

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021



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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)

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 intended 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.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26, 2021

"I prayed for this child, and the Lord granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord." - 1Sm 1:27-28

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30am, 10:30am, 12:15pm
5:30pm - 'orphan' Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, January 1
(not a Holy Day of Obligation)
9 AM
11 AM with choir



May you have the gift of FAITH
The blessing of HOPE
And the peace of His LOVE

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Readings for the Week

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tue: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thu: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Sat: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Masses for the Week

+ deceased

Saturday, Dec. 25

8:30 am
10:30 am
12:15 pm
5:30 pm

Nativity of the Lord

The Beatty Family
+ John Bischoff, Jr.
+ Mary Sue Couser
+ Alice Gould

Sunday, Dec. 26

7:00 am
8:30 am

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Joey Dunn
Christina Lopez and Jesus Plaza

10:30 am
12:15 pm
5:30 pm

+ Surak Family
+ Martin Jachts
People of the Parish

Monday, Dec. 27

6:30 am
8:30 am

Saint John

+ Charlie and Jeanne Krebs
+ Joseph M. Oliveri

Tuesday, Dec. 28

6:30 am
8:30 am

The Holy Innocents

+ Sanjay Govindan
Rodney and Christina Huth

Wed., Dec. 29

6:30 am
8:30 am

5th Day within the Octave of Christmas

+ Jerry Miles
+ Mary Stinemeyer

Thursday, Dec. 30

6:30 am
8:30 am

6th Day within the Octave of Christmas

Mark Gaylord
Judith Kearns

Friday, Dec. 31

6:30 am
12:00 noon

7th Day within the Octave of Christmas

+ Daniel Hardey
+ Rev. Michael Craig Kelly

Saturday, Jan. 1

9:00 am
11:00 am

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

+ Maureen Colville
+ Joseph Oliveri

Saturday, Jan. 1

5:00 pm

Vigil: Epiphany of the Lord

Stephen and Cynthia Johnson

Sunday, Jan. 2

7:00 am
8:30 am
10:30 am
12:15 pm
5:30 pm

Epiphany of the Lord

+ Helen Yocum
People of the Parish
+ Neda "Ginger" Grimard
+ Gustav and Solange Hertz
+ Rogelio Rojas

*We wish all of our Parish Families
a Very Happy and Blessed New Year!*

The Parish Office and Religious Education Office
will be closed the week of December 26
Reopening January 3

Dear Folks,

'Tis the day after Christmas. God bless one and all with health, happiness, holiness... and a little humor. The color of the vestments at Mass are now the glorious white. May the Christmas season bring many blessings to each, one and all, and may God's graces ever unfold in your marriages and families. Blessings upon those, in the coming months, will encounter Christ in His sacraments of Baptism, Penance, Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, and Anointing. The year, like all life, begins anew.



As the year begins let us reach together for the many wonderful apostolates of the parish life. The Knights of Columbus welcome the men of the parish who would like to share in apostolic endeavors of the council. The Women's Council is getting off the ground and welcomes the ladies of the parish to share in their wonderful sorority that reaches out the needy of the parish. Trail Life and the American Heritage Girls are open to all the kids who would like to join them. The men's program known as, "That Man is You," meets in the parish education center every Saturday morning at 7 am. The parish group for senior citizens aka, Young at Heart, offer their welcome to their comrades in great maturity. We are in need of ushers, lectors, cantors, sacristans, and special ministers of Holy Communion. We are ever in need of Altar Boys and young ladies in the JAZ program. We need teachers and volunteers in the CCD Program. We need the volunteers who rarely noticed, by their design, who clean and polish the altar and brass strips along the altar steps. We need volunteers for those who reach out to needs of the Missionaries of Charity in Southeast DC.

Apart from the actions that affect the worldly needs of the parish we need others who will serve in the Eucharistic Adoration Society. We always need additional members of the Legion of Mary and prayer groups. We need more folks joining together at the 6:30 and 8:30 Masses each year. And lastly one and all are encouraged to make monthly runs to the Box, in the Confessionals... and bring their parents as well.

In the first group we seek to enhance the parish and ultimately the world. In the second group we seek to enhance the hearts and souls of our local community and ultimately the souls of the world. It is a new year and there are plenty of places to start that will affect the life of the parish and the hearts of her parishioners. If you are interested in joining any of the groups above please call Leslie at the Church Office (540-338-6381) and she will provide you the needed telephone contacts. Not bad for a quiet little parish in hills of North Loudoun County. Let us pray for one another.

In closing, if there are any who are in need of help in either marriage preparation or those seeking annulments. Let there be hope for those seeking an added peace and joy in their life. You can reach me at frgould@gmail.com.

God bless one and all.
Fr. G.

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



Welcome to the Family!
The following new parishioners
were baptized during the month
of December



Ara Aylah
daughter of Drew and Laura Prout

Millie Josephine
daughter of Kristopher and Elise Daniel

Amelia Hayes
daughter of Stephan and Meghan Hudson

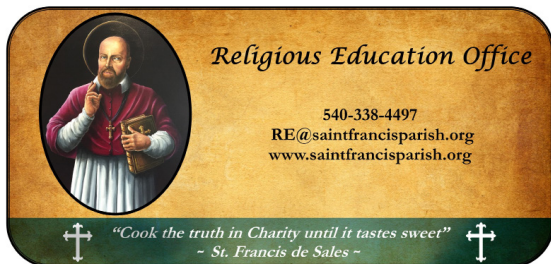
Our thoughts and prayers are with ...



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

The Deceased: Hugh 'Andy' Williams, Bill Wieliczko, Joan Monastero, Deacon Jack Vassallo, Patrick Michael Walsh, David O'Konski, Marty McMichael, Shelby Decker, Estela Fitzgerald, Robert Cote, Thomas McGorry, Mary Sue Couser, Baraka James, Ames Smith, Anna Marlene Berry, Susan Muth, Steve Van Briggie, Joseph Kerns, Ginger Grimard, Carol Curto, Jerome Miles, Stephen Miller, Terry McCracken, Alice Gould



Dear Parents,

Merry second day of Christmas!

Did you know that the popular carol *The Twelve Days of Christmas* was written in England to combat the persecution of Catholics and to assist parents in teaching the Faith to their children? Beginning with the reign of Queen Elizabeth I in 1557 and not ending until 1829, Catholics were forbidden from practicing and instructing their children in the Faith. Masses were outlawed, Catholics weren't allowed to vote or hold office and Catholic schools were closed. (And these laws remained in effect in the state of Virginia until the Revolutionary War!)

The images that you hear in *The Twelve Days* were hidden symbols that parents used to help catechize their children. On the second day of Christmas, the **two turtle doves** represent the Old and the New Testaments. Also, we can teach our children that our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph offered two turtle doves at the Presentation of Our Lord, since they were of modest means and could not afford the customary lamb. The **“true love”** refers to Almighty God, and the **“me”** to whom the gifts are presented refers to any baptized Catholic.

You can learn more about each of the twelve days of Christmas here:
<https://catholicstraightanswers.com/what-is-the-origin-and-meaning-of-the-christmas-carol-the-twelve-days-of-christmas/>

I pray that you and your families will enjoy each day of this holy season! I look forward to seeing the children and catechists back when classes resume on January 2, 3 and 5.

God bless you all,
 Kim

Religious Education Calendar

NO CLASSES WEEK OF DECEMBER 26

WEEK OF JANUARY 2

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| Sunday | <u>K - 8th Grades</u> -9-10:15am <u>9th - 12th Grades</u> - 4-5pm |
| Monday | <u>K - 8th Grades, 11th&12th, RCIT</u> - 5-6:15pm |
| Wednesday | <u>PRE-K-5th</u> - 3:30-4:45pm |



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

MOUNT2000 – Sign-ups are now open for Mount2000! February 11-13, 2022, hosted by Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. 3 days of nationally-renowned, teen-oriented Catholic speakers, Mass, Adoration, opportunities for Confession, getting to know seminarians, vocation exploration, awesome music and worship, and SO much fun! Registration is \$100/participant, and an additional \$76 (est.) for hotel and food for the weekend. E-mail e.glass@saintfrancisparish.org to get registration info! All high schoolers are invited! Bring a friend. Spaces are limited.

5:30 PM MASS – Every Sunday at 5:00 PM, join us in the front 4 left rows to celebrate Mass together. All high school students are welcome!

YOUTH NIGHT – Join us on Sundays from 6:30-8:00 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 – Sign up to receive free Remind.com text message updates, reminders, and upcoming virtual meetings. Text **@sfdsteens** to the number 81010. Also, follow the Youth Ministry Instagram account *St.FrancisYouth* for event updates and announcements.

Parents of Children Preparing for Sacraments this Year:

If you were unable to attend the previously scheduled First Communion and Confirmation parent meetings, please call our office as soon as possible.

If your child attends a Catholic school (or receives catechesis outside of our program) please make sure to register with the religious education office so you will receive relevant correspondence about meetings and other important sacrament news.

Please mark your 2022 Calendars:

First Penance

March 12, 2022

10:00 am – 12 noon

Assigned times to be emailed to parents

First Holy Communion

May 7, 2022

Mass schedule to be announced

Sacrament of Confirmation

April 30, 2022

Assigned times to be emailed to parents

Good Shepherd School is a Classical school, rooted in the Catholic Tradition and serving children preschool through 8th grade in Purcellville. Our 2022-23 Admissions Season has begun, we are currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 academic year.



St. Francis Council 11136 News



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Knights wish Fr. Gould, Fr. Heisler, Deacon Hammel and the entire parish staff and parish family a joyous Christmas and Happy New Year.

FREE THROW CONTEST The Knights will host the 2022 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest on Monday, January 17, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The contest will be staged in Our Lady of Victory Hall. See blurb below.

SWEATS FOR VETS: The Sweats for Vets drive continues through December, so please donate brand new sweat suits, or socks, in the Sweats for Vets donation box in the Narthex. All sweats/socks donated to Veterans.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - DATE CHANGE: The annual Knights' Christmas Party date has been changed to January 15, 2022. Watch for announcements.

NEXT COUNCIL MEMBER MEETING - DECEMBER 27 - The next Officers' Planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 27. The rosary starts at 7 pm in the chapel and the meeting in Knight's Hall, at 7:30 pm.

MARCH FOR LIFE Please watch for parish announcements on the March for Life event and bus reservations. The March is on January 21. The Knights fully support this event and reimburse the parish for the cost of the bus to transport parishioners to the March.

BECOME ACTIVE AS A KNIGHT In this Fraternal Year, we ask all Knights to volunteer for activities which the Council will sponsor. Our Council will be focusing on the Knights of Columbus Program "Faith in Action" in the new Fraternal Year, namely, in program areas of FAITH, COMMUNITY, FAMILY and LIFE Please contact Chris Miller, Grand Knight, for more info at Knights11136@gmail.com.

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



The 2022 Knights of Columbus
FREE THROW CONTEST
Monday, January 17 2022 at 9am
("Martin Luther King Jr Day")
Our Lady of Victory Hall

Open to all boys and girls, ages 9-14. Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1, 2022. Entry forms can be picked up in person from Janice Rees in the Religious Education office or can be requested by emailing lacham@comcast.net A copy of your child's birth certificate must be submitted with the completed entry form to Leejay Acham lacham@comcast.net or drop off the form and birth certificate copy with Janice Rees in the RE office no later than Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5pm. No walk-ins will be accepted. Winners will advance to the District level competition on Presidents Day Holiday in February anticipated to be at St. Theresa Parish, Ashburn.

Altar Flower Dedication

Altar flowers this week and next week are generously donated by Salome Torrijos in Loving Memory of Renatos S. Torrijos



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.

TMIY! **That Man Is You** **Men's Group**



Meets Wednesday Evening OR Saturday Morning
in 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
Come check us out!

In Memory of Mrs. Alice Gould

Many have been asking how they can honor Alice Gould. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor, MI; the Benedictine Sisters of the Abbey of St. Walburga in Virginia Dale, CO; or the Poor Clares in Alexandria, VA.

American Heritage Girls
Troop VA0962 &
CHRSM present...



SFDs 5th Annual
FATHER
daughter
DANCE
Sat Jan 29, 2022 6pm

Tickets: \$10 per girl (dads are no charge)
On sale through AHG (Kyung) and CHRSM (Annie Hall)
Or email: troopva0962@gmail.com to reserve your tickets

Ticket sales are limited to 200. Last year we sold out and were not able to sell tickets at the door.

Reserve your spot now for this beautiful night!

Holy Father Prayer Intentions **December 2021**

Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Parish Homeless Ministry

"Make ready the way of the Lord, make His paths straight" Mark 1:3



- The Homeless Ministry wishes all of the **wonderfully generous St. Francis parishioners a very Merry Christmas!**
- A special thanks to all those who donated to the **Leesburg Shelter Christmas Party**, including: Santa and elves, Rich and Kathy Borowski, Jennifer and Neil Dize – and the helping Heros, the 7th and 8th grade Confirmation students, Carie and Isabel Lowinski, Tracy and Mark Ippoliti, and Fran Beebe, along with many others who contributed. What a wonderful effort! (See pictures below)
- We were delighted to work with the **St. Francis Knights of Columbus** to distribute coats to homeless in our area.

Please join us in prayer or 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
- Suzanne Robinson suzannedrobinson@gmail.com



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.

WINTER BIBLE STUDIES

Mens and Women's Bible Study: Queen of Heaven: Mary's Battle for Souls, will start on January 17, 2022. We will meet on Monday Mornings 10-11:30 AM, for 8 weeks, at the Education Center in room #206.



Come embark on this journey with us that begins before time itself, when Mary was only an eternal thought in the Mind of God, and extends into her life in Scripture. We will discover Our Mother throughout centuries of Church history, as she intervenes at pivotal periods, especially at her most famous apparitions. See the maternal care she has given to humanity and the battle she has waged against the evil one. Learn how she pursues us in love and discover how, from the very beginning, she was destined to be the Queen of Heaven. There are so many benefits to studies like this one. Many of us have a desire to grow closer to God and these study groups provide a structured, scheduled time to refocus our lives on Our Lord. If you have been searching for a meaningful encounter with Our Heavenly Mother, I urge you to consider taking this study. If you are interested, please email Jeanne Lamana at jeannelamana@gmail.com to register and receive further info.



JOIN US FOR THE
NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE
Washington, D.C.
January 21, 2022

We hope you can join us for the March for Life. This is an opportunity to stand up for those with no voice, in a peaceful way.

We plan on meeting at the St. Francis de Sales church at 9am for mass and right after mass have Chick-fil-a breakfast in the Knights Hall. We will be departing on the bus by 10am and should be back by 5pm that afternoon. If you are interested in joining us in this worthy cause please email me at skigators@icloud.com. Send me how many seats you would like to reserve, first and last name for each person. Please let me know if you will be interested in attending mass and breakfast with us. The cost for breakfast, will be determined by how many decide to join us, will let you know. Please bring cash to tip the bus driver at the end of the day.

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

Dear Parish Community,
 In recent weeks, we have spoken about our "100 Years of Faith" initiative. Our parish has so much to offer to those in the Saint Francis de Sales community. We are a beacon of hope for those in need, for those suffering, and for those who are searching and in need of our prayers and assistance. We also accompany our parish family through the administration of the sacraments, the celebration of Mass, and our ministries. We are so blessed to be able to serve so many in our parish and community!
 Many of you have already submitted your Commitment Card to the parish and provided your offertory support along with one-time gifts to continue to advance our parish mission. Thank you! Our goal through this initiative is 100% participation from our parish community. If you have not had a chance to return your card, please consider submitting it this week by mail or you may drop it off at the parish office. You may also fill out your Commitment Card online by visiting tinyurl.com/4tnvaj8b. Saint Francis de Sales is a wonderful parish because of YOU and what each one of you make of it! Keep an eye on the bulletin; we will have more information on the success of our "100 Years of Faith" initiative in January. We thank you for your generosity. May the Lord continue to bless us and the work we are doing!

100 Years of Faith

Gift for Life Gabriel Project & Project Rachel Campaigns

Please give a Gift for Life this season to help Project Rachel provide counseling and healing retreats to those who suffer the effects of abortion. One participant wrote: "The genuine love and support from the Project Rachel retreat has enabled me to let go of my anger and deep pain from my abortion. I am like a new person who has left the darkness and entered the light." Gabriel Project helps pregnant women with long or short-term needs by offering assistance at the parish level. For more information and/or to donate: www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife



<http://www.saintfrancisparish.org>

Thank you

WOMEN'S COUNCIL CORNER



Did You Have a Baby in November? Are You Expecting a Baby in December? If so, contact us so that we can find the NEWEST PARISHIONER born before the end of 2021! We would like to include you in our 100th Anniversary TIME CAPSULE. Email your name and due date to womenscouncil.sfds@gmail.com so we can stay on top of your special arrival! Please respond by 12/26 to be in consideration. Thank you!

- Our next gathering will be Monday January 3, from 6:30-8:30 pm. Location Corcoran Vineyard, 14635 Corkys Farm Lane, Waterford. This will be a double celebratory event. Are you a **woman of the parish with a birthday in January**? If so, we'd like to raise a glass and piece of cake to celebrate your birthday! Also come for a **White Elephant Re-Gift Exchange** since it'll still be Christmas. Did you receive another coffee mug? Or a candle that just isn't your type? Bring your wrapped Re-Gift and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship.

Merry Christmas from the Women's Council! May Christ's peace and hope be with you and may His love always warm your hearts. Glory to The Newborn King!

The Women's Council of Saint Francis de Sales collected 130 new stuffed animals. They will be delivered in batches to the Purcellville Police Department. The stuffed animals will be used to comfort scared and injured children on the scene of various calls. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God Bless all of you!

Dinner & Concert

St. James is hosting a dinner social and concert on Thursday, Dec. 30 from 5 to 8 pm. with the Appalachian Chamber Music Festival - winter residency. Selections include Corelli's Christmas Concerto and excerpts from Bach's beloved Christmas Oratorio. Tickets are \$12 (U 18) and \$23. St. James Catholic Church, 49 Crosswinds Dr., Charles Town, WV. See www.appalachianchamber.org for tickets and more details.

Parish Giving

Please log onto our website to sign up for our electronic giving program.

Your consistent stewardship is appreciated during this joyous time and throughout the year.

Parish Giving offers a secure, flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. Check out the website listed for benefits and details.



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