Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 10, 2022

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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, 5:30pm (Mass with contemporary music)

Daily Masses

Monday through Thursday - 6:30am and 8:30am
Friday - 6:30am and 12noon
Saturday - 9am
Check the bulletin for Holy Days of Obligation

Benediction/Adoration

Friday - Adoration is held every Friday following the 12noon Mass through the evening and overnight until Saturday morning before the 9am Mass
Wednesday Holy Hour at 7pm

Sacraments

Confessions:
Friday 10:30am; Saturday 8am and 3:30pm; Wednesday 8pm; One-half hour before Mass on Sunday
Anytime by appointment. Confessions are held in the Church

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

Baptism: Baptisms are held on Sundays at 1:30pm. Baptism class is the Friday before the 3rd Sunday of the month 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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"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest."
- Luke 19:38

HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 11
7pm – "Come Walk with Me" Holy Hour with music by Mark Forest; Confessions

Tuesday, April 12
7pm – Confessions

Wednesday, April 13
7pm – Holy Hour
8pm Confessions

TRIDUUM

No morning Masses until after Easter

Holy Thursday, April 14
7pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Confessions after Mass
8:30pm – Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday of the Lords Passion, April 15
3pm – Passion of the Lord
7pm – Stations of the Cross
Confessions after Stations
8pm – Tenebrae (Confessions ongoing)

Holy Saturday, April 16
(no 9am Mass)
8am – Confessions
10:30am – Easter Egg Hunt (ages 0-18)
12noon – Blessing of Easter Baskets
3:30pm – Confessions
8:30pm – Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY – April 17
7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

+ deceased

Sat. April 9	***Lenten Weekday***
9:00 am	Maureen Caulfield
Sat., April 9	***Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***
5:00 pm	Mai Catherine Sylvester
Sun., April 10	***Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord***
7:00 am	+ Edward Widzinski
8:30 am	Andrew Sylvester
10:30 am	Deceased members of Bischoff and Surak Families
12:15 pm	+ Corey Michael Feickert
5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Mon., April 11	***Monday of Holy Week***
6:30 am	Bernadette Sieple
8:30 am	+ Phillis O'Callaghan
Tue., April 12	***Tuesday of Holy Week***
6:30 am	+ Daryl Tewell
8:30 am	Paula Bischoff
Wed., April 13	***Wednesday of Holy Week***
6:30 am	Isla Stansfield
8:30 am	+ Mary K. Stinemeyer
Thu., April 14	***Holy Thursday***
	No Intentions
Fri., April 15	***Friday of the Passion of the Lord***
	No Intentions
Sat., April 16	***Vigil: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord***
8:30 pm	No Intentions
Sun., April 17	***Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord***
7:00 am	People of the Parish
8:30 am	+ Jerome Miles
10:30 am	+ John Bischoff, Jr.
12:15 pm	Salome Torrijos, + Renato S. Torrijos
5:30 pm	Mary Ann Sacripanti

Readings for the Week

Sun:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
Mon:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tue:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thu:	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Fri:	Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat:	Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/ Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/ Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Dear Folks,

Today is Palm Sunday and the color for the day's vestments is red. It is the time we read the Passion, in the Gospel, for the first time this week. The second will take place on Good Friday. With the intensity of the reading it is a tough walk for some and exhilarating for others as it reaches into the core of our Faith. The "Paschal Mystery" is displayed for all to hear. Welcome to the Alpha and Omega... the beginning and the end of the mystery that holds us together.

"To underscore the importance of the Paschal mystery, the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, states that 'The Paschal Mystery of Jesus, which comprises his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification, stands at the center of the Christian faith because God's saving plan was accomplished once for all by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.'"
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paschal_mystery

Please remember that Friday is a fast and abstinence day for Catholics. Our penance draws to hunger for the coming of the Resurrection in Easter.

Speaking of hunger. The covering of the crucifix and statues in the Church/Chapel are a form of sensory deprivation drawing us to feel the absence of the figures of the early life of the Church. We miss the thought of seeing the images of Christ, His Mother, His Father, and early participants in the life of Christ. Some would have coverings as reflective when all went into hiding in those volatile times. It will be a joy to see them again as images but more as realities in the next world.

During this past week I have been watching the children of the CCD classes passing my confessional as they walked through the Stations of the Cross. God bless the folks who are teachers and administrators of the CCD Program. If perhaps you want to walk the Stations with your little ones, here are some questions to ask: First, how many of the fourteen stations have children in them? (Hint: two) Second, how many have the Blessed Mother in them? (Hint: five.). Third, how many have non-believers? (Hint: twelve.) Four, which displays a pious Jew from the Diaspora who later, as a convert, became bishop of Avignon France? (Hint: one, from Libya). Five, for the bold, which stations have the three converts on Calvary? (Hint, for one refer to number Four, above) God bless one and all in the Passion. Let us pray for one another.

With this letter we thank Mrs. Robin Mentzer for her great work by initiating the parish gift shop. The hearts and souls were greatly affected by the many gifts of statues, medals, rosaries, various other forms of devotion. God bless her and her little elves who served so long and well. At this time Mrs. Tammy Shearrow will now take the lead for the gift shop. May the many blessings upon one and all continue. God bless one and all involved with the Gift Shop.

The schedule for the week is on the previous page.

Collegiate Question. Which religious organization of the 13th century introduce the Fourteen Stations of the Cross? And what was source of such a devotion? Good hunting.

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

The Names of The Deceased will be remain until the first anniversary of their death. Thereafter the deceased will be remembered on the first Sunday of the monthly anniversary of their death in a special column.

Names of The Sick are included ***only at the request of the individual or family***. If you would like to publish the name of a loved one who is sick, contact j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org. Please email when you would like the name to come off the list.

Our Military Members Please let us know if there are names of active military members to add to our list, or any changes to military rank. Contact Team McRoberts at bmcroberts13@gmail.com

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

Our Military Members: SGT Peter Audi, PFC Stephen Beard, MAJ Andrew Cahan, SGT Ernesto Castro, LCpl Paul Cotter, LT Scott Cypher, CPT Patrick Godfrey, CPT Ryan Patrick Grady, 2LT Patrick Gutierrez, CPT Jamie (Jovene) Liddle; SSG Joshua Jovene, CPT Rachel (Jovene) Mallets, CPT Vincent Jovene, MAJ Chuck Marshall; SSG Tim Marshall, CPT Ross Mentzer; Lcpl John Owen Patterson; PFC Jorge Pedroza, GY Sgt Jose Pedroza; Joe Pultro, 1Lt Matthew Ryan, LCpl Frankie Thyson, 1LT Jared Willard, PFC Joseph Jovene, A1C Joshua Wilk

The Sick: Dominic Corcoran, Jack Lehtonen, Mary Jane Arens, Mike O'Brien, Sarah Nolan, Liz Keller; Joanne Harrington, Charles Williams, Patricia Naomi Alvarenga, Joe Graber, Timotha Rainey, Rodney and Christina Huth, Candace Daly, Nancy Eastman, Melissa Jewel, Peggy Johnson, Frederick Campos, Grace Costello

The Deceased: Mary Sue Couser, Baraka James, Ames Smith, Anna Marlene Berry, Susan Muth, Steve Van Briggle, Joseph Kerns, Ginger Grimard, Carol Curto, Jerome Miles, Stephen Miller, Terry McCracken, Alice Gould, William Firth, Lois D'Elia, Bernadette Reynolds, Nancy Eastman, Ann Forrest, Nick Spadaccini

First Holy Communion: May 7; 10:30am
*10:30 am Mass for families who prefer to attend Mass with masks required.
A rehearsal will be held 45 minutes prior to each Mass. One parent must attend the rehearsal with their child. Other family members should wait outside the sanctuary. .

May Crowning Mother's Day Sunday, May 8, at the end of the 12:15 Mass. Join us for an ice cream social afterwards!
All First Holy Communicants are encouraged to participate, wearing their First Communion attire. Children will be called to the back of the church at the end of Mass to participate in this beautiful procession to honor of our Blessed Mother.

FINAL Confirmation Retreat: April 23; 3-9pm All confirmation candidates are welcome to attend. Please sign up NOW!

Sacrament of Confirmation
April 30 - 11am – Confirmation Mass for Sunday Religious Education Students, CHRSM and Good Shepherd School Students
April 30 - 2pm – Confirmation Mass for Monday Religious Education Students (including RCIT) and Homeschooled Students
(Rehearsals will be held one hour prior to each Mass)
RECEPTION immediately following both Confirmation Masses

ATTENTION ALL 7th GRADE FAMILIES: We still need more volunteers to host and families to donate prepared food for the confirmation receptions. Thank you so much for helping us make this a memorable celebration for our newly confirmed and their families!

Vacation Bible School '22

July 11-15, 9am-12noon
SAVE THE DATE!!

Adult Volunteers
- Adults are needed to help build sets beforehand
- Adults to assist drama team
- K, 3rd, and 5th grade 'Tribe' leaders

Childcare is provided for children of adult volunteers!

Youth Volunteers needed for Drama

Please visit saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school/ to signup to help.
Registration for campers will be emailed to families May 1

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

WORKCAMP 2022 – July 3 – July 9 in Scranton, PA. All current 8th – 12th graders are eligible!

WORKCAMP DEPOSITS – Secure your spot ASAP for Workcamp 2022 by submitting your non-refundable $150 deposit. **Spaces are nearly full!!** You can mail deposits to the church or drop them off at the parish office or Education Center office (please write "Workcamp" on the check or envelope.) We can't set aside spaces for teens without the deposit, so please send your deposit ASAP, or contact Emily if this presents a challenge for your family.

• **MANDATORY TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING** – The next teen Workcamp meeting is on Sunday, April 24, in the gym, 6:30 – 8 PM. These monthly teen meetings are **required** for all teen Workcampers. You'll receive lots of info about fundraising, important dates, what to expect, and meet all the other Workcampers. Please make every effort to attend. See you there!

• **FUNDRAISING** – Appeal letters should be mailed by now. If you haven't yet, please do it as soon as you can to get started on your fundraising.

ADULT WORKCAMPER MEETING – Interested in coming to Workcamp with us as an adult? We still need a few more adults to join us at Workcamp this summer. Workcamp is only possible because of the adults (ages 21+) who generously spend the week working and worship alongside the teens. Please contact Emily at e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org for more info.

NO YOUTH NIGHT DURING SPRING BREAK – There is no Youth Night on Sunday, 4/10 or Sunday, 4/17. See you on 4/24 at the Workcamp meeting.

TEEN MASS & YOUTH NIGHT – Every Sunday at 5:30 PM, join us in the front 4 left rows to celebrate Mass together. Then come up to Youth Night! 6:30-8 PM in Room 213 for fellowship, discussion, prayer, and fun. Bring a friend! All high schoolers are welcome! Come to grow in friendship with Christ and one another.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – Receive text messages about time changes, event cancellations, etc., go to: remind.com/join/eglass16 and enter your info to be added to the recipient list.

Lenten blessings continue!

We begin our break from RE classes this week. No classes will be held beginning on Palm Sunday and continuing through Holy Week and the first week of the Easter season.
- No Religious Education Classes April 10, 11, or 13 *(Holy Week)*
- No Religious Education Classes April 17, 18, or 20 *(Easter Octave)*
- Classes Resume on April 24, 25 and 27

St. Francis Council 11136 News

SHARE SUNDAY: The Knights will collect donations (food and checks) for the Share Sunday food drive this weekend after all masses. Knights should come early to take collections at the trailer, and please check the Narthex in case someone has left food donations there. Plan on staying a few minutes after mass for any last-minute donations.

CAR RAFFLE Please donate for the combined parishes' car raffle and send your check and payment as set forth in the envelope sent to you. Prizes include four cars, cash prizes, and a separate cash prize of $20,000! Please help make this a successful fundraiser for the parish and Knights!

ELECTIONS ARE COMING! Notice has been sent to all eligible council members to consider standing for office for the next Fraternal Year, starting July of 2022. This is a great opportunity to learn council business and to be involved in council events in a meaningful way.

BECOME ACTIVE AS A KNIGHT All Knights are asked to continue to assist our program of charitable activities as we enter the last quarter of the Fraternal Year. We hope to continue our progress in the new Fraternal Year starting in July. Be a part of our charitable activities!!

Please contact Chris Miller, Grand Knight, for more information.

Chris Miller, Grand Knight
St. Francis Council #11136
Knights11136@gmail.com
www.facebook.com/knights11136/

Share Sunday

The Knights will collect donations (food and checks) for the Share Sunday food drive this weekend after all masses.
At this time, we are in need of the usual items, and also, cereal, pasta, ground regular coffee, canned chicken, Mac and Cheese and jelly. Thank you!
Please note: We do not accept perishables, fruit, pastries or similar items.
If anyone wishes to donate money, please make your check payable to Catholic Charities, NOT the Knights of Columbus. This will enable the giver to obtain a taxable donation, and will trigger a thank you from Catholic Charities.

Altar Flower Dedication

Would you like to donate an altar flower arrangement in someone's memory or to honor a loved one? Contact Amy Harrison, email a.harrison@saintfrancisparish.org or call the parish office (540) 338-6381, x104.

Deaths

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Pasquale Gerardo Spera
d. March 27, 2022

Parish Homeless Ministry

You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

• **We wish everyone in the parish a blessed holy week and Triduum, and we thank all those who prayed for our ministry and contributed time and talent during the Lenten season.**

• Our next delivery to the Leesburg Shelter is **April 28th**, with donations due **April 27th.** This month we will return to serving in person; look for details in next month's Sign Up Genius email to help out. Our next delivery to the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Anacostia is May 13th, with donations needed by May 12th.

• For our upcoming blessing bag event, we plan to work with Catholic Charities to build Mother's Homecare Kits for moms who are struggling with poverty and homelessness.

Join us in works of charity by signing up to purchase items, make casseroles, bake cookies and cakes, or to transport meals and supplies. Contact one of us, and we will direct you to the Signup Genius lists:
• Fran Beebe franbeebe7@gmail.com
• Carie Losinski: skigators@me.com

Women's Council Corner

"I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in His word I put my hope. I wait for the LORD as watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning." - Psalm 130:5-6

Our next WC business meeting will be on Monday April 18. We will meet in the chapel at 6:30pm to say the Rosary. The meeting will begin at 7pm in Room 113 in the RE building. Discussion will be focused on exciting upcoming events.

Monday May 2nd we will host our Women's Council Social at Corcoran Vineyards & Cidery at 6:30pm. (www.corcorancider.com). Join us to celebrate ladies with May birthdays & play Bingo. We have chosen a Kentucky Derby theme so dust off your favorite fun hat and join us for an evening of fellowship & laughter. Help us elect our new officers, too!

Calling all parishioners 19 years and older... Do you have a talent you'd like to showcase??? Start practicing for our 1st ever Talent Show! Saturday May 21 in OLVH in the RE building. Keep checking the bulletin as more details will follow!

Any questions or comments email us at womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com; visit the WC webpage on our parish website at saintfrancisparish.org/womens-council

TMIY!
That Man Is You
Men's Group

Our Lady of Victory Hall
All Men welcome!
WEDNESDAY EVENING 7 TO 9 PM
Fellowship, Presentation, Discussion
or
SATURDAY MORNING: 6:30 AM - 8 AM
Fellowship, Presentation, Discussion

Questions/ comments? Contact Scott Cypher
cypher6@verizon.net or (c) 703-431-9542

SFDS MOM'S GROUP

Interested in connecting with other moms in the parish? Join us for playdates and adult outings! Email Elise Daniel at eliseamyx@gmail.com for information on upcoming dates.

St. John's Separated and Divorced Ministry invites all separated or divorced Catholics in the area to their meetings every third Thursday of the month at 7:30pm at St. John's in Leesburg. Please email separated.divorced@stjohnleesburg.com for more info.

COUNSELING OFFERED AT SFDS

Jennifer Barry, LCSW from Catholic Charities' Family Services will take appointments offering Individual, Family or Couples Counseling. Jennifer is a licensed clinical social worker who received her Master of Social Work (MSW) from the Catholic University of America. ***Jennifer can now be reached for teletherapy or for a free consultation.*** If you are interested in scheduling a consultation, please contact her at 703-772-4022.

ST. FRANCIS HOMESCHOOLERS

Stay connected to other homeschoolers in the parish. Email andreareeves@gmail.com to be added to the Google group for announcements and communications.

Praying for and Welcoming Those Who Have Left the Faith

This Lent, please consider praying and sacrificing for a friend, family member, or neighbor who has discontinued practicing the Faith. Prayer cards are available in the church pews. Please return your Lenten prayer pledges to the parish office or place in the offertory collection by Palm Sunday.

LEGION OF MARY

Meets weekly meeting on Saturday mornings after the 9am Mass in the Knights Hall. This month, we will join our priests and pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine.

Welcome to the Family! The following new parishioners were baptized during the months of January, February and March

Holy Baptism

James Dillon
son and Stephen and Jenni Ligday

Nicholas James
son of Matthew and Caroline Hoffman

Clementine Virginia
daughter of John and Katherine Beatty

Helena Marie
daughter of Anders and Lindsay Hurd

Beatrice Rose
daughter of Nathanel and Julie Blake

Lily Alexandra
daughter of Steven and Katherine Pierce

Gloria Frances
daughter of Michael and Jaclyn Gardner

Rowan Russell Richard
son of Ryan and Mary Kate Young

Christine Alane
daughter of Michael and Carmela Henzey

Evaline Lucia
daughter of Dennis and Alana Farrell

Harper Grace
daughter of Steven and Katlyn Caseres

Holy Father Prayer Intentions
April

Health Care Workers
We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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