

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2020



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Welcome!

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

Office Hours - M-F 8:30am-4pm
(Office closed between 12noon and 1:15pm daily)

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

Sunday Masses

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

Daily Masses

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

Adoration/Benediction

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12 noon Mass through Benediction before the 9am Mass on Saturday morning. The Rosary is prayed at 12:30pm and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is at 3pm.

Sacraments

Confessions:

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

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

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

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

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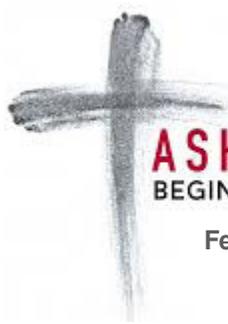
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What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,
and what has not entered the human heart,
what God has prepared for those who love him,
this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

– 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Steadfast in Faith and Joyful in Hope

This weekend every household in our parish will be asked to complete a Bishop's Lenten Appeal (BLA) pledge form at Mass. The BLA provides an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider making a pledge of support to this important appeal that furthers the Mission of Jesus Christ in our diocese. Your gift is very important! Every donation, regardless of the amount, is vital to the success of the BLA.



ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

February 26 Mass Schedule

6:30am – No music

9am – Children's Choir

5pm – Cantor and Organ

7pm – Parish Choir

This Week

Sun., Feb. 16	<u>Adult Basketball</u> 8:30pm
Tue., Feb. 18	<u>RCIA</u> 7pm, Room 107
Wed., Feb. 19	<u>SoulStitch</u> 9:30am, Parish Hall <u>The Mystery of the Eucharist</u> 10am, Room 206 <u>33 Days to Morning Glory</u> 7pm, Rm 201 <u>TMIY</u> 7pm, Catholic Education Ctr. <u>Romans Bible Study</u> 7pm, Room 206
Thu., Feb. 20	<u>Rosary Group</u> 7pm, Church <u>Women's Bible Study</u> 7pm, Room 202
Fri., Feb. 21	<u>Children's Rosary</u> 10am, Church <u>Padre Pio Cenacle</u> after Noon Mass
Sat., Feb. 22	<u>TMIY</u> 6:30am, Catholic Education Ctr.

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Feb. 15

9:00 am

Saturday, Feb. 15

5:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 16

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Monday, Feb. 17

6:30 am

9:00 am

Tuesday, Feb. 18

6:30 am

9:00 am

Wed., Feb. 19

6:30 am

9:00 am

Thursday, Feb. 20

6:30 am

Friday, Feb. 21

6:30 am

12:00 pm

Saturday, Feb. 22

9:00 am

Saturday, Feb. 22

5:00 pm

Sunday, Feb. 23

7:00 am

8:30 am

10:30 am

12:15 pm

5:00 pm

Weekday

+ Chance Vincent Monastero

Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased members of the Brown
and Arpino families

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Stephen D'Elia

People of the Parish

Bob Eastman

Junior Altar Womens Society

Mary Ann Sacripanti

Weekday

+ Danielle Krill

+ Brother John

Weekday

Special Intention

+Lucas Gallegos

Weekday

Special Intention

+Betty Galetta

Weekday

Fred and Barbara Broadwater

Weekday

+ Michael J. Mallem

Greg Reilly

The Chair of Saint Peter

Special Intention

Vigil: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

+ Poppy Butler

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deceased members of the Butts and
D'Elia families

Stephen Sutphin

People of the Parish

Danielle Orender

Kerry Smith

Tax deductible donation letters were mailed from our business office earlier this week. Please contact Amy Harrison via email with any questions or concerns a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 – 9:1
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday:	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Dear Folks,

Today, as I write this letter, the Church honors the communion of saints celebrating the Feast Day of Paul Miki and his twenty five fellow martyrs in Japan in 1597. Miki, as several others was a Jesuit. Others were Franciscans, one being the first Mexican Martyr in the foreign missions. Some were priests and others lay people... isn't that always the way. They were gathered from across the main Island of Japan and were walked over 600 miles to the Catholic Center of Japan known as, "Nagasaki." Upon arrival they were each crucified on the hill above the city for all to see and be frightened. End of the Story? Not Hardly.

For the better part of two and a half centuries that followed no outside religious influences were allowed in the district of Nagasaki. By the year 1864 Pope Pius IX canonized all twenty six martyrs and a Shrine was set in Nagasaki a year later but on the opposite side of the hill of the crosses. In the year 1865 the Jesuit priest in charge of the shrine was met by fifteen Japanese who claimed to be the descendants of the original Catholic faithful who witnessed the death of Paul Miki and companions. A meager Catholic identity had survived without any contact with the Christian world for two hundred and fifty years. They came asking only one thing... to see a statue of St. Mary. Pope Pius IX would identify them as the "Miracle of the Orient."

The Jesuit director of the Shrine asked them three questions. How they identified themselves: "Confraternity." How they survived with any semblance of Faith, Hope, and Love: A catechist, two hundred years earlier prophesied a day would come when the priests would return. The community responded with patient endurance. And, finally, what did they do in their penances and devotions: They prayed the rosary.

Please note. The faithful in those two and half centuries may not have always endured physical strife but may well have endured a spiritual suffocation known as a White Martyrdom. The stages of their suffocation may well have set them to be broken for a time of direct oppression/persecution. Followed by a time of the wounds for those allowed to live. And a time of scars for those who might have forgotten their Faith. The remnant of the fifteen all became Roman Catholics. Their little shrine, sitting on the opposite side of the hill of crosses would be slightly damaged eighty years later when the resurrected Catholic Community would meet the atomic bomb.

The witness of the recent Impeachment Trials are indicative of an incredible hostility that runs through Capitol Hill and seems a return to a time where a political collectives may not simply mock or threaten single individuals but escalate to an entire confraternity. There is nothing new in that as it happened in England, Russia, China, and Japan. And some cases the hostile political forces were also led by nominal Catholics. It now plays out in Africa and across the Middle East. In all cases members of the confraternity are broken, wounded, and scarred. Among our own... white martyrdom, in suffocation. Ah, in our pastoral experiences we may sadly recall a number of folks who for two or three generations have stepped away from our Catholic parishes assuming they can survive with a minimal sacramental/devotional life and an eighth grade education in the Faith. The challenge for survival in the confraternity, If we want it, pray for it, and defend it with sound reasoning will find us with our own remnant to survive. Miracles do happen.



Now, all that aside, Mrs. Christine Peppiatt was in to see me the other day. She is moving right along in her initiatives with the introduction to a parish presidium for the Legion of Mary. The presidium from St. John's Parish in Leesburg will assist. I will be active in the group. All of you folks who have experience in the Legion of Mary need to jump on board to help stabilize early developments that will impact the parish in her devotional life. Please send me an E-Mail if you would like to join us. frgould@gmail.com.

Mauricio Cifuentes has taken the lead with the restoration of our Hispanic Mass on Saturday nights. Mass will be at 7:00 PM. Fr. Eugenio Hoyos, Diocesan Director for the Hispanic Affairs will come to offer Mass sometime in March. In the meantime there is much to be done to set up various programs for the Hispanic projects. Please contact me if you would like to be a part of the program. We are off to the races. Vivo Christo Rey! Long live Christ the King! frgould@gmail.com

Speaking of contacting me. I recently found twenty eight messages on my office phone directory... that I never check. There is no need to leave messages for me on the parish phone directory. Please just call my cell phone. 703-626-8113.

On the lighter side, I have asked Fr. Heisler to initiate a, "Gourmet Bicycle Club." Yes, all trips will be part of the WO&D bike trail moving in stages, through the weeks, towards Washington. The group is open from the Confirmation Class on up. Please stay tuned and draw up a places to visit. Personally, I recommend the Rose Bakery, across from the Purcellville Train Station. Ask for Jay and tell him I suggested the chocolate eclairs. Hmm. Worth the trip.

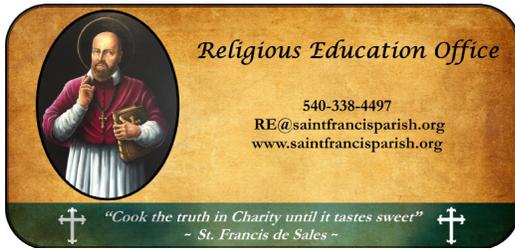
Speaking of the Confirmation Class. Next week, in this letter, we will publish the questions the Bishop has suggested for them to prepare for Confirmation. Stay tuned. Next Fall we will initiate the High School CCD Program. I will take the 9-10th graders and Fr. Heisler will take the 11-12th grades. In the following year we will initiate an AP (Advanced Placement) program for one year. The students will need to test into it. The year will have four sections. Six weeks on Catholic Art. Six weeks on Catholic Music. Six weeks on Catholic Literature. And, Six weeks on Catholic Architecture. There will be two road trips to the Art Galleries the Kennedy Center. That is all the good news... I will save the other news for next week. Please stay tuned. Let us pray for one another.

Collegiate answer. The local church, adjacent to the parish boundaries of St. Francis De Sales, is St. Mary's Church in Petersburg, MD. The church was designed by the wife of the plantation owner, who happened to be a past governor for the state of Maryland. It was built by the slaves. A number of whose descendants still attend Mass at St. Mary's.

You will notice in the picture, the church tower denoting the front of the Church was the slave entrance and the back of the Church was for the White folks. Only the slaves and the Jesuit priests may have noticed the discrepancy. God love the wife.



Collegiate Question. In honor of Fr. Heisler and his bicycle club. Who was the Italian Bicycle Racer, winner of two Tour De France Races, who helped in protecting the lives of Jews during World War II? And who was the Italian Monsignor in the Assisi Underground who would later become Pope? And, what happened to famed bicycle? Good hunting.



Dear Families,

I've enjoyed meeting and chatting with many of you over the past month. Something seems to always be happening “down the hill” in the Education Center...religious education classes, retreats, Bible studies, the men's groups, Knights meetings, Ladies Council activities, Father/Daughter dances...I could go on! All of the moving parts at St. Francis are a joy to watch, and I'm so glad to see that the children are a part of so much of the activity.

I am especially glad to see our Confirmation students volunteering as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on April 25. Those students who helped at the First Reconciliation retreats the past two weekends did a great job leading the smaller children through the stations. Thank you to James, Lily, Kerry, Emma, Bryan, Noah, Adam, Liam, Samantha, Jake, Connor and Rachel! Good work! I look forward to working and getting to know all of the Confirmation candidates better this spring. Parents, please make sure to watch your emails for important announcements and check this bulletin for important Confirmation deadlines (see below).

We are blessed with such a talented and dedicated group of catechists, but we're always in need of more assistants and substitutes in the classes for all sessions: Sunday mornings, and Mondays and Wednesdays in the late afternoon. Parents...if you drop off your children for classes and are able to stay, please let us know. Of if anyone in the parish is looking for a great volunteer opportunity, we would love to have you. We promise that you will not be bored! All volunteers are required to complete child protection forms through the Diocese of Arlington, and this is a great time to do that, also. Please let Janice or me know if you'd like to help, or would like more information.

As we get closer to Lent, we will begin praying a small part of the Rosary each week at the beginning of each class. Parents, you're welcome to join us in Our Lady of Victory Hall.

Let's continue to pray for each other!

God bless you all,
 Kim

FIRST RECONCILIATION

February 18 – children in Monday and Wednesday classes and Atrium
 A schedule was emailed home for time slots between 4:30 and 6pm. Please let the RE office know as soon as possible if your child is unable to attend their scheduled time. Parents of the children are welcome to receive the Sacrament, also.

CONFIRMATION RETREATS... are scheduled for March 21 or 28 from 4pm to 11pm. Please email the RE office as soon as possible with your preferred date.

CONFIRMATION PAPERWORK... Please remember that the Confirmation Sponsor Eligibility Form must be turned in to the Office of Religious Education no later than Wednesday, March 4. If the Confirmation sponsor is a registered member of Saint Francis de Sales, and meets the qualifications for sponsorship, you will need to bring the completed form to the parish office for either of the priests to sign and stamp the parish seal. Sponsors who are members and regularly attend Mass at other parishes will need to have their pastor sign and seal the form. Forms are available on the parish website if you misplaced yours.

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS...with Father Gould or Father Heisler will be held the week beginning March 16. Parents are reminded to check your email for details and to register soon. At least one parent must attend the interview with their child.



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

THANK YOU!!! - Thank you to everyone who donated to our Souper Bowl Sunday fundraiser for the homeless shelter. Together, we raised over \$3,500 and we will have enough money to make dinners for the homeless shelter monthly for the whole year! Thanks for your help and generosity! It is so appreciated.

MANDATORY TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING – **February 23 after the 5pm Mass until 8:00 PM in the old parish hall (church basement.)** Please note that attendance is required for the Teen Workcamp Meetings, even for teens who have been to Workcamp for multiple summers.

SIGN UP FOR WORKCAMP – Interested in coming to Workcamp, June 21 - 27 in Wrightsville, PA? E-mail Emily to get your name on our list. Pay your non-refundable deposit of \$150 to secure your spot by February 23rd. All current 8th – 12th graders are eligible!

ADULTS FOR WORKCAMP – Calling any adults over 21 who have a passion for Jesus and working with youth! Workcamp is only possible with the adult volunteers who generously spend the week working alongside our teens, E-mail Emily for more info.

SPRING RETREAT – Our Spring Retreat is March 13 -15 and all high schoolers are invited. Spend a weekend with friends in the mountains! Sign up by e-mailing Emily.

YOUTH NIGHT – Join us on Sundays from 6-8PM in room 213 for fellowship, food, and fun. Bring a friend!! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another. No Youth Night on Sunday, 2/16 (Presidents' Day.)

A SPECIAL REQUEST... We are looking for a few new or gently used large (8 x 10 or larger) rugs to warm up our classrooms. We enjoy having the smaller children gather as a group to share a story, sing songs or teach a special catechism lesson and the tables are not always conducive to these activities. Please call Janice or Kim if you can help.

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16

Sunday	NO CLASS
Monday	NO CLASS
Wednesday	Grades K-8th - 4:45pm

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

Sunday	Grades K-8th Session 1 - 8:45am Grades K-8th Session 2 - 10:30am
Monday	Grades K-8th - 4:30pm RCIT - 6:30pm
Wednesday	NO CLASS

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@gmail.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!!!*



CAR RAFFLE AND PLEA FOR VOLUNTEERS

All Saints Church (Manassas, VA) has invited our parishioners to participate in their 5-car raffle. Prizes include five 2020 vehicles from Koons of Manassas (Honda Civic, Buick Encore, GMC Canyon Truck, Honda CRV Sport Utility and Honda Odyssey Van). One \$5 ticket offers the purchaser a chance to win all five vehicles plus \$20,000 in cash prizes. You will be receiving tickets in the mail within the next week or so. Please consider selling/purchasing the tickets mailed to you.

Also, many volunteers are needed to help make this a success. If you would like to help, call the Leslie in the Parish Office 540-338-6381.

ADORATION

Come spend an hour with Our Lord in Adoration. This wonderful experience is offered every Friday afternoon following the noon Mass and continuing overnight (when we need the most help) until the 9am Mass on Saturday. To sign up please see the binder on the table in the Narthex or send an email to SFDS.adoration@gmail.com

Baby Bottles for Birthright

Our Religious Education Advent Campaign for Birthright brought in over **\$2060** for Birthright moms. This money will be used to buy items needed to care for their babies. Birthright is very thankful for your participation and prayers. Please return any bottles you may still have (empty or full!) so Birthright does not need to purchase new bottles for future campaigns. Thank you!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - FEBRUARY 2020

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Parish Homeless Ministry

"Open Your Arms" is a conscious thought to help others. To treat others with respect for their situation and not to judge. We have a new opportunity to join a meaningful effort hosted by the newly formed Leadership Loudoun Team. See www.leadershiploudoun.org/homeless-resource-fair, there are many ways to help. This is a one day event, maybe you can donate your services if you are in the Medical, Vision or Dental field, if you work with Employment services or can even offer Haircutting services.

Here is what we are doing:

- Thursday, Feb 27- Leesburg Shelter- Dinner served
- Saturday, Mar 14- Anacostia- Breakfast & Lunch served
- Thursday, Mar 26- Leesburg Shelter- Dinner served
- Saturday, April 11- Anacostia- Breakfast & Lunch served
- Thursday, April 23- Leesburg Shelter- Dinner served

Please call or email us if you would like to receive emails for our SignUp Genius to donate foods or time:

Mark Ippoliti - 571-748-8584 mark.ippoliti@gmail.com

Tracy Ippoliti- 703-727-4125 tracy.ippoliti@gmail.com



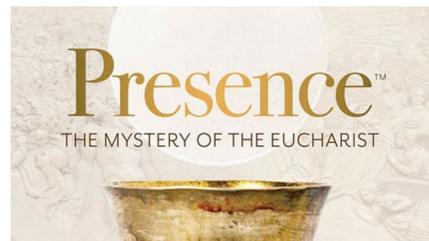
Continuing Catholic Adult Formation - Wednesday Mornings, 10am Beginning Feb. 19 Room 206

Have you been longing to love our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament?

Would you like to have a better understanding of this "source and summit" of our Catholic faith? Is your

child receiving communion this year and you want to be better informed to help them understand this great gift we receive each week?

"The Mystery Of The Eucharist" is an 8-week study beginning soon! Come meet and enjoy the company of other parishioners who desire the same strengthening of faith. Please contact Jeanne at jeannelamana@gmail.com to register and for any questions about the study.



Annual Men's Conference

All men are invited to the 2020 Annual Men's Conference- *Noble and Bold: Taking a Cue from St. Joseph*. Join us on Saturday, March 7 for the Men's Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9am-2:30pm. Speakers include Father Roger Landry, Catholic columnist, author and papal attaché at the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations. Also, Dr. Mark Miravalle, renowned mariologist, professor at the Franciscan University of Steubenville and author. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington. To register, go to www.arlingtondiocese.org/men.

Annual Women's Conference

All women are invited to the 2020 Annual Women's Conference- *Known and Loved From All Eternity*. Join us on Saturday, March 14 for the annual Women's Conference at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Herndon from 9am-2pm Speakers are Colleen Carroll Campbell, author, print and broadcast journalist, and former presidential speechwriter, along with Sr. Gaudia Skass, Our Lady of Mercy, from the St. John Paul II National Shrine and internationally acclaimed speaker.



Learn how entrusting yourself to Mary will help you build a better relationship with **Jesus!**

MEN & WOMEN ARE WELCOME

6 Wednesdays beginning February 19 and a consecration ceremony on March 28 in celebration of the Annunciation! 7pm in Room 201

Register by email at ladiesauxsdfs@gmail.com by February 10.

Your book & workbook are provided. A \$5-\$10 donation to the Ladies Auxiliary is welcome but not required.

Volunteers Needed!

Saint Francis de Sales is opening a gift shop this Lenten season! Our goal is to serve our families. We will begin by selling items for Baptism, Communion and Confession. We will initially be open after the 8:30, 10:30 and 12:15 Masses in the narthex.

We need volunteers who enjoy working with people and sales.

Volunteers should:

- feel comfortable working with money • sell products •
- write receipts • bag items •

If you might be interested, please contact: Robin Mentzer at 703-431-1564 (call or text) rshmentzer@gmail.com

Banns of Marriage

Joseph Swehla & Emma Lauderback
Exchange of Vows on Friday, February 21, 2020
Please join us in praying for Joseph and Emma as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

Our Military Members:

MAJ Chuck Marshall; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; Sgt. Tim Marshall; 2nd Lt. Patrick Gutierrez, MAJ Andrew Cahan; 1st Lt Matthew Ryan, Capt. Patrick Godfrey, LT Scott Cypher, Capt. Vincent Jovene, Capt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, SSgt. Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, LCpl Paul Cotter, 1stLt Rachel Jovene, GySgt Jose O Ruiz Pedroza, PFC Jorge A Lara Pedroza, Capt.. Ross Mentzer, 2nd LT Ryan Patrick Grady; PFC Stephen G. Beard, Sgt. Ernesto G. Castro, LCpl Frankie Thyson

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Phyllis Heller, Madeline Gonzalez, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Bob Cote, Jerry Pollard, Joanne Harrington, Rebecca Alvarez

The Deceased: Renato Torrijos, Rosemarie Bighouse, John Robinson, Michele Mackey, Margaret Maykrantz, Fr. Edwin Thayer Tewes, Eleanor Szemborski, Zach Miller, Danielle Krill, Carolyn Woodland. Ryan Martin, Kimberly Merline



UPCOMING LADIES AUXILIARY EVENTS:

There will be a 6 week, small-group retreat to prepare for Marian Consecration. The retreat is based on the popular book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC titled, 33 Days to Morning Glory. Both men & women can join. See blurb at left.



Our next business meeting will be Monday March 2nd. Join us at 7pm to say the Rosary in the Chapel. We will begin the meeting at 7:30pm in the Parish Education Library.

If you would like to help our parish and community please feel free to email us. Or better yet, come to a meeting! ladiesauxsdfs@gmail.com (please note new address)

Save the date: Saint Patrick's Day celebration, see blurb below.

st. patricks day parish celebration!!!

Save the date! March 14th in Our Lady of Victory Hall. The Knights Of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the St. Patrick's Day Parish Celebration!!! Look for future sign up genius and more information to include an Irish Soda bread contest with a very special contestant!!!

Middle Schoolers Acting for Christ Prayer Action Charity



**Sunday, February 23
following 5pm Mass**

Please bring two plates/containers of cookies to the meeting
• one for dessert
• one to share with the dedicated staff at INOVA Loudoun Hospital

Contact Dan or Lindsay Glass lindsay.a.glass@gmail.com

Join us for an Evening of Swing Dancing

Saturday, February 22

7:30-8:30pm lesson, followed by an hour of social dancing

Our Lady of Victory Hall (gym)

Ages 14 through 104 welcome!

Come ready to learn and have fun

\$5 suggested donation for the building fund

St. Francis Council 11136 News



NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: will be on Monday March 9, at 7:30 pm. Rosary in the Church at 7pm, all parishioners are welcome to attend the Rosary!!

SAVE THE DATE!!!: March 14th in Our Lady of Victory Hall. The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting the St. Patrick's Day Parish Celebration!!! Look for future sign up genius and more information to include a Parish Irish Soda bread contest with a very special contestant!!

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP: Good Luck to our winners who will now compete at the District level on February 17th at St. Theresa's in Ashburn for a chance to take the State Title in Richmond. The winners from St. Francis de Sales were: Jordan Phillips, Lucas Hrutkay, Alex Philips, Madeline Pabon, Timothy Sweeney and James Donofrio. Congratulations!

SHARE SUNDAY (ANOTHER OPTION TO DONATE):
THANK YOU TO ALL who donated last weekend!! We raised \$653.40 to buy milk and eggs for those in need. Please see updated blurb in bulletin about the chance to help the Catholic Charities Food bank in Leesburg obtain milk and eggs. SEE you next month! ALSO, this weekend is SHARE SUNDAY please drop off any donated food items. Sadly, the food bank is always in need of food.

FYI, 2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES HAVE BEEN MAILED: Please help us continue to help the Parish, community and our Faith!!! If you have been away awhile and not paid dues, please send me an email and we can work with you. Don't let that be the reason you are not an active Knight!!

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

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/knights11136/

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

May God bless you!

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

Cooke Tavern Soups

Our American Heritage Girls VATroop 0962 will again be selling delicious Cooke Tavern Soups after all Masses on February 22nd & 23rd and March 6th & 7th 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 consider purchasing a cost saving bundle of 4 for \$30. Cash or Checks are accepted after Masses. The soups may also be purchased at the Fish Fry Fridays Mar 13th and 20th. You may also place orders through individual Troop members. Contact vicetroop0962@gmail.com with any additional questions. Thanks for supporting our Troop, and our Parish!

SHARE SUNDAY (ANOTHER OPTION TO DONATE)

Thank you all for your Generous donations on Share Sunday distribution the first weekend in February!!! We had donations of \$653.40 !! This will allow the Catholic Charities food bank to buy much needed milk and eggs for those that benefit from your kindness in Loudoun County. All of the Knights of Columbus Councils in the area were notified that the food bank is having difficulties keeping an adequate supply of milk and eggs for those who are in need. Your council will continue each month (the first weekend) when passing out our donation bags will also be collecting cash, checks (made out to St Francis Council 11136) and "Food Lion" gift cards to provide to the food bank so they can buy milk and eggs. Unfortunately the food bank can only accept "Food Lion" gift cards. Also please continue to provide donated food items the second weekend of the month. The food bank continues to need everyone's support!! Thank you again for your generosity!!

VBS Mark Your Calendars!

This summer's VBS will take us on an exciting adventure with Moses, and God's people, the Israelites. Mark your calendars for **July 6-10, 9am-12noon.**

We hope all of our 'veteran' volunteers will return, and we welcome new volunteers! Please contact the RE office at re@saintfrancisparish.org for more information. Youth volunteer positions fill up fast so start planning on it! If you are a returning volunteer and would like the same spot as last year or would like to try a new one, be sure to let us know so we can save your spot! Camper registration begins May 1.



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

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

DIVINE MERCY SAID: "My daughter, I want to repose in your heart, because many souls have thrown Me out of their hearts today. I have experienced sorrow unto death."
(St. Faustina Diary, 866)