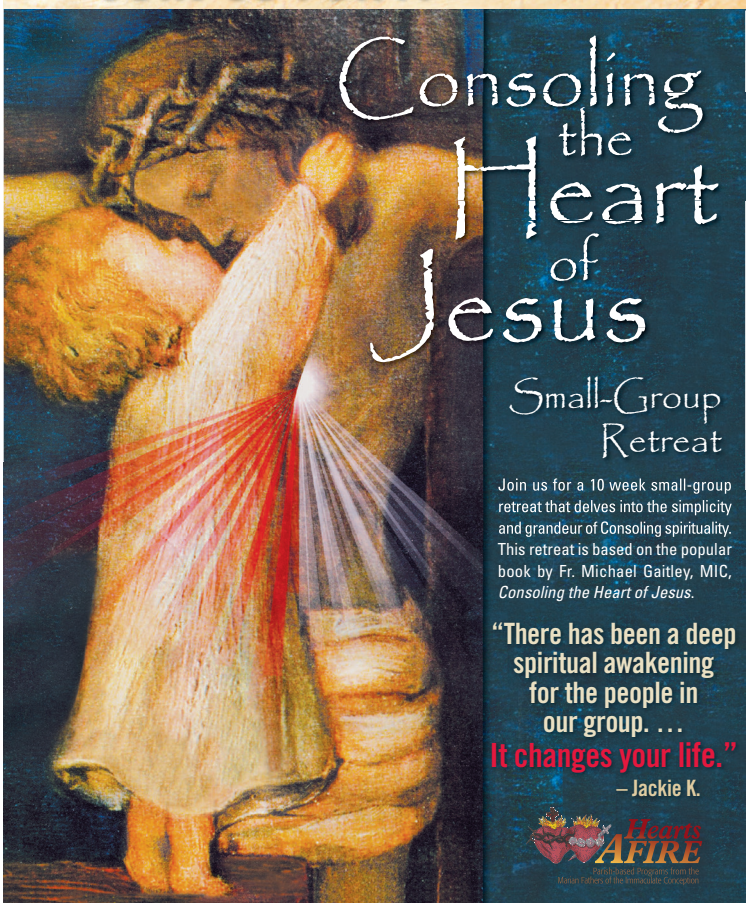

The Consoling the Heart of Jesus Retreat is brought to you by Hearts Afire: Parish-based Programs from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception (HAPP®).

Hearts AFIRE
Parish-based Programs from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception

Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception

Join us for either the day or evening sessions!
** beginning Wednesday, 3/13/19 at 10:00a.m. in room 202
** beginning Thursday, 3/14/19 at 7:00p.m. in room 202

Please email ladiesaux11136@gmail.com if you are interested in participating. We need to get an accurate count to order books and workbooks.

ALL ADULTS CAN PARTICIPATE - MEN & WOMEN!

Become a Project Rachel Parish Promoter

Project Rachel, the Catholic Church's ministry to those who have been involved in abortion, is a diocesan-based network of specially trained priests, religious, counselors, and laypersons who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. In addition to referring for Sacramental Reconciliation, the ministry provides an integrated network of services, including offering a confidential helpline, spiritual support, retreats and referrals to licensed mental health professionals.

Our Arlington Diocesan Project Rachel Ministry operates under the Office of Family, Marriage and Respect Life and was founded on August 15, 1995. Our goal is to enlist a representative in every parish in our Diocese to serve as a liaison between the Diocesan Project Rachel office and the parish. Help us share the Good News of God's merciful love with anyone who seeks reconciliation and healing after abortion.

The Role of the Parish Promoter is to pray and promote:

- **Prayer:** integral part of the ministry and essential to serving as a parish promoter.
- **Promotion:** Learn the Top 5 Ways to turn your parish into a "model" Rachel parish.

If you are interested in serving as a Parish Promoter for our St. Francis parish please contact: Elaine Marshall at (703)727-7302 or elaine.marshall@verizon.net

St. Francis Council 11136 news

Next Council Meeting: Our next council business meeting will be on Monday, March 11th, at 7:30 pm. We will pray our Rosary in the chapel beginning at 7:00 pm. Any parishioner is welcomed to join our Rosary!

Next Blood Drive: The next scheduled Blood Drive is Sunday, March 17th

Thank You to the Individuals who Pre-Sorted and Stuffed the Car Raffle Envelopes on February 16th : Jack Spisak, Mark Gaylord, Mark Deverse, Clark Klipple, Martin Hamberger, Jim Haid, Ismael Garcia, Charlie Baldie, Valentine Garcia, Jon B. Metrey, Jon V. Metrey, Jay Hallam, Scott and Pam Grimard, Bill and Connie Talamantes, Steve DeVita and Mary Beglau.

Share Sunday Results from February 9/10: Despite the weather over the weekend, the Share Sunday Warriors collected and delivered 1,225 lbs of food to Catholic Charities in Leesburg. Earlier in the month they also delivered an additional 103 lbs for a total 1,328 lbs.

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.

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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
knightsofcolumbusfrancis11136@gmail.com

Live Jesus! 2019: Saturday, March 30

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales cordially invite you to deepen your Lenten experience by attending the 16th Annual Live Jesus!, a Lenten morning of reflection, fellowship, and prayer. Live Jesus! will be held at St. John Neumann Catholic Community, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston on Saturday, March 30, 2019. This year's theme is Jesus, Church, and Me: Finding True North. Registration is required: go to www.Oblates.org and click on the Live Jesus! icon.

Business Manager Opening

St. John the Apostle, Leesburg, has an immediate opening for a full-time Business Manager, who will support the pastor with financial management & stewardship, as well as coordinate internal audits, support the parish finance council and serve as a key contact to diocesan fiscal staff.
Responsibilities include internal control, cash management, payroll, financial reporting, full-charge bookkeeping and the budget process. Three to five years relevant experience, and an undergraduate degree in accounting, business or finance required. Graduate level education in accounting and hands-on experience with QuickBooks are highly desirable.

Parish Homeless Ministry

Thank everyone for their donations to our blessing bags, they have all been delivered to the homeless shelter in Leesburg Virginia, many went to the cold-weather shelter in Sterling. The handwarmers, toe warmers, hand sanitizers, small soaps food and drink boxes made a huge difference to those in need. After all were counted, our bags totalled 110! Thanks to all who came to help bag as well.

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

Please Consider Adding 'Searching for More' to Your Podcast List!

'Searching for More' features interviews and discussions on a range of topics affecting Catholics in today's world. Guests include clergy, local Catholics, doctors, technology experts, Catholic news anchors, and even Hollywood actors starring in epic biblical dramas. In addition to interviews, some podcasts will emanate from inspiring talks, speeches, homilies, and lectures given throughout the Diocese. The podcast is dedicated to the patronage of our diocesan saint, St. Thomas More. 'Searching for More' joins the 'Walk Humbly' and 'Catholic Herald' podcasts as diocesan audio offerings.

SAT PREP AT SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Hunt Test Preparation will offer a five session SAT preparation course beginning Sunday March 24. Classes will be held on Saturday and Sunday on the following dates: March 24,30,31, April 6 and 7. Saturday class will held from 9am-Noon. Sunday classes will be 1-4pm.
Hunt is Virginia's oldest test preparation service. They have prepared Virginia students for the SAT since 1976.
Registration information may be obtained at the Hunt website huntprograms.com or by calling 703-425-7656. Class size will be limited to twelve students. Early registration is suggested.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP The Associates of St. John Bosco, Inc., is pleased to announce our $3,000 (x3) and $4,000 (x1) scholarships for the academic year 2019-2020 to be awarded to college students pursuing a course of study that will ultimately lead to rendering a service to the Church in their adult years. The scholarships will be granted to a Roman Catholic student with a permanent residence within the Catholic Diocese of Arlington who seek to give back to the Church through service in their adult years. The criteria of the scholarship, submission requirements, and application can be found on our website at www.asjb.org. Deadline is May 1, 2019.