Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 15, 2018

RCIA/RCIC Class of 2018 at Easter Vigil

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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.

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.

Sacraments

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

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.

Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

You alone, O Lord,
bring security to my dwelling. - *Psalm 4:9*

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today's selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in "Jesus Christ the righteous one" (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to "repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away" (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ "expiation for our sins" (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with "Peace" and urges them to preach "repentance, for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47)

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

Parish Financial Status

In-pew Offertory - April 8	$ 13,271
2nd Collection - Parish Maintenance	$ 2,819
YEAR TO DATE	$ 991,155
Parish Giving for March	
Offertory	$ 30,846
Building our Faith	$ 2,234
Faith in Action	$ 1,579

2nd Collection for this week is for Religious Education
2nd Collection for April 22 is for Parish Center Debt Reduction

Masses for the Week

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Saturday, April 14	**Easter Weekday**
9:00 am	+ Maria Teresa Ramirez
Saturday, April 14	**Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter**
5:00 pm	+ Mary Stinemeyer
Sunday, April 15	**3rd Sunday of Easter**
7:00 am	People of the Parish
8:30 am	Beth Creighton and family
10:30 am	+ Lorraine and Walter Murphy
12:15 pm	+ Libia Carvajalde Sanchez
5:00 pm	+ John "Jack" Keilty
Monday, April 16	**Easter Weekday**
9:00 am	+ Matthew King
Tuesday, April 17	**Easter Weekday**
6:30 am	+ Tom Makara
Wed., April 18	**Easter Weekday**
9:00 am	The Jovene Family
Thursday, April 19	**Easter Weekday**
7:30 pm	+ Carol Wright
Friday, April 20	**Easter Weekday**
6:30 am	+ Mary Burton
12:00 noon	Compassionate Heart of Mary
Saturday, April 21	**Easter Weekday**
9:00 am	+ Kim Castellano
Saturday, April 21	**Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter**
5:00 pm	Kathy Healy
Sunday, April 22	**4th Sunday of Easter**
7:00 am	John Bischoff
8:30 am	+ Philomena Boccella
10:30 am	+ Ruth and Emmanuel Walter
12:15 pm	People of the Parish
5:00 pm	+ Natalie Bills

This Week

Sun., April 15	Adult Basketball 8:30pm
Tue., April 17	WWP Opening Your Heart 7:30pm
	WWP Touching the Divine 7:30pm
	RCIA 7:30pm, Rm 107
	SoulStitch 9:30am, Parish Hall
Wed., April 18	TMIY 7pm
	Bible Timeline 7:30pm, Rm 113
	WWP Touching the Divine 7:30pm
Thu., April 19	WWP Touching the Divine 10am
	Rosary Group 7pm, Church
	WWP Opening Your Heart 7:30pm
	WWP Touching the Divine 7:30pm
Friday, April 20	Padre Pio Cenacle after 12noon Mass
Sat., April 21	TMIY 6:30am, Our Lady of Victory Hall
Sun., April 22	Adult Basketball 8:30pm

Shepherd's Notes

RCIA/RCIC Class of 2018 yielded 15 for the Easter Vigil

We had 15 who received various sacraments for the first time at the Easter Vigil including 11 new Catholics from the RCIA/RCIC Class of 2018: five newly-baptized and six who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church. We welcome all our "brand new" Catholics and Catholics who received their Confirmation and First Holy Communion on that glorious Easter evening! [This class includes a long-time former Baptist pastor, his wife and son.]

Just for the fun of it, I counted the number of Easter Vigil participants since 2009 (that's all the stat I have readily available because that's when I first arrived here and I kept a record of it thru my iPhone). In the past nine years, we've had 172 who received the special sacraments at the Vigils including 59 baptisms and 82 baptized Protestants received into full communion. We're now recruiting for the RCIA/RCIC Class of 2019 so please start inviting non-Catholics you know to at least learn about the Catholic Church by signing up for the class. Catholics who need First Communion and Confirmation due to missing these during the regular faith formation years may also sign up for the class which begins in mid-September.

Incredible Divine Mercy Sunday participation

I want to thank everyone who participated in the *Divine Mercy* devotions that we offered in the parish especially the Eucharistic Holy Hour on *Divine Mercy Sunday*. We had our largest participation to date and the Divine Mercy Shrine was beautifully decorated by the *Matheson* and both *Byrd* families. We are really blessed that this year we have many new families and individuals who were introduced to praying the *Divine Mercy Chaplet* regularly.

"In God We Hoop"

We're restarting the parish adult Sunday basketball program this weekend on Sunday, April 15. *It is open only for registered men and women parishioners 18 years and older.* Non-Catholics *who live* in the registered parishioner's home (e.g., spouse, family) are welcome. To sign up, you *must* attend the 8:30pm orientation on April 15 at *Our Lady of Victory Hall* (Gym). Don't be late or you'll miss the opportunity! This is a great privilege for basketball players in the parish to share both their faith and love for shooting hoops while building good camaraderie between them. The group plays on Sunday nights and a Wednesday night is added during the summer months when more players are available. The evening begins with a short prayer followed by the reading of the Sunday Mass Gospel prior to playing the first game. The only catch is if you miss the Gospel reading, you'll miss playing that night! Make sure you're there before the door closes at 8:30pm. I will issue the participants a parish ID card that night to play in future games. *Hoop to see you there!*

Your shepherd in Christ,
Father Escalante

Ask the Priest

Q. When we prayed the 4th Station of the Cross during Lent, it says, "Now there standing by the cross of Jesus his mother and his mother's sister." But Mary didn't have a sister. –*Evie*

A. In Hebrew Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke, the term used for close relatives (for example, cousins) is brothers and sisters. In this case, the person mentioned as Mary's sister was a close relative. There are several similar references to Jesus also having brothers and sisters. We know that Mary's only child was Jesus so the brothers and sisters mentioned would also have been just close relatives and likely Our Lord's cousins.

Q. Why do some altar boys wear a white garment over the black with a fancy pattern on it? –*Anonymous*

A. Once the altar boys reach high school, they are given a white surplice with a more ornate design. Since they have been serving for a few years, we thought it would be nice to get them a nicer surplice in thanksgiving for their service. The *Junior Altar Women Society* (JAS) girls have something similar. They wear a ranking badge that shows how many years they have been in service by the number of cross pins. They also have a 4-year service merit pin (Vatican/U.S. Flags), a 5-year Plus pin (Royal Crown), a B-pin (officially trained to operate the Church Bells) and a V-pin (officially trained to operate the video streaming of the Mass in the Chapel). We appreciate very much the boys and girls in our parish doing their dedicated service at the sacred altar of the Lord!

Q. Would you like to marry if you could? --*Holly*

A. You know, I have been so busy as a priest since I first got ordained nearly 23 years ago and have been having a lot of fun (for the most part!). I never really thought much about the idea of what it would be like if I had gotten married. In my mind, I was already "married" to God when I was ordained a priest so I feel like I'm already *married*. Several thousand people have called me "Father" for nearly a quarter of a century that I even feel like I have a *huge* family. In response to your hypothetical question, I would say that after joyfully living "single" for over half a century and getting a lot of things done in the church solo with the help of many generous volunteers, I don't think I would consider getting married even if that option for priests were made available.

Mass Celebrant Schedule

Saturday, April 14
8:30pm: Fr. Escalante,
Sunday, April 15
7am: Fr. Escalante
8:30am: Fr. Escalante
10:30am: Fr. Mullaney
12:15pm: Fr. Mullaney
5pm: Fr. Mullaney

Saturday, April 21
5pm: Fr. Mullaney
Sunday, April 22
7am: Fr. Mullaney
8:30am: Fr. Mullaney
10:30am: Fr. Escalante
12:15pm: Fr.. Escalante
5pm: Fr.. Escalante

TEACHERS NEEDED!

The homeschooling community of Saint Francis is starting a new ministry called **CHRSM** (Catholic Homeschool Resource and Support Ministry). Our goal is to provide a faith-filled community in which to support each other and our children. We will meet for Masses and liturgical year celebrations, but will also be offering co-op classes.

Currently, we are looking for teachers for the following PAID positions:

- High School Biology with Lab
- Middle School Medieval/Church History
- P.E. for Middle School and Elementary
- Middle School Science

If interested in sharing your teaching talents with the youth of our Catholic community for these or other classes, please contact Emily Lauderback and Stacey Tuman at sfchrsm@gmail.com.

Are you curious about homeschooling but overwhelmed at the idea? Are you interested but not sure where to begin? Do you have struggling learners who you feel could use more personal support? If so, we hope you will join us for a Homeschool Information Night at the Cascades Library on Monday, May 7th from 7-9pm. Veteran homeschooling parents will be available to answer questions, exhibit curriculum and encourage you to consider homeschooling as a wonderful option.

THE PADRE PIO CENACLE

will meet after the 12 noon mass this Friday. We will first pray the rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament during Exposition, then continue in Conference Room for the readings and prayer.

Our thoughts and prayers are with ...

Our Military Members:
Capt. 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, LTJG Scott Cypher, Cap. Vincent Jovene, 1st Lt. Jamie (Jovene) Liddle, A1C Joshua Jovene, 1LT Jared Willard, Joe Pultro, COL Greg Cannata, 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, Joyce Sparbanie, Mike O'Brien, Bill and Valerie Wieliczko, Bud and Sarah Nolan

The Deceased: Lisa Dugan, Richard Ralph, Jon Hink,. Lewis Daniel Miller, Rudy Bartoldus, Mona Bakke, Sophie and Pedro Macaraeg, Rita Hockenbury, Kim Castellano, David Young

*** PASTOR'S WISH LIST ***

• **In God We Hoop!**—If you're interested in playing adult basketball, come to this Sunday night's orientation no later than 8:30pm (April 15). You must be a registered parishioner 18 years and over (open for Men & Women) to participate.

• **EWTN Pilgrimage in August**—We're trying to find out if others would like to join me on a pilgrimage to EWTN and Mother Angelica's Order (August 6-9). If there are interests please let me know. A parishioner would like to get a caravan (or perhaps a bus) to take this trip.

• **Airport ride needed**—I'm going on a priest retreat in Nebraska from May 13-18 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary. Is there anyone available who could give me a ride to Dulles Airport on Sunday, May 13 (after celebrating 8:30am Sunday Mass) and a pickup on Friday, May 18 at 10:30pm (I know it's late, I could always Uber my way back).

• **Donate to our new Ambo (Pulpit)** I'm inviting you 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 is proclaimed. As of March 19, 2018, we have received $16,800. (See the July 30, 2017 *Shepherd's Notes* to read more about the *Ambo*.)

• **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion needed**—If you feel called to help administer Holy Communion at Mass and/or to the homebound, please contact me directly to apply. Requirements for EMOHC candidates: *at least 21 years old; fully-initiated in the sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist); weekly Mass attendance; receives sacrament of Penance regularly; if married, in a union recognized by the Catholic Church; a registered parishioner; 100% in support of Catholic doctrine (ministers required to sign/proclaim oath of fidelity to the Catholic Church); if involved in public service/office, positions taken must not be in opposition to Catholic teaching (e.g., support for pro-choice/abortion, same sex marriage, euthanasia, etc., disqualifies a candidate); has love for the Eucharist; charitable and modest in speech, appearance, and temperament.*

• **PEIR rep needed to represent our parish—**Parish Ecumenical & Interreligious Representative rep is someone who is interested in taking part in informing the parish regarding the ecumenical & interfaith activities sponsored by the diocese. Rep goes to diocesan events and meets people from other faiths and report back to the parish. One must be an active practicing Catholic in the parish to act as a rep. If interested, contact me directly.

• **Pipe Organ" donation**—Please help us pay for the church organ that was installed in April. To date we have received $45,310. We now owe just $72,390 for this incredible organ! [See *Shepherd's Notes* column (2/26/2017 issue) for organ details.]

• **Write your dedication on a brick…on church property!**—You now have an opportunity to place your permanent dedication etched on a brick on the church property: in front of the new parish center. Proceeds go directly to pay our center's mortgage. See enclosed flyer for details or go to our website: www.saintfrancisparish.org.

• **Parish Rosary Challenge continues** If you missed September 2015's pledge drive, you can still sign up online. Everyone in the parish is asked to make a pledge to pray the Rosary at least once a week. Go to our website www.saintfrancisparish.org and click on Rosary Campaign or just go directly to www.rosarygraces.com for more info.

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You may contact me directly for your response by phone (540-338-6381 ext. 102), by email countryparishpriest@gmail.com, by "snail mail" or in person

Got 'em!

• Received $50k for the Holy Altar Circle & $60k donations for the *Ark of the Covenant Tabernacle* to close out these donations for the sanctuary. Thank you very much for your amazing generosity! We are now working on getting donors for *The Book of Life Circle* (Ambo/Pulpit).

• We received over 1,500 written pledges from the *Rosary Challenge* drive to pray a minimum of one rosary a week. As of this writing we have reached the 71% mark (71.278 total reported) of our goal (100,000) of the rosaries that have been reportedly prayed at our website since September 12, 2015. Keep it up, faithful children of Mary. We've been getting many nice blessings lately as a parish and we can only expect more!

Religious Education Office

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"Cook the truth in Charity until it tastes sweet"
~ St. Francis de Sales ~

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

At least one parent is required to attend retreat
April 21st, 9am - 12pm - All Sunday Classes
April 28th, 9am - 12pm - All Weekday Classes
Please contact the RE office if you need to switch weeks.
1st Communion Sacrament Fee of $30 is due now, please call RE office if you are not sure if you paid!

CONFIRMATION DAY!

The St. Francis de Sales parish community congratulates our Confirmandi who were joyously made full members of the Body of Christ through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them as they are commissioned by the Lord to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations."

We are especially grateful for our Catechists: **Mr. Mark Darnell, Mrs. Mary Darnell, Mr. Dan Pavlinac, Mr. Michael O'Neill, Dr. Paul Schweisthal, Mr. Charlie Colville, Dr. Buchanan Dugan,** and **Mrs. Susan Cypher** who generously gave their time and talents to prepare the Confirmandi to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thank you parents and sponsors for all your hard work and devotion in preparing Confirmandi for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your love serves at a witness to the love of Christ. May these young men and women continue to look to you and be inspired by your love for the Lord.

Save the Date !!!

MAC-PAC SUMMER DAY CAMP

Monday thru Wednesday July 16-18, 4-9pm

CCD & VBS Registration

2018-2019 CCD Registration forms will be handed out on the last day of class and posted on the SFDS website starting May 1st. Registration is on a "first come first served" basis and classes fill up quickly so make sure to sign up quickly. Visit www.saintfrancisparish.org/youth-religious-education/

VBS registration is right around the corner too! We will start that on Monday May 7th. Registration will run from that date through Friday June 22. Make sure to visit www.saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school/. A volunteer form is posted on the website now, please sign up soon!

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

5PM MASS – Every Sunday at 5pm, join us in the front four 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.

NO YOUTH NIGHT – There will no Youth Night on Sunday, 4/15. See you at the Spring Retreat!

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

ROSARY GROUP – On Tuesday mornings, we meet in the chapel at 8am to pray the Rosary together before school. Awesome way to start your week! Come pray with friends for the graces to help you through the school week. All high schoolers welcome! We do not meet on Tuesdays when Loudoun County is off school.

TEEN WORKCAMP MEETING – The next teen Workcamp meeting is on Sunday, 4/22 from 6:15-8:00 PM in the old parish hall. Please keep in mind that these meetings are required, and that lots of important information is shared in preparation for Workcamp 2018! See you there!

CHILI COOK-OFF –On May 5 from 6-8pm, we will hold a Cinco de Mayo Chili Cook-Off fundraiser for Workcamp! Tell your friends, tell your family! We still need teen and adult volunteers to submit chilis, help run the event, etc. Please e-mail Lisa Cammarota at lisacammarota@gotchacovered.com to sign up or get more information.

YOUTH GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS – If you would like to receive text message announcements about time changes, event cancellations, etc., you can go to this link: remind.com/join/eglass16 and enter your information to be added to the recipient list! Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account St.FrancisYouth for event updates and announcements.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

MAC-PAC (**M**iddle **S**choolers **A**cting in **C**hrist – Prayer, **A**ction, **C**harity) is for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The goal is to inspire, to grow our love for God and neighbor, and to provide fellowship for the Middle School youth of St. Francis De Sales. There will be no MAC-PAC in April. The next MACPAC will be Sunday, May 6.

Religious Education Calendar

WEEK OF APRIL 15 and APRIL 22

Sun.	Gr. 1st-8th Session 1 - 8:45am
	Gr. K-8th Session 2 - 10:30am
Mon.	Gr. K-8th - 4:45pm
	RCIT, High School - 7pm
Wed.	Pre-School, Gr. 1st-8th - 4:45pm

St. Francis Council 11136 news

Next Business Meeting - May 14, Church Hall at 7:30. Rosary 7:05 in the chapel. Next to last meeting of fraternal year, hopefully less than an hour - like 90% this year.

Officers For 2018 - 2019 Fraternal Year Needed! Contact any of the email addresses below for information.

Next Pancake Breakfast - May 6 - See email soon to come from the Pancake leaders.

Why Are You A Knight? - Be more than a Knight in name only. We help in the parish, community, and world. Contact GK Ben Cox, and tell me what would it take for you to come help your church and community. Be active again.

Submit Your Prayer Requests - I want to send a weekly email digest of prayer requests to share to our families. Send all requests to grandknight11136@gmail.com.

Have You Ever Considered Becoming a Knight and Helping Others in Your Parish and Community? If so, contact Chancellor Forest Selby (forestselby@gmail.com), DGK Greg Cannata (armybrat.cannata@gmail), or just look for anyone wearing a KofC badge. The needs are many, but the laborers are few.

I hope you are having a blessed Lenten season. Take time to reflect on Him and what he wants. Not what you want or what you want people to see.

Have a great, big beautiful week!

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Ben Cox, Grand Knight; St. Francis Council #11136
grandknight11136@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday - Friday, July 9-13, 9am-12noon

SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEERS HAS BEGUN!
We have many opportunities for adults & youth volunteers
Please visit our VBS website for all of our
opportunities and Volunteer Sign-Up Form
www.saintfrancisparish.org/vacation-bible-school/

Registration for VBS will begin May 7

We need Adult Volunteers!
Would you like to learn more about being a Volunteer?
Please come to our Adult meeting on
Tuesday, April 17 at 7pm in the Library
It's fun, easy, and we have a nursery!

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS

One confirmation will be held at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More on Sunday, May 20 at 2:30 p.m., and the other will be held at Saint Andrew the Apostle on Sunday, June 10 at 2:30 p.m. There will be receptions for both of these events, as we have for the Rite of Elections. Contact James Blankenship at j.blankenship@saintfrancisparish.org if you would like to learn more.

2018 Car Raffle Fundraiser is ON!

The 2018 Car Raffle was delayed this year but it is officially back on. As in past years, five cars and $20,000 in cash prizes will be given away. The raffle will take place on June 22, 2018. We expect to be mailing raffle tickets to all registered parishioners early the week of April 16 so please be on the lookout.

There is a change this year due to new rules imposed the by Virginia Office of Charitable & Regulatory Programs. All tickets must be processed by All Saints. As a result, the return envelop included with the mailed tickets is addressed to All Saints. While you can return your tickets to the drop box in the narthex after all masses it is **greatly appreciated** if you would mail them directly back to All Saints. Extra tickets can be purchased after all masses through the weekend of June 9/10.

The Car Raffle is a significant fund raiser for the parish so your participation is needed. Please contact family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to sell the tickets that are mailed to you. If you have questions please sent them Jim Marsan at jsmarsan03@gmail.com.

Paul VI Summer Camps

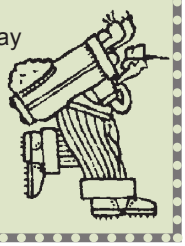
Paul VI Catholic High School is currently accepting registrations for summer camps for all ages and interests from fine arts to athletics. Please visit https://pvisports.net/main/campsclinics/

2018 WORKCAMP FUNDRAISER

16th Annual Charity Golf Outing

Thursday, May 24 @ 9am
at Stoneleigh Golf Course

To sponsor a hole or to play in the tournament, please contact Jane Treado at 703-475-0873 or janedhs78@aol.com. Bestball - great prizes!



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS - APRIL 2018

Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL UPCOMING EVENTS

• **April 15 - Pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in D.C.** call Hershey Youngblood or send an e-mail if you'd like to carpool with us by Thursday, April 12th to womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com or 571-278-6700.

• **April 25 & 26 - Intro. meetings for "33 Days to Morning Glory, A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration"** - to register, e-mail womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com or call Hershey Youngblood at 571-278-6700 by Thursday, April 19th - TWO CLASSES WILL BE HELD CONCURRENTLY • **Wednesday mornings at 10am** and **Thursday evenings at 7pm.** Consecration will be May 31 for the Visitation!

• **May 6 - Meet & Greet to welcome new parishioners** - look for your invitation by e-mail or phone by April 16th. If you are a new parishioner and don't hear from us, please send us an e-mail so we update our contact list.

All women are welcome to join us at any and all events. We would like to improve the relationship with our fellow sisters in Christ within the St. Francis de Sales area so please reach out to

Women's Council of St. Francis de Sales

Help give the church a new storage shed

My name is Matt Lanzer, a prospective Eagle Scout. My Eagle project is to build a new storage shed as the old one was in dire need of a refresh. The plan is to build a larger shed (approx. 14'x16') to house maintenance tools and future snow removal equipment. I will also be looking for volunteers to help in any way. Donations are tax deductible and payable to Saint Francis de Sales Church. For more information, please contact me at matt.lanzer1300@comcast.net. Thank you and God bless!

Parish Homeless Ministry

Thank you to those who served breakfast and lunch to the homeless this weekend at St. Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity soup kitchen in DC, and thank you to all who donated food and other items for the visit!

Opportunity to Give:
Have you started spring cleaning? The Christ House thrift shop in Alexandria accepts donations of clothes, accessories, handbags, shoes, collectibles, art, jewelry, household items, antiques, and small pieces of furniture. One hundred percent of the thrift shop's proceeds support Catholic Charities' emergency assistance program in our diocese. This program helps families with emergency rent and utility bills, preventing eviction and homelessness.
A parishioner has graciously offered to deliver donations to Christ House. Donations can be left in the narthex until **Sunday, April 29;** please e-mail Janice at j.rees@saintfrancisparish.org to let her know items are there to be picked up.

Opportunity to Serve:
On **Saturday, June 16**, from 9 to 11:30am, volunteer with the Archdiocese of Washington's Catholic Charities at the Cup of Joe Breakfast Bagging event in Landover, MD, assembling breakfast bags for the homeless. The bags are handed out to area shelter guests before they depart in the mornings; without these bags, homeless guests would have no morning meal. Register at www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteercalendar/cup-joe-breakfast-bagging/2018-06-16/ There are only a few volunteer positions remaining!

If you would like information about the Homeless Ministry to be e-mailed directly to you, send a note to MeghanChristian1212@yahoo.com

"If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." - 1 John 3:17-18

Paul VI Catholic High School is currently accepting registrations for summer camps for all ages and interests from fine arts to athletics. Please visit https://pvisports.net/main/campsclinics/

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